



St. Helen's Catholic Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Santes Helen

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Gyda'n Gilydd Credwn + Chyflawnwn a Llwyddwn

Mrs Giernalczyk's Star: Isaac Clawson

Mrs Clawson's Star: Ava Overton

Morning Nursery Star:

Levi Debono

Afternoon Nursery Star:

Alyssa McCormack

Dosbarth Coch

Learner of the Week

Friend of the Week

Dosbarth Glas

Lucy Easton

Ivan Zoleta

Dosbarth Melyn

Gavin Shiju

Oliver Powell

Dosbarth Oren

Pennie Burnett

Ellie-May Haggard

Dosbarth Gwyrdd

Sofia Debono

Leighton Ferguson

Faye Gore

Emerson Parkes

Seren yr Wythnos

Darllenwr yr Wythnos



Seren Cymraeg

Dosbarth St. David's:

Theo Williams

Freya Harris

Charlie Warry

Dosbarth Tregaron:

Chloe Bates

Russell Gariando

Ffion Williams

Dosbarth Harlech:

Wiktorija Barczewska

Edward Phyfer

Joshua Earnest-Daniel

Dosbarth Efail Isaf:

Romero Roberts

Anupama Kottaram

Reuben Williams

Dosbarth Lampeter:

Alex de Claire

Olivia Jones

Megan Dobbinson

Dosbarth Ewenny:

Lacey Adams

Poppy Marshman

Tia Cohen

Dosbarth Narberth:

Rhys Aclan

Miriam Antony

Tobias Williams

Class Attendance for the week ending 19th January 2018

Dosbarth Coch	90.5%
Dosbarth Glas	95.8%
Dosbarth Melyn	96.4%
Dosbarth Oren	96.9%
Dosbarth Gwyrdd	97.3%
Dosbarth St. David's	100%
Dosbarth Tregaron	96.8%
Dosbarth Harlech	91.4%
Dosbarth Efail Isaf	97.9%
Dosbarth Lampeter	92.1%
Dosbarth Ewenny	96.8%
Dosbarth Narberth	96.3%



Key Stage 2 After School Clubs w/c 29th January 2018

Monday:	Lego Club
	Netball Training
Tuesday:	Circuit Training
Wednesday:	Football Fun with Owain
Thursday:	Chess Club
	Rugby Training
Friday:	Mathletics Club
	Football Training

School Clubs Timetable



Unless otherwise stated, after school clubs are held in school and finish at 4.30pm

As it is dark by 4.30pm, all children must be collected from clubs and will not be allowed to walk home unaccompanied.

Google Classroom Drop-in Session

2-4pm, Tuesday 30th January 2018

On Tuesday, we will be holding a Parent Drop-In Workshop for Google Classroom from 2pm until 4pm. We will have a Google Expert, along with our Digital Leaders on hand to answer any questions and guide you through the signing up process.



Using the Outdoors at KS2

We are currently looking to develop our use of the outdoors to enhance our pupil's learning. We would be very grateful if you could send in a pair of wellies which are pegged together and labelled with your child's name. Any donations of spare wellies would be gratefully received.



Congratulations to **Dosbarth Gwyrdd**, and **Dosbarth St. David's**! Ten minutes extra play for all of you!

Ymadrodd yr Wythnos / Phrase of the Week

Every week we will be focusing on a Welsh Phrase of the Week. Please encourage your child to use this phrase.

