



# Ysgol Yr Holl Saint All Saints' School

A Voluntary Aided Church in Wales School



# Cylchlythyr - Newsletter - 24.03.2023

Dear parents and carers,

We are approaching the Easter Holidays with great pace and it has been lovely to see the weather starting to improve after the snow of recent weeks. We held our Progress Evenings this week and it was wonderful to welcome nearly every parent or carer into school to see and hear how their child is progressing. As a proud school in Wales, it was fantastic to hold our school Eisteddfodau today. The pupils have worked very hard preparing and I would like to thank the staff for their work in preparing pupils and to our various volunteers who have attended to support judging. It is hard to believe we enter our final term of the school year soon and we have a huge amount planned, please do keep a watch on the school calendar on the website to keep up to speed! I hope you all have a relaxing weekend. Diolch, Mr Hatwood.



#### Breakfast, Teatime & Holiday Club

Thank you for your support in making bookings by **10am on the Friday for the following week** for Breakfast and Teatime Club.

Bookings for Easter Holiday Club will close on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10am, please do make sure bookings are made in advance. We look forward to welcoming George Morris to our Easter Holiday Club for some sporting fun and games sessions!

During periods when the school is closed and Holiday Club is in operation, should you require contact with Holiday Club staff, this can be made during the times the club is open by calling the school and following the relevant options, or by speaking to staff when dropping off or collecting your child.

#### F1 in Schools

The F1 in Schools competition continues at pace in Year 5 and 6 and the pupils have been working incredibly hard in taking their projects forward. We look forward to sharing further information around, and inviting you to our 'Race Day' soon!



## Big Walk and Pedal

The first week of the Big Walk and Pedal has been a fantastic success with a large number of pupils travelling to school more sustainably. Please remember, those attending Breakfast and Teatime Club can also walk, scoot or park and stride.



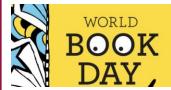
#### World Book Day

Our World Book Day activities have been planned to coincide with our School Book Fayre this year.

Our Book Fayre will be in school from **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023** and will be open from the end of the school day, you are very welcome to visit our Book Fayre when collecting your child or to contact us for an alternative time to view the books on offer.

On **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 9.15 – 10.30am** parents and carers are welcome to come into school to view books and enjoy a hot drink whilst browsing.

Our School Council have discussed World Book Day and would like like pupils and staff to dress as their favourite book characters on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023** and have asked each class to decorate their classroom door as a front cover of a book to celebrate our Book Fayre!









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### National Music Plan

As part of the Welsh Government National Music Plan, we welcomed the Wrexham Music Cooperative to school to deliver Ukulele sessions with year 3 this week.



### PC Stu Visit

We enjoyed welcoming PC Stu to school this week to talk with Year 2 about the importance of being safe with medicines.



#### Forest School

During Forest School in Reception this week, pupils were working hard to develop team work and problem solving skills. They worked together to create a run to take the egg to the nest!



### The Six Nations

Over the period of The Six Nations competition, the pupils in Year 1 and 2 have been following one particular team In the competition and recording their results after each match. In P.E. they competed in their own six nations

competition and at home lots of research and presentation has taken place.











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# Leader Education Awards

Everyone at school extends a huge well done to Owain who won pupil of the year award at the Leader Education Awards this week, we are all very proud of you Owain!

### Gresford Mining Disaster

We are very pleased to have established a link with the former Miners' Rescue Centre in Wrexham and will be working with those involved to develop a package of learning resources for pupils across the County Borough to learn more about the Gresford Mining Disaster and the role that the coal industry plays in our heritage.



# **Transition Conference**

We were delighted to present at the Regional Transition Conference with our cluster last week to showcase the planning and work going on to smooth the move to high school for our pupils.



Coffee

Morning
Sat 25th March
10-30am until 1pm

All Saints' Church House Gresford

For Hope House Hospice

In Celebration of our Friend Barbara Jones

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### Cyngor Eco - Eco Council - Dragon Bags Challenge

Our Dragon Clothes Bank Challenge continues and a huge amount of clothing has been donated to the project, thank you for your support in this initiative!

An additional collection has been arranged as the initiative has been so well supported. Thank you from the Eco Committee.

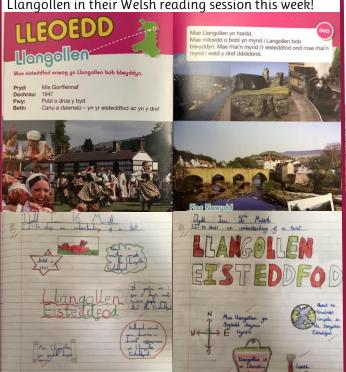


Remember – the class who collects the largest weight of items of clothing to be recycled will win a trip to the bowling alley!

Class	Weekly	Total
Early Years – Mrs Parker	36kg	65kg
Early Years – Mrs Speed	29kg	32kg
Year 1/2 – Mrs Mort	62kg	90kg
Year 1/2 – Mrs Dobie	30kg	51kg
Year 1/2 – Mrs Wright	84kg	151kg
Year 3 – Mrs Coombes	46kg	95kg
Year 3/4 – Miss Sedgwick	60kg	72kg
Year 4 – Mrs Shelmerdine	118kg	195kg
Year 5 – Mr Holmes	133kg	218kg
Year 5/6 – Mr Szymura	50kg	79kg
Year 6 – Miss Jones	107kg	107kg
Whole School	755kg	1155kg

### Cymraeg - Llangollen

Pupils in Year 5 have been busy learning all about Llangollen in their Welsh reading session this week!



#### Journeys

In our Religious Education lessons Year 3 & 4 have been learning about journeys and rites of passage. On Friday they visited the Church to learn more about Baptism. Parents and Godparents were chosen and Father Tudor talked the children through the baptism of 'Baby Harry'. The children were able to ask lots of questions and have found out so much about this sacrament.



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"let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven." Matthew 5:16



# Open University Partnership

It was a pleasure to have been invited to attend a 'Question and Answer' session with Mr Jeremy Miles, Minister for Education and Welsh Language, this week. The invitation followed a very successful visit by the Minister to school in November and several subsequent meetings to share practice. Having the opportunity to influence and shape the direction of the Open University Initial Teacher Education Partnership is a really prestigious one for the school and one which helps us to shape the direction of teacher education across Wales.

### Attendance and Punctuality

We continue to focus on improving attendance and punctuality at school, you can see how each class has been doing in the table below. Whole school attendance and punctuality remain positive this week, thank you for your support and cooperation in this very important matter.

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Nursery – Miss Williams	97%	0 sessions
Early Years – Mrs Parker	92%	0 sessions
Early Years – Mrs Speed	97%	1 session
Year 1/2 – Mrs Mort	96%	0 sessions
Year 1/2 – Mrs Dobie	98%	0 sessions
Year 1/2 – Mrs Wright	98%	0 sessions
Year 3 – Mrs Coombes	98%	1 session
Year 3/4 – Miss Sedgwick	90%	1 session
Year 4 – Mrs Shelmerdine	98%	0 sessions
Year 5 – Mr Holmes	96%	2 sessions
Year 5/6 – Mr Szymura	95%	0 sessions
Year 6 – Miss Jones	99%	0 sessions
Whole School	96 %	5 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 THERE
SCHOOL DAYS off each year	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
SCHOOL DAYS off each year	90%	CONCERNS (referred to Educational Welfare / Persistent absentee)
SCHOOL DAYS off each year	85%	SERIOUS CONCERNS











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