

# Newsletter

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## Neges gan y Prifathro

I hope you've all been enjoying the recent spell of lovely weather—it's certainly had a positive impact on the children! They've been spending so much time learning outdoors, which has been fantastic for their wellbeing, engagement, and enthusiasm.



Since half term, the children have been busy celebrating Welsh Music Day, welcoming parents into school for our 'family learning, show and share and special assemblies', and meeting visitors who have enriched their learning experiences. These moments have been invaluable, giving our pupils opportunities to explore, express, and connect with their community.

Looking ahead, we are hoping to hold a **Community Day** soon, where we'll be asking for your help to enhance our learning environment. I'll send out more details in an email next week—watch this space!

Also, please keep an eye out for booking forms for our virtual Parents' Evening, taking place next week. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

Enjoy the newsletter, and thank you as always for your support!

Dion Griffiths (Headteacher)

## Ysgol Sant Dunawd Takes Part in Dydd Miwsig Cymru

On the 12th February, our school was filled with music, joy, and a sea of red, green, and traditional Welsh costumes as we celebrated **Dydd Miwsig Cymru!**



The children looked fantastic in their outfits, embracing the spirit of the day with enthusiasm. They spent time learning about a famous Welsh artist, discovering their impact on music and culture. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged, celebrating their heritage and the rich musical traditions of Wales. What a fantastic day!

## The Maelor Eisteddfod Competition

We are beaming with pride after two of our talented pupils competed in the Maelor Cluster Eisteddfod challenge! Our superstars showcased their incredible Welsh skills, passion, and dedication, earning not one but two medals! We are thrilled to celebrate their outstanding achievement, securing second and third place in a highly competitive field.

We couldn't be prouder of our two Welsh Wonders. Da iawn, team Ysgol Sant Dunawd - you have done your school and community proud! We can't wait to see what you achieve next. Scan the QR Code to watch their performances!



## Tae Kwon Do Schools Martial Arts!

The whole school was captivated when Matty and Ady Jones from Tae Kwon Do Schools and Family Martial Arts Centre visited to put the children through their paces in martial arts and Taekwondo. From the very first demonstration, the energy in the hall was electric, with every child eager to take part. They listened intently as Matty taught them a range of skills, from balance and coordination to focus and self-discipline. Whether practicing kicks, blocks, or controlled movements, the children threw themselves into the session with enthusiasm, showing resilience and determination. Bendigedig pawb!



## Learning in Action



Dosbarth Alun and Elwy have stepped back in time to the medieval era! Their exciting launch day saw the school transformed into a grand castle, with children dressed as brave knights and elegant princesses. They have been busy learning all about castles, knights, and medieval life. The highlight of the day? Poor Mrs. Johnson found herself in the stocks—much to the children's delight!

This immersive experience has truly brought history to life, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm for their new topic. We can't wait to see what exciting adventures lie ahead in their medieval journey!

Dosbarth Ceiriog have been diving into the fascinating world of the Romans! They've designed incredible papier-mâché Roman helmets and crafted their own Roman sandals. To top it off, they've written fantastic persuasive adverts to sell their sandals—worthy of a Roman marketplace!



Clywedog have been delving into the fascinating history of WW2, bringing their learning to life through hands-on experiences. The children were captivated by exploring artefacts from the era, sparking curiosity and discussion. A highlight of their learning was a visit from the Ration Room, where they discovered how people lived during wartime. They even had the chance to taste a WW2 chocolate recipe and some homemade marmalade!

## Other exciting news



### Author Library Visit

Pupils in Dosbarth Ceiriog had an exciting trip to the library for a special author visit with PN Burrows.

The children were captivated as he shared stories, discussed his writing process, and answered their questions. They learned how ideas turn into books and were inspired to create their own stories. Many were eager to explore new books and even try writing at home. It was a fantastic experience that sparked their imaginations and deepened their love of reading.



### Science Made Simple

Years 2-6 had a fantastic time with Ruth from Science Made Simple as part of the STEM Person of the Week project. Pupils discovered the fascinating work of five different scientists, learning about their careers and the impact of their research. From engineering to space exploration, the session highlighted the many exciting opportunities in STEM. A huge thank you to Ruth for an engaging and informative session!



Patrwm y Pythefnos

This fortnight's phrase is: **Oes gen ti... osgwelwch yn dda?** which means 'Have you got... please?'



## At a glance

Whole School Attendance TARGET

**92.4%**

Target 96.8%

Dinners, Trips & Clubs



## A little bit more...

### Exploring the Rare Scare Yellow Sally

Dosbarth Clywedog had an exciting session with Sarah Hawkes from Buglife - The Invertebrate Conservation Trust, learning about the critically endangered Scare Yellow Sally.



