

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Annwyl Rieni

After a disruptive start to the Spring term it is nice to have completed a full week of school this week! Thank you to the members of staff, governors and the Friends of the school who helped to organise Ysgol Pen-y-Bryn's Open Day last Saturday. The event showcased the school very well and was well attended. Well done to our Year 6 pupils who competed in our Pen-y-Bryn Swimming Gala last week at Rydal. It was great to see the high standard of the children's swimming ability throughout the races as well as their confidence in the water. This also means that the first house points of the academic year have now been recorded! Keep checking the website to see how each house is doing throughout the year. Finally, just a reminder that we are still in need of a clerk to the Governing Body. As you may be aware Governors are strictly volunteers however, there is a small monetary payment for the clerk position. If you would like more information please contact the school. I hope you have a nice weekend.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,  
Mr Richard Monteiro  
Headteacher



## Classroom Call - 2LC

Our return to school has seen the children use their creativity to generate ideas for pupil-led planning of our new topic, *'Spellbound.'* This sparked many wonderful suggestions based on the story of *"The Three Brave Friends."*

This week, our classroom was full of mystery and adventure as the children embarked on an exciting quest to reach Morfran's castle. Armed with their Sphero Indi robots, their mission was to interpret what instructions each coloured mat gave Indi and then design and navigate routes leading to Morfran's tower while exercising their creativity and problem-solving skills.

To bring Morfran's legendary tower to life, the children used an array of cardboard materials—imagine boxes galore! Some opted for sturdy, practical designs, while others created towers that would make even the most magical architect proud. Watching their towers come to life was a fantastic reminder of how imaginative



## Other News

### Charity Fundraiser

Please see the attached flyer from Mrs Williams and her son who will be taking part in a Charity Fundraiser for 2Wish Cymru

### eSafety

Click [here](#) to read an interesting article about EE's recent recommendation that to protect children's digital wellbeing children under 11 years old should not be given a smartphone.

### Is my child too ill for school?

With the usual winter illnesses making the rounds please see the NHS guidelines on the various conditions and the actions to take. [Click here](#)

### Rydal Penrhos Swim Academy

Please find attached information about Rydal Penrhos Swim Academy which runs on Saturday afternoons. Lessons cost £150 per term (block of 10 lessons). For more information contact [swimacademy@rydalpenrhos.com](mailto:swimacademy@rydalpenrhos.com)

### Criw Cymraeg

Please find attached Criw Cymraeg's weekly letter.

young minds can be when given the right tools—and a touch of cardboard chaos.

The children also explored Morfran's cauldron to uncover its mysterious contents. Among the treasures were colourful beads, feathers, diamonds, and crystals. The "ingredients" of the cauldron were tallied and turned into raw data, setting the stage for next week's big task: transforming that data into digital charts using J2E.

In maths, the children explored place value, working with two- and three-digit numbers to identify tens and units. They practised breaking down numbers into their components, helping to solidify their understanding of place value.

It has been wonderful to have a full, uninterrupted week in school with lots of enthusiastic learning!



### *Attendance for last week*

Attendance (1 day = 20% ½ day = 10%)

	100%	90%	80%	70% or less
Number of pupils	385	0	0	19

We are aiming for all our pupils to achieve an average of **97%** attendance a year (6 days absence).

Dates for  
your  
diary

30<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Year 5  
Swimming

31<sup>st</sup> Jan  
Year 4  
Swimming

4<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Year 1  
Dental  
Scheme

7<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Year 4  
Swimming