



# Ysgol Yr Holl Saint All Saints' School

A Voluntary Aided Church in Wales School



## Cylchlythyr - Newsletter - 10.01.2025

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new calendar year, we hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year. As ever, we have a huge amount going on in school and it has been a pleasure to see our pupils settle back into their learning so well. Thank you for your support with the colder weather this week, it is difficult to ensure a site as large as ours is accessible, and your understanding in using the main entrance was appreciated.

We were due to have our annual TT Rockstars and Numbots day next week, but we have delayed this until **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**. On this day, we have a fun themed curriculum of Mathematics and number activities and invite pupils (and staff) to come to school dressed as rockstars or robots! The more creative the fancy dress the better!

Could we please ask for your support in ensuring pupils come to school with a coat during this cold weather and that all clothing is labelled, we do have things that go missing from time to time and sadly these things are usually not labelled with children's names. Thank you for your support. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Diolch, Mr Hatwood

#### Blwyddyn 3 & 4 - Extreme Earth

What a busy first week back it has been! Pupils have enjoyed a discovery day on our new topic, Extreme Earth. They worked in small groups to research facts about volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes and floods. They used atlases to locate volcanoes and earthquakes across the world and studied aftermath photographs. They also explored a survival bag and its contents and thought about what they would include. We are all very excited about starting this new unit of work!















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## Blwyddyn 1 & 2 - 2D Shapes

The children have been exploring 2D shapes this week, looking at their properties and making their own shapes with lollipop sticks.















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#### Blwyddyn 5 & 6 - Reports

The children in Dosbarth Penfro have immersed themselves in a range of non-chronological reports. They have all enjoyed reading texts of their choice, finding facts and identifying features they like and/or dislike. Following this, the children have been looking at a range of non-chronological reports and have worked in teams to identify the key features and discussed which ones should be a 'Must, Should or Could' when they come to writing their own report.















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#### Blwyddyn 3 & 4 - Maths and Numeracy

In Mathematics and Numeracy lessons we will be focussing on addition and subtraction. On Wednesday pupils worked in small groups or partners to create different number bonds with the Numicon and complete a range of challenges.



## Derbyn – Jack Frost

This week the pupils in Reception have been looking at the story of Jack Frost and talking about feelings and friendship. They have also been exploring frost and ice.















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#### Blwyddyn 1 & 2 - Myths & Legends

Pupils have been looking at the feature of myths to prepare to retell these. They have been focussing on Cynefin and belonging in Wales. We have also transferred information on castles to our own maps.





#### Breakfast and Teatime Club

Bookings for Breakfast and Teatime Club for next week close at 10am on a Friday for the next week. Please make sure you book and make payment for places before bookings close, late bookings received will not be accommodated. Due to a very high number of requests, we are no longer able to amend or cancel/credit bookings, so please do book carefully.

Bookings must be made online using the online booking and payment system and payment must be made at the time of booking, unless using the 30 Hour Childcare offer to pay for your child's place. Staff will be completing final matching of payments weekly on Friday just after 10am and any payments not received will result in bookings being cancelled. These will not be able to be rebooked.













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## Derbyn - Gymnastics

This week, pupils have had a fun filled gymnastics session using the equipment.



## Derbyn – Seasons

More pictures from this week when we learnt all about snow and ice.















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## Blwyddyn 3 & 4 - Spikeball

On Wednesday we started learning a new sport - Spikeball. Pupils practiced throwing, catching, bouncing and batting the ball into a hoop. Next week we will be using the Spikeball nets and we are very excited!



#### Derbyn - Numeracy

This week in numeracy the children have been exploring number bonds to 10 using Numicon and tens frames to support their learning.















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#### Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance has remained positive over the week which is a pleasure to see. Thank you for your support regarding this. We have a small number of pupils arriving late to school regularly, please focus closely on getting children to school on time.

| Class                    | Attendance | Punctuality |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Nursery – Miss Williams  | 100%       | 0 sessions  |
| Early Years – Mrs Parker | 95%        | 1 session   |
| Early Years – Mrs Baker  | 95%        | 3 sessions  |
| Year 1/2 – Mrs Coombes   | 100%       | 0 sessions  |
| Year 1/2 – Mrs Mort      | 97%        | 2 sessions  |
| Year 1/2 – Mrs Speed     | 95%        | 1 session   |
| Year 3 – Miss Sedgwick   | 96%        | 2 sessions  |
| Year 3/4 – Mrs Wright    | 92%        | 3 sessions  |
| Year 4 – Mrs Shelmerdine | 90%        | 2 sessions  |
| Year 5 – Mr Holmes       | 91%        | 5 sessions  |
| Year 6 – Mr Szymura      | 95%        | 3 sessions  |
| Year 6 – Miss Jones      | 100%       | 0 sessions  |
| Whole School             | 95.3%      | 22 sessions |

| Equates to:                 | 100% | PERFECTION  |
|-----------------------------|------|---|
| SCHOOL DAYS off each year   | 98%  | IMPRESSIVE  |
| SCHOOL DAYS off each year   | 96%  | GOOD  |
| 9 SCHOOL DAYS off each year | 95%  | NEARLY<br>THERE   |
| SCHOOL DAYS off each year   | 94%  | NEEDS TO IMPROVE  |
| SCHOOL DAYS off each year   | 90%  | CONCERNS [referred to Educational Welfare / Persistent absence) |
| SCHOOL DAYS off each year   | 85%  | SERIOUS   |
|                             |      |   |









