



Glan Llyn Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd **Glan Llyn**

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Dear Parents/carers,

Year 1 Staffing

A few weeks ago, I wrote to you regarding the absence of Miss Edwards from the Year 1 class. Unfortunately, the contract via the supply teacher agency could not be fulfilled and we were unable to source a reliable long-term teacher for the class due to agency staff shortages. This is a national problem across the country due to the ongoing effects of staff absence due to Covid-19 pandemic.

As the staffing of the class via various different supply teachers would be even more disruptive for the children, we took the decision to allocate teaching responsibility to Mrs Bardsley who is currently undertaking her final teaching practice modules for her PGCE qualification. Mrs Bardsley is teaching the class for 70% of the week with the support and ongoing supervision of the Acting Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Ryan and the ITE mentor, Miss Davies. Mrs Ryan teaches the class on a Thursday afternoon to cover PPA time and then they are taught by a supply teacher on a Friday.

Whilst this is a slightly disruptive start to their time in Year 1, we feel that this is the best option for the children's continued wellbeing and ongoing progress and to provide consistency for them in the coming weeks and months.

Miss Edwards has indicated that she would like to return from bereavement leave after half-term and will be making some visits to school over the coming weeks to aid her return.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

Cofion cynnes / Kind regards,

Mrs J Richards

Pennaeth / Headteacher