



# Ysgol Esgob Morgan Church in Wales School

Gyda 'n Gilydd Anelwn Yn Uchel / Together, We Aim High



Friday, 15 March 2024



## Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had a much more settled week this week in school—thank you for all your support. It is important that we work together as you have trusted us with your children so please trust us that when we make difficult decisions we make them with the best of intent, even though we not always agree. We, as a school, do not always get it right and take on board all feedback and constantly review our practice to make sure it is consistent. Where it isn't we will make changes. A parent forum would be a great way for us to all work together—hopefully this is something we can start up soon.

One thing I do love about our school is our resilience—we will do all we can to help our learners. For example, our costumes had not arrived for our URDD dance group on the morning of their dance! What would we do? No fear though as we used our connections in the world of Dance to put together costumes (**THANKS GAIL!**). All in time to get them kitted out and ready to go! Don't they look fab! More later in the newsletter!



Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Redgrave



## PÍTFA

Happy International Pi Day! On March 14th we celebrate the mathematical constant Pi - 3.14. This year the PTFA brought in individual pies for each student to enjoy while their teachers introduced/reinforced the concept of the formula. It's just a fun little way to celebrate learning and give a treat to the pupils!

The number  $\pi$  (/paɪ/; spelled out as "pi") is a mathematical constant that is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, approximately equal to 3.14159

Mr Redgrave's head fell off trying to do Pi—but was more than happy to eat the pie! Happy Pi Day indeed!

# Cornel Gymraeg

## Cwestiwn yr Wythnos

Diolch yn fawr iawn am yr atebion yr wythnos diwethaf - yr ateb cywir ydi cywir. Cofiwch adael eich atebion ar dudalen Facebook neu ar X (Twitter) i'n cwestiwn nesaf!



Pob lwc hefo'r cwestiwn nesaf!

## Gair o ddiolch

Diolch yn fawr i Mrs Llio Davies o Ysgol Glan Clwyd am ddod i'n noson rieni nos Fawrth i siarad am y cynllun trochi ac am ddod eto brynhawn dydd Mercher i wneud sesiwn hefo Blwyddyn 5 a 6.

## Criw Dawns - URDD

Anhygoel o brofiad i'n dawnsywyr nos Fercher yn Ysgol Uwchradd Rhyl. Diolch i'r plant am gynrychioli'r ysgol ac i'r athrawon am eu hyfforddi. Zail allan o 9 grwpiau - gwych!

## Question of the Week



Thanks very much for the answers last week - the correct answer is True. Remember to leave your answers on our Facebook page **or X (Twitter)** to our next question!

Good luck with the next question!

## A word of thanks

Thanks to Mrs Llio Davies for coming to our parent's evening on Tuesday to discuss the Welsh immersion scheme available at Ysgol Glan Clwyd. Also, for coming back in on the Wednesday to work with Years 5 and 6. Diolch!

## Dance Group - URDD

Amazing experience for our dancers on Wednesday evening in Rhyl High School. A big thank you to the children for representing our school and to the teachers for training them. They placed 2nd out of 9 groups - brilliant!

Where was the world famous author Roald Dahl born?

- a) Bangor      b) Cardiff      c) St Asaph

## Sganiwch fi—Scan Me



Patrwm Iaith yr Wythnos  
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Beth wyt ti'n clywed? What can you hear?

Dw i'n clywed ... / I can hear ...

Geiriau'r Wythnos

Cerddoriaeth / Music  
Siarad / Talking  
Adar / Birds





# Maths Cake & Coffee Morning

Monday 18th March

Y3/4 - 9.30-10.15am

Y5/6 - 10.45-11.30am



We would like to invite you to our Maths & 'Cake Coffee Morning', hosted by the pupils.

It will give you the opportunity to look around and see how our pupils learn Mathematics & Numeracy skills, and apply them in real life contexts.

The morning will give you the opportunity to see; Financial Education, The use of technology to learn Mathematics, Reasoning and Problem Solving as well as Mathematics games you can play at home.



We look forward to seeing you all there!



# Cornel Gymraeg Ychwanegol

## 6 Gwlad

Gem olaf y trnamaint i Gymru dros y penwythnos.

