

# February Newsletter



**The weather has been atrocious during February, but we have not let Ciara and Dennis spoil the fun at Ysgol Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant.**



At the beginning of the month we celebrated '**Dydd Miwsig Cymru**' by holding an afternoon of fun activities to celebrate Welsh music. The Criw Cymraeg organised three activities; Welsh yoga, a Welsh music quiz and a Minecraft task, building a stage to perform Welsh music on which all of the pupils took part in. Our Siarter Iaith Governor Mr Phillip Roberts kindly came in to join us for the afternoon.

On 11<sup>th</sup> February, pupils took part in **Safer Internet** activities. Pupils learnt about different ways of staying safe whilst online such as thinking 'SMART', taking part in group thinking activities and Skyping another school to see what they do to stay safe online. The school will soon be sending out more information for parents about how to keep their children safe online. In the meantime, this website is very useful, please take a look - <https://hwb.gov.wales/zones/online-safety/parents-and-carers/>

We once again entered the **Urdd Dance Eisteddfod** at Llanfyllin. This year we had some very enthusiastic pupils who wanted to take part in the disco category. A huge well done to all of those pupils who did the disco dancing, no one got through to the next round but they all came up with their own dances and practised really hard for weeks during lunchtimes. Congratulations to the creative dance group though we won their category and will now represent the school and the area at the County Urdd Eisteddfod on 24<sup>th</sup> March at Theatre Hafren.



All pupils in years 5 and 6 took part in **indoor athletics** at Llanfyllin High School on the last day before half term. They all had fun taking part in a decathlon of events such as long jump, speed bounce and throwing.



It was my pleasure to take such a well-behaved group of pupils to **Llangrannog** last week. All year 5 and 6 pupils from class had a wonderful time taking part in activities such as go-karting, wall climbing, skiing, quad biking, trampolining and archery. They mixed really well with the pupils from other schools and were a credit to you all throughout the trip, including a long journey down to the centre on the Monday!

This year, for the first time we decided to have a whole day to complete **artwork** for the Urdd Eisteddfod. Pupils worked brilliantly both in groups to complete 3D models and collages as well as individually to create sketches and graphic designs using ICT. The artwork will be judged on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March and the winners will be displayed at Llanfyllin High School on the day of the Urdd Eisteddfod on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**Dosbarth Miss Watkins** have been creating thermometers using micro:bits to compare temperatures around the school. They have also been busy using ICT in a number of other ways too. They Skyped a museum in Yellowstone, USA to learn more about how animals adapt to live in different environments. They also decided to throw a party at the end of term and kindly invited Cylch Meithrin and KS2 along using micro:bit invitations and forms to take orders for food and drink.



**Dosbarth Mrs Evans** have continued their work on New Zealand. They have been using coordinates to find different geographical features and they have been dressing up as Maoris and recreating the Haka. They have also recreated Maori artwork and have created methods of transport to get there using science and technology.

**Dosbarth Mrs Turner** have been writing stories based upon their work about islands. They have also written shape poems using Islands as a stimulus. In Science, they have created a 'rap' about photosynthesis in order to gain a better understanding of the process. As well as Mr Richards' class, they have been studying which liquids help plants to grow and which materials plants will grow in.

**Dosbarth Mr Richards** have also been writing stories and poems using Islands as the theme. The poems from both classes will be used for the School Eisteddfod on 10<sup>th</sup> March. In science, they have been using Minecraft to learn more about pollination, using their new found knowledge to create gardens that attract pollinators.

On **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be holding our annual **School Eisteddfod** to celebrate St David's Day which is on the 1st March, but in the school holidays this year. On the day of the Eisteddfod, all children will take part in at least one event from the following list; reciting, singing, artwork (both key stages), instrumental, disco dancing and writing (KS2 only). The children will be competing for points for their house team. Your child has been placed in either **Berwyn**, **Rhaeadr** or **Tanat** and we encourage your child to wear their team colour on the day. The winning house receives the house cup. Please check with your class teacher about houses.

I trust you all had a lovely half term break. The rest of this term in the lead up to Easter will be another busy but exciting one. Please remember that there is a **PTA meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm to discuss future events and spending. The **PTA Bingo is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**, the day we break up before Easter.

Regards



Mr Jonathan Richards

<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day Cross Country @ Welshpool 4pm	<b>Notices</b>  <b>Clubs this half term:</b>  Mon – Creative Dance until 4.15pm Wed – Adran/Urdd until 4.30pm  Please contact us with any queries on 01691 780352 or at office@llanrhaeadr.powys.sch.uk
<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Wales Ladies v Estonia @ Wrexham 5pm	
<b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School Eisteddfod PTA Meeting 7pm	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	WASPS Swimming Gala @ Welshpool 9.30am	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Cross Country @ Llanfyllin 4pm	
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Sport Relief	
<b>14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Urdd Eisteddfod @ Llanfyllin	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Cross Country @ Llanfair Caereinion 4pm	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	School Nurse – Reception Measurements	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	WASPS 4 Area Gala @ Welshpool 9.30am Urdd County Dance Final @ Newtown	
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	WASPS Cross Country @ Welshpool 9.15am	
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Urdd County Eisteddfod @ Newtown	
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent's Evening	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	PTA Easter Bingo @ School	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holidays	
<b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Non-Pupil Day	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Back to School	

