

# First Minister delivers Seasons Greetings to winner of Christmas card competition

Nearly 800 entries were received for this year's competition, from Year 3 and 4 pupils across Wales and for the first time since launching the competition, entries were received from Ysgol y Gaiman in Patagonia.

The winning entry was drawn by 8 year old Ellis Hughes a pupil from Ysgol Gynradd Llanfair-ym-Muallt. The hand-drawn card shows a large Welsh dragon surrounded by falling snow, a snowman and Father Christmas flying above.

The winning entry will now be used as the official Christmas card which will be sent to dignitaries across the world including Her Majesty the Queen and the Prime Minister

The First Minister said:

"I was thoroughly impressed with the hundreds of entries received from all around the country and especially surprised to receive ones from as far as Argentina. The decision was an extremely hard one to make, particularly as this will be my last and all the entries were of high quality Ellis' design particularly stood out for me as it features Father Christmas soaring through the sky above Wales's famous Welsh dragon during snowfall.

"I would like to thank all those who entered this year's competition and wish them all a very Merry Christmas."

Llanfair-ym-Muallt Primary Head Teacher, Mr Gareth Cornelius said:

"The pupils really enjoyed taking part in the Christmas card competition, it was a great honour to hear Ellis had won and welcome the First Minister here to present a framed version of his card."