Ydych chi am wyllo'r gem dydd Sadwrn? Cymru v Yr Eidal am 14:15.

Cofiwch ganu'r anthem genedlaethol - defnyddiwch y geiriau isod i'ch helpu!

## 6 Nations

It's the final game for Wales this weekend on Saturday.

Will you be watching the game on Saturday? Wales v Italy 14:15.

Remember to sing the national anthem - use the words on the poster to help you!

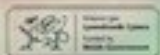
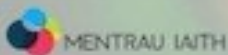
## Hen Wlad fy Nhadau

Mae hen wlad fy nhadau yn annwyl i mi,  
Gwlad beirdd a chantorion, enwogion a fri,  
Ei gwrol ryfelwyr, gwladgarwyr tra mod,  
Tros ryddid collassant eu gwaed

Ĝwlad! Ĝwlad!  
Pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad.  
Tra môr yn fur i'r bur hoff bau,  
O bydded i'r heniaith barhou.

My heh-n oo-lah-d fuh nhah-deye uh-n ann-weel ee  
me,  
Goo-lah-d bay-rth ah chan-to-rion, enn-wo-gian ah  
vree,  
Ey goo-rol ruh-vel-weer, goo-lah-d-gah-r-weer troh  
mah-d,  
Tross ruh-thid coll-ah-sant ey gweye-d

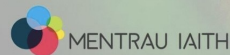
Goo-lah-d! Goo-lah-d!  
Play-dee-ol oo-eef ee'm goo-lah-d.  
Trah more uh-n veer ee'r beer hoff bye,  
Oh buh-thed ee'r heh-n-y-eye-th boh-r-heye.



## Say it in ... Cymraeg

Rugby	Rygbï	Rugby
Try	Cais	Ceye-s
Try line	Llinell gais	Llee-nell geye-s*
Penalty	Cic gosb	Kick goh-sb
Tackle	Tacl	Tackle
Referee	Dyfarnwr	Duh-vahr-noor
Knock on	Bwrw ymlaen/ Taro ymlaen	Booroo uhm-line Tah-roh uhm-line
To win	Ennill	Enn-ill*
To lose	Colli	Coh-llee*
Conversion	Trosiad	Troh-shah-d
Legend	Lejand	Ledge-ah-nd

\*ll - place tongue behind upper palate and breath out ... and smile!



# Attendance & Punctuality

It has been a few weeks since a whole class attendance has been above 95%. It is pleasing that most of the families Mr Redgrave contacted about attendance have engaged well and their children are much more settled and happy in school. For those who haven't then we will be moving to the next stage of the attendance procedure.

Please let us know if your child is going to be off ill. Too often no reason is given for absence. We will be beginning welfare checks on those families who are not engaging with us. If we still hear nothing we will need to contact children's services. Please help us avoid this.

Yr	Late this week %	Attendance this term %	Attendance this week %	Attendance Year To date %
3	2.3	90.6	93.3	91.8
4	0.7	92.5	90.8	93.4
5	4.0	88.8	89.1	88.3
6	0.3	92.5	93.1	92.1
Totals	1.9	91.0	91.5	91.4

