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Ysgol Sant Dunawd

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A message from the Headteacher

As we reach the end of this half term, we reflect on an incredibly busy and enriching period at our school. Our pupils have engaged in a wide variety of learning opportunities, both inside and outside the class. We've had the pleasure of welcoming several visitors who have shared their expertise and inspired our pupils in numerous subjects. Educational visits have taken our learning beyond the school walls, sparking curiosity and excitement among the children.

A highlight this term has been the involvement of parents in our school community. Our family learning sessions have been a fantastic success, allowing parents to engage directly with their children's learning, specifically My Happy Mind. The parent lunch days were also a delightful opportunity for families to experience a typical school day meal and interact with the school staff and other parents.

As we look ahead, our staff are diligently planning for the next academic year. Preparations are underway to ensure a smooth transition for all children into their new year groups. We are organising various activities and sessions aimed at helping children feel confident and excited about moving up.

We are proud of the hard work and progress our pupils have made this term and look forward to continuing this momentum into the next.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a safe and happy half term.

Dion Griffiths (Headteacher)

AmaSing Success!

We are thrilled to share the exciting news that five of our talented pupils, part of the AmaSing choir, have advanced to the semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent! Their incredible journey will take them to London, where they will perform live on Friday, the 31st of May.



This achievement is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and passion for performance. Our school community couldn't be prouder of them.

The whole school has rallied behind these young stars, offering unwavering support and encouragement. We encourage everyone to tune in on the 31st of May to cheer for our AmaSing choir. Let's continue to support them as they represent our school with pride and joy on such a grand stage. **Pob lwc plant!**

Senedd y Plant

Our recent Senedd workshops were a great opportunity for pupils in Ceiriog and Clywedog. The engagement officer for the Welsh Parliament visited each class to explain the workings of the Senedd and the importance of civic engagement. Learning about politics at a young age empowers children, helping them understand how important decisions are made and fostering a sense of responsibility and citizenship. This experience not only broadens their knowledge but also inspires them to become active members of the community.



Boreatton Park PGL Residential Visit

Our recent Year 4, 5, and 6 residential trip to Boreatton Park PGL was a tremendous success. The children demonstrated incredible growth in confidence, resilience, and perseverance.



Residential trips like these provide invaluable experiences, fostering independence and teamwork. A huge thank you to Miss Morris for organizing the residential, and to Miss Parr, Miss Toop, and Miss Lewis for their support in looking after the children.

Futuristic Drumming Workshop

Last week, our children enjoyed a fantastic futuristic drumming workshop. The musician from AmaSing collaborated with children from Nursery to Year 6, creating music with everyday objects. This workshop was not only fun but also helped develop the children's creativity and appreciation for music. Such experiences enrich our curriculum and inspire a lifelong love for the arts.



Improved School Area

We are delighted to announce the installation of new secure fencing around our school. The fencing extends along the front of the school, the side path up to the childcare area, and the back, securing our Forest School. This higher, green fence enhances the school's aesthetics while ensuring a safe environment for our children. Additionally, a huge thank you to Dosbarth Elwy for regenerating the vegetable patch ready to grow their plants.



Safe Drop-Off Reminder

We kindly remind parents not to drop off their children on the zigzag lines outside the school. These lines are in place to ensure the safety of all children. Instead, please find a safe place to park and walk your children to the school gates.

Farewell to Miss Toop

We bid a fond farewell and extend our heartfelt thanks to Miss Toop, who's completed her 6-week teaching placement at Ysgol Sant Dunawd. Her presence has been invaluable, providing fresh perspectives and additional support to our children. Miss Toop will be greatly missed by everyone.

Summer Fair



Summer Fair Reminder!

Don't forget our School Summer Fair on Friday, 14th June, from 4pm to 8pm.

Tickets are available at the school or the middle shop for £2 per person. For more details, please refer to the email sent out last week. We look forward to seeing you there!

Breakfast Club Times and Charges

We remind parents of the Breakfast Club times and charges. You may drop off your children at 8am. There is a five-minute window between 8:30 and 8:35 where the club is free of charge. It's important to adhere to these times to ensure fairness for all parents.

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance and punctuality are vital for your child's success at school. Attending school every day ensures that children do not miss out on essential learning opportunities and can keep up with their peers.

Being on time helps children start their day smoothly, participate fully in lessons, and develop good habits for the future.

Let's work together to ensure our children get the most out of their education by being present and punctual every day.



At a glance

Whole School Annual Attendance

95.0% 😞

Target 96.8%

Dinners, Trips & Clubs

