



# Clonc Clydau



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Ysgol Gynradd Clydau

Autumn Term 2018

## Cyngor Cymreictod

To further promote welsh inside and outside of school pupils were elected to the Cyngor Cymreictod. The aim of the council is to work towards achieving the Welsh Charter Silver Award. Following completion of pupil questionnaires at the beginning of term, the objectives for the year are for pupils to speak welsh on the yard while playing games and listening to welsh music. The following pupils were elected to the council:- Cian Lewis and Elliott Bailey-Williams (Chairperson), Awen Lewis (Secretary), Dafydd Davies (Vice Secretary), Ffion Bowen, Alana James, Amy Beynon, Elisha Young and Dara Adamson. Their role is to ensure we celebrate welsh events and people; to ensure pupils speak welsh and nominate the Welsh Speaker of the Week. To celebrate Diwrnod Shwmae, pupils were asked to dress as a famous welsh person.

On Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Cian Lewis, Jasmine Harris, Awen Lewis and Dafydd Davies attended a Welsh Promoting Day at Haverfordwest which was an opportunity to hear about the Siarter Iaith, share ideas with other schools and organise activities that meet the requirements of the silver Award.



Cyngor Cymreictod Members



County Welsh Promoting Day

## School Council

### **Who's on the School Council?**

11 pupils have been elected to the school council. Jasmine Harris is the Chairperson with Haydn Ditcher as Vice Chairman, Secretary Mitchell Sherwood and Illustrator Chloe Drewett. Mae Dyfan Ifans-Lloyd, Henri Owen, Gwenno Francis, Lilly Robertson-Williams, Ethan Williams, Cadi Howell and Ripley Circus will aid the council with all work carried out during the year.

The School Council decided that everyone should wear their own clothes on Children in Need day and hold various competitions. £134.15 was raised towards the cause.



School Council 2018/19



Diwrnod Shwmae



Children in Need Day

### Police Visit

On Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> PCSO Alex Mason visited the school to talk with the pupils about Trick or Treating and Fireworks.

### School App

In order for parents to receive school news and information about events please use the app. To receive the information; download the ourschoolsapp from your app store and browse for Ysgol Clydau using the postcode SA35 OBE.

### Lunch Money

Following the Christmas holidays, it will not be possible to pay for school dinners by using cash. You will have to use the cashless system. If you require further information, please contact the school.



### Toast Money

We kindly ask parents to put their child's toast money in a wallet or a purse to ensure no money is misplaced.

## Urdd Column

During the term the children competed in a 7 a side football tournament, which took place at Tegryn football field with the children competing against several schools. The team members were Cian Lewis, Elliott Bailey-Williams, Haydn Ditcher, Luke Smith, Callum Chambers, Mitchell Sherwood, Charlie Jackson, Dafydd Davies, Dafydd Owen and Awen Lewis. Congratulations to the team for achieving fourth place out of six teams.



Urdd Football Team



Adran Quiz Team

Children in Years 3-6 took part in the Jambori at Theatr y Gromlech, Ysgol y Preseli on Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This year the Adran participated in the annual quiz, which took place at Pentre Ifan. Cian Lewis, Awen Lewis, Dafydd Davies and Dyfan Ifans-Lloyd competed. Congratulations in achieving third place out of twelve teams.

7 pupils took part in the Sul yr Urdd Service which took place at Capel Blaenffos on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>. Cian Lewis, Awen Lewis, Dafydd Davies, Dyfan Ifans-Lloyd, Gwenno Francis, Cadi Howell and Cerys Davies recited during the service.

A number of children participated in the Urdd Carol Service at Blaenffos Chapel on Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Cian Lewis, Dafydd Davies, Awen Lewis, Alana James, Gwenno Francis, Jasmine Webster, Lilly Robertson-Williams, Cadi Howell, Cerys Davies, Cerys Watkins and Ryan Watkins for attending the event.



Urdd Carol Service Participants



Sul yr Urdd Participants

During the term Adran has been held on a Tuesday evening with activities varying from ICT Evening, Bingo and games. The Adran will recommence on Tuesday January 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Urdd Indoor Sports will take place on Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup> at Crymych Leisure Centre at 12:30pm.

