

YSGOL DEWI SANT, Y RHYL

HEAD TEACHER: MRS MAIR EVANS

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SCHOOL DETAILS

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Welcome

A few words from the Headteacher, Mrs Mair Evans

A warm welcome to Ysgol Dewi Sant, where we are very proud to offer a safe, happy and supportive environment for every child.

As Headteacher, it is my hope that this prospectus will give you a clear insight into our vibrant school community, our strong values, and our commitment to ensuring that every pupil has the very best opportunity to grow into confident, curious and successful learners.

By working in close partnership with parents and the wider community, we nurture a love of learning and prepare our children for the next steps of their educational journey and for life beyond the school.

Mrs Mair Evans

Description of the school

Ysgol Dewi Sant is situated on the outskirts of Rhyl in Denbighshire. We are a designated Welsh Medium school that provides education for children aged 3-11 years old where 98% of children come from homes where Welsh is not the language spoken at home. This is a co-educational daily school shared into 16 classes, two classes per school year.

Visiting the school

Before registering your child at Ysgol Dewi Sant we encourage parents or guardians to visit the school by phoning the main reception between 8.00a.m. and 4.00p.m. to arrange an appointment. The Governing Body has adopted the Authority's pupils admissions policy which can be seen on Denbighshire's website – www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/education/school-admissions.aspx.

Term 1	**Open and Parents evening**
Term 2	**Parents evening**
Term 3	**Annual report meeting**

Ysgol Dewi Sant's Aims

We aim to ensure the best possible standard of education for all pupils according to their age, ability and interests, as to fully develop their personalities. Our aim is that all pupils become confident and responsible members of a bilingual society.

We have created an atmosphere and environment where pupils can grow, develop and mature into confident individuals who are fully aware of moral values, have high standards of self respect and are tolerant of others.

We aim to offer the best possible standards of education that reflect the needs of the individual, the society, the Local Education Authority, the National Curriculum, the Foundation Phase Framework, the Literacy and Numeracy Framework and the Governing Body.
We aim to enable all pupils to be fluent in both Welsh and English and to be able to participate fully in the social and cultural life of the bilingual community to which they belong.





WHO'S WHO?

Headteacher	Mrs Mair Evans
Head Teacher	Mrs Elen Williams
Foundation Phase Leader	Miss Elin Davies
Key Stage 2 Leader	Mrs Dona Williams

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Nursery	Laura Rhys / Ceri Jones	Miss Moni Miss Ellie Miss Rhiannon Miss Gwenno Miss Catrin Miss Emily-Jay Miss Ffion Miss Alexa Mr David Miss Kara Miss Hafwen Miss Beth Miss Ceri Mrs Carty Mr Iwan Miss Hannah
Reception	Catrin Lines	
Reception	Mari Hanks/Megan Williams	
Year 1	Sioned Evans	
Year 1	Emily Hughes	
Year 2	Elin Davies	
Year 2	Sioned Ousey	
Year 3	Anwen Brierley	
Year 3	Emily Edwards / Megan Williams	
Year 4	Tomos Phillips	
Year 4	Elen Williams / Dona	
Year 5	Elin Price	
Year 5	Geraint Madoc-Jones	
Year 6	Megan Cairns	
Year 6	Ffion Williams	

Administrative Officer	Catrin Davies
Receptionist	Helen Griffiths
ALNCo	Dona Williams

Safeguarding Officers: Mair Evans, Elen Williams, Dona Williams ac Elin Davies
Child Looked After Co-Ordinators: Mair Evans ac Elen Williams

Foundation Phase Timetable

8:55 - 11.30	Session 1
11.30-12.30	Lunch Time
12.30-2.00	Session 2
2.00-2.20	Play time
2.20 -3.10	Afternoon session



*Nursery morning times: 8:55 am. until 11:30 am.
*Nursery afternoon times: 12:45 pm. until 3:15 pm.

KS2 Timetable



8:55 - 10:30	Session 1
10:30 - 10:50	Play Time
10.50-12.00	Session 2
12.50-3.15 / 3.20	Session 3

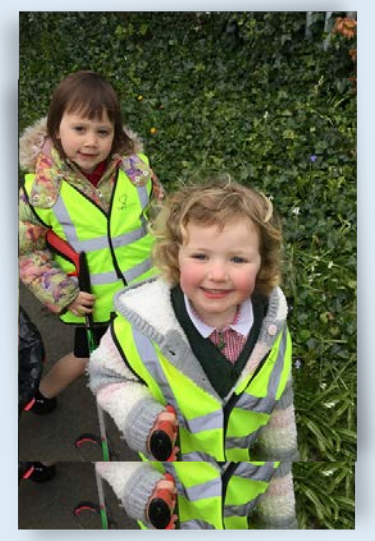
We kindly request that pupils do not arrive at the school until 8:40 a.m.

