

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Annwyl Rieni

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well.

This week the infant classes have all received a selection of Pen-y-Bryn Learning Power Characters. The Friends of the School have had cuddly toys and story sacks made for each of the six characters which include 'Have a go Hippo' and 'The Curious Crocodile' amongst others! The accompanying stories are being read in class and assemblies to remind the children of the different positive attitudes to have in their school life and beyond.

Please be aware that the deadline to apply for September Nursery places is Monday 16th February and that we only have a few places remaining. If you know someone who hasn't yet applied for their child's nursery place please pass this information on to avoid disappointment.

I hope you have a nice weekend.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,
Mr Richard Monteiro
Headteacher



Classroom Call - 6HN

6HN have made a fantastic start to their new topic, Spies and Detectives. They have been especially excited to explore how real circuits can be used in spy-style inventions. Following on from our science lesson, the children worked in small groups to design a spy alarm. They used wires, bulbs, batteries, motors and buzzers to create a system that would trigger if an intruder entered. This task encouraged excellent teamwork as they problem-solved and tested their electrical designs together. In PE, the children have been completing a fitness circuit of seven activity stations. They recorded their first attempt for each one-minute station and will repeat the circuit weekly. Across the four sessions, they will compare their data to see how their stamina and speed improve. The class have also been learning how to draw accurate floor plans and created a floor plan of



Other News

World Book Day

Please see the letter below with details regarding World Book Day taking place on Thursday 5th March.

Flyers

Please see the flyer below from our Criw Cymraeg along with details about the Valentine's Day discos and a free creative workshop in Colwyn Bay.

Conwy Food Partnership Grant

Year 2 have been lucky to secure a grant with Conwy Food Partnership thanks to the hard work of Lizzie Hill and the Friends of Ysgol Pen-y-Bryn. We have purchased sleepers and compost to create planters in our garden area. Huge thanks to Lizzie and Laura for building the planters last week, the children are now busy planning the garden and asking for help from the local community. Look out for posters online!



6HN. These new mapping skills will be used later in the topic when exploring famous heists. We will be discussing how floor plans helped detectives understand movements and solve cases.

This week, we also celebrated Dydd Santes Dwynwen in our morning carousel activities. The children used their Welsh reading skills to explore the story and identify key Welsh vocabulary. They enjoyed learning about the significance of the celebration and sharing new language. To finish the day, the class joined a live lesson where they used Adobe to create a word cloud. It was a wonderful way to combine creativity, technology and their growing Welsh skills.



Attendance for last week (Yr 1 - Yr 6)

Attendance (1 day = 20% ½ day = 10%)

	100%	90%	80%	70% or less
Number of pupils	282	9	18	21

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

Dates for
your
diary

2nd Feb
Friends
Meeting
7pm

W/b 9th Feb
Parents
Evenings

12th Feb
Valentine's
Day Discos

13th Feb
School
Closes

Friday 30th January 2026

World Book day 2026

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 5 March**, a special day dedicated to promoting a love of reading and encouraging children to enjoy books of all kinds.

On this day, children are invited to:

- Dress up as their favourite book character **or** wear their own clothes
- Bring a favourite book from home to share during reading sessions

Please do not feel any pressure to buy a costume — simple outfits or everyday clothes are absolutely fine, and the focus of the day will be on favourite books, reading and enjoyment.

Throughout the day, classes will be **buddying up**, with older children reading alongside younger pupils. We will also be taking part in a range of **reading-related live lessons with Scholastic**, as well as enjoying time in the school library.

In addition, during the **week beginning 2 March**, classes will take part in a variety of activities linked to reading and promoting a love of books. We will be sharing stories with a **Welsh theme**, as well as **multicultural stories and tales from around the world**, to celebrate the diversity of literature.

Year 2 pupils attending Pentre on Thursday 5 March will still have the opportunity to take part in World Book Day activities earlier in the week. The remaining Year 2 pupils will celebrate World Book Day on the day alongside the rest of the school.

We are very much looking forward to a week filled with stories, imagination and a shared love of reading.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Elizabeth Roberts
Deputy Head

Cylchlythyr Criw

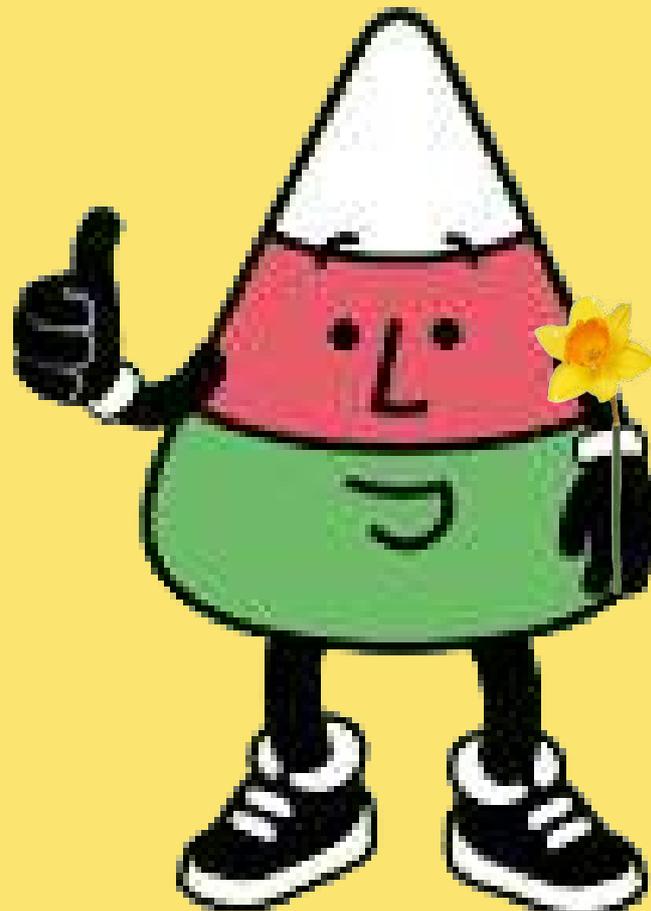
Cymraeg

Dydd Gwenner Ionwar 16^{eg}

**Pryd mae dy ben
blwydd di ?
mae fy men
blwydd i yn _____.**



**Ionwar
Chwefror
Mawrth
Ebrill
Mai
Mehefin
Gorffennaf
Awst
Medi
Hydref
Tachwedd
Rhagfyr**





VALENTINE'S DISCO

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

INFANTS (REC, YR 1&2) 3.30-4.30PM

£3 entry includes snack & drink

JUNIORS (YR 3-6) 5-6.30PM

£3 entry - Tuck shop open

“WEAR WHAT YOU LOVE” - IT’S UP TO YOU!

Volunteers needed - please contact
friendsatysgolpyb@gmail.com

**CREATIVE
TOGETHER
WORKSHOPS**
FOR COLWYN BAY

Join us for a variety of
Free Creative Workshops:
Magic Skills

Learn fun magic tricks

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Saturday January 31st

FREE TOASTIES & DRINKS

DROP IN SESSIONS

Y Fron Community Centre, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8TN

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