

Welcome

To The Spring Term 1

Annwyl pawb,

Welcome back to the first half of this new term, where our learning embraces new opportunities as we look to build upon our existing skills..

Sarah Ruggeri



Curriculum

Curriculum *Galilee to Jerusalem*

Our overarching learning umbrella is entitled, "From Galilee to Jerusalem", whereby we will learn about the life of Jesus and his revelation of the Kingdom of God through parables, encounters, miracles, and teachings. We will explore the call of the disciples and the nature of being a follower of Jesus.

Our focus Area of Learning is:

Humanities - Human societies are complex and diverse, and shaped by human actions and beliefs.

We will be exploring human societies, so that we can become knowledgeable about our culture, community, society and the world, now and in the past. This will lead to being able to respect the rights and needs of others as a valued member of our diverse society.

Catholic Social Teaching

Preferential Option for the Poor



We should think first about the needs of people who need help the most.

When Poppy hatched she was all alone and never knew her parents. She remembers having to rely on kind birds caring for her and bringing her worms to eat. As one of the youngest and most vulnerable, she understands what it was like to have nothing and the need to rely on others. She is much older now and has started a "Worms-4-U" service for birds in need everywhere.

Curriculum

Sleep Hygiene

During a recent Listening to Learners monitoring session in the Autumn Term, our learners shared their concerns about getting a good night's sleep, that this regularly proved a challenge for them. Our learners identified that this then impacted upon their ability to prepare for attending school the next day. A key factor identified by our learners was their use of technology in the evenings, particularly gaming late into the early hours.

Gail Morris, the Powys CAMHS School-In-Reach Team Lead, delivered a number of sessions to Dosbarth Coeden, on the importance of good sleep hygiene.

What can they remember?

Try asking your child what they can remember from these sessions.

Is there anything that they have tried that has helped them to get a better night's sleep?

Parent/Carer Collaboration

We will be pleased to welcome Mary Strong, Powys' Lead for Wellbeing and Equity, who will deliver a presentation for parents and carers on the impact of blue screen technology on creating a positive sleep environment. Your attendance and support are vital in helping us improve whole-school attendance, as recommended by Estyn - please come along on Wednesday, 4th March at 2:30pm.

Swimming



On Wednesdays, Dosbarth Hedyn (Class 1) and half of Dosbarth Coeden (Class 3) will be swimming, starting on 14th January.

Please ensure that your child brings their swimming costume and towel every Wednesday. For goggle-use, email the office with your written consent. The contribution to transport will be placed on Parent Pay.

Music

On Fridays, Dosbarth Coeden (Class 3) will be enjoying musical sessions with Clovis Phillips.



PE Days

On PE Days, learners will be required to wear their PE kit to school:

- yellow t-shirt
- black shorts / leggings / jogging bottoms
- trainers
- blue school jumper

Dosbarth Hedyn (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)
- Monday & Thursday

Dosbarth Glasbren (Year 3 & Year 4)
- Tuesday & Wednesday

Dosbarth Coeden (Year 5 & Year 6)
- Monday & Friday

Clubs

Starting the week beginning Monday 12th January - please note the change to timings, with an earlier finish of 4:15pm

Board Games Club

Thursdays, 3:25-4:15pm - Year 1 to Year 4

An opportunity to have fun with your friends, playing board games new and old, led by Debbie Luke.



Disco Dancing

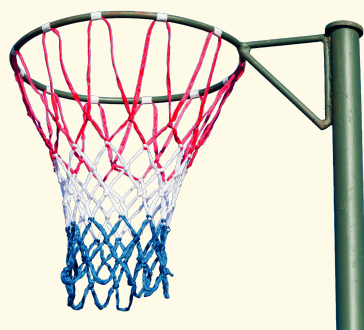
Tuesdays - 3:25-4:15pm - Year 5 & Year 6

Time to get those dancing shoes on with Lottie Jarvie and Gemma Mann, as we choreograph a routine for the Urdd Eisteddfod competition. The competition is on Thursday, 12th February - so it is vital you attend every practise session!

Coding

Wednesdays - 3:25-4:15pm - Year 2 - Year 6

Calling all those digital-wizards, our coding club opens up a digital world of creativity of problem-solving, led by Harry Austin.



Netball

Thursdays- 3:25-4:15pm - Year 3 - Year 6

Time to unleash our energy, as we develop our netball skills ready to take part in the Urdd tournaments, coached by Sarah Ruggeri. All children welcome to attend the club, but the tournaments will be for Year 5 & Year 6 Mixed and Year 5 & Year 6 Girls. A warm hoody and waterproof coat is essential, as we will be playing outdoors!

Attendance

Where are you on the attendance ladder?



What can we do to climb this Spring Term?

