



St. Helen's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 15th February 2019

Together We Believe + Achieve and Succeed

Gyda'n Gilydd Credwn + Chyflawnwn a Llwyddwn

Mrs Clawson's Star: Ieuan M



Morning Nursery Star: Jaxon R

Afternoon Nursery Star: Violet D

	Learner of the Week	Friend of the Week	Reader of the Week	Cymraeg of the Week
Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Mrs Humphreys:	Maya L	Katie H		Lois W-J
Dosbarth Mr Thomas	Joey S	Luke D	Isabelle T	Mollie-Mae W
Dosbarth Miss O'Dare	Zara P	Aneira W	Esmee-Jay J-B	Lucy P
Dosbarth Mrs McCallum	Madilyn H	Lellie J	Gracie-Mae C	Hannah A
	Seren yr Wythnos	Darllenwr yr Wythnos	Seren Cymraeg	
Dosbarth St. David's:	Giacomo F	Charlie S	Riley D	
Dosbarth Tregaron:	Summer H	Ruby-Mae	Colton	
Dosbarth Harlech:	Edward P	Zofia W	Owen H	
Dosbarth Efail Isaf:	Steen G	Alecsi B-T	Ruby J	
Dosbarth Lampeter:	Holly G	Ffion W	Wyatt F	
Dosbarth Ewenny:	Hollie V	Niya V	Jack H	
Dosbarth Narberth:	Joel R	Isaac C	Bethan B	

Class Attendance week ending 8th February 2019

Dosbarth Derbyn	94.5%
Dosbarth Melyn	95.2%
Dosbarth Oren	96.5%
Dosbarth Gwyrdd	96.4%
Dosbarth St. David's	98.3%
Dosbarth Tregaron	98.3%
Dosbarth Harlech	96.1%
Dosbarth Efail Isaf	88.4%
Dosbarth Lampeter	97.4%
Dosbarth Ewenny	92.5%
Dosbarth Narberth	98.6%



Congratulations to **Dosbarth Oren** & **Dosbarth Narberth**

Ten minutes extra play for all of you!

Ground Force Week

Huge thanks to our small band of parents & grandparents who have supported our Ground Force Week, we are delighted with the transformation that has taken place. Many Thanks for the donations of equipment, resources and money that has helped us on our way to producing Outdoor Areas in Nursery & FPh which complement the requirements of the New Curriculum.

Please consider donating resources that could be re-used/recycled at anytime, we will gratefully receive & store them ready for a time when the areas need to be replenished.

Special thanks to Mrs Morgan & Mrs McCallum for leading the project.

ECO School Wales Platinum Award

We are delighted to announce that we have successfully renewed our Platinum Award. Congratulations to everyone but particularly our Ministry of Environment and Sustainability, led by Mr Moruzzi & last year by Mrs McCallum.



Key Stage 2 After School Clubs w/c 18th February 2019

Monday:	Lego Club (Years 3 to 6)	
	Basketball Training (Years 5 & 6)	
Tuesday:	Gymnastics (Years 3 & 4)	School Clubs Timetable
	Rugby (Years 4,5 & 6)	
	Chess (Years 3 to 6)	
Thursday:	Volleyball (Years 5 & 6)	
	Mathletics (Years 3 to 6)	
Friday:	Football Training (Years 4, 5 & 6)	

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

INSET Days in September 2019

2nd, 3rd and 4th September will be INSET Days.

The pupils will start back to school on Thursday 5th September.



Non-Uniform Day- Friday 22nd February 2019

Non-Uniform (Last Friday of the month)

Both sites (Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2)

£1 donation.



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.

Pa liw ydy'r bwrdd? Which colour is the table?

Glas/Coch/Melyn/Gwyrdd.- Blue/Red/Yellow/Green.



Applications for Nursery

Nursery applications for Admission in September 2019 are now open. If your child is 3 years old between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, please call into the office at either site for an application form and return to the school by 22nd March at the very latest.

Parents will be notified of application to Nursery on 25th May 2019.

Parents applying for admission for a Reception place will be notified by the 16th April 2019.

