



# St. Helen's Catholic Primary School

## Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Santes Helen

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Friday 11th January 2019

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Gyda'n Gilydd Credwn + Chyflawnwn a Llwyddwn



**Blwyddyn Newydd Dda**  
Wishing all our families a very happy new year!  
May the blessings of the Lord be with you all



**Mrs Giernalczyk's Star:** Nanelia M

**Mrs Clawson's Star:** Megan D



**Morning Nursery Star:** Asher M

**Afternoon Nursery Star:** Violet D

|  | <b>Learner of the Week</b> | <b>Friend of the Week</b> | <b>Reader of the Week</b> | <b>Cymraeg of the Week</b> |
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|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Mrs Humphreys: | Isobel Z | Frankie H |            | Katie H  |
| Dosbarth Mr Thomas                 | Rose G   | Oliver P  | Ashna S    | Richie T |
| Dosbarth Miss O'Dare               | Alexis J | Lucy P    | Madeline V | Liara P  |
| Dosbarth Mrs McCallum              | Acacia T | Maia B    | Lellie J   | Zander R |

**Seren yr Wythnos**

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Dosbarth St. David's: | Logan M      |
| Dosbarth Tregaron:    | Leighton F   |
| Dosbarth Harlech:     | Sam W        |
| Dosbarth Efail Isaf:  | Jack O'C     |
| Dosbarth Lampeter:    | Emily B      |
| Dosbarth Ewenny:      | Joseph S     |
| Dosbarth Narberth:    | Libbie-Mai C |

**Darllenwr yr Wythnos**

|           |
|-----------|
| Stanley C |
| Noel V    |
| Imogen B  |
| Julia P   |
| Meliza A  |
| Mika T    |
| Bethan B  |

**Seren Cymraeg**

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| Faye G    |
| Emerson P |
| Kai C     |
| Che B     |
| Cole W    |
| Henley P  |
| Isaac C   |

**Class Attendance week ending 21st December 2018**

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Dosbarth Derbyn      | 89.7% |
| Dosbarth Melyn       | 94.8% |
| Dosbarth Oren        | 92.9% |
| Dosbarth Gwyrdd      | 95.2% |
| Dosbarth St. David's | 96.1% |
| Dosbarth Tregaron    | 93.9% |
| Dosbarth Harlech     | 93.6% |
| Dosbarth Efail Isaf  | 90.7% |
| Dosbarth Lampeter    | 94.8% |
| Dosbarth Ewenny      | 94.0% |
| Dosbarth Narberth    | 98.2% |



**KS2 After School Clubs**

The new after school clubs will commence on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019. All registers have now been completed so please do not return any further request slips. Your child will have received a note(s) confirming which clubs they have been allocated.

Please ensure your child is collected from clubs at 4.30pm promptly. Persistent lateness will unfortunately result in your child being unable to continue to attend. We will enforce this decision. Thank you for your support.

**Key Stage 2 After School Clubs w/c 14th January 2019**

|                  |                                    |
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| <b>Monday:</b>   | Lego Club (Years 3 to 6)           |
|                  | Basketball Training (Years 5 & 6)  |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>  | Gymnastics (Years 3 & 4)           |
|                  | Rugby (Years 4, 5 & 6)             |
|                  | Chess (Years 3 to 6)               |
| <b>Thursday:</b> | Volleyball (Years 5 & 6)           |
|                  | Mathletics (Years 3 to 6)          |
| <b>Friday:</b>   | Football Training (Years 4, 5 & 6) |



**Congratulations to Dosbarth Gwyrdd & Dosbarth Narberth**

**Ten minutes extra play for all of you!**

**Note for Parents**

Please note that teaching and support staff attend a meeting from 8.30 to 8.55am on the following mornings:

Key Stage 2: Thursday morning

Foundation Phase: Friday morning

The office is un-manned whilst these meetings are taking place.



*All of the above clubs run from 3.30pm-4.30pm and we ask that your child is collected from the school office promptly.*

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

## 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.

*Beth sy'n bod, (pupil name)? What is the matter, (pupil name)?*

*Mae (body part) tost gyda fi. I have a bad (body part).*



## 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.



## St Richard Gwyn Aspirations Café @ Key Stage 2

On Friday 18th January 2019 St Richard Gwyn Staff will be holding a Question and Answer session @ the KS2 site in the main hall 3:30-4:30pm. All parents/carers are welcome.

## Learning Changes @ Foundation Phase

We are continually reflecting on our practises and ways to improve our Teaching and Learning. As a result we are making amendments to our handwriting scheme. We will be using a cursive style with entry and exit strokes. Evidence shows that this aids spelling, encourages an easier transition to a joined handwriting and is obviously a lifelong skill. Please look out over the coming week for information regarding this on ways to help your child.

