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# NEWSLETTER

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's been a busy and exciting few weeks since I last wrote to you, including a well-deserved half-term break for our incredible staff.

The sense of community and your generosity have been truly overwhelming. Our sponsored walk was a tremendous success, raising vital funds for a cause close to our hearts. In addition, we've supported the Royal British Legion and BBC Children in Need, with Mr Jones and Dosbarth Clywedog leading the way on those initiatives, thank you to them.

I hope you enjoy reading all about the amazing things we've been up to and the achievements that make our school so special.

Mr Joshua Jones (*Acting Headteacher*)



## Family Learning Sessions

It was wonderful to see so many of you join us for our family learning sessions before the half-term break. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity for you to come into school and experience first-hand what and how your children are learning. They are just as meaningful for the children, who absolutely love sharing their learning with you.



## New Appointment

We are delighted to announce that Miss Barry has been appointed as our ALNCo (Additional Learning Needs Coordinator).

In this role, she will lead on Additional Learning Needs, ensuring we provide the best possible provision for pupils.

Miss Barry will work closely with teachers, parents, and other professionals to create a collaborative approach that meets the needs of every learner.

## Term Time Holidays

Holiday request forms were not reaching me through the old system, but this issue has now been resolved. **All requests must now be submitted using the form available on the school's website**, delete any old link you had saved.

Together with the Local Authority and our school governors, we **strongly recommend that holidays are not taken during term time**. Attendance is monitored closely, and we cannot stress enough that every session counts for your child's learning and progress.

## PTA Corner

### Elfridges is Back!

The PTA are thrilled to announce the return of our ever-popular Elfridges event! This festive tradition gives children the chance to buy gifts for their families completely independently, wrap them at school, and bring home a wonderful surprise. To make this event a success, we would love your help with donations of gifts. If you have any unused gift sets, potential presents, or if you're crafty and can make a few items, we'd be delighted! Even something simple, like a mug filled with chocolates and wrapped in cellophane. **(Please note: no alcohol, and any food-based gifts must be well within their best-before date for Christmas.)**

We are also asking for donations of wrapping paper, as we have lots of wrapping to do!

Children will be able to purchase their Elfridges gifts during the school day on **Thursday, 18th December**, and the event is open to all pupils at Ysgol Sant Dunawd who would like to take part.



## ATTENDANCE

Whole School Attendance up to 19th November



97.1%



School Target 96.8%



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### PTA Spooky Disco - A Night to Remember!

The recent PTA Spooky Disco was a fantastic success, filling our school with excitement and Halloween fun! The children had an amazing time dressing up, dancing, and celebrating with friends.

A huge thank you to our incredible PTA for their hard work in planning and organizing such a brilliant event. We're also so grateful to the parents who volunteered their time to help set up and tidy away.

Events like these create special memories for our pupils and wouldn't be possible without your generosity and teamwork. Thank you for making it a night to remember!



### Remembrance Day

On Tuesday, 11th November, the majority of our school community visited the village memorial to pay their respects, led by Rev. Marcus Pipe. It was a poignant moment of reflection as we honoured those who served and sacrificed.

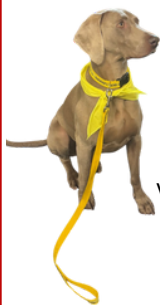
**Lest we forget.**



### Therapy Dog

Since I last wrote to you, we've welcomed Inca, our wonderful new therapy dog, for two visits. She has been incredible, and the children already adore her!

While Inca is here to work with specific pupils, she has also taken time to visit classes and meet everyone. We're delighted that she will be joining us for one more visit before Christmas.



### Children in Need Fundraising

For Children in Need, Dosbarth Clywedog took the lead in raising money for this fantastic cause. They ordered merchandise and sold it throughout the week, alongside our own clothes day. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised an amazing £145!

Da iawn, everyone!



### A busy December Ahead

We have an exciting month coming up in December, packed with festive activities and performances. To make things easier, the school has been split into two groups for our Christmas shows:

- Nursery to Year 2 will perform on Thursday, 4th December.
- Years 3 to 6 will perform on Thursday, 11th December.

We also have some fantastic trips planned:

- Years 2-6 will head to the pantomime on Friday, 12th December.
- Nursery and Year 1 will enjoy a cinema trip on Thursday, 17th December.

Finally, don't forget our **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday, 16th December**. A highlight of the festive season!



## Don't Forget



**Donations Friday 28th November**



**REMEMBER - School dinners can be ordered up to 3 weeks in advance.**



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