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Neges gan y Prifathro

What a lively and exciting start to the new year it has been at Ysgol Sant Dunawd! The classrooms have been buzzing with energy, and it's been wonderful to see the excellent learning taking place across the school. Our children have been fully immersed in their activities, and it's a joy to see their enthusiasm shining through.



This newsletter gives you a little glimpse into the brilliant work happening here at school, but for the full picture, don't forget to check out our [Facebook](#) page. It's the best place to see all the fun, exciting, and memorable moments the children have been part of this term.

Looking ahead, I'd like to remind you to keep an eye on the family planner for upcoming events. In the next few weeks, we're looking forward to hosting Family Learning sessions and a Parent Lunch for Dosbarth Clywedog – opportunities we hope you'll be able to join us for!

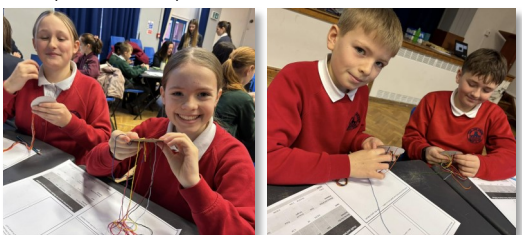
Thank you for your continued support, and here's to another fantastic term at Ysgol Sant Dunawd.

Enjoy the newsletter, diolch o galon,

Dion Griffiths (Headteacher)

Ysgol Sant Dunawd Takes Part in the Maelor Enterprise Challenge

In a bid to strengthen our collaboration with cluster schools and The Maelor School in Penley, representatives from Ysgol Sant Dunawd recently took part in an inspiring enterprise workshop.



This event set the stage for an exciting competition where schools across the Maelor cluster will compete to create, market, and sell their own business ideas, starting with just a £20.00 start-up fund.

The challenge will culminate in July when participants return to The Maelor School to pitch their business ideas in a "Dragons' Den" style event. Judged by students and staff from The Maelor's business department, the focus will be on the entrepreneurial process rather than profit alone, encouraging creativity, teamwork, and practical problem-solving skills.

During the workshop, our pupils had the opportunity to practice developing a business by creating, pricing, and marketing friendship bracelets. It was a fun and insightful morning that sparked creativity and introduced our pupils to the world of enterprise.

Pob lwc to everyone at Ysgol Sant Dunawd – we can't wait to see your ideas take shape and shine in July!



Rocking Out at Ysgol Sant Dunawd!

This week, we had the incredible Shannon from iRock visit our school, to lead an assembly that had the whole school buzzing with excitement. The children were introduced to the instruments that make up a rock band – from the drums to the electric guitar – immersing them in beats and classic rock anthems from the very start.



The highlight of the assembly was when six enthusiastic pupils took to the stage to piece together a live rendition of Queen's iconic We Will Rock You.

Their performance was met with rapturous applause, and it was amazing to see their confidence grow as they worked together to bring the song to life.

Each child has brought home a letter with details on how to sign up for alternative music lessons with iRock. These lessons offer a fantastic opportunity for our young musicians to form their own rock bands and continue their journey into the world of music. For more information, please take a look at the leaflet sent home with your child.

Learning in Action—by Evie and Georgia



Parents, you might have heard whispers about the mysterious 'Cat-bird' spotted in our forest school! Dosbarth Elwy have been buzzing with excitement as they've been learning all about this mythical creature. They've worked hard to create the perfect habitat for it, making sure it feels right at home in our school grounds. The children have also been drawing some amazing pictures of what they think the Cat-bird looks like—everyone's ideas are so creative!

This week, Dosbarth Ceiriog became Roman engineers! As part of their Roman topic, the class was commissioned by Emperor Claudius himself to fix a leak in the aqueduct. Using guttering and pipes, the children worked hard to rebuild the water system. They also acted as TV presenters, reporting live on the dramatic repairs.



In Dosbarth Clywedog, we've stepped back in time to the late 1930s! The class has been busy piecing together clues from a mysterious suitcase that appeared in our classroom. Using our detective skills, we've uncovered evidence about life just before World War II. Everyone is excited to see how the pieces fit together and what secrets the suitcase will reveal next.

Nightingale House

This festive season, the pupils of Ysgol Sant Dunawd truly embodied the spirit of giving as they took part in the annual Rudolph Run. The event was a resounding success, raising an incredible £1,044.60 in support of Nightingale House Hospice.



The children proudly presented the cheque to Vicky from Nightingale House, brimming with pride at what they had achieved together.

Our school community has once again shown its generosity and commitment to helping others. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who donated and supported the children in this fantastic initiative. Your kindness makes a real difference. Diolch yn fawr!



We will be celebrating Dydd Mwsig Cymru on Friday 7th February! Watch out for the email!



This fortnight's phrase is: **Osgwelwch yn dda & Diolch** which means 'please and thank you'.

Encourage your children to use it at home! For example: *Ga i diod osgwelwch yn dda?* (May I have a drink please?) *Diolch yn fawr* (Thank you very much). Listen to our children using the phrase on Facebook—Practise together, make Welsh fun!



At a glance

Whole School Attendance TARGET

97.1% 😊

Target 96.8%

Dinners, Trips & Clubs