# School Meals



Week beginning 18th March is Week 1. Have a look through the week and see what your child (ren) would like to eat for the week and pop their choice on Parent pay.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>WK 1 Main Meal</b>	Pork Meatballs in a Homemade Mediterranean Sauce with Pasta and Home Baked Garlic Bread	Savoury Welsh Minced Beef Hot Pot with Cheddar Glaze and Country Style Vegetables	Baked Breaded Fish Cake with Creamed Potatoes Baked Beans or Peas	Roast Fillet of Turkey, Savoury Stuffing and Gravy Roast Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Chicken Fillet with Chipped Potatoes Fresh Mixed Salad and Homemade Coleslaw
<b>Choice</b>	Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta Bake Glazed with a Cheddar Topping	Savoury Quorn Mince, topped with Sauté Potatoes and Cheddar Cheese	Vegetable Bites with Creamed Potatoes and Baked Beans	Baked Quorn Sausage, Savoury Stuffing and Gravy	Quesadilla filled with Cheddar Cheese and Tomatoes
<b>Sweet</b>	Dairy Ice Cream with Fruit Wedges	Rice Krispy Chocolate Bar	Steamed Apple Sponge with Vanilla Custard	Jelly with Fruit	Homemade Granola Style Cereal Bar
<b>WK 2 Main Meal</b>	Baked Breaded Fish Cake with Oven Baked Seasoned Wedges Garden Peas and Sweetcorn	Welsh Beef Bolognaise with Pasta Garden Peas and Home Baked Bread	BBQ Chicken with a Sticky Sauce and Savoury Vegetable Rice	Roast Loin of Pork with Traditional Apple Sauce and Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Oven Baked Pork Sausage with Chipped Potatoes and Baked Beans
<b>Choice</b>	Breaded Vegetable Nuggets	Minced Quorn Bolognaise	Vegetable Burritos	Savoury Quorn Mince, topped with Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Oven Baked Quorn Sausage
<b>Sweet</b>	Fruit Wedges with Yoghurt	Chocolate Crunch Cake	Fruit and Oaty Crumble with Vanilla Custard	Hand Baked Shortbread Biscuit	Homemade Chocolate Fudge Coated Cake
<b>WK 3 Main Meal</b>	Ham and Macaroni Cheese Bake with Homemade Herby Tomato Bread	Midday Brunch with Potato Waffle and Baked Beans	Chicken Dish of the World with Boiled Rice or Noodles and Naan Bread Fingers	Roast fillet of Chicken with Herb Stuffing and Gravy, Creamed Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chipped Potatoes and Mushy Peas
<b>Choice</b>	Macaroni Cheese Bake	Vegetarian Midday Brunch	Vegetable Dish of the World	Baked Quorn Burger with Herb Stuffing and Gravy	Breaded Vegetable Nuggets
<b>Sweet</b>	Fruit Wedges with Yoghurt	Caramel Cornflake Cake	Homemade Saucy Chocolate Pudding	Cranberry Crunch Slice with Apple Wedges	Lemon Drizzle and Blueberry Muffin

# Charity Days

Just for info—we know we ask for donations for school fund raisers. That is why, when things such as Children in Need or Red Nose Day come around we do not ask for more.

We hope this makes sense. Happy to support these charities as well but do not want to burden you any further. Give us a shout if you want to talk this through.

Fruit Tuck—Get one of your 5 a day for just 20p! On Sale Every Day

# BREAKFAST CLUB—Every Day from 7:50 to 8:45

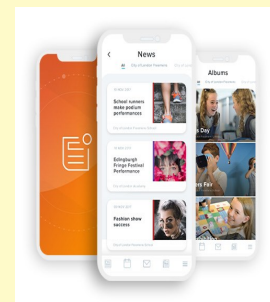
To help with child care and punctuality we have a Breakfast Club which runs every day. Its only 50p a day. No need to book—just drop your child (ren) off. They are then taken to their classes at 8:45.

# Our School App

Please remember that soon you will only use the App for information. This has been requested by you to streamline our communication. Please follow the simple to follow instructions below to get the app!

Firstly, you will need to download the app from either the [iTunes App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) by clicking on the relevant buttons below or by loading up the app store on your phone and searching for 'School News'.

Once you have located and downloaded the free app, launch the app and you will then be able to either click on the 'Find my school' button which uses the phones GPS to locate all the schools in the surrounding 20 miles, or you can type in the school's postcode and click on 'Get my school' button.



**Our school's postcode is: LL17 0PT**

You will then see a list of schools that use the app. Click on the school you wish to view news & events for.

You will then be able to click on the 'News' button to view all of the latest news items that have been added to the school(s) you have selected and also all of the upcoming calendar events by clicking on the 'Events' button.

Clicking on 'My Schools' will display a list of schools that you view news and events for. Clicking on one of the schools will display the school address, telephone number and email address which you can click on to either phone or email the school directly from the app.

