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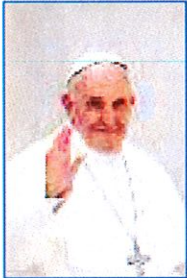
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Pope Francis' Thought for the Day



Meekness and tenderness: these human virtues seem small, but they can overcome the most difficult conflicts

Welsh Words/Phrases

Penblwydd hapus – Happy birthday

Amser tacluso – Tidy up time

Brysiwch – Hurry up



Changes to gate opening times

As a school, we have a responsibility to ensure that all children are in school on time and ready to begin lessons as soon as possible. I am sure that you have all received your email regarding a further tightening of gate opening and closing times. I respectfully ask all parents to adhere to the safeguarding arrangements enclosed within that email.

Please see the summary of the revised gate opening / closing times below. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

	BUS GATE	LEA ROAD GATE	LEA ROAD GATE NURSERY	TOP BLOCK GATE	DRIVE GATE
AM-Open	Sion-8:20am	Sion-8:40am	Mrs Nunes -11:25pm	Sion-7:40am	Sion-7:30am
AM-Close	Mrs Acton-9:00am	Sion-9:00am	Mrs Nunes -11:40pm	Sion-9:00am	Sion-9:00am
PM-Open	Bus Duty staff-3:15pm	Sion-2:55pm	Mrs Nunes - 12:20pm	Sion-3:10pm	Sion-3:30pm
PM-Close	Bus Duty staff-3:40pm	Sion-6:00pm	Mrs Nunes-12:35pm	Sion-5:45pm	Sion-6:30pm



Glan Llyn – Year 5

If your child is going to Glan Llyn please ensure they return their Health Forms as soon as possible and the balance for the trip needs to be paid by Friday 22nd February 2019. Thank you.



SNOW DAY

Thank you to all families for your support on Wednesday when we took the very difficult decision to close the school. The health and safety of all children and staff is always our priority.

I hope that all children enjoyed a fun day in the snow!



National Reading Tests Trials

During this week and last week, a small number of children from year 2 to 6 took part in a trial of the Welsh Government personalised adaptive assessments in reading.

Over the next three years, personalised adaptive assessments will be implemented to replace the paper based National tests. On a positive note, the assessments change according to the children's ability to respond to the questions set. Therefore in theory, they provide a more accurate and useful assessment of a child's progress than the current 'Year group' based assessments. Da iawn pawb. Thank you for taking part and providing your feedback to Welsh Government.

Yr 6 School Journey to Cardiff

The Year 6 children will be going on their school journey to Cardiff this year from Friday 5th to Monday 8th July. If you have not already done so and wish your child to go, please send your forms and £50 deposit by Monday 4th February at the latest.

ATHLETICS COMP

Year 5 and 6 took part in the large schools Wrexham athletic competition at Plas Madoc on Monday and came first and will now go on to the athletics competition in Deeside.

Eco Meeting

Eco Team - The Eco team have met today and will be leading St Mary's to support the nationwide fight against plastic! They have organised compost and plastic bins for the school grounds to help everyone recycle food waste and plastic.



Safer Internet Day

We will be celebrating Safer Internet Day next Friday 5th February with a whole school assembly and lots fun activities in class. Look out for dates in the newsletter next week for parent workshops.

Y4 Archaeology workshops

The year 4 children will be visiting the Museum on Tuesday 5th February for an archaeological workshop during the school day.

Y3 Museum

Dosbarth Clywedog will be going to the museum on Wednesday 6th February and Dosbarth Taff on Thursday 7th February to learn about the Romans. The children will be walking to the museum between 10am and 12 noon and must wear their full school uniform.



Years 1 and 2 Chester Zoo Trip

This term the children have planned their own topic, All Around the World. On Thursday 7th February the Year 1 and 2 children will be visiting Chester Zoo to develop their understanding of animals and their habitats. Please can children wear their school uniform and a warm/waterproof coat. They will also need a packed lunch and children who receive free school meals will have their lunch provided. We will be leaving at 9:15am and returning for 3:00pm.

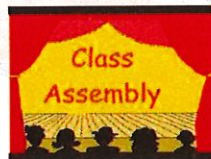
School Council Mtg

The School Council will be meeting on Friday at 2.30pm in the Media Room to discuss a school shop and fundraising.



Headteacher Awards

NAME	REASON
Noah	For great RE celebration planning
Henri	
Molly	
Gethin	
Matilda	
Oliwier	Using their curiosity learning powers to find out about remainders in division!
Natasza	
Darcy	For a fantastic Religious Education assessment
Estella	
Amy	
Victor	
Emilia	



Alyn Class Assembly

Well done to Dosbarth Alyn for leading a wonderful assembly today all about achievements. Da iawn pawb. A super opportunity to share your learning. We look forward to welcoming all families at 2:30pm.



Forthcoming School Council and Eco Meetings
School Council - 8th February

THESE ARE THE CONFIRMED TEACHER TRAINING/ INSET DAYS 2018/2019
(No School for children on these days)

Monday 29th April 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019



Twitter

We are now on Twitter. Please follow us [@stmaryswxm](https://twitter.com/stmaryswxm) to keep up to date with events, activities and whole school news.

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Awesome Attendance!



Week Beginning 21st January 2019

The Foundation Phase Attendance Award this week has been presented to:

Parrot and Penguin Classes



96%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



Week Beginning 21st January 2019

The Key Stage 2 Attendance Award this week has been presented to:

Gwenfro Class



99.2%%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



Foundation Phase Classes	
Stork	87%
Swan	92.6%
Parrot	99% 😊
Penguin	99% 😊
Owls	96.4% 😊
Wrens	92.5%
Sparrows	96.9% 😊
Robins	96.2% 😊

Key Stage 2 Classes	
Taff	96.7% 😊
Clywedog	97.6% 😊
Alyn	97.3% 😊
Conwy	95.4%
Dovey	94.4%
Gwenfro	99.2% 😊
Dyfrdwy	95.7%
Gwaun	87.9%

Well done to those classes who have achieved or exceeded our school target of 96%!