Dw i'n dda iawn diolch/fendegedig/ofnadwy

I am very well thank you/wonderful/terrible

Meithrin - Nursery

Derbyn - Reception

Blwyddyn - Year

Dosbarth - Class



Ministry of Environment & Sustainability

On Monday 29th January, our pupils will be participating in 'The Big Garden Birdwatch'. It is a nationwide survey to help the RSPB find out what wildlife is in trouble and what is thriving. You, as a family, can watch for an hour from 27th to 29th January. You can find out more about how to get involved at:

<https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/kids-and-schools/kids-at-school/schoolsbirdwatch/#biggardenbirdwatch>



Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

If you are in receipt of either Jobseekers Allowance, Income Based Income Support, Employment and Support Allowance income related or Guaranteed Pension Credit then you may very well be entitled to receive Free School Meals. Or, if you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit and your income is less than £16,190 per annum, you may also be entitled to claim Free School Meals. If you are in receipt of Working Tax Credits then you are not eligible. For more information, contact either Mrs Champ, Mrs Ford or Housing Benefits at the Vale of Glamorgan Council on 01446 700111.



Silver Awards

Just to let you know that as we are a Healthy School, aiming to progress through the Healthy School Award process, we will no longer be able to give 'unhealthy' rewards to the children.

The Health Ministry have decided on 'non-uniform' being a great alternative award for children who have received their Silver Award.

Your child will bring a note home from school once they have earned this award.

Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal

From next week, during the break-times at both sites, the Marie Curie daffodils will be on sale. Suggested donation of £1 per daffodil. All proceeds go towards this very worthy cause.



Save the Date

Free Fully Inclusive Family Fun Day

For families of children and young people with disabilities or additional needs

When : Friday 23rd February, 11am-3pm

Where : Ysgol Y Deri, Sully Road, Penarth CF64 2TP

- Take part in activities and workshops as a family
 - Find out about services and support
 - Share your views in the Consultation Café

This is a partnership event co-ordinated by Vale Family Information Service and Vale Sports and Play Development, funded by Welsh Governments Families First Grant.

For more information or to book a place for your family please contact Vale Family Information Service
01446 704704 / fis@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Mathletics

MATHLETICS

Please remember to encourage your children to complete their Mathletics activities and score 1000 points per week. Mathletics is a great way for all children to practise their skills and to hone the speed of their mental recall.

Homework Group

Remember - Parents are invited to join their child in the school hall on a Thursday from 3.35 to 4.30pm when devices are available for the children to start their homework. Please note, parents are expected to remain with and support the children with their home learning. This is not an after school club.

Staying to Homework Group will earn you one Time Credit.

Year 4/5 Educational Visit to the Egyptian Centre

This week, Year 4/5 have visited the Egyptian Centre in Swansea. We had a fantastic experience, dressing as Ancient Egyptians. We learnt about the role of food as offerings to Gods in the after life. The children thoroughly enjoyed mummifying the body!



Interesting Fact

The brain was thrown away as it was thought to be of no use in the after life

Volunteers Please

Can you spare an hour or two to help create storage for our wellies? Remember, you can earn Time Credits for volunteering.

Diary Dates

- 29/1: RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch
- 30/1: Year 6 Visit to Bletchley Park
- 30/1: Parent Workshop for Google Classroom @ 2pm
- 2/2: Fdn Phase: Candlemass
- 7/2: Lampeter Class Assembly @ 3pm
- 9/2: Year 3 Visit to St. Fagans
- 12/2: Yrs 5 & 6 'School of Rock' @ SRG
- 14/2: Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Helen's Church - 10am
- 19-23/2: Half Term
- 1/3: St. David's Day Mass @ St. Helen's Church - 10am
- 2/3: Eisteddfod
- 20/3: RE Lent Liturgy, 2pm @ St. Helen's Church
- 21/3: RE Lent Liturgy, 6pm @ St. Joseph's Church, Penarth
- 29/3: Last day of Spring Term
- 16/4: First day of Summer Term
- 25/4: Tregaron Class Assembly @ 3pm
- 2-9/5: National Testing Period
- 12/5: First Holy Communion @ St. Helen's Church
- 23/6: Catholic Athletics @ Leckwith Stadium
- 18-29/6: Year 4 Swimming Lessons @ Cardiff International Pool
- 25-29/6: Year 5 Residential Visit to Llangrannog
- 4/7: Year 6 Transition Day Visit to St. Richard Gwyn
- 2-12/7: Year 6 Cycle Training