Attendance

Attendance is a priority at Ysgol Dewi Sant and is very important to us. We expect the children to arrive on time, dressed appropriately and ready to learn.

We ask kindly that parents contact the school as soon as possible to explain any pupil absences.

All pupils' attendance is monitored closely by class teachers, the Head teacher and the county Education Service.







Family Holidays

We urge parents not to take family holidays during term time. Please refer to the school holiday calendar on Denbighshire County Council's website for the dates for the next academic year.











Collective Worship

Each class has a period of daily collective worship and a whole school / key stage assembly is held weekly in the school hall. Each class in turn takes responsibility for the weekly assembly worship. If parents do not wish their children to participate in these assemblies for religious reasons a request can be made by letter to the Head Teacher.

(Please refer to the Religious Education and Collective Worship Policy for further information)

Additional learning Needs

Mrs Dona Williams is the Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator for the school.We aim to ensure that the necessary provision is available for all pupils through the medium of Welsh regardless of whether they have a statement of additional needs or not.

Pupils who have additional learning needs in areas including reading, writing, number and behaviour are given an Individual Education Plan that meets these additional needs.

Our aim in relation to Additional Learning Needs is that all pupils feel confident and free to ask for support, that they are interested and enthusiastic in their work and have self-respect and are stimulated to try their best..

(Please refer to the Additional Learning needs Code for further information.)

Dealing with Complaints

The school has an open and friendly ethos and you are welcome to arrange a meeting with the class teacher or the Head Teacher to discuss any concerns.

If a complaint needs to be addressed, firstly contact the Class Teacher to discuss. If you do not feel that your complaint has been resolved, it will then be escalated to the head of Key-Stage. If you still don't feel satisfied then the Deputy will discuss the matter further if not resolved, with the Headteacher as the school's last point of call for resolution. The Chair of Governors will be contacted through the school office if the matter requires .

Policies

The school has a policy on all statutory and non-statutory issues that ensure the effective running of a school. They are approved by the staff and the Governing Body on a regular basis.

Parents can arrange to see a copy of these policies and many are available to download on our website;

www.ysgoldewisant.org.uk

Relationship Education

Sex and Relationships Education is presented as an integral part of the day-to-day curriculum. The lessons are age - and ability - appropriate and blend naturally into the theme work of the class.





Looked After Children

Through close collaboration with other agencies and the Local Authority, looked after children are effectively supported at the school. Mrs Mair Evans and Mrs Elen Williams are responsible for ensuring the effectiveness of the support given and promoting their achievement. Regular meetings are held to ensure support and help for these pupils and their carers.





Equal Opportunities

The school has a firm Equal Opportunities policy and does not discriminate on any basis. All pupils are given an opportunity to take part in all school activities and the policy is available to read at the School or on our website.

Health

If your child suffers from any medical conditions or allergies please contact the school to let us know.

Our School Nurse is a regular visitor to the school to check the children's sight and hearing and parents can arrange to meet her to discuss any medical issues.

If your child needs medication during the day, parents must fill a consent form that is available from the office.

If your child suffers from Asthma they are welcome to bring their pump to school and the staff will take responsibility for it and keep it safe.





The Curriculum

Various themes are followed throughout the school to ensure a wide range of experiences for the pupils. To ensure that each child reaches his/her full potential, we target the education to match the child's needs. Through this, we can offer the best education for all pupils. Staff's expertise is used to support pupils with additional needs through smaller group work and additional support.

Child Protection

The School plays an important part in safeguarding all pupils. All staff members follow the school policy approved by the local authority. We have a legal obligation to report any concerns raised in relation to safeguarding or pupil well-being with the Social Services Department and we follow the All Wales Child Protection Procedure to the letter.

We fully support all children who are looked after by the local authority.

Ysgol Dewi Sant's Parent and Teacher Association

We have a very committed and enthusiastic Parent Teacher Association who have over the years raised thousands of pounds to buy resources, pay for extra-curricular trips and much more for our pupils. The Association meets once per half term to arrange various activities.

