



**Attendance this week: 93.4%**  
**Attendance this term: 93.1%**  
**Our school target: 96%**

**Top Class: Harlech - 95.8%**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Caerdydd - 95.5%**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Criccieth - 94.5%**

### Children in Need

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, the School Council will be organising lots of events to help raise money for Children in Need. On this day, we are asking children to come into school wearing something yellow or spotty with a monetary donation for the charity.

We are also running competitions within class, each class will be attempting to fill the most bottles with change and will be designing a new friend for Pudsey, all entries must be in no later than Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Prizes will be given to the winning class. Dosbarth Chirk will also be making and selling decorations, more information to follow.

### CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Christmas Concerts**

Classes Chirk & Harlech (SG&PG)

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am - 11:00am

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am-11:00am

Classes Conwy & Criccieth (AG&HP)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm - 2:30pm

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Classes Penrhyn & Caerdydd (RS&JL)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm - 2:30pm

6:00pm - 7:00pm

If your child has been asked to bring in their own costumes can we please ask that **all items are in a bag and all clearly labelled** with your child's name and class as items can often be misplaced during this busy period.

- **Christmas Jumper Day**

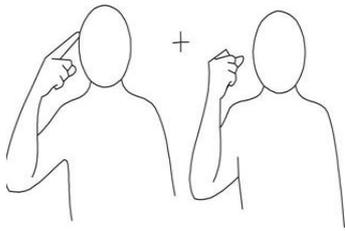
On Thursday 8 December, millions of people up and down the country will come together - at their workplace, school or with friends - to make the world better with a sweater. This year will be TWICE as good as before. Every time you donate £2, the UK government has promised to give £2 to Save the Children too.

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>

- **Teams 4 U Christmas Shoebox Appeal - Picked up Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

We are asking that you fill a shoebox with small items that can be gifted to a child and wrapped in festive wrapping paper. Your shoebox will be given to a vulnerable child or family, distributed through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages in Eastern Europe. **The shoeboxes are being picked up on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** so please leave yours in the school office before this date to ensure the children receive the parcels in time for Christmas. If you need any further information please visit <https://teams4u.com/>. Thank you for your continued support.

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### A note from the Headteacher

After 8 wonderful years at Maes-y-Llan I will now be moving on to a fresh challenge after being offered the headship of a school in Flintshire.

The new position is much closer to home and I will be spending between 5 - 6 hours a week less time commuting to and from school allowing me more time with my soon to be 15 year old son, who is growing up much too quickly, and my daughter, who would love having her dad at home more.

I came to Maes-y-Llan in September 2014 as a fresh(ish)-faced Deputy Headteacher and ALNCo and by October 2015 I was Acting Headteaching before successfully securing the post of permanent HT in June 2017.

As a school, we have accomplished a lot in that time, had a successful Estyn inspection and moved from strength to strength. I will be forever indebted to the Ysgol Maes-y-Llan community.

I very much have mixed emotions, and as excited as I am about starting a fresh challenge and working closer to home (I have missed too many tea times with my own family), I know I am going to miss the children of Maes-y-Llan tremendously. I am really not looking forward to saying goodbye to them... I will always want the best for the children here at Maes-y-Llan and I know I will end up pestering my successor by continually phoning or e-mailing them for updates on how everyone is doing.

The Governing Body will be meeting next week with the LA to discuss a succession plan for employing the next Head Teacher here at Maes-y-Llan.

Whoever takes on the role will be coming to a school full of wonderful children and dedicated, skilled and caring staff.

As the GB formalise plans, they will share these with you at the first opportunity.

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