

# Newsletter

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20th December 2024

School reopens on  
Tuesday 7th January!



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Ysgol Sant Dunawd

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## Neges gan y Prifathro

As we reach the final day of the autumn term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly magical few weeks here at school. The festive season has been in full swing, and our classrooms and corridors have been buzzing with creativity, excitement, and Christmas cheer. From making decorations to rehearsing for performances, our children have truly embraced the joy of this special time of year.

In addition to all the festive fun within school, the children have also had the opportunity to get out and about in the community. Whether it was a trip to the cinema, a visit to the pantomime, or spreading Christmas joy in other ways, they have made us incredibly proud with their enthusiasm and impeccable behavior.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support throughout the autumn term. Your involvement and encouragement make such a difference, and we are truly grateful for the partnership we share in supporting your children.

As we now head into the Christmas break, I wish you all a restful and joyful holiday filled with precious moments with family and friends.

School will reopen on **Tuesday, January 7th**, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for an exciting spring term ahead.

Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.

Dion Griffiths  
(Headteacher)

## Community Christmas Celebrations

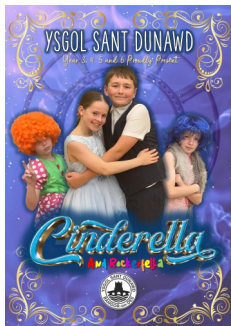
This week, our school had the pleasure of welcoming two special visitors, Jackie Grice and Sam James, who joined us on Wednesday to draw the raffle from the Bangor on Dee Christmas Committee Market.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents, and families for their incredible support in selling tickets for the raffle. Your enthusiasm and effort have once again demonstrated the strong sense of community we have here at Bangor on Dee.

A very special thank you goes to the Christmas Committee for their support and generosity too. Their donation of **£900** to our school is truly appreciated and will make a significant difference in enriching the learning experiences of our children.

## Bravo to Our Dazzling Performers!

On 11th December, the school hall was transformed into a glittering stage for our children's spectacular performance of Cinderella. What a night it was! From the very first note to the final bow, the children wowed the audience with their confidence, enthusiasm, and sheer talent.



Our young actors and singers brought the story to life with such energy and creativity that it was easy to forget we were watching a school production. Every child involved showed just how much they've learned, not only in acting and singing but also in working together as a team, supporting one another, and overcoming stage nerves.

We believe there's no better way to learn expressive arts than by living it, and on that stage, the children truly did just that. Their hard work and dedication in rehearsals paid off in a show that will be remembered for years to come.



Of course, none of this would have been possible without the incredible support and commitment of our staff. From building confidence to ensuring every child felt included, their efforts

have been nothing short of extraordinary. A huge thank you to every member of the team for going above and beyond to create such a magical experience for our children.

Finally, thank you to our wonderful families for coming along to cheer on the children and making the evening so special. Your support means everything to us and to the children.

## Festive Fun with Christmas Dinner and Jumpers!



A huge thank you to our amazing cooks Sharon and Karen for the delicious Christmas feasts they prepared last week. It made the day truly special! The children looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers, bringing an extra dose of festive cheer to the school!

## Spreading Festive Joy Beyond Our Walls!

Every child at Ysgol Sant Dunawd, from Nursery to Year 6, brought festive joy to many residents of Bangor on Dee this week, as they delivered our hand-made Christmas cards.



The response of thanks reminds us of the positive impact small acts of kindness can have. Da iawn to our young ambassadors of joy!

## Cinema and Pantomime Trip

Our older children had the privilege of visiting Theatr Clwyd to watch the enchanting pantomime Mother Goose. The production was a delightful mix of humour, music, and audience participation, and our pupils were enthralled by the talented performers and the vibrant stage design.



Meanwhile, our younger children enjoyed an exclusive private screening of Mufasa: The Lion King at the cinema. The stunning animation and powerful storytelling captured their imaginations. Once again, their conduct was exemplary, and they demonstrated kindness and excellent behaviour.

## Reindeer Run



We are thrilled to share the fantastic success of our recent Reindeer Run in aid of Nightingale House Hospice! This event was a wonderful opportunity for our children to get active, embrace the festive spirit, and raise money for a cause that makes such a difference in our community.

Thanks to your incredible generosity and support, we are delighted to announce that we raised an outstanding **£1,044.60!** This is a truly remarkable amount and a testament to the kindness and dedication of our school community.

As a small school, we pride ourselves on our big heart, and this event has shown just how much we can achieve when we come together. Whether you sponsored a runner, helped spread the word, or cheered the children on, your contribution has made a real impact.

## Christmas Craft



## At a glance

Whole School Annual Attendance

**95.5%**

Target 96.8%

Dinners, Trips & Clubs



# Attendance

## Autumn Term 100% Wall of Fame

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100% Attendance  
Superstars



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**Dosbarth Elwy:** Charlie, Finley, Mckinnleigh, Arthur, Theodore, Louis, Arthur and Arthur



**Dosbarth Ceiriog:** Thea, Evie and Aria



**Dosbarth Clywedog:** Evie, Elliott, Ben, Darcy-Jo, Nolan and Chloe

### Amazing Attendance from our Learners!

We are thrilled to celebrate the children who achieved 100% attendance this autumn term - what an incredible accomplishment!

We're also delighted to share that nearly half of our pupils received certificates for achieving attendance of 96.8% or higher this term. This is a fantastic reflection of their commitment to learning.

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your invaluable support in making attendance a priority. Let's keep up the great work as we move into the spring term!

## Christmas Trees

As the festive season comes to an end, you might find yourself wondering what to do with your real Christmas tree.



Rather than sending it off to the tip, why not let it bring joy and creativity to our Forest School?

Mrs. Johnson would be delighted to give your old Christmas trees a second life. We use them for all sorts of fun and practical activities, such as:

- **Forest crafts:** Turning branches and needles into beautiful, natural creations.
- **Den building:** Helping children develop teamwork and problem-solving skills.
- **Natural fencing:** Creating eco-friendly barriers to enhance our outdoor learning spaces.



Dosbarth Alyn, Elwy and Ceiriog enjoying their Christmas treat at the Cinema.



If you'd like to donate your tree, simply drop it off by throwing it over the gate at the top of the school field on Laurels Avenue. Please make sure all decorations, tinsel, and lights are removed beforehand.

Thank you for helping us make the most of this wonderful resource while teaching our children about sustainability and the environment.



Dosbarth Clywedog visiting the lovely Christmas trees after swimming.