

LLANSANTFFRAID

Church in Wales Primary School

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Our School Value for this half term - Respect

15th September 2023

IMPORTANT Communication – Please ensure you have read last week's newsletter full of important messages and guidance so that they don't need to be repeated in this one. It's very pleasing to see that many of you have already registered to receive Seesaw updates to find out about your child's work and also to get messages and letters from Teachers. Codes went out last week. A reminder for the contact forms and permissions of new children to be returned so that we know we have all your details.

Due to the staff training INSET days on Monday, 18th and Tuesday, 19th for the whole of Llanfyllin cluster when no children are in schools, there will be no newsletter next week. Please note the dates are picked by the local authority not our school. The next newsletter will be issued Friday, 29th September.

Discovery Day — as ever to launch the new term topic, lots of hands on activities in classes with mixed ages in collaboration. The activities ranged from

- A dance quiz looking at traditional dances from around the world and their origin. Then focusing on one from the Philippines called Tinikling dancing with bamboo sticks Healthy Confident individuals
- The journey of the banana and the importance of free trade so that farmers get the prices they deserve Ethical Informed citizens
- Using a range of junk products, making a trophy to celebrate any success/achievement of their choice Enterprising Creative contributors
- Investigating our whole school motto *Mesen Ddyry Dderwen Great Oaks from Little Acorns Grow,* celebrating each and every individual child in our school on their journey growing from an ambitious acorn into a capable oak tree Ambitious Capable learners.

Bilingualism/Welsh Dimension — Urdd letters were issued on Seesaw last week with details about joining the national youth movement for Eisteddfod and sporting events.

Dydd Owain Glyndwr – 16th September annually marks the day to celebrate that this local medieval prince was declared Prince of Wales in the year 1400. His country residence of Sycharth by Llansilin is a motte and bailey castle site. Owain Glyndŵr remains one of the most heroic figures in Welsh history. His flag is popular in Wales and is flown, often side by side with Y Ddraig Goch. The day was celebrated in school with stories read and information shared about Glyndwr.



Sports Club – thank you to Miss Morris and Miss Davies for organising club over the next few weeks to prepare for Urdd football and netball.

Powys Schools Transformation – you will have been notified on Seesaw this week of the proposed changes to schools in the Llanfyllin cluster. We will keep you informed as we know more about the implications for Llansantffraid.

Ladybirds Latest

We are settling in nicely into the new term and this week have been doing work on colour recognition.

School Uniform – Thank you for adhering to our request to make our pupils look as smart as possible including our PE kits, avoiding peer pressure. May we make a gentle reminder that hair accessories need to be plain and simple and of a school uniform standard too. Jewellery is also not part of our uniform policy.

Community Links – we wish to say a huge thank to Louie's Nain, Betty Jones Gelli for donating the money from her annual plants stall to our school. We are very grateful and have listened to the pupil ideas shared for how to spend this money for the benefit of our children.

Also the next Community Bingo is advertised below.

Church Links – please note the poster below for the next Messy Church event.

Transition to Secondary – you will have seen in the newsletter dates that the admission round to secondary opens next week. Applications need to be made to Powys through their Powys Admissions site. We also copy below a link to Ysgol Llanfyllin's transition page for your information.

Transition Information - Ysgol Llanfyllin, Powys

REPEAT MESSAGE Admissions – As ever, could we ask that if you know of any future pupils for our school, to keep us informed of them.

Staff Development – we wish to congratulate Mrs Jo Davies who successfully completed her Welsh sabbatical in the summer term, ready to share her skills with her class and the whole school as we go for the Gold Award for Bilingualism.

Also congratulations to Mrs Debbie Roberts on receiving her Certificate in Dyslexia: Literacy, Support and Intervention from the British Dyslexia Association. Another hugely valuable skill for the pupils of our school.

We are very proud of them both.

REPEAT MESSAGE Payments and Economy- Payments for dinners, clubs, Ladybirds, are all through the Parentpay system. For anything else could all cash/cheques be placed in a labelled envelope and placed in the black box at the entrance. We encourage avoiding escalating debts and paying regularly for provision and meals. The Governing Body have agreed as per care provision in other schools and settings that fees need to be paid for Breakfast Club and After School Club in full by the following end of week at the latest otherwise we cannot provide spaces going forwards so that debts do not escalate. We make the plea as ever for outstanding debts to be paid urgently otherwise we cannot allow any further provision. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

Sport - Years 5 and 6 attended the Cobra Tag Rugby Festival this week. The three teams represented us well showing sportsmanship on the field.

Fundraising – Bags2School have been issued this week and need to be returned by 12th October. More bags are available.

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18th and 19th Staff INSET training days whole of Llanfyllin cluster of schools – no pupils in

18th Secondary School Admission Round for Powys Year 6 learners opens 25th Year 6 Lifeline Oswestry

OCT 6th Harvest Festival 12th Year 6 Open Evening – Ysgol Llanfyllin 26th Parents Evening 27th Finish for Half Term

NOV 6th Return to school

10th Closing date for application for Secondary School for current Year 6

DEC 1st Year 6 cycling 5th Theatre Severn Pantomime 14th Church Nativity Service 21st End of Term 22nd Staff INSET