Payments for School Meals

In February 2017, in consultation with Vale Catering Services, our School adopted a strict NO DEBT policy relating to its school meal provision. Debts incurred for School Meals are ultimately paid for from the School Budget which means that money which should be spent on the children's education is used to pay for debts incurred by parents.

No parent would take their child to McDonalds and expect them to be given food without paying; the same applies at school. We regularly provide information to parents regarding applying for Free School Meals. If you feel that you may be entitled, we recommend you complete an application form.

May we remind parents that all school meals are to be paid for IN ADVANCE using Parentpay. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that enough credit is available on their child's Parentpay account BEFORE their child orders a meal.

The majority of our parents are fantastic at ensuring that there is enough credit available but unfortunately there are still a few parents who repeatedly allow their child's Parentpay Account to go into debit. Mrs Champ and Mrs Jones always keep parents informed and messages are sent home as soon as your account goes into debit. We ask that when this happens, the debt is cleared immediately and enough credit is added to cover the meals which your child will be ordering for the coming days.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Fairtrade

Next week is Fairtrade week, the focus this year is Cocoa. So many farmers rely on growing this much-loved product for their livelihood- and too many still live below the poverty line.

We are asking all children to bring in a Fairtrade wrapper (from any Fairtrade product) to be used in a class poster competition.

Children will be completing activities in class throughout the week and Fairtrade snacks will be available at break times each day (50p will be enough).

Big Battery Hunt

Pupil should have brought home boxes this week as part of the Big Battery Hunt.

Please collect as many old batteries as possible in the box which will be recycled.

For more information see: <https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/bigbatteryhunt/>

The boxes are due back by Friday 3rd May.

VALE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE (FIS)

The School works in partnership with the Vale Information Service.

FIS Drop In Information Cafe

Our colleagues from FIS will be holding a drop in session after school at the following sites. Please take this opportunity to talk to the FIS team who will be there to offer advice and support on all things to do with children and families.

15th Feb - KS2 Site - Hall 3.30 - 4.30.



Parent Pupil Progress Meetings

A reminder that Pupil Progress Meetings are taking place 18th & 20th March @ KS2 and 19th & 21st March @ FPh.

If you have a difficulty booking the appointment please see Mrs Jones at FPh or Mrs Champ at the KS2 site who will be happy to book on your behalf.

It is essential that you attend this appointment with your child's teacher.

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 or Housing Benefits at the Vale of Glamorgan Council on 01446 700111.

The School benefits from additional funding in the form of a development grant to run additional interventions for our pupils.



Diary Dates

- 20/2: Dosbarth Melyn RNLI Trip.
- 20/2: Narberth Class Assembly: Unity
- 21/2: Yr6 - Ice Skating @ Ice Arena Wales
- 22/2: Narberth: Mass @ St Helen's Church, 9:30am
- 22/2: Non-Uniform Day - £1 Donation

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
- 18/3: KS2 Parent Pupil Progress Meeting
- 19/3: FPh Parent Pupil Progress Meeting
- 20/3: KS2 Parent Pupil Progress Meeting
- 21/3: FPh Parent Pupil Progress Meeting
- 21/3: Yr6 SRG Activity Day
- 25/3: Yr6 Glamorgan Cricket Stadium Tour
- 28/3: Dosbarth Oren Class Assembly: Mother's Day
- 29/3: Non-Uniform Day - £1 Donation
- 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
- 14/5: May Day Procession @ Foundation Phase 2-3pm
- 22/5: Tregaron Class Assembly: Energy
- 24/5: Non-Uniform Day - £1 Donation

27/5-31/5: Half Term

- 6/6: Dosbarth Melyn Class Assembly: Pentecost
- 17-28/6: Year 4 Swimming Lessons @ Cardiff International Pool
- 24-28/6: Year 5 Residential Visit to Llangrannog
- 28/6: Non-Uniform Day - £1 Donation

19/7: Last Day of Summer Term

2-4/9: INSET DAYS

5/9: First Day of Autumn Term 2019-2020

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

