



St Brigid's News

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Dear Parents/Carers

We had visitors to the school this week from Swansea University. They are visiting all age schools in Wales to do a study on this model of education as it is an emerging sector and one with obvious advantages.

Our Student Council pupils were (as always) a credit to us and were able to discuss the benefits and drawbacks of the school very clearly. The visitors went into classes and talked to staff to get a feel of what a 3-19 school is like. I am very proud to say that the visitors were extremely complimentary about the school and in particular our pupils. They commented on the warm and friendly atmosphere around the school and the positive relationships between staff and pupils. They also mentioned that they had seen very clearly the 'family' atmosphere that we have at St Brigid's.

A big thank you to those who helped to make the visit a success but a special mention must go to Jack Rowley, Angel Ward and Emily Jones who acted as their guides for the day.

I would like to wish the pupils and staff who are leaving for the Ski Trip a 'Bon Voyage' and I hope they have a super week in the snow. This year we are praying for no lost passports and for no broken bones! We will look forward to seeing the photos on their return.

Kind regards

Rona Jones
Headteacher / Pennaeth

Weekly attendance summary (week ending 02.02.18)

Nursery 73.8%	Reception 85.0%
Year 1 83.1%	Year 2 85.0%
Year 3 85.5%	Year 4 85.7%
Year 5 84.7%	Year 6 85.2%

Primary total: 84.7%

7G 84.2%	7R 85.8%
8G 85.0%	8R 84.6%
9G 84.6%	9R 84.3%
10G 81.3%	10R 82.9%
11G 84.9%	11R 86.4%

Secondary total: 84.4%

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Lent comes early this year. February 14th is Ash Wednesday and marks the start of Lent, the period of 40 days which takes us to the Passion & Death of Christ. Throughout the 40 days of Lent we may aim to pray a little more, fast a little more, (not just from food but from whatever 'eats our time', TV, internet, video games), give a little more (good works and acts of kindness).

This is also a time to 'listen to God' 5mins that's all it takes, "Be Quiet and listen!!!" He has so much to say to each one if we would only take time to listen. So during Lent let us make an effort to listen to God who loves us to bits. His words will encourage and challenge us but at the same time He knows what we are capable of.



Family Fast Day 23rd February - This Lent Cafod are working to combat malnutrition in Zimbabwe

Each Friday starting February 23rd 3.35 -4.30 pm Youcat will be running the new 'Alpha Youth Series'. Alpha is an invitation to explore life's biggest



questions and a chance to look at the life and message of Jesus. Every opinion

What am I searching for?
Where am I going?



and question is welcome and Alpha is open to all in the Secondary school.

DATES FOR DIARY

Friday 9th February

Half Term 3.35pm

Saturday 10th February

Ski Trip leaves school at
03.00, gates open 02.30

Saturday 17th February Ski
Trip arrives back at school at
approx. 15.00, gates open at
14.30

Monday 19th February

Pupils Return 08.50

Pope's tweet -
Feb 7

As we grow in our spiritual lives, we realize how Grace comes to us and to others, and must be shared with everyone



WORLD BOOK DAY

Primary Dates for after Half Term

St David's Day - Thursday 1st March

As always the Primary School will be celebrating St David's Day on Thursday 1st March and we would like to invite all the Primary pupils to dress up in traditional Welsh dress.

World Book Day - this is also scheduled for Thursday 1st March but because of it clashing with St David's Day we will instead celebrate World Book Day the following week on Thursday 8th March. All the Primary children are encouraged to come into school as their dressed as their favourite book character. We will send more details of both days in a letter after half term.

St David's Day



Urdd Netball

A huge congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 netball players who came first in the Denbighshire Urdd Netball tournament in Ruthin on Thursday. The girls played 6 games and remained undefeated throughout. They came top of their group and went on to play Ysgol Y Lllys in the semi-finals beating them 3-0. This sent them through to the final against Ysgol Frongoch. After a nail biting start they finished the game victorious with a score of 5-2. Seventeen netball teams took part in the tournament this year and St. Brigids, as the winners, will now go forward and represent Denbighshire in the National Urdd Tournament in Aberystwyth in May.

Da lawn pawb. Ardderchog!



Orienteering at Speke Hall - Whilst the public wandered around Speke Hall near Liverpool airport, a team of 10, from both Primary and Secondary, took part in the latest Deeside Schools Orienteering League.

Well done to Jack Rowley on his first Light Green course (finding controls deep in the undergrowth) and completing his Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. A great set of runs on the Orange course (looking for controls off the tracks),

from Maddie Bunn, Owen Elliot-Jones, Alys Harrison and Alwin Reji, with Freddie Kingsland of Year 7 coming in second against older boys.

Along with Holly Bunn and Faye Williams of Year 6, two new runners from Year 5, Ryan Andrews and Isla Thomson had great fun, completing the White course on their own, then going around again on the Yellow. Everyone had a great time despite the mud and cold. The next race on Saturday 3 March, is the Primary School Championships and the last race of the Secondary League. We are looking forward to getting a strong team for that event.

Thanks to Mr Madog and Lt Col Wood for taking us.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD
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Duke of Edinburgh Award Successes.

Since we last reported, a few have had success with their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Well done to Elysia Jones (Yr 13) for booking her trip to St James' Palace by finishing her Gold Level: to James Hone and Philip Wood, of Year 11, for finishing their Silver level: and to Gio Olazo, Daniel North, Kyle Dela Cruz, Reuben Force, Poppy Hardy, Thomas Kingsland, Bethan Morgan, all of Year 10. Congratulations to Leah Bewley, Aaron Carrier, Tomos Harrison and Llyon Morgan-Read, who all received their certificates in Assembly today.

This is a reminder for all Year 13s (Gold), Year 11s (Silver) and Year 10s (Bronze) that you need to upload evidence of activities, otherwise you cannot get your shiny badge and certificate (and all your and our effort is going to waste).

In addition, Year 9s and Year 10s, who want to take part in Bronze and Silver levels respectively, MUST get their form in (Year 9) and pay on ParentPay (both years).

