

Newsletter

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Neges gan y Prifathro

As we reflect on the past couple of weeks, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and kindness. It has been a time filled with wonderful moments, as our pupils have not only been hard at work in their classes but have also embraced an atmosphere of generosity and giving that has truly stood out.

This week, our school community has come together in the spirit of kindness, with families raising awareness and funds for various charities and good causes.

The enthusiasm and dedication shown by both pupils and parents in supporting these initiatives have been truly inspiring, and it's been heartwarming to see how our school values belong, believe and becoming your best continue to shine brightly.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible community. Your ongoing support helps to make our school a place where kindness, generosity, and a sense of belonging.

Diolch o galon,

Dion Griffiths (Headteacher)

Children in Need Day at Our School

Today, we've had a fantastic time supporting Children in Need, and we couldn't be more proud of the generosity and thoughtfulness shown by our pupils. The children embraced the day participating in a variety of activities and competitions to raise money for this important cause.



Throughout the day, the pupils took part in challenges, such as "Guess the Name of the Teddy" and "Guess How Many Sweets Are in the Jar", with lots of excitement and friendly competition! Many also decorated Pudsey biscuits and purchased Pudsey items, including wristbands and pens, to show their support for the charity.



Thanks to everyone's contributions, we've raised a wonderful amount of money that will go towards supporting children and young people across the UK.



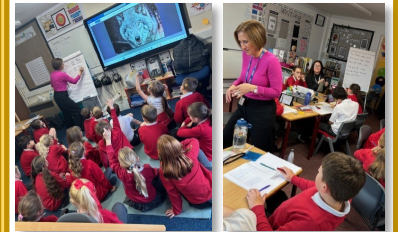
Nightingale House Hospice Assembly

We are thrilled to announce that this year, our school will be taking part in the *Reindeer Run* to raise money for Nightingale House Hospice in Wrexham. This is an important event for our school community, as we come together to support this vital local charity that provides palliative care to individuals and families facing life-limiting illnesses.

Our First and Deputy Ministers arranged a very special visit from representatives of Nightingale House Hospice on Tuesday. The visitors led a captivating assembly where they shared with the children the essential work the hospice does in our local area. The children learned about how the hospice operates, the various services it offers, and why it is so important to raise funds to support its work.

Talk for Writing

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Emma Caulfield, our Talk for Writing consultant, to our school. Emma had a fantastic time seeing the children in action as they learned and developed their stories. It was wonderful to see how engaged the pupils were in their learning, particularly as they worked on enhancing both their Oracy and writing skills.



Emma thoroughly enjoyed team teaching with our staff, and her visit gave us valuable feedback on our Talk for Writing approach. She shared some helpful strategies to continue improving our practice and moving forward on our writing journey.



Please take the time to ask your children about the stories they've been working on. I'm sure they will be excited to recite some of the stories, such as *The Little Red Hen*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and *The Canal*. We are so proud of the progress they've made and can't wait to see how their storytelling skills continue to grow.

Save the Date



Raising Awareness for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This week at our school, we have been deeply involved in raising awareness and funds for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Our First and Deputy Ministers have been working tirelessly, giving up their time throughout the week to sell wristbands, reflective poppies, and various poppy memorabilia to raise much-needed funds for this important cause. Thanks to their dedication, and the support of our wonderful school community, we are proud to have contributed to this year's appeal.



Monday was an especially meaningful day for our pupils, as they learned all about Armistice Day and its significance. The whole school visited the Bangor on Dee Cenotaph to take part in our own Remembrance Day service. It was an emotional and reflective occasion, as the children heard extracts from the poem 'For the Fallen', listened to the haunting sound of *The Last Post*, and held a two-minute silence at 11 am, in honour of those who gave their lives for our country.

Following the silence, the children laid their very own poppy plaques around the cenotaph, as a poignant tribute to those who have served. The dedication and hard work the children have shown throughout this process has been truly inspiring.

On our Facebook page you will find a tribute video. Please take a moment to watch it to see how respectful and thoughtful children at Ysgol Sant Dunawd are.



At a glance

Whole School Attendance TARGET

97.3% 😊

Target 96.8%

Dinners, Trips & Clubs