Attendance

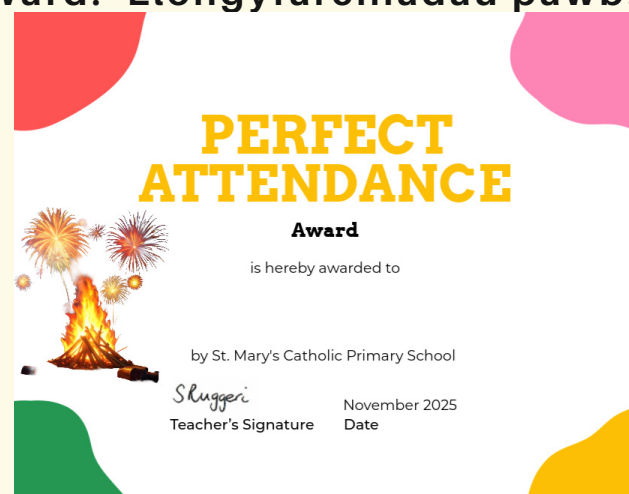
How well did we do?

Every time that a child arrives in school on time, a counter drops into our class jars! Every class managed to fill their jars last half-term and enjoyed a trip to the park as a reward! Llongyfarchiadau pawb!

November Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 81.87%
Dosbarth Hedyn (Class One) Attendance - 77.12%
Dosbarth Glasbren (Class Two) Attendance - 84.63%
Dosbarth Coeden (Class Three) Attendance - 82.39%

6 children received a 'Near Perfect' Attendance, for 95% or more attendance
18 children received a 'Perfect' Attendance, for 100% attendance



December Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 77.04%
Dosbarth Hedyn (Class One) Attendance - 74.1%
Dosbarth Glasbren (Class Two) Attendance - 75.74%
Dosbarth Coeden (Class Three) Attendance - 79.71%

2 children received a 'Near Perfect' Attendance, for 95% or more attendance
20 children received a 'Perfect' Attendance, for 100% attendance

Autumn Term Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 82.8%
Dosbarth Hedyn (Class One) Attendance - 81.49%
Dosbarth Glasbren (Class Two) Attendance - 80.33%
Dosbarth Coeden (Class Three) Attendance - 85.6%

9 children received a 'Near Perfect' Attendance, for 95% or more attendance
8 children received a 'Perfect' Attendance, for 100% attendance



**HELP! We
need you!**

We are significantly below the expected level of 95%. Do you have any ideas or suggestions that we can implement to encourage attendance and promote punctuality?

Upcoming Events

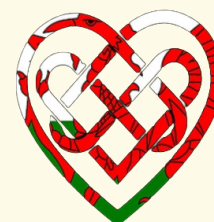
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Newtown High School Transition Visit - Friday, 16th January

The science teachers from Newtown High School will deliver some fascinating science experiments with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.

Dydd Santes Dwynwen - Friday, 23rd January

We will be celebrating St Dwynwen, the patron saint of love in Wales, by taking part in a variety of activities. Please wear red, white and/or green to school to demonstrate your love for Wales!



Reception Child Measurement Programme - Tuesday, 27th January

The School Nurse will complete this assessment with all children in Reception.

February 2026

Gwyl Fair y Canhwyllau - Monday, 2nd February

As we celebrate Candlemas, we will reflect upon how we can be lights in our world, following Jesus' example.

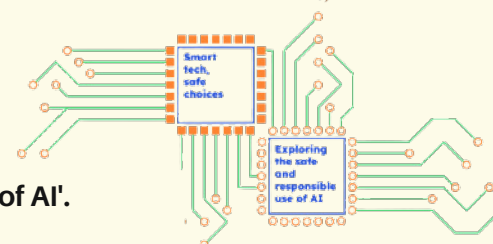


Dydd Miwsig Cymru - Friday, 6th February

As we celebrate Welsh Music Day, we will focus upon the diversity of Welsh language music, from rock and pop to folk and hip-hop.

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday, 10th February

This year's theme is, 'Smart tech, safe choices - exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.



Newtown High School Transition Visit - Tuesday, 10th February

Our Year 6 pupils are invited to attend Newtown High School for their second WOW experience.

Urdd Dawns - Thursday, 12th February

Our disco dancers have been busy practising their dance skills ready for the competition taking place on Thursday, 12th February. Pob lwc pawb!

Unfortunately, we will not be taking part in the Folk Dancing competition this year due to low interest. We hope to bring this back next year with renewed enthusiasm! A big thank you to those who were keen to join—please spread the word and encourage your friends to get involved next time...



Half-Term Holidays - Monday, 16th February-Friday, 20th February

School closes for half-term holidays on Friday 13th February, with school open again on Monday, 23rd February