Starting next week in Foundation Phase, Meithrin, Blwyddyn Un and Dau (Nursery, Years 1 and 2) will be bringing home their Home Reader but instead it will be a library book of their choice, replacing the Oxford Reading Tree currently used. We are encouraging a love of reading and it would be both rewarding and invaluable if you could spend time with your child sharing this book. We still encourage you to aid your child with their reading progress and can do this via the keywords in the back of their diary in Blwyddyn Un and Dau. Regular daily practise of reading is proven to have a huge impact on pupil's attainment, knowledge and their love of literature.

Derbyn will continue where appropriate to use our levelled books to aid their emergent reading.

Key Stage Two will continue with current practises.

Diolch for your continued support. If you have any queries, please see your child's teacher in the first instance.

## A BIG Thank you to our Families Investing in St. Helen's (FISH)

Huge thank you to FISH and all our families who have supported fundraising events over the past few years..... Discos, Summer Fayres, sponsored events, non-uniform days, tuck shop etc .....

We are delighted to announce that all your support has enabled FISH to purchase extensive equipment for Nursery, refurbish our Outdoor Learning area in Foundation Phase and extend our IT provision in KS2 and Foundation Phase. All of these purchases will have such a positive impact on the quality of learning provision our children have.

Diolch pawb!



## Communication

**Please remember that our primary forms of communication are via the newsletter and Learning Diaries. It is therefore imperative that you read the newsletter and take time every evening to check your children's bags and diaries.** Our Twitter and Facebook feeds are tools which we use to celebrate the life of the school and to post reminders of information you should already know.

The weekly newsletter will always be 'pinned' to the top of the Facebook feed for ease of reference and on our school website which is now up and running, [www.sthelenscps.co.uk](http://www.sthelenscps.co.uk).

Alerts and reminders are sent via Schoop, a communication app for schools. If you need to activate Schoop, please contact the Office at either site who will provide you with an activation letter.



## Dosbarth Gwyrdd - Class Assembly

Dosbarth Gwyrdd would like to invite their families to their class assembly about Books on Thursday 24th January @ 2:30pm on the Foundation site. We look forward to seeing you.



## Dosbarth Oren & Gwyrdd -

### RNLI Penarth Lifeboat Memorable Experience **Lifeboats**

Dosbarth Oren and Gwyrdd will be visiting the RNLI Lifeboats in Penarth on Friday 18th January 2019. The cost of the experience is £4.00, please return the consent form and payment as soon as possible.



### Dosbarth Derbyn - New Theatre Memorable Experience

Dosbarth Derbyn will be attending the New Theatre on Friday 25th January 2019 to watch 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The cost of the experience is £16.00, please return the consent form and payment as soon as possible.



## Lampeter - Class Assembly

Lampeter would like to invite their families to their class assembly about Mission on Wednesday 23rd January @ 3pm on the KS2 site. We look forward to seeing you.



## Google Classroom

Thank you to parents who attended yesterday's drop-in sessions. We hope you feel more equipped to support your children with their use of Google Classroom.

If you were unable to attend but would like a copy of our help guide, please call to the KS2 office or request a copy via your child's Home School Diary.



## Empty 4pt Plastic Milk Carton Donations - Foundation Phase

Nursery Staff have kindly asked if you could send in any empty, **washed** 4pt milk cartons to school for their next project. Diolch



## Diary Dates

- 18/1: Dosbarth Oren & Gwyrdd RNLI, Penarth
- 18/1: SRG Aspirations Café @ KS2 3:30-4:30pm
- 23/1: Lampeter Class Assembly : Mission
- 24/1: Dosbarth Gwyrdd Class Assembly : Books
- 25/1: Dosbarth Derbyn (Reception) - New Theatre
- 11/2: Yr 4/5 Potions Workshop

- 13/2: Yr 4/5 Mad Science Workshop
- 20/2: Narberth Class Assembly: Unity

### 25/2-1/3: Half Term

- 6/3: Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Helen's Church - 10am
- 13/3: Harlech Class Assembly : Islam
- 15/3: Eisteddfod
- 28/3: Dosbarth Oren Class Assembly
- 15/4: Holy Week

### 15/4-26/4: Easter Holidays

- 29/4: First Day of Summer Term
- 6/5: Bank Holiday
- 7-14/5: National Testing Period

### 27/5-31/5: Half Term

- 17-28/6: Year 4 Swimming Lessons @ Cardiff International Pool
- 24-28/6: Year 5 Residential Visit to Llangrannog
- 19/7: Last Day of Summer Term

