



## LLANSANTFFRAID

Church in Wales Primary School

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Our School Value for this half term – Perseverance

4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**School Values** – you will note from above our Value for this half term is Perseverance. This Value is represented by the Bible verse “Let us run with perseverance the race that is before us” Hebrews 12:1. At its root is the recognition that life is sometimes difficult and painful and that it is important not to give up in the face of adversity – love, mercy and faith remain forever to support us.

**Staffing** – we welcome Stacey Eels to work part-time in Dosbarth Mrs Roberts to boost our Staffing for the Recovery programme. We hope you enjoy your time here.

**New beginnings** – it was so lovely to get together this week as a whole school for Worship and activities. We know Covid hasn't gone altogether but it was time to aspire for normality. Should cases arise, our risk assessment would mean we can be fluid in our arrangements.

**Bilingualism** – the two KS2 classes enjoyed a Drama presentation all about the history of the Welsh language and the importance of pride and respect for our language and culture. The Welsh actor Llion Williams certainly entertained the children in a lively, informative manner with lots of props and costumes. We are using Welsh Government grants to provide many activities and purchase goods leading up to Easter at no charge to families.

The whole school celebrated ‘Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant’ in traditional and contemporary costumes and Welsh colours. Our termly ‘Prynhawn Cymraeg’ was full of linked activities and we also tied in with our special day of the month on ‘Cynefin’ (our local environment) and the Cwricwlwm Cymreig (study of Wales). Loads of hands on activities to enhance the learning.

**Attendance** – we are still having some families regularly arriving after 8.50 which is our school start time. We don't want children missing out on any crucial minutes of learning but it also causes disruption to the other class children too. Thank you.

### Ladybirds Latest

We listened to the story of Dewi Sant (St David) and celebrated the day through making beautiful daffodils.

**World Book Day** – lots of favourite books came in for discussion and amazing costumes for book characters. A range of activities took place in each class celebrating the joy of books. Each child has been issued with a book token which is valid to 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**Charity** - Thank you for your kind donations for Ukraine. We raised an amazing total of £305. It will be sent to the official Red Cross Ukraine appeal.

**A message from the Library service** - Please find details of a competition we are running to celebrate World Book Day. There is one for Pre-School & Foundation Phase children and one for Key Stage 2 children. I have attached a link for a recording of the story of The Queen's Knickers, just in case the children haven't heard it: <https://youtu.be/4IQ8e5PAHqw> The competition closing date is Friday 1 April. Entries will need to be emailed

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to [library@powys.gov.uk](mailto:library@powys.gov.uk) . There will be a prize for the best from pre-school, one from Foundation Phase and a prize for the best from KS2. Please ask the school for further details.

**Professional Learning and Community Links** – we welcome Rachel Chestnutt on her teaching placement with us until July with years 1 and 2. We hope she enjoys her time and learning here. The children always benefit from an extra member of Staff to support the learning.

**Finance Matters** – as we approach the end of the financial year, could we remind all families that debts for Breakfast Club, Ladybirds, School Meals and After School Club need to be paid off. Unfortunately debts don't just disappear but have to be cleared. We are always under pressure by Powys Local Authority as it is public money.

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APR 6<sup>th</sup> School Council Bingo 7<sup>th</sup> Finish for Easter 19<sup>th</sup> Primary Common Offer Date 26<sup>th</sup> Return to school!

MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> Bank Holiday 27<sup>th</sup> Finish for Half Term

JUN 6<sup>th</sup> Return to school 24<sup>th</sup> Pre-School Admission Round Closes

JUL 14<sup>th</sup> Finish for summer

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