



Dan Y Coed newsletter

January 2022

Happy new year! We hope you had a good Christmas and New Year.

This term we have some very exciting things planned for our new topics. Class 1, 2 and 3 are undertaking the topic of rainforests whilst class 4 and 5 are looking at inventions this term. As a school we have decided to run these for an entire term as opposed to half termly. This will allow us to look at specific cultural dates this term as well as our topics.

We welcome Alex Williams on reception who has taken over the role of receptionists and we welcome Callie Williams as LSA in class 4.

Achievements

Dan Y Coed turns 4!

You may have seen several media posts regarding NYC this week. On January 4th Dan Y Coed School turned 4. Since January 2018 we have welcomed another 25 pupils into Dan Y Coed, of which we have maximum capacity for 30. As a school we must thank you for all your continued support in all aspects.



Charity work and community participation



The food bank has proved a great success. The foodbank donation station is in NYC School foyer and staff, and pupils can donate.

Pupils will then participate and drop the items to the food banks, enabling meaningful work experience and community engagement.

Items to donate are:

Cereal, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce, Lentils, beans and pulses, Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tea/coffee, Tinned fruit, Biscuits, UHT milk, Fruit juice



All donations are greatly received. We have donated all we had last term so our stocks are looking low at present

Class 3 have also gone one further and have expanded their charity contributions to the homeless and womens refuge. If anyone has any donations please drop these into school!



Our commitment to being eco friendly

This year one of our students went to buy a real Christmas tree so we can plant it to be there for the foreseeable future. A massive thank you to R who helped decided where it was going and TS who planted it!



Annual parent survey

A link was sent out last week to all parents and carers. The link can be found here as well. We would be very grateful if you could take a few moments to complete the questionnaire so that we can plan for any outcomes and act on any comments and information we receive.

You can click on the link or scan the QR code

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nVIYaYO9PkOYq3ZQbsvc8QufT4YdiztJm_8xRJYlfFUQVA1M1ZaQIBRTDY1NEtQS09GVUtBTUczUy4u



Election of parent governor

This term we will be holding a ballot to elect a parent governor on to the board of governors for the school. Please look out for the letters that will be sent home shortly

Key dates:

14th January – extracurricular day – those who keep us safe

INSET DAY

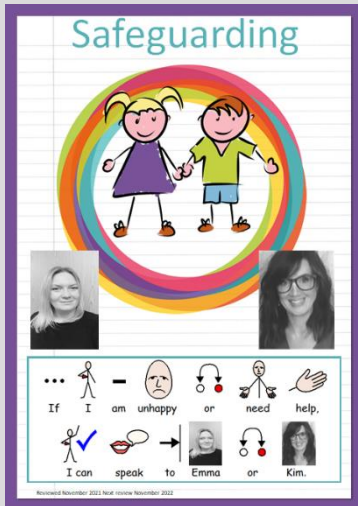
Due to the COVID planning days directed by the Welsh Government in January, we have an additional INSET that will be calendared into the school year. When this date has been finalised I shall inform all parents and stakeholders, information will also be uploaded onto the website

Safeguarding in Dan Y Coed

Safeguarding in Dan Y Coed is a continuous feature across the school. Emma Thomas and Kim Matthews are the safeguarding officers. If you need to discuss anything, please do not hesitate to contact them:

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An updated version of keeping learners safe from the Welsh government has been published – I have attached a link here should you wish to have a copy

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-12/keeping-learners-safe.pdf>

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Is there anything you would like to see in the newsletter? If so let me know and we can add this in....