### **Ysgol Cynfran - Newsletter**

### Friday 18th December – Week 14

#### **News from the Headteacher**

The final week ended a little less busily than we had hoped. With the announcement late Friday last week, we were forced to close on Tuesday of this week to all children bar those whose parents were key workers. This was a terrible shame, but done for all the right reasons: the health and safety of your children.

We had hoped to send home some video footage of each year group's Christmas show, but classes literally ran out to time to record them. I was lucky enough to see Bl. 3's performances and these were magical.

The children all enjoyed Red Riding Hood, so that was a positive before we shifted to remote learning.

Work has gone home either electronically or in paper form. We appreciate this isn't ideal with only three days of school left. Many of the activities are fun based, so we hope all your children enjoy them. In school this week, children have been busy undertaking activities across the curriculum and also winding down with art and craft topics.

I don't want to tempt fate in advance of January 2021 and a return on the sixth. Our hope is that vaccination programmes are taking place and this should have a beneficial effect on our communities. In anticipation, can I please ask that you all take care and restrict meeting up with any other groups or extended families unless it is safe to do so? As a school and a community, we really have tried our hardest to keep safe. We have had over 40% of children tested, and also some staff. Thankfully, every test has been negative. But it is important that we continue to expect everybody with a symptom goes for a test, and await the outcome before returning.

#### Penblwydd Hapus

Macie (B4), Emily (B2) and Madison (DD)



#### **News from the PTFA**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the foodbank. The foodbank have now collected all the donated items and are very grateful for the support of the PTFA and Ysgol Cynfran. The items will make a huge difference to people within the local community.

In addition, £18 was raised from the sale of Cynfran tea towels, this money has also been donated to the foodbank.

#### Seren Yr Wythnos

Class teachers would like to award Seren Yr Wythnos to their whole class. Teachers are very proud of their children and would like to thank them for such a lovely first term. Over the coming two weeks, we sincerely hope you and your family have a relaxing break. Since March and even since September, our worlds have been very challenging and each time we have taken a step forward, it has been faced with difficulties outside of our control. We have all responded so positively. I know I have thanked you all before, but as this year closes out, I want to repeat my thanks to you, your children and the staff here who have worked to tirelessly to ensure everyone's safety has been prioritised and how the children have returned to their learning, their playing, their sharing, and their growing at our wonderful school.

Can we pass on our thanks also for the gifts you gave to staff. Your presents and messages have been very much appreciated.

Regards,

Mr Rogers

#### **Class News**

DM enjoyed making their own 'Elf on the Shelf'. DD had a fun festive couple of days with lots of Christmas songs.

BL1 enjoyed listening to Christmas stories. BL2 have been keeping up with the antics of their Elf on the Shelf

BL3 showed off their talents and performed for their class.

BL4 have been busy with their Christmas craft. BL5 competed in a Christmas quiz and watched the virtual Pantomime.

BL6 created animations, redrafted their poems and learnt to sing Silent Night in German, English and Welsh.

#### **Christmas Jumper Day**

It was lovely to see the children looking festive last week in their Christmas jumpers.
The children raised £65.



#### Attendance 7th December – 11th December

DD: 96.59%

B1: 92.80%

B2: 90.71%

B3: 99.16%

B4: 93.61%

B5: 95.56%

B6: 91.50%

If your child is absent due to symptoms associated with Covid they will need to be tested before returning to school. Confirmation of a negative test will need to be sent to the school office before your child returns.

Parents/carers need to report absences to the school office by 9am on the first day of absence. You will need to inform the school office of the reason for the absence and the expected date the child will be returning to school. Contact details for the School Office: phone 01492 517326, text 01492 233101 or email swyddfa@cynfran.conwy.sch.uk



# Important Dates 18 Dec

Last day for key worker/ vulnerable childcare

#### 18 Dec

School closed for

#### 4 Jan & 5 Jan

Planning & Staff training School closed for pupils

#### 6 Jan

School open for pupils

#### 11 Jan

BI5 Cycling Proficiency DD Balance Bikes

12 January
DD & BL6

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Bl1 trip to Llysfaen Church









We have been planting daffodils in readiness for a fine Spring.



BI3











DM made Elves on shelves









Key Worker Care













Premier Stores, Llysfaen and Tesco kindly donated some resources and chocolates following the letters they received from Bl. 5 who thanked them for staying open during the pandemic.





Dosbarth Derbyn