During the Christmas holidays, you may want to start thinking about the Urdd's Art and Crafts Competition based around the theme of Hustle and Bustle. There are further suggestions on their website at [www.urdd.org](http://www.urdd.org).

The Eisteddfod Cylch will be held at Theatr y Gromlech, Crymych on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> with the County Eisteddfod on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> at Ysgol Bro Gwaun, Fishguard.

Early Notice - Children in Years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to visit the Cardiff Bay Urdd Centre in June or July. . The visit will cost £180 per pupil and further information will be given out following the Christmas holidays.



## Ysgol Clydau PTA News

Ysgol Clydau PTA Annual General Meeting took place on Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup>. The majority of the committee were willing to continue for another year, they are: - Debbie Wise, Chairperson, Ruth Smith, Vice Chairperson and Mrs Georgina Davies, Treasurer.

The annual Christmas Bingo took place on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. A profit of £550 was made. The lucky winners on the evening were:-

Game 1 - Line - Callum Chambers House- Ruth Smith	Game 2 - Line - Nans Phillips House-Hannah Bellingham	Game 3 - Line - Jasmine Webster House- Helena Chambers
Game 4 - Line -Jess Ogden House- Catherine Watkins	Game 5 - Line -Hannah Saunders House- Caroline	Children's Game - Line -Amy Beynon House- Katherine Young
Main Game (Flyer) - Line - Elliott Bailey-Williams House- Rhodri Lewis		

On Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> several pupils went around the surrounding villages visiting homes whilst singing carols. On the previous evening, they sang carols around Tegryn with £375 being raised between both events.

If you shop online please help raise funds for Ysgol Clydau PTA through [Easyfundraising.org.uk](http://Easyfundraising.org.uk) which is a shopping directory that lists some of your favourite online stores, including Argos, Next, Amazon and Debenhams. All you need to do is register for free at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) with Ysgol Clydau School PTA as your chosen charity/organisation and use easyfundraising every time you shop online.

**The next meeting will take place on Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup>. A warm welcome is extended to all.**

### Present Miss! Present Sir!

As a school, we are continuing to look at Pupil Attendance. Once again, this term, certificates were presented to every child who gained an attendance percentage of 98% or more up to Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup>. Here are the names of the children who received a certificate at the end of the Autumn term:

98% - Abel Dewmartin, Molly King, Rhys Woolley, Katherine Young, Cadi Howell, Henri Owen, Amy Beynon, Charlie Jackson

99% - Dylan Chambers, Kyle Toovey, Ripley Circus, Awen Lewis, Callum Chambers, Cian Lewis.

100%- Elliott Bailey-Williams, Elliemae Fairbairn, Haydn Ditcher, Erin King, Alana James, Luke Smith, Gwenno Francis, Elisha Young, Cerys Davies, Ruby King, Alana Jackson, Ryan Watkins

In agreement with the School's Governing Body we have set an attendance percentage of 96% for the 2018-19 academic year. The School's Attendance Percentage for Autumn Term 2018 was 95.4%.

Dates for the Diary:-

07/01/2019 - INSET Day - No School for Children  
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15/01/2019 - Urdd After school club will recommence  
16/01/2019 - Swimming Lessons will recommence  
16/01/2019 - Ysgol Clydau PTA Meeting at 7:00pm  
19/01/2019 - Urdd Indoor Sports - Crymych Leisure Centre  
19/02/2019 - School Eisteddfod  
21/02/2019 - Adran Football Tournament  
22/02/2019 - End of Half Term

### INSET Days

**The school will close on the following dates for INSET days during 2018-19:-**

**Monday January 7<sup>th</sup>      Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup>      Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>      Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## Term Events

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service took place at Star Chapel on Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the Service was the Autumn with £225 being raised towards the Amelia Matters Appeal. A Harvest Tea took place at Bwlchygroes Hall following the Service. We would like to thank all parents and guardians who supplied the cakes and for all their help on the day.

