



# Ysgol Yr Holl Saint All Saints' School

*A Voluntary Aided Church in Wales School*



## Cylchlythyr – Newsletter – 03.03.2023

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a short, but very busy week in school this week as we have celebrated St David's Day. The pupils have returned to school after half term with a real energy for learning which has been a pleasure to see across our classes. This is a very short half term and we have a lot to get through, we continue our relentless focus on raising standards in reading, spelling and mathematics whilst ensuring a clear drive to promote pupil wellbeing. Our improvement works to the school site continue and we have installed new fencing at the front of the school this week. This fencing helps reduce the wind flow in outdoor learning areas, improves safeguarding and also helps stop litter and debris blowing on the school site. I hope you have a restful weekend. Diolch, Mr Hatwood.



### PENPALS for Handwriting

As part of our continuous focus on standards of learning and presentation of work in school, we have implemented the Pen Pals Handwriting programme this week.

The programme focusses on developing fine motor skills and is made up of daily sessions to develop the cursive writing style, consistent sizing of letters and over time how to join letters correctly.

Once pupils and staff have settled into using the scheme, we will be providing an information session to show the before and after impact and more detail about how the scheme works.

### Red Nose Day – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

For Comic Relief Day this year, the School Council would like everyone to wear Pyjamas to school.

They are keen to collect as much money as possible for this very worthy cause, to make things as easy as possible, we will be taking cash donations or donations via Parent Pay.

The School Council would also like each class to take part in the Lego build challenge, you can find more details on this [here](https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/schools/lego) >>

[www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/schools/lego](https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/schools/lego). Please do share entries with your child's class teacher via Class DoJo. The School Council will be awarding prizes to those who they deem to be the most creative.



### The Big Walk and Wheel

We are looking forward to the Big Walk and Wheel which takes place from **20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**. We have lots of prizes to share with those making that extra effort to travel to school sustainably.

Remember, you don't need to live close to school to take part in the Big Walk and Wheel, 'park and stride' is a wonderful way to make a difference if you live a little further away from school. Our Active Travel Champions are looking forward to

seeing the effort that everyone puts into this very important event!



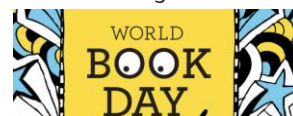
When biking or scooting, don't be like Mr Hatwood, remember your helmet!

### World Book Day

Our World Book Day activities are being delayed this year to coincide with our School Book Fayre.

The 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.

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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## Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant - St David's Day

The pupils enjoyed celebrating St David's Day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and took part in a variety of activities to learn more about our Patron Saint and also about the history and culture of Wales. Mrs Wright and Mrs Spalvieri accompanied some older pupils from the Ciriw Cymraeg to the St David's Day parade in Wrexham and had a wonderful time and did a great job representing the school – da iawn chi!



## F1 in Schools Project

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have commenced their F1 in Schools unit of work this week. This exciting project centres on developing the pupils' knowledge, skills and experience in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

As part of the unit, pupils design, manufacture and market their own F1 car and subsequent team brand and identity. They have opportunity to plan and develop verbal presentations and a portfolio of their ideas and design work. We are currently planning our in school 'race day' and will extend an invitation to you to attend this exciting event in due course.



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## Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant - St David's Day – Some more photos from St David's Day 2023



### Ysgolion Eco - Eco Schools

Our Eco Committee have met this morning to explore how sustainable our school is, how we can do more to improve the environment and ensure we are living and learning sustainably. We have the **Great Big School Clean** with Eco Schools Wales taking place from **17<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023** and the Eco Committee will be sharing more details of this with their classes shortly.

The Eco Committee have planned a whole school event to help **reduce clothing waste and promote the responsible recycling of clothes!** For the rest of this school term (until the Easter Holidays) the Eco Committee are asking for your support in having a spring clean at home. They are seeking as many donations for our school Dragon Clothes Bank as possible and will be weighing donations that are brought into school.

These donations will not only promote responsible recycling, but also help raise funds for the school which will be used by the Eco Committee to develop the school gardening project. **It is important that donations are brought into school and not put into the clothes bank directly so that these can be weighed to keep a log of collections.**

The class who can collect the largest amount of clothing, by weight, will be rewarded with a visit to the bowling alley. The Eco Committee wish our school community the best of luck in this event!

## Dragon Bags



We have been busy preparing our gardens for the new growing season.



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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*

## Industrial Action – National Education Union

The National Education Union have confirmed that further Industrial Action will take place on **15<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. We are currently completing the required Risk Assessment and will share information as to whether the school will remain open or have to close as soon as possible. Once again, we would like to thank you for your understanding and support.



## Fundraising

We are delighted to share that over £400 was raised in support of the Syria and Turkey Earthquake appeal and over £250 in support of ex-pupil Emma Coombes and her Girl Guiding Wales work. Thank you for your support at such challenging times in supporting these causes.

## 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 is a little lower again this week, but the report only covers two days due to the staff training day and closure on Thursday.



Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Nursery – Miss Williams	97%	0 sessions
Early Years – Mrs Parker	93%	0 sessions
Early Years – Mrs Speed	94%	2 sessions
Year 1/2 – Mrs Mort	96%	1 session
Year 1/2 – Mrs Dobie	97%	0 sessions
Year 1/2 – Mrs Wright	96%	1 session
Year 3 – Mrs Coombes	92%	0 sessions
Year 3/4 – Miss Sedgwick	95%	0 sessions
Year 4 – Mrs Shelmerdine	94%	0 sessions
Year 5 – Mr Holmes	92%	0 sessions
Year 5/6 – Mr Szymura	99%	0 sessions
Year 6 – Miss Jones	90%	0 sessions
Whole School	94%	4 sessions

Equates to:



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