

### News from the Headteacher

We've had another action packed and very happy week again, this week. This included Tempest Photography taking photos of every child in school, taken on an individual basis. An electronic proof has been sent home.

The design a Christmas mug competition is going really well. Please remember to order yours via Parent Pay. The deadline is 27<sup>th</sup> November. Year groups will be creating a mini Christmas Show for you all. More will follow.

Children continue to spend time improving their reading in school, and class teachers are looking at options to extend this. Bl. 1, 2 & 3 are now sending a book home every Monday and require this to be back in school Friday. The books will then be in 'quarantine' for the 72 hours that we are told is necessary between moving from one household and another.

Parent 'evening' slots will be coming to you shortly. For those who elected for a phone call conversation, we will be letting you know in advance when we plan to call. Part of this conversation will cover reading at home for children in Bl. 4 – 6.

Can I please ask that all children come to school dressed in their full uniform, which includes a grey sweatshirt? Also, a reminder please that mobile phones should not be in school. Children who forget to leave these at home, must hand them over to their class teacher and these will be stored safely in the school office. With COVID concerns, we really hope that no child feels the need to have their phone in school, as the health and safety implications of collecting and storing phones is another issue.

I've mentioned over these weeks since we returned how children are adjusting to full time schooling and this has been very positive. Nothing has changed in the way we all follow our simple three school rules: Ready, Respect, Safe. Again, the vast majority have remembered these and continue to follow these. Where we have any concerns, we will of course share them with you. All year groups love their reward challenges! These extend in some part to the choices they have elected themselves, and they see that this empowerment has a positive effect on all children. A year group might opt for an activity of their choice if they have met their targets. This includes watching a DVD, having some time on the lap tops and iPads, some extra play time, art work.

### News from the kitchen

Have you commented on the school meal questionnaire? If not can I remind you to follow the link below. The feedback we've had so far, is really helpful and we will take on board all the comments and questions.

[Please click here to complete the school dinner survey](#)

### Penblwydd Hapus

Harri W-H, Abigail C,  
Daisy L, & Sian W



You'll see what looks as if a pupil from Bl. 4 is in the woods overleaf. The teachers and children in Bl. 4 are trialling an approach called Biophilia. This is all about the science of nature and animals and how being outside makes us happier, healthier and better able to learn. This is an approach we'll be adopting throughout school. Children can 'be outside' when they are in the classroom, as this massive wall covering is on their class wall. There are plenty of opportunities when activities take place outside, but this is a prompt in class too. More will follow on this exciting initiative.

Hot on the back of our success winning some grant funding for more Chromebooks, we are applying for a covered area to store bikes and scooters. This is in anticipation of a returning to normality with Wheelie Days, when it's determined to be safe to bring bikes, trikes etc in to school again.

We are also moving closer with our school extension programme. Working closely with Playgroup, we were successful in gaining grant funding that will allow for the building of a new classroom at the back of the main building, with a toilet block and a break out room for group activities, and the current Year 6 nearly doubling in floor space. This will then become the new teaching and learning space for children attending Llysfaen Playgroup. This will be completely self-contained. The front garden area with all the trees, will become Playgroup's own outdoor learning space, with fencing around it. Once we have more information regarding this exciting new project, again we will share this with you.

Thank you for all your kind words when you drop off and collect your children. Many thanks for reducing the number of cars that aren't parked in a way that is dangerous to children. If we can have no cars on the zig zags, or double yellow lines, or double parked, we really will have all made a difference.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,

Mr Rogers

### Attendance 9th November – 13th November

DD: 89.25%  
B1: 94.17%  
B2: 90.71%  
B3: 98.33%  
B4: 97.07%  
B5: 97.78%  
B6: 89.23%

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](mailto:swyddfa@cynfran.conwy.sch.uk)



### Important Dates

**22 Nov**  
Deadline for applications for Reception class 2021

**22 Nov**  
Last day for Parent Governor nominations

**27 Nov**  
Last day for personalised mug orders

**9 Dec**  
Christmas dinner day

**18 Dec**  
Last day before closed for half term

**4 Jan**  
Staff training day

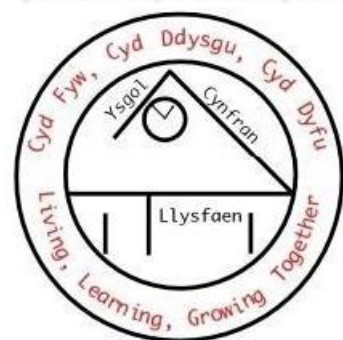
**5 Jan**  
School open for pupils

**12 January**  
DD & BL6 class photographs

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Class News

DD have been following instructions to send a video to Miss Sweetman on Seesaw!

BL1 learnt about 'Y Tywydd'.

BL2 prepared Santa's workshop.

BL3 worked hard completing their Celtic Diaries.

BL4 have been learning the difference between being rude, mean and bullying.

BL5 learnt about the artist Paul Nash. The class went out to photograph nature and used their photographs in a collage.

BL6 – researching Hedd Wyn who was a World War 1 poet and reading his poems.

## Seren Yr Wythnos

DD – Thea Malam

B1 – Oakley Hughes

B2 – Harri Williams

B3 – Daisy Lockett

B4 – Elisha Rigby

B5 – Catalina Aston

B6 – Sian Wade

## Cymro/Cymraes Yr Wythnos

DD – Peter Jones

B1 – Tomos Hold

B2 – David Gough

B3 – Rufus Morgan-Jones

B4 – Oscar Preston

B5 – Leyla Jones

B6 – Harry Hughes

B6 completed their War Horse comprehension and Reading Eggs as they came in to class on Thursday morning.



DD



B1



B3



B2



B4



B5 – PE lesson



B6



B6

## Junior play time



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Thank you for all the donations received for Children in Need. The final total raised was £142.50



**Personalised Christmas Mug** – Children have been busy designing a Christmas mug. If you would like to order a mug designed by your child please order on Parent Pay. It would make an ideal Christmas present!

