

"Look for something positive each day,

even if some days you have to look a little harder"

Well, January hasn't quite been what we had hoped for, but it has once again highlighted how fantastic our pupils, families and staff are.



The pandemic has thrown many challenges our way, and even though we have been in a similar situation before, there are more challenges this time around to which everyone has responded to so well.

More parents are having to work or work from home this time around which makes online learning difficult. To add to that, we are expected to provide a more regular and robust way of online learning which means the pupils must be engaged for longer or supported for longer. This is important of course, in order for the pupils to maintain their learning, however, it puts a huge strain on families, so can I thank you for your efforts, we really appreciate your hard work.

We hope that our way of doing online learning has been helpful. From the beginning, we were clear that we did not want pupils in front of the screen from 9am until 3pm and so opted for one session in the morning for each class and one in the afternoon for key stage 2. This allows plenty of time in between to complete school tasks but it also allows flexibility for families. I have received plenty of feedback which has helped to keep us smiling but to also help streamline and improve. The recent attendance and engagement has been excellent, and I believe we now have a really good blend, which works well for all.



At the time of writing this newsletter, I am unsure as to what school will be like after half term. However, I am confident that we have a good model in place, to continue online if needed. I am equally confident that we will be able to plan for any new restrictions or plans for return, because we have had to adapt so many times already. Throughout the pandemic the staff have been excellent, and I am very grateful for their hard work and flexibility again, during the past few weeks.



Cylchlythyr mis Ionawr

January Newsletter



It has been lovely to see the range of tasks that the pupils have been completing at home or in the Hub at school. The online lessons have been engaging and it has been lovely to hear and see the pupils on a regular basis either online through Teams or at the HUB. However, when this is all over, I won't miss the constant requests for microphones to be unmuted or to be turned off! However, some teachers might agree that the mute option would be useful in real life 😊

Before Christmas, we had a food bank collection for the centre at Welshpool which serves a large area. Thank you ever so much for your generous donations, over 10 boxes were taken to the Food Bank at Welshpool, who were very grateful for our contribution

We have rearranged the date for our Dragon Bags clothes collection. Bin bags will now be collected on Wednesday 21st April and proceeds made will go towards the PTA.

Towards the end of term, we will be in touch regarding parents' meetings. As I am sure you will understand, it isn't practical to arrange them for this term, but we will pick an appropriate time and let you know the details. In the meantime, if you have any concerns, please contact us.



We would really appreciate it if you could take a look at your ParentPay account. There is over £400 in debts owed for breakfast club, dinners and school uniform. If you have any issues regarding payments, please get in touch.

Thank you once again for your support this month; it has been much appreciated. We will see what February brings but, in the meantime, stay safe and look out for one another.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Richards

### Dates

- 09/02/2021 Safer Internet Day
- 12/02/2021 Non Pupil Day
- 15/02/2021 Half term
- 22/02/2021 'Back to School'
- 29/03/2021 Easter Holiday
- 21/04/2021 'Bags 4 Schools Collection'

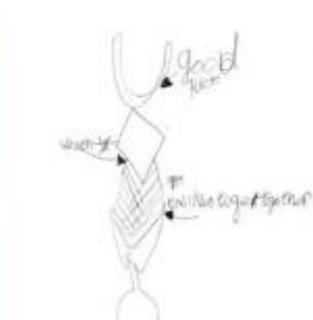
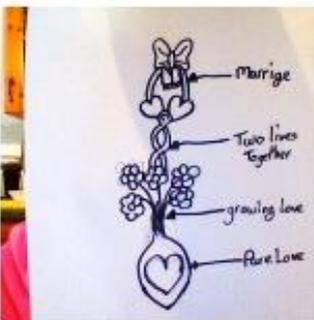
### Idiom of the Month

“ Amynedd piau hi ”  
(Patience wins the day)

On Santes Dwynwen's day, 25th January, each class did a number of home learning activities to celebrate the day and to recognise the famous Welsh saint. Please see a selection of images on the next page.



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