

Newsletter

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22nd March 2024

School reopens to pupils on Tuesday 9th April.



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Ysgol Sant Dunawd

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A message from the Headteacher

Another term has flown by. I can not begin to tell you how immensely proud I am of our pupils at Ysgol Sant Dunawd, for their dedication and hard work throughout this term. Despite it being the shortest term, the pace of learning and the variety of experiences have not slowed down one bit. Your children continue to impress us with their commitment to their learning and progress.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all parents for your time in attending pupil progress meetings. School and parent partnership, and a genuine interest in your child's education is invaluable, and we I am thrilled to witness the progress they are making, academically, socially, and emotionally.

For those pupils who are on individual plans, our teachers will be reaching out to schedule specific reviews with you during the week beginning 15th April. Keep an eye out for invites on Seesaw.

On a personal note, I want to express my gratitude for the warm welcome back after my paternity leave. Eden is doing well, and I am deeply touched by all the gifts, cards, and well-wishes. Your kindness and consideration mean the world to me.

With thanks,

Dion Griffiths (Headteacher)

Celebrating our In-House Eisteddfod

Earlier this month our school came alive with the vibrant spirit of the Eisteddfod as pupils from all classes showcased their talents in various competitions. From poetry recitations to musical performances, our students demonstrated remarkable skills and creativity.

A massive congratulations to our winning house, Dyfdwy, whose dedication and enthusiasm earned them the most points throughout the week. Your teamwork and determination truly shone brightly!

As you wander through our school corridor, you'll notice displays showcasing some of the incredible learning that took place during the Eisteddfod. We encourage all parents and visitors to take a moment to appreciate the hard work and talent on display. A heartfelt *diolch yn fawr* to all the pupils and families who dedicated their time and effort to practicing songs, poems, and music, as well as creating magnificent works of art.



Winning children with most points



Celebrating St. David's Day



Dosbarth Elwy shone brightly as they led our St. David's Day assembly with utmost pride and enthusiasm. The entire school community was treated to a delightful spectacle as the children came dressed in their Welsh attire, creating a vibrant sea of red, white, and green throughout the halls.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our Ministry of Y laith Gymraeg for their initiative in venturing into Wrexham to participate in the St. David's Day parade. Their efforts in promoting our rich heritage on a broader platform are deeply appreciated.



St. David's Day is not just a celebration of Welsh identity, but a reminder of the unity and strength found in embracing diversity. It's lovely to see our children come together, proud of their heritage and eager to share it with others.

Celebrating Show and Share Day: A Special Thank You to Parents

We extend our gratitude to all the parents who joined us for our recent Show and Share Day. It was great to see the participation and support from our school community.

Show and Share Day provided a wonderful opportunity for parents to engage firsthand in their children's learning journey. From captivating presentations to delightful demonstrations, each child had the chance to showcase their achievements and share their passions with their families.

Money Matters: Xplore Workshop

We're thrilled to share the success of our recent Xplore visit, where pupils from Reception to Year 4 engaged in an enriching money-saving workshop. This initiative aimed to instill vital financial literacy skills early on, preparing our pupils for a lifetime of responsible money management.



During the workshop, children had the opportunity to explore hands-on equipment and participate in interactive activities focused on saving money and budgeting. Through engaging problem-solving tasks, they learned practical strategies for making informed financial decisions.

By introducing financial concepts in a fun and interactive manner, our goal is to empower students with the knowledge and skills they need to navigate the complexities of personal finance confidently.

A big thank you to Xplore, for working with us to lay the foundation for a financially literate generation prepared to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Parent & Toddler

Join us at Ysgol Sant Dunawd for brew while the children play.

Every Tuesday 9:00am - 10:30am

Starting on 26th September

To book your place call 01978 780 757 or email parentstoddlers@wrexham.sch.uk

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Learning Benefits:

- Play helps children develop creativity, working memory, gross motor skills, emotional regulation and leadership skills.
- Playing with other children develops social and communication skills.
- Play helps build strong relationships.
- Play is good for mum and dad's health too.

Easter Bingo Success!

We are delighted to share the success of our recent Easter Bingo event, which brought together our school community for an evening of fun and excitement. The vibrant atmosphere made it a truly memorable occasion.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the PTA and all the families who generously supported the event. Your contributions and dedication played a crucial role in making Easter Bingo a resounding success.

