



Ysgol Sant Elfod

Oni flagura ni ffrwytha

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Ionawr 27ain January 27th 2023

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Proposed Strike Action by National Education Union

As you will no doubt be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has balloted members and confirmed that they will undertake 4 days of strike action the first day being **1st February 2023**. Both teaching and support staff are eligible to be members of the NEU and there is an impact therefore across the workforce of our school.

Under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, the school must take reasonable steps to ensure that staff and pupils are not exposed to risks to their health and safety. In light of the strike action and consequent impact on staffing levels, this includes undertaking a full risk assessment to determine whether a school can open safely, and ensure adequate supervision for all learners both in and outside of lessons. As headteacher, I, along with senior colleagues and governors have undertaken this risk assessment and considered the impact for learners. **As a team, we have agreed that the school will be closed to all pupils.**

For learners who are entitled to Free School Meals, there will be an opportunity to collect a packed lunch from the school kitchen via our Catering Teams. A link to book a packed lunch was included in the letter dated 26-1-2023.

I appreciate and apologise for the impact this has for you and your child/ children. Unlike the pandemic, when specific rules and regulations were amended to make provision for groups of learners, the decision about full or partial closure is simply an outcome of the risk assessment, and we cannot accommodate supervision of any learners.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gwynne Vaughan

Diary / Dyddiadur
Ionawr/January



Chwefror/ February

9th Upper school PE session with
Stacey-PE kits to be worn

16th Valentine's Disco 5-6pm

17th School Closes 3.10pm

27th School Opens 8.55am

28th Dosbarth 6 & 9 Renewable
Energy Workshop at Emrys-ap-Iwan

Mawrth/ March

3rd Dosbarth 10 & 7 Renewable
Energy Workshop at Emrys-ap-Iwan

10th Dosbarth 8 Renewable Energy
Workshop at Emrys-ap-Iwan

Sêr yr Wythnos

Lower School

Brian B Emmie G Esmae L
Leon D Josh R

Upper School

Jayden E Bethan R Lexi SK
Daisy B Nancy J

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!



technocamps

This week, the Upper School worked on computational thinking with Lois from Technocamps. They worked on algorithms, decomposition, patterns and abstraction. They had to use their collaboration, listening and thinking skills. They had a really fun time!



MATHLETICS & READING EGGS

Log on to **Reading Eggspress / Reading Eggs**. This is a brilliant website with a wide range of books available for your child/ren to read. Again, little and often is the key.

Log on to **Mathletics**. Mathletics is an engaging online maths program. It provides fun practice and fluency activities, challenge their thinking with problem-solving and reasoning questions, and reward their learning with certificates and points.

Pupils have their password to these websites in their reading diaries.

Help Your Child To Learn

A comprehensive course for parents of 5-12 year-olds, giving you everything you need to support your child's learning and to help them grow and develop. You can access the course by entering the link below in your browser.

<https://gwe-helpyourchildtolearn.com/>



Welbeing

This week, Dosbarth 6 have been learning about Santes Dwynwen. Dwynwen dedicated her life to others by becoming a nun and establishing a church on Ynys Llanddwyn. We also created some **Kyffin Williams inspired art to celebrate Dydd Santes Dwynwen**. We have also learnt about the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builder and how one took time to plan, whilst the other failed to prepare. We have learnt that preparation is important to succeed.

Community News



Are you a Parent / Carer of a child with additional needs?

Would you like to meet in a safe and supportive environment and receive information from professionals and service providers?

Pop along to our monthly parent Support Group for a cuppa and a chat. You will be made to feel very welcome.

The next session is:

- Wednesday 25th January
- Wednesday 24th May
- Wednesday 22nd March
- Wednesday 28th June
- Wednesday 28th April

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

At: Douglas road Family Centre
(3 Douglas Road, Colwyn Bay, Conwy LL29 7PE)

For more information contact Sam:

- Email: Sam@stand.org
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Website: www.stand.org

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Valentine's/ Spring Disco

Thursday February 16th

5pm to 6pm

£3.50 a ticket



CORNEL CYMRAEG

Ymuno Heddiw



The Urdd Gobaith Cymru is a National Voluntary Youth Organisation with over 55,000 members between the ages of 8 and 25 years old. Since 1922, it has provided opportunities through the medium of Welsh and young people in Wales to enable them to make positive contributions to their community.

Why join the urdd?

There are many advantages to joining the Urdd; you can celebrate living in Wales for one! You can make new friends! You can practise your Cymraeg! You will have access to many sporting events in your community. You can compete in the National Eisteddfod. You can visit one of the many residential centres and try new outdoor activities. You can download the Urdd digital magazine for FREE! You can support the Urdd's annual 'Peace and Goodwill Message', which works towards making our planet a happier and healthier place to live. Plus lots more!



Peace and Goodwill Message

The Peace and Goodwill Message is unique to Wales, and has been delivered annually for 100 years by the young people of Wales, addressed to young people all over the world. 2022's Message focused on the Climate Emergency.

Keep your eyes peeled for the 2023 'Peace and Goodwill Message' which will be released shortly.

Join Now!

Use this QR Code to jump to the 'Become a Member' page.



Urdd Eisteddfod

Urdd Eisteddfod: With over 400 competitions, from singing to cooking, dancing to designing websites, and writing stories to starring on stage - there's something for everyone at the Urdd Eisteddfod! [Urdd 2022-23: Ymaeloda! Join the Urdd! - YouTube](#)



Watch this short video to see just how exciting being a member of the Urdd is.



BRAWDDEG YR WYTHNOS



Pa mor hir tan amser chwarae?



IONAWR

Hanner awr.

Deg munud.



This week we have shared the story of Santes Dwynwen with the pupils. You can listen to the story with your children by clicking on the link or QR code below.

[The Story of Saint Dwynwen - YouTube](#)



Ydych chi wedi bod i Ynys Llanddwyn erioed?



Can you use the App Geiriaduron to translate these words from the story?

Tywysoges
Brenin
Coedwig
Diod
Duw