## Reading Volunteers

Meet Val! Val is one of our reading volunteers. We will be in touch soon with our other reading volunteers to get our army of reading champions going! Val has been popping in for a couple of weeks now and loves the school already!



## Clubs—Please Note The Change For The Last Week!

**Monday - Rugby (All year groups—Change of clothes needed)**

**NO OTHER CLUBS THIS WEEK**

## Walking Bus!

As part of the Big Walk and Wheel we will be having a walking bus to school on Thursday the 21st March. This will start from the library (as there is plenty parking and you can avoid the high street) at 8:30am. Mr Schrimshaw, Bili and staff will be there to accompany the children and you are welcome to join us for the walk to school if you would like.

# Ramadan Infographic 2024

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## How fasting works

Fasting starts at dawn and finishes at sunset. The length of fasts vary depending on the time of year and location in the world. In the UK this year, Muslims will fast for around 15 hours per day.

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## Why Muslims Fast

It is one of the Five Pillars of Islam and is compulsory for Muslim adults who are able to fast. The aim is to become a better person through re-connecting with the Divine as well as your spiritual self, your families, communities & those you love.

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## When is Ramadan?

This year, Ramadan starts on March 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> & will finish on either April 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup>. Months in the Islamic Calendar start based on the sighting of the new moon – hence the variation!

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## More info...

Whilst fasting, Muslims abstain from things that can distract the spiritual self from connecting with the Divine. This includes:

- Food
- Drink
- Sex
- Gossip, impatience, bad manners etc...

Muslims engage in more spiritual acts such as prayer, reading the Qur'an and giving to charity.

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## Useful lingo...

*Ramadan Mubarak* – Happy Ramadan  
*Suhoor* – Pre-fast breakfast  
*Iftar* – Meal to break the fast  
*Eid* – Festival celebrating the end of fasting

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## Do all Muslims fast?

No, there are many valid reasons why a Muslim might not be fasting:

- Illness
- Travel
- Breastfeeding
- Menstruation
- Medical exemption

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## What can I do?

Act as you normally would! Most Muslims have been fasting for years & are very used to others going about their daily business. You can eat in front of us, talk about food... its all good! And it's absolutely fine if you keep forgetting that we're fasting and offer us something to eat/drink – we'll politely say 'no thank you'!

**And yes, we don't drink water whilst fasting!**

Some of our learners will be celebrating Ramadan. Here is an infographic which highlights useful facts about Ramadan such as why Muslims fast and how fasting works.

Ramadan is a holy month for Muslims. It is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, and fasting (not eating from sunrise to sunset) during this month is one of the Pillars of Islam known as Sawm. It is a time of fasting, prayer, reflection, charitable giving, and trying to be a better person.

The fasting hours are longer in Wales than in some other countries, due to the high latitude and long day-light hours. For example, the Suhoor (the last meal before dawn) in Wales could be around 5 am, and the Iftar (the time to break the fast after sunset) after 8 pm. This means that Muslims must fast for more than 15 hours a day.

At the end of Ramadan, Muslims will be celebrating Eid al-Fitr, which marks the completion of the fast and the gratitude to Allah (God). Muslims wear their finest clothes, pray at the mosque, exchange gifts and enjoy festive meals with their families and communities.

Ramadan Mubarak!

## Parents Evening

It was a pleasure to see you all at Parents Evening this week. Lots of positives shared and we hope you got an idea as to how well your child (ren) is doing. If there is anything further you wish you discuss then please do contact the school to set up a meeting.

Big thanks to the Head of Denbigh High School, Mr Williams and Assistant Head Mrs Evans who popped along to introduce themselves and talk about DHS.

Dates for the Diary—all on our calendar online as well as the school app.

