

# YSGOL CASMAEL

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Annwyl rieni,

O'r diwedd rydym wedi cyrraedd diwrnod diwethaf ein blwyddyn ysgol yn 2020. Mae'r siwrne rydyn ni wedi bod arni eleni yn teimlo'n debyg iawn i daith mewn cert sglefrio, cyfres o uchafbwyntiau ac isafbwyntiau, cymysgedd go iawn o emosiynau.

Ar nodyn personol, hoffwn gynnig diolch arbennig i bob un aelod o staff, ac i bob un ohonoch, rhieni, llywodraethwyr a ffrindiau'r ysgol sydd wedi cynnig eich cefnogaeth i mi fel pennaeth Ysgol Casmael yn ystod 2019-20. Diolch yn arbennig i bawb sydd wedi helpu mewn amrywiaeth o ffyrdd, o glybiau ar ôl ysgol, i wrando ar ddarllenwyr, i olchi llestri ar ôl digwyddiad ysgol, i jyst dweud "Diolch". Mae pob gweithred fach yn helpu'ch plentyn i fwynhau addysg gyfoethog a chytbwys a fydd yn eu helpu i dyfu i fyny a myfyrio ar eu profiadau pwysig eu hunain yn ystod eu blynyddoedd Cynradd.

Unwaith eto eleni, yn ystod yr amser a oedd gennym gyda'n gilydd, mae ein disgyblion, eich plant, wedi gwneud llawer o bethau i'n gwneud yn falch, maent yn wir yn llysgenhadon arbennig dros yr ysgol. Mae'r holl brofiadau hyn yn helpu ein disgyblion i ddatblygu sgiliau bywyd hanfodol y tu hwnt i'r llythrennedd a'r rhifedd bob dydd.

Mae eleni wedi bod yn flwyddyn heriol arall i'r ysgol fel cymuned, ers i'r ysgolion ledled Cymru cau ar Fawrth 20fed, rydym wedi llwyddo i weithio gyda'n gilydd, drwy'r hyn sydd wedi dod yn gyfnod unigryw mewn hanes i ni i gyd. Diolch unwaith eto am eich cefnogaeth i ni i gyd yn ystod yr amser heriol iawn yma.

Rwy'n parhau i weithio fel pennaeth dros dro yn Ysgol Llanychllwydog yn ychwanegol i fy rôl fel pennaeth Ysgol Casmael, lle mae gen i ymrwymadau addysgu sylweddol. Mae hyn i gyd yn golygu bod gwaith tîm yn rhan hanfodol o fywyd yn Ysgol Casmael. Mae pob aelod o staff yn yr ysgol yma yn sicrhau bod pob disgybl yn derbyn addysg o'r ansawdd gorau posibl, yn yr amgylchedd dysgu gorau posibl. Rydym yn hynod ffodus yn Ysgol Casmael i gael staff addysgu cryf a galluog sydd yr un mor dalentog wrth arwain yr ysgol ymlaen ag y maent yn herio eu hunain a'r disgyblion yn ddyddiol. Fe gafodd ymroddiad pob un eu cydnabod yn llawn yn ystod ein hymweliad gan Estyn ym mis Tachwedd y llynedd. Wrth inni symud ymlaen i flwyddyn academaidd newydd ym mis Medi bydd newidiadau o'n blaenau, fel bob blwyddyn. Eleni bydd yr holl newidiadau hyn yn gysylltiedig â magu hyder yn ein rhieni a'n myfyrwyr wrth i ni symud ymlaen gyda'n gilydd yn dilyn y pandemig. Gofynnaf eich bod yn amyneddgar, a'ch bod yn gweithio gyda ni ac yn parchu ein ffordd newydd o weithio. Rwyf wedi atodi rhai dogfennau drafft sy'n amlinellu ein bwriadau ar hyn o bryd. Fodd bynnag, wrth i

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fwy o ddogfennaeth gael ei rhyddhau gan Lywodraeth Cymru, efallai y bydd yn rhaid i'n cynlluniau newid, os mae hyn yn digwydd, yna byddaf yn rhoi gwybod ichi. Byddaf hefyd yn darparu gwybodaeth ac arweiniad pellach i chi, e.e.

ynghylch a'r hyn y gall disgyblion cario mewn i'r ysgol.

