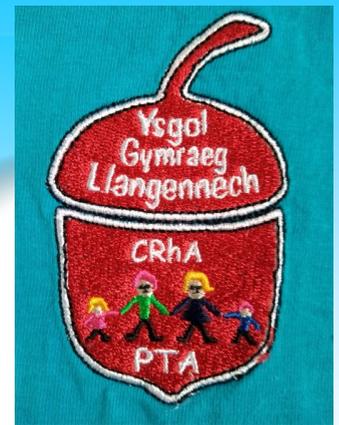


# Ysgol Gymraeg Llangennech

## PTA / CRhA

### Newsletter 2018-2019



## Our school

Browsing through the posts and pictures over the past year in the life of Ysgol Gymraeg Llangennech brings a smile to my face as I am reminded (if any reminder is needed) that our children are growing up in a happy, caring and vibrant environment rich in experiences and opportunities. And it is through the combined efforts of teachers, parents, families, governors and members of our local community that this gift is given to our children. In the same way our PTA relies on the efforts of parents and teachers working together.

I have been on the PTA for 9 years now and the amount of goodwill I have seen coming from parents and teachers has always inspired me to keep going with my own efforts. I am proud to be a part of our school and community. So I want to start by thanking you all for the part you have played, whether it be in helping to run events, donating or lending things to us, or in supporting the events themselves. Llangennech families and teachers are, and always have been, very supportive of our school and keep our children at the heart of our community.



## Our aims

- To raise money for the school to spend on our children's education
- To organise fun events for our children as well as fundraisers
- To help make happy memories for our children of their time at Llangennech



## Events & money raised

This year we held 3 main fundraisers, 2 discos for the children and an Easter egg hunt. We intend the discos to be fun events for our children but they always turn in a small profit too: the Halloween and May discos made a combined profit of £175. We raised £710 at the Mabolgampau/ Sports Day event. The Christmas Fayre has always been our biggest fundraiser of the year with a fantastic profit of £1300, but this time it was surpassed when the circus came to our school and we raised a record-breaking £1900! A further £200 was raised by staff in the sale of the school recipe book.



**Grand total raised in 2018-2019: £4285**





Emma Heyes, Treasurer PTA

## Happy's Circus

For a number of years, hosting a circus has been a long-cherished dream of Emma Heyes our Treasurer. She did a phenomenal amount of work behind the scenes and without her this event would never have happened. Diolch yn fawr yn iawn Emma. On the day, all PTA members worked together to deliver an exciting and memorable occasion for both children and adults. It was the biggest fundraiser in the history of the PTA.



## Join us!

Being a member of the PTA does not require you to make a big commitment. All our active members have jobs, families and other duties outside of the school. The only expectation of a volunteer is that you do what you can, when you can.

You don't need to be outgoing and extroverted. The current group of parents and teachers have diverse personalities, talents and opinions, but what they do have in common is a willingness to do their bit. Meetings are held every one or two months and usually last one hour.

## Farewell / Hwyl fawr

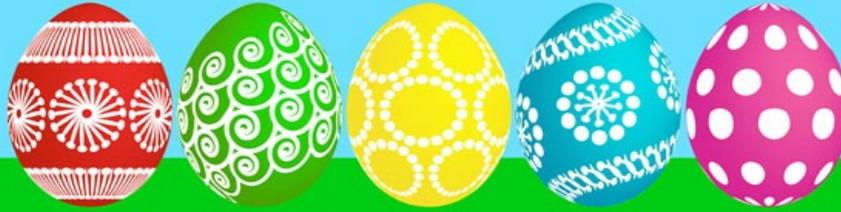


You may not be aware that with our current year 6 pupils readying to leave our school we are also saying farewell to some of the families who have long been a part of our school community. For those parents whose youngest or only child is leaving the school this is an exciting but also sad time.

Our longest serving member Elin Oliver has been on the PTA for over 11 years and is moving on to the next chapter in the lives of her family. It is impossible to know just how much Elin's efforts over the years have raised for our school but without a doubt our children have seen the benefits of her hard work and she also leaves a great legacy for us to build upon. We will very much miss Elin's smiling face and willing, capable hands at our events. On behalf of the PTA I want to say a very big thank you for all Elin has done for our school. Hwyl fawr, pob lwc ac diolch yn fawr yn iawn Elin.

## Easter Egg Hunt / Helfa Wy Pasg

450 eggs and 16 egg hunts - the Easter bunnies were very busy bunnies!



### Behind the scenes

Staff do so much to support our events and none more so than Mr Anderson who has always been an enthusiastic and dedicated member of the PTA.

From serving hotdogs, to moving picnic tables around using the school tractor mower and mopping floors, he is always willing to roll up his sleeves and muck in with the rest of us. Diolch yn fawr am eich cefnogaeth Mr Anderson.



### How the money we raise is spent

- The **Easter egg hunt** is now a much-loved tradition and big calendar event within the school.
- New this year: **every Year 6 pupil is receiving a special t-shirt** as a memento of their time at Ysgol Gymraeg Llangennech. In future, every child in the school will receive a 'Leavers' t-shirt.
- Contributing towards the cost of **new sports kit** for our school teams.
- The school will be using PTA funds to **support the development of a new themed base curriculum**. The curriculum will include new exciting experiential themes to engage our children.

As you can see, the way in which PTA money is being spent is in line with our 3 aims: supporting our children's education, organising fun events and helping to make and preserve the happy memories our children have of their time in Ysgol Gymraeg Llangennech.



Leavers T-shirt logos, front & back



## Christmas Fayre / Ffair Nadolig

Always a fun occasion, the 2019 fayre was the best yet raising an amazing £1300. Staff, parents and guest sellers all worked together to deliver a special evening and most impressively, the older pupils in the school ran their own stalls and games.



*"The time it takes for your 4-year-old to grow wings and your 11-year-old to fly is a lifetime to them but no time at all to us."*

*Join us, even if it is only for one event, and make a memory with your child. Your work will always be rewarded in this way and your help will make a difference.*





### Our future in your hands

I have been Chair of the PTA for 6 years now. My eldest daughter moved on to Ysgol y Strade last year, my son has now come to the end of his time at our school and there are just 4 years left for my youngest daughter. They have been and, in the case of my youngest child, continue to be the happiest of times for our family. But as Chair I have an eye on the future and want to prepare for it. Our treasurer Emma has also been on the PTA for the same length of time as me and we are now both keen to take more of a backseat role and help prepare the 'next generation' by passing on our knowledge and experience.

Until last September we were an 'ageing' PTA with most of us having served for 3 years or more, but then a lovely group of new parents joined us. It is great that we have new members, but we will need new blood if we want our PTA to survive. We have lots of ideas for future fundraisers, including a duck race and barbecue, but we need more people to help make these events a reality. Join us and make it happen! Join with a friend and work as a duo or come along and make new friends.

I promise you that although volunteering on the PTA is an extra thing to juggle in your busy lives it is also a very rewarding experience. And yes, I won't lie, it can be hard work, especially after dashing to a PTA event from your job or other commitments and being rushed off your feet for two or more hours! But I guarantee that seeing not just your own child but every other child smiling as they clutch their Easter egg or their excited little faces at the Christmas fayre makes it all worthwhile. There aren't many jobs or tasks in life that can give this kind of satisfaction.

On behalf of the PTA I wish you all safe and happy summer holidays and the very best of luck to the children and their families who are leaving our school.

Joanne Williams, PTA Chair

