

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Annwyl Rieni

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well.

With the Autumn term well under way our swimming sessions started back up this week with Year 6 using the pool at Rydal as they look ahead to their upcoming swimming gala! Next week Mr McDonald will be starting back to deliver his music lessons. Information on this has been sent out via SeeSaw. Below is a message for parents and families of last years Year 6 pupils. Please help spread the word that the recording of last years Summer Show is available. The Friends of the school met this week to plan events for the year including a 40th Birthday party for Ysgol Pen-y-Bryn! Details of the Halloween Disco coming soon.

Finally a reminder to check your email junk folders and / or to mark our Medical Tracker system as an approved sender as there have been a few occasions of Medical Tracker emails not being received.

I hope you have a nice weekend.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,
Mr Richard Monteiro
Headteacher



Classroom Call - 3LK

3LK have shown great maturity in how they have handled the leap from the infants to the juniors! There have been many changes and new rules and routines to adapt to and we have been very impressed with how the children have settled into their new class.

This term our topic is 'Wild Woods' where we are looking at life in the forest – starting very locally in Pwllcrochan woods. Last Friday we made our first trip to the forest and started to think about the things we would like to learn about. We explored, made 'homes'



Parent Open Evenings

All infant classes; Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their Parent Open Evening on Monday 12th October 4pm - 6pm with time slots sent out in the coming days. Details for Junior classes open evenings will be shared next week.

Year 6 2026 show

The video of Pen-y-Bryn's 2026 Year 6 show 'The Pirates of the Curry Bean' (including the opening film and leavers song) is available to order. The video will be made available via a google drive link. The link will be emailed to parents on 30/09. In order to be emailed a link please bring £5 in an envelope with your email address clearly written on the front to the school office by the end of September. Please make sure to hand the envelope to a member of the office staff who will also take your name.

NHS Flu Vaccine

A vaccination team will visit the school to offer an NHS flu vaccine on Friday 2nd October 2026. Please complete consent forms by Tuesday 29th September 2026. To complete the form online and for more information - including a video introduction to the vaccine and animations for your child - please [click here](#)

and 'nests' for creatures, looked for interesting areas for den building and shelters, and observed some beautiful fungi, leaves and autumnal treasures. We are looking forward to regular visits to the woods and to deepen our understanding of our local beauty spot as the seasons change. This will also be central to our work on 'Cynefin'.

We clearly have some artists in our class and the pupils created beautiful autumnal artwork using pencils and pens. We have also been learning to identify some leaves and match them to their trees and are excited to learn more as the term progresses.



Attendance for last week (Yr 1 - Yr 6)

Days of school missed due to absence					
	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days
Number of pupils	17	9	1	1	8

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

Dates for
your
diary

2nd Oct
NHS Nasal
Flu Vaccine

8th Oct
Scholastic
Book Fayre

W/b
12th Oct
Parent Open
Evenings

14th Oct
Individual
Photos

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 9th October 2026.

Please use the QR code below to sign up for **piano** and **violin** lessons only. These lessons are available for pupils in Years 2 - 6.

A promotional poster for Conwy Music Co-operative. The background is white with scattered orange musical notes and treble clefs. At the top center, there is a logo consisting of a series of vertical bars of increasing height, with musical notes floating above them. Below this logo, the text 'Conwy Music Co-operative' and 'Cerdd Cydweithredol Conwy' is written in orange. In the center, a large red speech bubble with a black outline contains the text 'BOOK MUSIC LESSONS NOW!' in bold black capital letters. To the left of the speech bubble, there is a yellow and orange megaphone with three yellow lightning bolts emanating from it. Below the speech bubble, the website 'www.conwymusic.com' is written in black. At the bottom left, there are three red circular icons: a telephone, an envelope, and the Facebook 'f' logo. To the right of each icon is the corresponding contact information: '01492 685497', 'NOTE@CONWYMUSIC.COM', and 'CONWY MUSIC CO-OPERATIVE'. On the bottom right, there is a large black and white QR code.

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