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## Farewell to Mrs Williams!

In January 1991 I started work at Leighton School as a newly quailified teacher. In many ways it was a very different school then with just 2 teachers and only 11 children in the infant class, with at one stage the total number on roll dropping to just 28 children. There was a careraker and preipatetic teachers of Art, Music and Special Needs, and all the children ate their lunches in the classroom.

Since then there have been many, many changes, including at least 5 Headteachers and numerous School Inspections.

The school has grown in size but essentially Leighton remains the same - a small community school with a caring and inclusive ethos. The school motto of 'many hearts make a school' sume it up perfectly.

However, having already taught the children of some of my past pupils (you know who you are!) I am takimg the opportunity to move on before their grandchildren start enrolling in the Nursery Class and make me feel even older.

I will really miss being part of the staff at Leighton School and would like to thank all staff, governors, pupils and parents, past and present, for making the last 25 years so memorable.

Catherine Williams

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The **Governors** would like to thank Mrs Catherine Williams for her dedicated service for 25 years to Leighton CP School. Pupils and staff have benefited from her extensive knowledge, excellent teaching and sense of humour.

Her strong links with the local community have helped to maintain our *'village school'* ethos and her artistic/creative talents been much admired.

She will be missed and we wish her all the best for her new ventures and hope she will remain in regular contact with the school.

On a separate note (please excuse the pun) what a wonderful Carol Service. All the pupils had certainly got into the festive spirit with some very enthusiastic singing. Not even Clive's too long hidden musical skills could steal the show from some wonderfully talented children.

Well done to all the staff who have certainly earned a good rest after a very testing term.

Thank you to FOLS for providing the tea and mince pies and their continued fundraising efforts.

We hope you all have a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you next year.

## Bon Voyage Mrs Stafford!

…And even more change for Years 3/4 *Coed Coch* as Mrs Clare Stafford is also taking 2016 as an opportunity to take a break from teaching. Mrs Stafford has also contributed so much to our school, not least her dedicated and calm approach, backed up by an always postive attitude and sense of humour.

We wish her all the best on her travels!

*Thank you both. We hope that you'll be able to come back for a visit before too long ☺.*

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## Erdigg Hall

Coed Coch recently spent the day at Erdigg Hall, near Wrexham.

Erddig Hall was home to a family that looked after all they had as though curating a museum. Many possessions, artefacts and events are recorded in verse - as are generations of servants whose portraits were commissioned by the family. Erddig Hall is a place where servants and their lives are not forgotten.

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Pupil's re-enacted many servant duties from the past, including cleaning, polishing, making home lemonade, and emptying the chamber pots…..

Year 3 and 4 shared their experiences in a whole school assembly on their return.

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## First Aid

Elystan class were recently visited by PC Neville from Welshpool Police Constabulary, in order to receive some basic first aid training. This included recognising signs of injury, the use of the recovery position, resuscitation and CPR techniques.

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**Basketball at Welshpool High**

Years 5 and 6 were lucky enough to get some High School basketball coaching last week, from Welshpool senior PE students.

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All pupils preformed really well at our **Christmas Carol Concert**, Tuesday December 15th, 2015, at Holy Trinity Church, Leighton. Christmas songs were sung and soloist musicians performed on guitar, piano, flute and brass. Mince pies and a cuppa were coordinated by *Friends of the Leighton School*. We thank all connected with the Church for accommodating us, and Mr Clive Gee for leading on guitar and piano.

Do They Know It's Christmas?

Silent Night

Sêr y nôs yn gwenu

Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Frosty the Snowman

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

In the Bleak Midwinter

Merry Christmas Everybody!

The 12 Days of Christmas

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(13/11-18/11 2015)

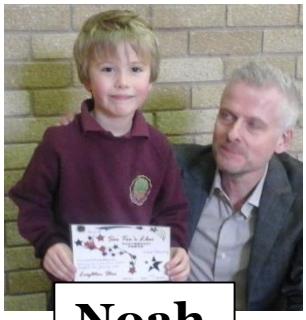
## Pupil of the Week

## Foundation Phase

James

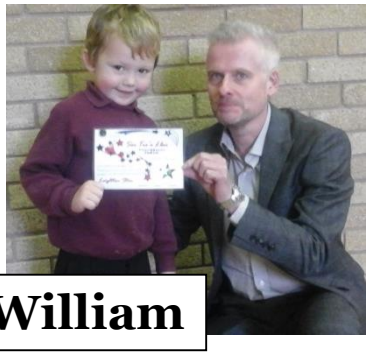
Molly

Ollie



Noah

Leo



William

Alex

Finnley

Anaya

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## Foundation Phase

Maddie

Skye

## Coed Coch

Robert

Arnie

Tess

Mason

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Eva

Lucie

Elystan

Sam

Talia

Lyla

Leon

James

Owain

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## Notices

- We look forward to welcoming two new teaching assistants in January, predominantly working with *Coed Coch*; Mrs Kathryn Evans and Miss Carys Roberts.

**Diary Dates**

- **Spring Term (2016)**

**Term Starts: Monday 4th January**

*Half Term – Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February*

**Term Ends: Friday 18th March**

- **Summer Term (2016)**

***Non Pupil** Day: Monday 4th April*

**Term Starts: Tuesday 5th April**

*Half Term – Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June*

**Term Ends: Friday 15th July**

***Non Pupil** Days: Monday 18th July, Tuesday 19th July*

**Merry Christmas Everyone!!**

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