Gyda thristwch bob amser rydyn yn ffarwelio â'n disgyblion blwyddyn 6, fodd bynnag, mae gwybod ein bod wedi rhoi'r dechrau gorau posibl iddynt yn eu haddysg yn gwneud y trosglwyddiad ychydig yn haws i bawb ohonom. Mae diwedd tymor blwyddyn 6 eleni wedi bod yn rhyfedd iawn. Rydym wedi ceisio cynnal rhai o'n traddodiadau yn ogystal â chreu profiadau newydd i sicrhau bod blwyddyn 6 eleni yn teimlo yn arbennig, yn gwmws fel pob blwyddyn 6 arall. Diolch yn fawr i'r Rhieni a'r Ffrindiau am drefnu hwdis trawiadol a geiriaduron Cymraeg, i "Narberth Travel" am ddarparu fan hufen iâ, i Bethan Williams am greu'r "Puncheston Platters" gorau, ac i Tania Nicholas am greu cacen anhygoel.

Kira, Shaun, Daisy, Jasmine a Lydia, mae wedi bod yn bleser eich cael chi fel disgyblion yma. Rydych chi i gyd yn unigryw, rydych chi i gyd yn dalentog, bydd pawb yn eich colli'n fawr. Gwnewch yn siŵr eich bod chi'n rhoi o'ch gorau ym mhopeth rydych chi'n ei wneud ac ni fydd bywyd yn eich siomi. Ynghyd â'r disgyblion, rydym hefyd yn colli teuluoedd cefnogol, unigolion y gellir dibynnu arnynt i helpu neu gefnogi, rhieni sydd wedi bod wrth ddrws yr ysgol bob nos ers blynyddoedd lawer. Mae bob amser yn drist i golli rhieni cefnogol, fodd bynnag, mae'n galonogol iawn gweld nifer fawr o rieni gyda phlant yn ein Cylch Meithrin yn dechrau cefnogi'r ysgol yn barod. Mae amser plentyn yn y system addysg drosodd mewn chwinciad, felly gwnewch eich gorau i gadw mewn cysylltiad â'r ysgol a chymryd rhan mewn unrhyw ffordd y gallwch chi.

Mae gwobr Ieuan Francis eleni am yr ymdrech fwyaf i gyfoethogi Cymreictod yr ysgol yn mynd i Kira Harries. Rwyf hefyd wedi postio gwobrau presenoldeb i Ieuan Phillips ym Mlwyddyn 1 ac i Owain Banner ym mlwyddyn 3, roedd gan y ddau fachgen hyn bresenoldeb 100% cyn Mawrth 20fed ac maen nhw wedi mynychu'r ysgol am 8 sesiwn yn ystod ein hagoriad diweddar. Mae disgyblion eraill wedi derbyn tystysgrifau ar gyfer cwblhau nifer uchel o unedau ar y Rhaglen Lexia. Rhaid llongyfarch Grace Miles am gwblhau'r nifer fwyaf o unedau - cyfanswm crand o 432 uned!

Mae datblygiad cyson yr adeilad, y disgyblion, a'r staff yma yn Ysgol Casmael yn rhan o'r weledigaeth gyfan ar gyfer gwella ein hysgol. Mae'r weledigaeth hon yn dechrau gyda phrofiadau'r plant pedair oed ar eu diwrnod trosglwyddo cyntaf o Cylch Meithrin, ac mae'n cynnwys staff sy'n mynychu hyfforddiant o ansawdd uchel, er mwyn sicrhau bod blwyddyn 6 yn cael trosglwyddiad esmwyth i'r ysgol uwchradd, yn ogystal a chydweithio ag aelodau'r gymuned ar brosiectau ar gyfer Cyfeiriad/Address: Ysgol Casmael, Casmael, Hwlfordd, Sir Benfro SA62 5RL

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y dyfodol. Mae ymgymryd â'r holl dasgau hyn, a llawer mwy ar wahân, hyd eithaf ein gallu yn adlewyrchu pa mor bwysig yw hi i ni fod ein hysgol yn sefyll allan fel ysgol arbennig, gan wasanaethu'r gymuned yma.

Hoffwn ddymuno gwyliau haf iach a hamddenol i chi i gyd. Rydym yn edrych ymlaen at groesawu pob un o'n disgyblion yn ôl ar ddechrau mis Medi, fel y gallwn ni, fel staff, fwrw ymlaen â'r hyn rydyn ni'n ei wneud orau - sef dysgu'r plant!

Rwy'n siŵr bod llawer ohonoch wedi derbyn dealltwriaeth newydd o'r ferf "dysgu" yn ystod eich amser gartref gyda'ch plant ac yn edrych ymlaen at y 3ydd o Fedi yn barod!