This rare stonefly is found only in the River Dee, making it a unique part of Wales' natural heritage. The children discovered the importance of invertebrate conservation and how they can help protect this fascinating species. Through hands-on activities and expert insights, they gained a deeper appreciation for the river's ecosystem and its hidden wildlife.

### Longyfarchiadau Year 4 Quiz Champions!

A massive well done to our Year 4 pupils for securing **FIRST** place in the Maelor Cluster annual quiz! Their hard work, teamwork, and impressive knowledge truly shone on the day. We are incredibly proud of their achievement—what an amazing result! A huge diolch to The Maelor School, Penlely pupils for being fantastic hosts. With talent like this, The Chase and Egg Heads better watch out—our pupils are on their way to quiz stardom!



### HELP YOUR SHELF Ysgol Sant Dunawd Giving Back!

At Ysgol Sant Dunawd, we're supporting our wonderful community with Help Your Shelf! In our foyer, you'll find baskets filled with items for families to help themselves to, ensuring that everyone has access to what they need. Keep an eye out for our Wrexham Food Bank basket, where donations are welcome, and our book swap—a great way to share the joy of reading.



**Next Foodbank Collection is Next week**

Whether you need a little extra or have something to give, Help Your Shelf is here for you. Together, we can make a difference!

### Diwrnod Cyffrous o Ddysgu Cymraeg!

Cawsom ddiwrnod arbennig wrth i Mrs. McKnight ymuno â'n dosbarthiadau i ddysgu Cymraeg gyda'r plant! Roedd pawb yn mwynhau'n fawr wrth ddefnyddio gemau, dawnisiau a chantiau i ymarfer eu sgiliau iaith. Roedd yn hyfryd gweld y plant yn cymryd rhan gyda brwdfrydedd ac yn datblygu eu hyder yn y Gymraeg. Mae profiadau fel hyn yn hanfodol i greu cysylltiad cryfach â'n hiaith a'n diwylliant - Cynefin Wrecsam yn dod yn fyw!

We had a special day as Mrs. McKnight joined our classes to teach Welsh with the children! Everyone had so much fun using games, dances, and chants to practice their language skills. It was wonderful to see the children enthusiastically taking part and developing their confidence in Welsh.



### Easter Bingo is Back!



It's back! We are thrilled to announce the return of our infamous Family Bingo Night on **Thursday, 10th April**, in the school hall. Doors will open at 6:00pm, and the fun will begin promptly at 6:30pm. This is a fantastic event for all ages, so bring the whole family along for an evening of excitement and great prizes. Don't miss out on this fun-filled night - we can't wait to see you there!

Let us know you intend to come by filling in [this form!](#)

### Dropping off and Picking up

We ask all parents and guardians to please **respect the zig-zag lines** outside the school when dropping children off. We understand that everyone has somewhere to be, but stopping on the zig-zags to let children out of the car creates significant dangers. These lines are in place to keep the area clear, ensuring visibility for both pedestrians and drivers. Stopping here can block the view of other drivers and pedestrians, increasing the risk of accidents.



In addition, we kindly ask that all vehicles park sensibly and respectfully. Parking on corners, on pavements or grass verges can cause obstructions and hazards. When parking improperly, it's more difficult for emergency vehicles to pass through, and it can also make it harder for children to cross safely. Let's work together to keep our children safe and ensure that drop-offs and pickups are as smooth and safe as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



On Friday, 4th April, we are excited to invite children to come to school dressed in their own clothes in exchange for a donation of an Easter egg. The donations will be collected by the PTA to create wonderful hampers and prizes for our upcoming Family Easter Bingo Night.

### Reporting Concerns

If you have any concerns please report them to the class teacher as the first point of contact. Addressing issues promptly ensures we can provide the necessary support. If we're unaware of concerns, we can't take action to resolve them. Your input is vital.

## Show and Share



This week, we were delighted to welcome so many families to our **Show and Share** event. It was wonderful to see parents and carers sitting alongside their children, looking through their work and celebrating their achievements together. These moments are invaluable in strengthening the connection between home and school.

If you weren't able to attend, don't forget to book a progress meeting with your child's class teacher via Seesaw. It's a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and any areas for further development. Thank you to everyone who took part, and we look forward to seeing more of you soon!



### Talk For Writing

We were thrilled to welcome Emma Caulfield, our Talk for Writing consultant, to our school recently.



During her visit, Emma toured classrooms and observed the children's learning in action. She was blown away by their impressive ability to remember and apply text maps, showcasing not only their understanding but also their growing writing skills.

Emma praised the children's hard work and enthusiasm, highlighting how effectively the Talk for Writing approach is helping them develop as confident and creative writers.

It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved!