At the end of November Foundation Phase pupils were presented with a Bronze Award for participating in the Design to Smile Programme from Welsh Government to promote children brushing their teeth daily.

At the beginning of November, Natasha from Hedgley Hedgehogs, visited the school to discuss how they care for sick hedgehogs.

On Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> pupils in Key Stage 2 enjoyed a performance of Anwen Carlilse by Mewn Cymeriad company about the Blitz. It was an excellent opportunity to re-enact how people felt during the blitz.



Hedgley Hedgehogs visit

Mewn Cymeriad Drama- The Blitz Foundation Phase with their Bronze Award

On Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, four pupils attended a sports workshop organised by Pembrokeshire Sport. The four pupils were Elliott Bailey-Williams, Haydn Ditcher, Awen Lewis and Dafydd Davies. In January a Sports Officer will attend the school to train all Year 5 and 6 pupils.

In November Key Stage 2 pupils visited Clydau Church. They learnt about the different features of the Church and the work of the Vicar Jonathan Copse.

At the beginning of December the school had a stall at the Cylch Meithrin Christmas Fair selling Apple Chutney and holding a Tombola. Thank you to Cian Lewis, Awen Lewis and Dafydd Davies for assisting on the day. A profit of £50 was made during the day.

Also Haydn Ditcher, Charlie Jackson and Alana Jackson attended a Christmas Service at Star Chapel.

To remember the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the end of the First World War, pupils recycled old plastic bottles to create poppies as a display on the front of the school.



The school would like to thank Meagan Circus for decorating the wall at the front of the school.

In July all pupils were busy writing stories to enter a story competition at Bwlchygroes Show. At the beginning of September, Mrs J George, a show committee member visited the school to award the prizes:-

Reception;- 1<sup>st</sup> : Katherine Young; 2<sup>nd</sup> :Ripley Circus; 3<sup>rd</sup> : Gwenno Phillips a Gwilym Lewis

Year 1 and 2:- 1<sup>st</sup> : Cerys Davies; 2<sup>nd</sup> : Amy Beynon; 3<sup>rd</sup> : Henri Owen

Year 3 and 4:- 1<sup>st</sup> : Dafydd Davies; 2<sup>nd</sup> : Dafydd Owen; 3<sup>rd</sup> : Awen Lewis

Year 5 and 6:- 1<sup>st</sup> : Cian Lewis; 2<sup>nd</sup> : Chloe Drewett; 3<sup>rd</sup> : Ffion Bowen



On Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> children in Year 6 visited Ysgol Preseli for the day. The Second visit will take place in February.



### Welsh Book Quiz Competition

Two teams represented the school in the Welsh Book Quiz competition on Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>. Children in Years 5 and 6 studied 'Fi a Joe Allen' while children in Year 3 and 4 studied 'Rhoswen a'r Eira'. Cian Lewis, Jasmine Harris, Haydn Ditcher, Charlie Jackson, Awen Lewis, Dafydd Davies, Erin King and Dafydd Owen represented Year 5 and 6 with Alana James, Dyfan Ifans-Lloyd, Lilly Robertson-Williams, Gwenno Francis, Amy Beynon, Liam Young, Henri Owen and Callum Williams representing Year 3 and 4.



Year 3 and 4 Book Quiz Team



Year 5 and 6 Book Quiz Team

### End of Term Activities

On Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> our Christmas Concert took place. Two plays were performed during the evening with the Junior pupils performing 'We will rock you' and the foundation class performing 'Cinderella' looking to attend a party.



Christmas dinner

The children enjoyed their Christmas dinner on Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>, which was prepared at Ysgol y Frenni Kitchen.

On Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup> the pupils went to watch the Christmas Pantomime at Torch Theatre, Milford Haven. They watched a performance of Pinocchio.

The Annual Musical Concert was held on Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup> with children from each class playing different instruments such as the drums, guitar, keyboard or the violins. Miss Helen Standing was responsible for teaching the children.



The children's Christmas party took place on Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> with Santa on Friday.



**Ysgol Clydau Staff would like to wish parents/guardians a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We appreciate the support given during 2018. The school will re-open on Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