A special appreciation goes to our wonderful cook for preparing delicious food and to our staff for generously lending their time and support.

Events like Easter Bingo are more than just entertainment; they strengthen the bonds within our school community and foster a sense of belonging. By coming together to celebrate, we create lasting memories and reinforce the spirit of unity and support that defines our school ethos.



At a glance

Whole School Annual Attendance

95.4% 😊

Target 96.8%

Dinners, Trips & Clubs



Dosbarth Alyn

Exploring the High Seas in Dosbarth Alyn

Ahoy, me hearties! Dosbarth Alyn has been embarking on a thrilling adventure into the world of pirates, with a particular focus on the legendary Barti Ddu. From treasure hunts to swashbuckling tales, our children have been immersed in a sea of excitement and learning.

Dress-up day was a tremendous success as our young buccaneers donned their finest pirate attire. The children learn numeracy and problem solving through the Pirate theme.



Setting Sail with Dosbarth Elwy's Pirate Adventures

Ahoy, shipmates! Dosbarth Elwy has been on an exhilarating journey into world of pirates too, and what a voyage it has been! From buried treasure to daring escapades, our reception and Year 1 children have been captivated by the allure of the high seas.

But the learning didn't stop there! Through our pirate-themed curriculum, the children have developed their writing skills, through composing messages in bottles! They have also learned some new numeracy skills completing challenges involving counting and sorting gold coins. Every aspect of our pirate adventures has been carefully crafted to inspire curiosity and spark imagination.



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Easter Assembly by Dosbarth Clywedog



This morning, we had the pleasure of watching a spectacular Easter assembly by Dosbarth Clywedog. The children mesmerized us with their musical retelling of the Easter story, showcasing their talents through acting, singing, and dancing.



We couldn't be prouder of their dedication and commitment to delivering a captivating performance. Their hard work and enthusiasm were evident in every aspect of the assembly, from their heartfelt portrayals of the characters to their harmonious singing.

Beyond the entertainment value, performances like this one offer numerous benefits for our children's wellbeing. Participating in creative activities promotes self-expression, confidence, and teamwork, contributing to overall emotional and social development. The sense of accomplishment and pride they feel after showcasing their talents can have a lasting positive impact on their self-esteem and mental health.

Llongyfarchiadau I Dosbarth Clywedog for an outstanding Easter assembly, and thank you for inspiring us all with your talent and dedication.

Dosbarth Ceiriog

Exploring the High Seas in Dosbarth Alyn

In Dosbarth Ceiriog, our children have embarked on an enthralling exploration of Welsh history, focusing on the legendary Owain Glyn Dwr and the fascinating world of castles. Using Minecraft Education the children have been transported back in time as they construct elaborate castles and moats, brining history to life is a dynamic and interactive way. The children have also been working on their writing skills, crafting vivid retellings of the Lady of the Lake, weaving tales of adventure and intrigue inspired by the exploits of Owain Glyn Dwr.



Dosbarth Clywedog has been immersed in an exploration of crime and punishment, delving into the shadowy world of highwaymen. Their fascination with this theme has ignited their imaginations and led to a wealth of captivating learning experiences.

Drawing inspiration from the legend of the Bangor on Dee Highwayman, our children have embarked on a thrilling literary journey, exploring Alfred Noyes' ballad "The Highwayman" and unravelling its mysteries. In addition to their literary endeavours, Dosbarth Clywedog has been nurturing their creativity through puppetry workshops with Jo of Vagabond Puppets. Through hands-on activities and imaginative storytelling exercises, they have been developing their storytelling skills, bringing characters to life and weaving tales of daring and intrigue.



Dosbarth Clywedog



Emilia celebrating her dance medals



Osian and Favour represent Ysgol Sant Dunawd in the first ever Maelor Eisteddfod!



Some of the Hot Chocolate Superstars!

Introducing 'My Happy Mind'

We're excited to introduce 'My Happy Mind,' a program designed to support children's mental wellbeing.

Through engaging activities and resources, it promotes emotional resilience and positive mindset development.

Parents can download the app to stay connected and reinforce these skills at home.