**Monday 18th March—Maths Cake and Coffee Morning (See flyer attached)**

**Thursday 21st March—Walk and Wheel Bus from the Library 8:30AM. Easter Egg Bingo (Tickets on Parent Pay NOW!)**

**Friday 22nd March—Forest School Year 5. School Closes for Easter. Reopens Tuesday 9th April.**

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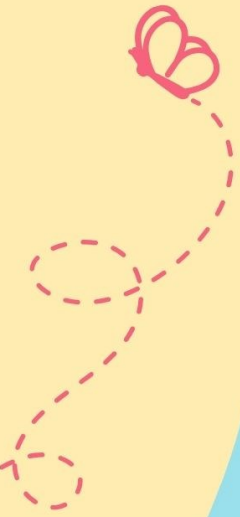
# EASTER EGG BINGO

THURSDAY, MARCH 21  
6:30 PM

AT YSGOL ESGOB  
MORGAN

Bingo! American Bingo!  
Pound Curling, Nab the Bag!  
Light concessions for sale  
Beer and wine for sale

£5 entry includes one ticket for  
each of ten rounds and a dauber  
**ADDITIONAL CARDS FOR SALE**





There's a very good chance you've heard of Fortnite, but what exactly is it? And why is it so popular amongst young people? Fortnite is an online multiplayer "battle royale" game developed by Epic Games, and is playable on Playstation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, PC and mobiles. It gained popularity in late 2017 and has since become the biggest game in the world, thanks to its rapid and engaging gameplay. As with most games, Fortnite itself is a highly enjoyable and safe experience, but it pays to be vigilant, as the safety is not water tight.



# What parents need to know about FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE



## BATTLE ROYALE

Battle Royale games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and most tend to follow a very similar setup. Taking Fortnite as an example, 100 players drop into a map, loot buildings for weapons and armour and attempt to beat all the other players to be crowned victor at the end. If you've ever seen the Hunger Games movies, you'll have an idea of what this entails. Each game can take up to 20 minutes (assuming you last to the end) and can be restarted relatively quickly once 100 free players have been found.



## IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?

Fortnite is at the forefront of gaming addiction discussions because it is so popular with young people. But whether it actually contributes to gaming addiction is up for debate. WHO (World Health Organisation) have classified gaming as a legitimate addiction, but this is not solely a concern with Fortnite. Signs of addiction can include irritability when not playing, lying about the amount of time played and a preoccupation with thoughts of the next gaming session. Realistically, it must be down to parents and carers to recognise these symptoms and act accordingly if they think they are developing.



## FREE TO PLAY... OR IS IT?

While Fortnite is technically free to play (in that you can download and play it without paying) it does come with the caveat that spending money on things like skins and emotes in-game is heavily pushed to players. The currency used in-game is called 'V-Bucks' and can be bought with real money through the game's online store. It's worth remembering that these purchases are absolutely not necessary, are cosmetic only and that V-Bucks can be earned in-game with enough play time.



## SEASONAL UPDATES

Every 10 weeks or so Fortnite is updated with a new season. This essentially adds new things like skins and emotes to the game, while also sometimes changing up the game map in interesting ways. These seasons are free to everybody and don't require additional money to play, though battle passes for each season can be bought with V-Bucks. A battle pass will typically allow a player to earn experience faster and gain fun in-game items by completing a host of daily challenges.



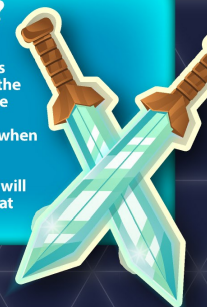
## CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE

One of the wonderful things about Fortnite is that it can be played cross-platform. This means that no matter what platform a person plays on (PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One etc) they can play with friends who own the game on a different platform. To do this, an Epic Games account must first be created online (which is free) and then linked with your platform account. Doing this removes the age-old boundary of not being able to play together because you don't have the same console and opens up a whole new world of playing online with friends.



## IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?

Fortnite has been rated by the ESRB (Entertainment Software Ratings Board) as teen, as it contains cartoony violence and the weapons and acts depicted in the game are some way removed from their real life inspirations. Characters don't draw blood when shot and instead of dying, they are simply beamed up off the map. Naturally, players younger than the recommended age limit will want to play the game and that should be at the discretion of parents and carers.



# Top Tips For Parents

## BUYING V-BUCKS

As mentioned, Fortnite does contain in-game purchases and microtransactions in the form of V-Bucks which can be bought with real money. If you do decide to let your young one spend money in the game, be sure to delete your card information afterwards as it can be very easy to purchase more items at the press of a few buttons. It's important to set a limit on any purchases (as mentioned they are absolutely not necessary to play the game) and a suggestion would be capping the spending at around £50 - this is the normal retail price of a game.



