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Neges gan y Prifathro

Croeso cynnes, a warm welcome back to Ysgol Sant Dunawd, and a very Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a restful and joyful Christmas break with your families. It's been wonderful to see the children return to school full of energy and enthusiasm for the term ahead. Everyone, including our new pupils, have settled back into routines beautifully, and the school is already bustling with exciting themes, topics, and plenty of eager learning taking place in every classroom.

Over the holiday, we've made some exciting developments to our school environment, with new resources and spaces to enhance the children's learning experiences. There are even more improvements planned for the coming months, and we can't wait to share these with you.

The spring term is always a busy and vibrant one, and we have many fantastic opportunities lined up for you to get involved. From open lessons where you can see your children learning in action, to family learning sessions and parent lunch opportunities, there will be plenty of ways for you to join in with learning. Keep an eye on your emails and your family planner for dates and details.

This edition of our newsletter introduces some exciting new features. We are thrilled to include some articles from our very own First and Deputy Ministers – part of our pupil voice initiatives – who will be sharing their insights and updates. We're also introducing *Patrwm y Pythefnos* – Phrase of the Fortnight to help us all develop our Welsh language skills together. This is a great way for you to practice speaking Welsh at home with your children – look out for the phrase further on in the newsletter, and don't forget to look at the resources on our website.

Enjoy the newsletter, diolch o galon,

Dion Griffiths (Headteacher)

Dosbarth Ceiriog's Exciting Day Out!

Last Tuesday was a truly memorable day for the pupils of Dosbarth Ceiriog as they embarked on their first visit to the swimming pool, followed by an inspiring trip to Wrexham Library.

At the swimming pool, the children showed incredible perseverance and bravery. For some, it was their very first time in the water, yet they approached the experience with enthusiasm and determination. Whether mastering their first strokes or building confidence, every pupil gave their best effort. We are so proud of how they supported and encouraged each other, creating an uplifting atmosphere that reflected the spirit of teamwork.

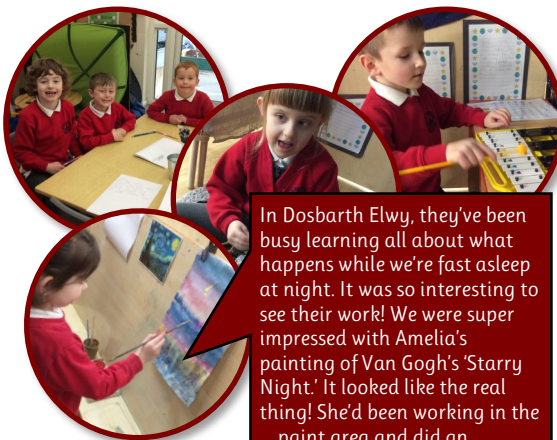
There was excitement as we arrived at Wrexham Library. The children were introduced to the wonderful world of books and taught how to navigate the library's layout. They eagerly explored the shelves, finding books that sparked their interest, and engaged in a delightful storytelling session that had everyone captivated.

The library staff were impressed with their curiosity and attentiveness, and we are excited to sign all the pupils up for library memberships so they can start borrowing books to enjoy at home. Our bus driver was full of praise for the children's impeccable manners. Every pupil said *diolch* as they boarded and left the bus, showing the kindness and respect we all strive to instill in them.



Learning in Action—by Evie and Georgia

Hi everyone! Today, we got to do something really exciting! We went to visit all the classrooms in Ysgol Sant Dunawd, and we saw some amazing learning happening all around the school. We just had to tell you all about it!



In Dosbarth Elwy, they've been busy learning all about what happens while we're fast asleep at night. It was so interesting to see their work! We were super impressed with Amelia's painting of Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'. It looked like the real thing! She'd been working in the paint area and did an amazing job getting all the swirls and colours just right. Go, Amelia!



Over in Dosbarth Ceiriog, everyone's been working hard on their Romans topic. They've been so proactive, setting up their outdoor areas to make their learning even better. We thought it was so cool that they've been using onions, red cabbage, and spinach to practice dyeing cloth for their togas. How creative is that? It looked like they were having so much fun being little Roman designers.



Finally, in Clywedog, we've been learning all about farming and how it affects the food we eat. We've done some learning about food miles, which is all about how far our food travels to get to us. It's made us think about ways to cut down on food waste, and we think that's such a brilliant idea.

We felt so proud of everyone in our school today. There's so much creativity and hard work going on!



Parking Concerns

It has come to our attention that some parents are parking on the pavement, especially on the corners of Sandown Road, during drop-off and pick-up times.



While we understand that the school run can be a busy and stressful time, this practice poses a serious safety hazard to pedestrians, including our children, their families, and other members of the community.

When cars are parked on pavements, pedestrians are forced to step into the road, putting them at risk of accidents.

This is particularly dangerous for young children, who may not fully understand the risks, as well as for those with prams or wheelchairs who cannot easily navigate around obstructed pathways. The corners of Sandown Road are especially hazardous, as parked cars can obstruct visibility, making it difficult for both drivers and pedestrians to see each other.

We urge all parents and guardians to prioritise safety over convenience. Even if it means being a few minutes late, we would much rather you take the time to park legally and responsibly than to compromise the safety of others.



This fortnight's phrase is:
Oes gen ti...?
which means 'have you got?'

Encourage your children to use it at home! For example: *Oes gen ti fag ysgol?* (Have you got a school bag?) *Oes gen ti botel dŵr?* (Have you got a water bottle?) [Click here](#) to listen to our children using the phrase—Practise together, make Welsh fun!



At a glance

Whole School Attendance TARGET

97.1% 😊

Target 96.8%

Dinners, Trips & Clubs

