



St. Helen's Catholic Primary School

Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Santes Helen

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Friday 22nd February 2019

Together We Believe + Achieve and Succeed

Gyda'n Gilydd Credwn + Chyflawnwn a Llwyddwn

Mrs Giernalczyk's Star: Jace D.

Mrs Clawson's Star: Jordan D.



Morning Nursery Star: Lexi J

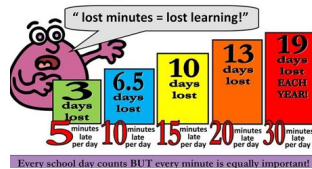
Afternoon Nursery Star: Dylan W

Learner of the Week Friend of the Week Reader of the Week Cymraeg of the Week

Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Mrs Humphreys:	Levi D	Richard B		Jay L
Dosbarth Mr Thomas	Oliver P	Bobby H	Lucy E	Henry S
Dosbarth Miss O'Dare	Esmee-Jay JB	Thomas W	Jude M	Zachary A
Dosbarth Mrs McCallum	Piotr S	Olaf S	Gracie-Mae C	Jake P
	Seren yr Wythnos		Darllenwr yr Wythnos	Seren Cymraeg
Dosbarth St. David's:	Eva T	Emilia S		Elizabeth B
Dosbarth Tregaron:	Lois D	Alfie T		Elliott W
Dosbarth Harlech:	Thomas H	Danica R		Poppy A
Dosbarth Efail Isaf:	Sammy R	Dimitri S		Alfie L
Dosbarth Lampeter:	Sholah H	Talaie D		Marta S
Dosbarth Eweny:	Jack H	Romero R		Ieuan M
Dosbarth Narberth:	Evie WJ	Katja H		Andrea S

Class Attendance week ending 15th February 2019

Dosbarth Derbyn	95.5%
Dosbarth Melyn	97.4%
Dosbarth Oren	90.4%
Dosbarth Gwyrdd	99.2%
Dosbarth St. David's	100%
Dosbarth Tregaron	93.9%
Dosbarth Harlech	96.8%
Dosbarth Efail Isaf	92.7%
Dosbarth Lampeter	98.1%
Dosbarth Eweny	99.5%
Dosbarth Narberth	100%



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

Key Stage 2 After School Clubs w/c 4th March 2019

Monday:	Lego Club (Years 3 to 6)
	Basketball Training (Years 5 & 6)
Tuesday:	Gymnastics (Years 3 & 4)
	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)

School Clubs Timetable



Our Half Term Virtues: Eloquent and Truthful

As part of the St. Helen's Pupil Profile, we have been looking at the virtues of being Eloquent and Truthful and have tried to demonstrate these values both at home and at school. The following children have been chosen who have stood out as really trying to be Eloquent and Truthful towards others throughout this half term:

Nursery:	Finlay H and Mia C
Derbyn:	Indie-Rose C and Abbie Prosser
Melyn:	Richie T and Olivia K
Oren:	Harry W-D and Alexis J
Gwyrdd:	Acacia T and Aiden M
St. David's:	Charlie S and Jacob P
Tregaron:	Eva G and Tierra J
Harlech:	Wiktorija B and Daniel D
Efail Isaf:	Lucas E and Sofia F
Lampeter:	Holly G and Freya H
Eweny:	Ella E and Isaac T
Narberth:	Elle E and Ieuan D



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.



Dates for National Testing

Tuesday 7th May to Tuesday 14th May 2019

Please ensure full attendance for this testing period



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.

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 wyt ti'n hoffi? Which colour do you like?

Dw in hoffi gwyn/dul/pinc - I like white/black/pink

Dw i ddim yn hoffi glas/coch/melyn/gwyrdd/porffor.-

I don't like blue/red/yellow/green/purple.



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. 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



Book Week: 4th to 8th March 2018

We will be celebrating Book Week from Monday 4th to Friday 8th March. It will be a very busy week with lots of activities taking place.

On **Thursday 7th March**, we ask you to help celebrate World Book Day by dressing your child as a character from their favourite book, an author or illustrator etc.

There will be prizes for the best dressed from each class.

Big Battery Hunt

Pupil in 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.



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.



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

25/2-1/3: Half Term

6/3: Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Helen's Church - 10am

7/3: World Book Day

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: World Down Syndrome Day

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**



Outdoor Learning

Donations of wellies and wet weather gear / old coats - for children to use in the outdoor learning area. Some children have their own wellies in school which they can use. If you have any objections to other children sharing your wellies please let your class teacher know.



Eisteddfod - 15th March 2019

Pupils should have brought home a letter yesterday concerning the Home Learning tasks for our Eisteddfod celebrations.

Friday 15th March - Foundation Phase pupils can wear their Welsh National costumes or their Home Country National costume. KS2 can wear Welsh/Home Country National costumes or house colours on this day when we celebrate St. David's day.



Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant

Eisteddfod Competitions 2019

Pupils are encouraged to enter as many of their Year Group Competitions as able, and return to school on Monday 11th March (due to storage), in readiness for our Eisteddfod on Friday 15th March (wear your Red Noses to support Comic Relief) This is due to Saint David's day falling during half term and the beginning of Lent.

KS2 Pupils will be awarded 1 house point for each entry and points will be awarded for First, Second, Third and Highly Commended.

Foundation Phase pupils will all receive an entry certificate.

Any questions please feel free to see your child's class teacher.

<u>Foundation Phase</u>	<u>Meithrin</u>	<u>Derbyn</u>	<u>Blwyddyn 1</u>	<u>Blwyddyn 2</u>
Home Learning Project	Draw a picture of themselves 'Pwy wyt ti?' _____ ydw i.	Create a Colour Book 'Pa liw...?'	To create a Weather Book 'Sut mae'r tywydd heddiw?'	To create a book about likes 'Beth wyt ti'n hof-fi?'
All pupils are encouraged to write and enter the 'awdl' - long poem competition. The poem should reflect the title 'Belonging to Wales'. One poem will win and the pupil crowned 'Y Prifardd' – The Chief Bard. Presentation and decoration will also be taken into consideration.				
If any Foundation Phase pupil plays an instrument and would like to perform a Musical Recital during our celebrations please let Mrs.				

<u>Key Stage Two</u>	<u>Blwyddyn 3</u>	<u>Blwyddyn 4</u>	<u>Blwyddyn 5</u>	<u>Blwyddyn 6</u>
DT Create a model using recycled materials.	Love Spoon	Cardiff Castle (No larger than A4 base)	Cardiff Castle (No larger than A4 base)	Harp
Art Any medium except computer generated to create.	Barry Island	Cardiff Bay	Cardiff Bay	Welsh Monument
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Auditions will be held on Thursday 7th March for KS2 pupils who wish to perform a Musical Recital; this should be based where possible around a Welsh theme. Entries will receive a House Point. One from each Year Grwp will be chosen to perform on the Eisteddfod afternoon.				

Defibuary

Our fundraising towards our defibrillators is well under way and to date we have raised a massive

£1220.70!

Our FiSH have kindly agreed that the proceeds from this week's non-uniform day will go towards the fund in the hope that it will push us over the finish line and enable us to purchase our first defibrillator! We ask for the usual £1 donation but if you are able to give a little more, we would be so grateful. All money raised will go towards this lifesaving piece of equipment!