## GAMING WITH STRANGERS

Fortnite Battle Royale is an online game, and as such, there is a chance that young children could come into contact with strangers who are randomly placed into their groups in a game. It's difficult to predict what another person might say or do in a game, so it's a good idea for friends playing together, to be grouped together. The only real countermeasure to interacting with strangers offered by Fortnite is to turn off all mic communications, which can be done in the game's settings. Using outside chat apps, like Skype or Discord while playing, is a great way to make sure you know who you're talking to and that nobody else is listening in.



## LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBLE

A game of Fortnite can last up to 20 minutes, so be flexible when it's time to put it away. The approach of 'one more game' as opposed to '10 more minutes' will stop any complaints that a match is still ongoing. Better still, play with your child and take it in turns; that way you're helping control the time played and can keep an eye on what they're experiencing.

## TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS

If you're concerned about play time or spending money in the game, talk to other parents and carers of your child's friends. If you approach as a collective, it will be easier to know when their friends are online and you don't have to worry about who they're playing with. It can also help curb expectations on spending money on battle passes and skins if you stick together.



## CAN DEVELOP SOME IMPORTANT SKILLS

It's often overlooked just how good gaming can be for young people. Fortnite encourages team play, quick and complex problem solving and communication; that's not to mention the lightning fast reflexes gamers can develop. While taking breaks to do other activities is of course important, there are benefits to screen time which might not be immediately obvious.



## PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF

There's no substitute for sitting down and playing the game yourself to learn all about it. Fortnite is available for free on almost anything you can imagine, even your smartphone, so there's never been a better time to get involved and see what all the fuss is about. You never know, you might even be able to impress your children when you show them your impressive Victory Royale tally!



## Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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## Financial Education



Thank you for your response to our 'Financial Education' parent questionnaire. We really appreciate your feedback.

**TOP TIPS** of the week for talking about 'Money' with your children at home.

### Have a conversation.

Talk to your children about money. It sounds simple, but this is the most effective way to help your children understand personal finance. Explain how you arrive at financial decisions, what's in your budget (or if you don't have one, why not do one together?) and how different aspects of dealing with money make you feel.



### Don't forget about physical cash

Show younger children the coins and notes you have in your purse or wallet and ask them to help you count them. Talk about the different sizes, colours and numbers on them and how many different coins and notes there are altogether.

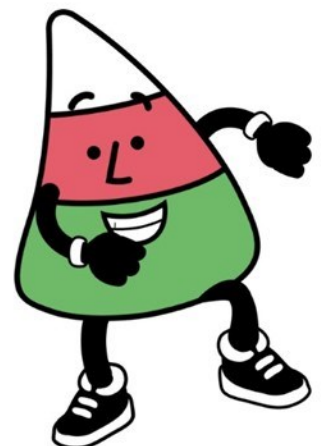
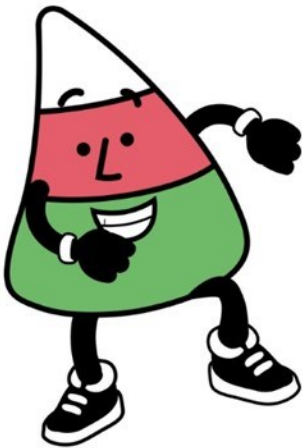


# Dawns Eisteddfod



Llongyfarchiadau / Congratulations to our dance team this week. They competed in the Denbighshire Urdd County Eisteddfod competition and placed 2nd out of 9 teams.

Fantastic performance—We are all very proud!



**LITTLE LAMBS ESGOB MORGAN**

# **HOLIDAY CLUB**

**OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8AM-6PM**

**CHILDREN FROM AGE 3-11 YEARS**

**TAKING BOOKINGS NOW!!**

## **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

**Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April 2024**

We will be closed Friday 29th March and Monday 1st April due to bank holiday!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK PLACES**

**CALL US:**

**07999 589996**

