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Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Sant — St David's Day

Classroom Activity Pack

Who was St David? — Pwy oedd Dewi Sant?

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St David (Dewi Sant) c.500–589 CE

The patron saint of Wales. Born in Pembrokeshire. Founded a monastery at Menevia (now St Davids — the smallest city in Great Britain). Known for his austere lifestyle — water, bread, and vegetables only.

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Y Ddraig Goch — The Red Dragon

Wales's national symbol, one of the oldest national flags in the world. Appears in the Mabinogion (Welsh mythology). The dragon has been associated with Wales since at least the 9th century.

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Cenhinen Bedr — Daffodil

The daffodil is the national flower of Wales, worn on St David's Day. A confusion with the leek (cenhinen) may explain the association — both cenhinen (leek) and cenhinen Bedr (daffodil) sound similar.

4

Yr Eisteddfod

Wales's national cultural festival — competitions in poetry, music, and drama entirely in Welsh. The National Eisteddfod is held annually. School Eisteddfodau happen throughout the year.

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CYMRAEG: learn to say 'Dydd Gŵyl Dewi hapus!' (Happy St David's Day), greet in Welsh, sing a Welsh song



- ART: design a Welsh dragon, make a daffodil, create a Welsh flag collage
- MUSIC: learn a Welsh folk song (Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau — national anthem, Calon Lân)
- HUMANITIES: research a famous Welsh person — Dylan Thomas, Roald Dahl, Shirley Bassey, Aneurin Bevan, Gareth Bale
- MATHS: use St David's Day problems (How many leeks? How many daffodils?)
- READING: Welsh legends and myths — the Mabinogion stories, Welsh dragons
- COOKING: Welsh cakes (picau ar y maen), cawl, bara brith

