



St. Helen's Catholic Primary School

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Gyda'n Gilydd Credwn + Chyflawnwn a Llwyddwn

Friday 15th March 2019

Mrs Giernalczyk's Star: Rose G



Morning Nursery Star: Seren W
Afternoon Nursery Star: Sofia S

	Learner of the Week	Friend of the Week	Reader of the Week	Cymraeg of the Week
Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Mrs Humphreys:	Katie H	Maisie T		Isabel Z
Dosbarth Mr Thomas	Isabelle-Rose T	Annmaria S	Solomon B	Daisy D
Dosbarth Miss O'Dare	Alexis J	Liara P	Leah D	Macy T
Dosbarth Mrs McCallum	Eloise V	Acacia T	Madilyn H	Lellie J

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.



World Down Syndrome Day

Next Wednesday is World Down Syndrome Day and everyone is invited to wear odd socks to school.

Let's get people talking about WDS on Thursday 21st March 2019! How? By wearing [#LotsOfSocks](#) [#WDS18](#)



Class Attendance week ending 8th March 2019

Dosbarth Derbyn	97.4%
Dosbarth Melyn	95.7%
Dosbarth Oren	90.9%
Dosbarth Gwyrdd	93.2%
Dosbarth St. David's	98.7%
Dosbarth Tregaron	98.3%
Dosbarth Harlech	94.8%
Dosbarth Efail Isaf	96.8%
Dosbarth Lampeter	99.7%
Dosbarth Ewenny	83.0%
Dosbarth Narberth	99.1%



Key Stage 2 After School Clubs w/c 18th March

School Clubs Timetable

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

Congratulations to Dosbarth Derbyn & Dosbarth Lampeter.
Ten minutes extra play for all of you!

Dates for National Testing

Tuesday 7th May to Tuesday 14th May 2019

Please ensure full attendance for this testing period.



INSET Days

5th July 2019

2nd, 3rd and 4th September 2019



Holy Communion Offer

Ruckley's have kindly offered St. Helen's pupils 10% off Holy Communion Attire.



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.

Dosbarth Gwyrdd Parent Progress Meeting : Rescheduled

Unfortunately, due to Mrs McCallum's current absence from school, next week's Parent Consultation meetings will need to be rescheduled for the following week.

These will be held on 25th, 27th and 28th March.

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.

Sut mae'r tywydd heddiw? How's the weather today?
Mae hi'n poeth ac yn heulog- It is hot and sunny.



Eisteddfod

This week, we held our St. David's Day celebrations. We would like to say a 'diolch mawr' for your continued support. The pupils looked 'gwyb' in their Welsh costumes! The Home Learning competitions were very well supported by pupils of all ages.

The children enjoyed Welsh music with many activities and performances. The celebrations and activities across the whole school on both sites were completed with enthusiasm, perseverance and commitment.

Look out for our final scores and winners in next weeks newsletter!

Llongyfarchiadau to all pupils



School Meal Price Increase

With effect from 1st April 2019, the price of a school meal will increase to £2.30 per day. Changes to Parentpay will be automatic.



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.

Annual STEM Day 20th March 2019



To celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths the children will be taking part in lots of fun and engaging investigations. Like previous years we would like the pupils to dress up- as scientists(a white shirt will do), a nurse/ doctor or a builder , any profession that involves STEM . There will be a poster competition that the teachers will send home to the children and prizes will be awarded to a winner each class!

FiSH Easter Egg and Cake Sale

In order to raise money for much needed equipment to aid the education and environment of the school FiSH are asking for donations of Easter eggs and cakes (no fresh cream).

Can donations be handed in to the class teacher by April 10th.

Easter egg and cake sale will take place on Friday April 12th (place and time to be confirmed).

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

FiSH Mothers' Day Raffle



In aid of the School/Community defibrillator appeal.

£1 a ticket

To be in with a chance of winning a beautiful bouquet of flowers (one bouquet on each site) please send your money in a sealed envelope marked clearly with 'Mothers Day Raffle', child's name and class by Wednesday 20th March. Draw will take place on Friday March 22nd.

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.

Year 6 Transition Visit to St Richard Gwyn

Year 6 enjoyed a visit to SRG yesterday; a guided tour with Mrs Burnett, lessons with their class teachers, a run around in The Barn and lunch in The Street. Everyone is looking forward to their Activity Day next Thursday 21st March, don't forget a packed lunch or money for the canteen.



Diary Dates

- 18/3: KS2 Parent Pupil Progress Meeting
- 19/3: FPh Parent Pupil Progress Meeting (Not Gwyrd)
- 20/3: KS2 Parent Pupil Progress Meeting
- 20/3: Harlech Class Assembly : Islam
- 21/3: FPh Parent Pupil Progress Meeting (Not Gwyrd)
- 21/3: World Down Syndrome Day
- 21/3: Yr6 SRG Activity Day
- 22/3: Lampeter Mass @ St. Helen's Church 9:30am
- 25/3: Yr6 Glamorgan Cricket Stadium Tour
- 25,27 & 28: Dosbarth Gwyrd Parent Progress Meeting
- 27/3: Yr 6 Techniquet Visit
- 28/3: Dosbarth Oren Class Assembly: Mother's Day
- 29/3: Non-Uniform Day - £1 Donation
- 29/3: Harlech Mass @ St. Helen's Church 9:30am
- 29/3: Yr 5&6 RAF Science Day
- 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

5/7: INSET DAY

1-12/7: Year 6 Cycle Training

19/7: Last Day of Summer Term

2-4/9: INSET DAYS

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

Presbytery Car Park

Please do not park in the Presbytery car park, this is not for use by parents when dropping off and collecting your child.



Don't forget Parents' Evening!