In the past, the Association has organised an Easter Egg Hunt, the Christmas Fair, an Auction of Promises, an evening with Mike Peters — 'Dewi Sant Rocks' to name but a few events in the year's activities!

The Association is always looking for new members and we would always encourage all parents to help in any way to become part of the Ysgol Dewi Sant family. Please get in touch with the school if you're interested to join our team!

School Uniform

We do have an official school uniform and although it is not compulsory we do feel strongly that it has a positive impact on school pride and a feeling of belonging.







Boys' Uniform

- Black trousers
- Ysgol Dewi Sant red polo shirt
- Ysgol Dewi Sant green jumper
- Black shoes (not trainers)





Girls' Uniform

- Black trousers / skirt
- Green/red summer dress
- Ysgol Dewi Sant red polo shirt
- Ysgol Dewi Sant green jumper / cardigan
- Black shoes (not trainers)

Charging policy for activities

We charge parents / guardians fully for the following:

- For any deliberate damage by a child to school property
- Costs of residential visits arranged by the School or the LEA (except when given the right to opt out of paying)
- Transport costs to and from the swimming pool.
- We ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of educational visits; inviting visitors to the school such as; performers / theatrical groups

Extracurricular activities

We thank you as parents / guardians for supporting the extra-curricular activities of the school.

The school offers a wide range of clubs, extracurricular activities and sports to pupils. Details can be found in the newsletters and the website.

Swimming: Pupils in years 3-6 will receive swimming lessons. Pupils also have the opportunity to compete in local and county competitions.

Games: Netball, rugby, football, cricket and athletics are taught to pupils.

Clubs: A variety of clubs are offered; art, cooking, gardening, athletics, radio, rugby, football and netball after school hours. Details available from the school's newsletter.

The use of the Welsh language

The school is an official Welsh school, therefore parents and pupils are expected to be passionate about education through the medium of Welsh. We expect pupils to show respect and pride in the Welsh language by using the language on a regular basis inside and outside the classroom. We seek to inspire pride in the pupils towards Wales's language, culture, history and heritage. The school aims to ensure that our pupils become fluent in both languages - Welsh and English - spoken and written. In order to achieve this goal all subjects are taught through the medium of Welsh. English is taught as a subject for pupils in Years 3 to 6. At the end of their time at Ysgol Dewi Sant, pupils can continue with their Welsh-medium education in the secondary sector by attending Ysgol Glan Clwyd (http:/www.ysgolglanclwyd.co.uk/).







Health and Saftey

Safety is very important to us here at Ysgol Dewi Sant and we would like to assure you as parents / guardians we will do everything possible to make sure your children are safe while they are in our care. The following steps are taken to ensure the safety of your child:

- CCTV cameras around the school site.
- The correct number of staff out on duty at all times.
- Set rules that every child in the school aware of.
- Several members of staff are trained in First Aid.







Discipline

We pride ourselves in high standards of behaviour in the school and are very proud of our pupils. The are courteous and respectful of parents, visitors and each other and we are eager this standard is maintained. We all feel as a school that good standards of behaviour have a positive impact on standards and also prepares them for future life.

A word from the families of the school

"Sending your children to learn a new language at three years old can sound like a daunting task, especially if you are from a non-Welsh speaking background. However, from our experience, we can assure you that sending your children to a Welsh-medium primary school is highly rewarding and gives them a set of tools that will put them ahead of their peers in the future. Living in Wales offers excellent opportunities to all, but being bilingual can make participating in those opportunities more accessible."





"I have found that one of the many, many excellent areas of Dewi Sant's provision is their ability to embrace a child and their family regardless of Welsh language experience and capability and provide a first class bi-lingual education to all."

A word from the families of the school

"All school communication is delivered bilingually, she started to develop her Welsh language from nursery and took to both languages just fine . We have since sent our other two children to Ysgol Dewi Sant and will be sending our two smallest, our eldest is now in the Welsh medium high school and is doing amazingly."





"The children are immersed into the language and culture of Wales at Ysgol Dewi Sant and have developed such pride and belonging in their school, their wider community and their country."



"We are a family of four, Mum is bilingual and Dad is monolingual. Both our daughters have attended Dewi Sant since nursery, age 3.
Dad had a limited Welsh vocabulary/understanding which has improved significantly since hearing the Welsh language being used in our home, (we are no longer able to talk about him without him understanding what's being said!)
Both girls absolutely love attending Dewi Sant and we have nothing but praise for each and every staff member. The school is like one big community. Staff are always smiling, easy to approach and happy to support/help in any way required."