

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Annwyl Rieni

I have to start by saying congratulations to all those who took part in the Conwy & Abergele Cross Country event yesterday at Eirias High. The children did extremely well, coming away with lots of first place medals and the winners trophy! Thanks go to Mr Dentith for organising the event. Please see the class lists below as we look ahead to the 2026/27 academic year. Our transition day on Thursday 2nd July will be an opportunity for pupils to spend a day with their new teachers and in their new classrooms as well as to share ideas on what they could learn about in September. Recently Mrs Woodbridge and the Eco Committee have been busy planting flowers and plants provided by the Friends of the School. Visitors often comment on the welcoming learning environment both inside and outside, as you can imagine this takes a lot of work from everyone involved and gives the pupils a real sense of pride for their school. Best wishes go to Pen-y-Bryn's Head Cook Natalie after her last day with us today before starting her new job. I hope you have a great half term holiday and we'll look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on Monday 1st June.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,

Mr Richard Monteiro
Headteacher



Classroom Call - RLC

The children in RLC have had a busy and exciting few weeks full of hands-on learning and teamwork.

In maths, the children have been exploring money and learning to recognise different coins. They loved using real coins in our class "shop", taking turns to buy and sell items while practising their counting and coin recognition skills. The children also enjoyed searching for hidden coins in sand and foam trays, turning learning into a fun treasure hunt experience!

In computing, the class have been fascinated by using our Sphero Indi robot cars. They explored how the different coloured mats give the robots instructions and were excited to predict and test what each colour would make Indi do. The



Da iaw'n Miss McTague!

Miss McTague will be going back to school in September having been selected to take part in The Welsh Government's Welsh Sabbatical Scheme. Miss McTague will be completing this professional learning during the Autumn and Spring terms. A teacher will be appointed to teach Miss McTague's class for these two terms who the children will meet (as well as meeting Miss McTague) on our transition day on Thursday 2nd July.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Just a reminder that we currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you would be willing to support the school by joining the Governing Body please complete the nomination paper and return to school by the deadline of Friday 5th June. Nomination papers can be printed and handed in at the office or emailed to swyddfa@penybryn.conwy.sch.uk

Digital Safety Workshop

Our digital safety workshop for parents, carers and family members is on Thursday 11th June 9am till 11am. There is no need to register however, in the next newsletter there will be a survey link to gauge the number expected to attend.

children showed fantastic curiosity, problem-solving and teamwork as they experimented together. We also had a brilliant outdoor learning day with our Year 4 buddies. Together, the children built dens, searched for natural resources and worked collaboratively to create miniature dwellings using sticks, leaves and other materials they found outdoors. It was lovely to see the reception children learning alongside the older pupils, developing confidence, communication skills and new friendships. Everyone had a fantastic day filled with exploration, creativity and plenty of happy conversation. Alongside all of this, the children have also begun practising for Sports Day, which we are hoping to hold on Thursday 25th June, weather permitting. The children have loved preparing for their events and are especially excited about taking part in the egg and spoon race and the running race. We look forward to welcoming families to come and cheer the children on and celebrate all of their hard work and enthusiasm.



Attendance for last week (Yr 1 - Yr 6)

Attendance (1 day = 20% ½ day = 10%)				
	100%	90%	80%	70% or less
Number of pupils	276	9	27	47

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

<p>Dates for your diary</p>	<p>1st June School Open</p>	<p>4th June Crazy Hair Day</p>	<p>8th June Y6 Cardiff Residential</p>	<p>11th June Digital Safety Workshop 9am-11am</p>
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2026 / 2027 Class List

Class 2025/26	Class 2026/27	New Teacher
NAM	RCW	Mrs C Williams
NPM	RLC	Mrs L Chapman
RER	1EH	Miss E Hughes
RLC	1TE	Mrs T Edwards
1EH	2ER	Mrs E Roberts
1TE	2SM	Miss S Mustari
2SM	3AW	Mrs A Woodbridge
2CW	3LK	Mrs L Kelman
3LK	4DD	Mr D Dentith
3AW	4NR	Miss N Roberts
4DD	5BF	Mr B Fawcett
4NR	5NW	Mrs N Williams
5NW	6AM	Miss A McTague
5BF	6HN	Miss H Norris

The Role of a Governor

Governing bodies are accountable for the strategic direction of their school and for the quality of education provided.

All governing bodies have a core group of governors, consisting of:

- Parent governors
- Teacher governors
- Staff governors
- Local Authority governors
- Community Governors
- Partnership Governors

Our Governing body consists of the following committees:

- Staffing
- Health & Safety
- Curriculum & Admissions
- Finance
- Wellbeing
- Staff disciplinary / dismissal
- Pupil discipline and exclusions
- Complaints & Grievances
- Additional learning needs
- Attendance
- Safeguarding

Core Responsibilities of the Governing Body:

- Promoting high standards of educational achievement and behaviour.
- Setting targets for pupil achievement.
- Ensuring that all learners have access to a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Determining the aims, policies and priorities of the school.
- Determining and monitoring the school's budget.
- Staffing – e.g. staff appointments, performance management.
- Providing parents with information regarding the school.
- Producing an action plan and monitoring progress following an inspection by Estyn.
- The wellbeing and safeguarding of learners.

A Governor will fulfil their duties by:

- Attending meetings (usually one every half term).
- Visiting the school.
- Being linked to an area of the school's work as a subcommittee member.
- Participating in decisions of the governing body.
- Working within an agreed code of conduct (refer to Principles of Conduct for Governors of Schools in Wales).
- Maintaining confidentiality when required.
- Undertaking training and development.
- Being aware of the latest initiatives and developments in education.



**GOVERNING BODY OF
YSGOL PEN-Y-BRYN**

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

NOMINATION PAPER

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

as a parent governor of Governing Body of Ysgol Pen-y-Bryn.

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Parent of: _____ in form/class _____

SECONDER'S SIGNATURE _____

Address: _____

Parent of: _____ in form/class _____

Nominations shall be made on this designated form which shall be returned to the school on or before the stipulated date. Nominations received after that date shall be invalid. Nominees must state their consent to stand for election on the appropriate form, and must be proposed by a parent who are themselves eligible to vote in an election at the school. If there is more than one nominee, we will hold an election.

To be returned to the Head Teacher Mr Richard Monteiro by Midday Friday 5th June 2026.