Diolch am eich cefnogaeth o hyd, arhoswch yn ddiogel,

Dymuniadau gorau,

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Dear parents,

We have finally reached the last day of this school year, and what a year it has been. The journey that we have been on this year feels very much like a roller coaster ride of highs and lows, a real mixture of emotions.

On a personal note, I would like to offer special thanks to all of my staff members, and to all of you parents, governors and the friends of the school who have offered their support to me as head teacher of Ysgol Casmael during 2019-20. Special thanks to all those who have helped out in a variety of ways, from after school clubs, to listening to readers, to washing up after a school event, to just saying "Thank-you". Each and every small act helps your child to enjoy a rich and balanced education which will help them to grow up and reflect on their own important experiences during their Primary years, when they become parents themselves.

Once again this year, during the time that we had together, our pupils, your children, have done many things to make us proud, they are true ambassadors of their school in the community which we all serve. All of these experiences help our pupils develop vital life skills over and above the everyday literacy and maths taught via lessons in the classroom.

This year has been another challenging year for the school as a community due to the closure of schools across Wales on March 20th. I hope that you feel that we have managed to work together, through what has become an unique period in history for us all. Thank you once again for your support of us all during this very challenging time.

I continue to work as an acting head teacher at Ysgol Llanychlwydog, in addition to my primary role as head of Ysgol Casmael, where I also have significant teaching commitments. This all means that team work is an essential part of life at Ysgol Casmael. Each member of staff here is strongly committed to ensuring that each pupil receives the best quality of education possible, in the best learning environment possible. We are most fortunate at Puncheston to have a strong and capable teaching staff who are equally talented at leading the school forward as they are at challenging themselves and the pupils on a daily basis. This was fully recognised during our visit from Estyn in November last year.

As we move on to a new academic year in September there will, as always, be changes ahead. This year all of these changes will be linked to building confidence in our parents and our students as we recover together following the pandemic. I ask that you are patient, and that you work with us and respect the new way of working that we will need to observe. I have attached some draft

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documents which outline our current intentions. However, as more documentation is released from Welsh Government, our plans might have to change, if this is the case, then I will let you know. I will also provide you with further information and guidance, e.g as to what a child can and can't bring to school.

It is always with sadness that we say goodbye to our year 6 pupils. However, knowing we have given them the best possible start in their education makes the transition a little easier for all involved. The end of term for this year's year 6 has been very strange. We have tried to uphold some of our traditions whilst creating new experiences to make sure that they feel as special as any other cohort. Many thanks to the Parents and Friends for organising some striking hoodies and Welsh dictionaries, to Narberth travel for providing an ice cream van, to Bethan Williams for creating the best "Puncheston Platters", and to Tania Nicholas for creating an amazing cake.

Kira, Shaun, Daisy, Jasmine and Lydia, it has been a pleasure to have you as pupils here. You are all unique, you are all talented, you will all be missed. Make sure you give of your best in all that you do and life will not disappoint you.

Along with the pupils, we also lose supportive families, individuals that can be relied upon to help or support, parents who have been at the school gate every evening for many years. It is always sad to lose supportive parents, however it is very encouraging to see a good number of parents involved in Cylch Meithrin at present. a child's time in the Education system is over in the blink of an eye, so please do your best to stay in touch with the school and get involved in any way that you can, the rewards you reap will be huge.

This year's winner of the Ieuan Francis award for the greatest effort in enriching the Welshness of the school goes to Kira Harries. I have also posted out attendance awards to Ieuan Phillips in Year 1 and to Owain Banner in year 3, both of these boys had 100% attendance prior to March 20th and have attended school for 8 sessions during our recent opening. Other pupils have received certificates for the large amounts of units they have covered using the Lexia programme. Grace Miles is to be congratulated for covering the most units - a grand total of 432!

The constant development of the building, the pupils, and of the staff here at Ysgol Casmal is part of the whole vision for school improvement. This vision starts with the experiences of the new four year olds on their first transition day from Cylch Meithrin, and includes staff accessing high quality training, making sure year 6 have a smooth transition to high school and working together with community members on projects for the future. Undertaking all of these

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tasks, and many more besides, to the best of our ability reflects how important it is to us that our school stands out as a special school, serving the community for which it was built.

May I wish you all a healthy and restful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back in early September so that we, as staff, can get on with what we do best - teaching! I'm sure that many of you have gained a new understanding of the verb "to teach" during your time at home with your children, and that you also will be looking forward to September 3rd.

Thank you for your continued support, please stay safe,

Best wishes,  
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