

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Annwyl Rieni

It was great to see so many people at the parents open evening this week. As always if you were unable to attend or would like to arrange a formal slot to discuss your child with their teacher please mention this to your child's teacher or contact the office.

This week I met with PyB's School Ambassadors, Ella & Gilbert who will be working this year to raise awareness of Children's Rights as well as helping to welcome special visitors to the school.

An amazing £593.66 was raised last Friday to support the charity Young Minds. Thank you for your support and to Mr Fawcett for arranging. Next Friday the staff will all be wearing something pink to raise money for Breast Cancer Now. Miss Corris has organised a few fundraising activities for the staffroom. It will just be the staff in pink however, if you would like to support, please read the flyer below with more information.

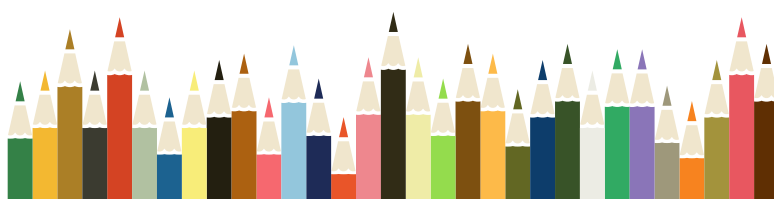
Also below you will see a short write up from the two parents who have volunteered to join the Governing Body. Please cast your vote next week by either printing and returning the ballot paper below or by asking for a hard copy at the office.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,
 Mr Richard Monteiro
 Headteacher



Classroom Call - 1TE

The beginning of a new school year has brought lots of changes and new routines for the children. As they become familiar with their classroom and build new friendships, they are gradually growing in confidence and settling into school life. This first half term has been busy, and the children have adapted to Year 1, embracing the learning opportunities with curiosity and excitement. During the topic 'This is me' we looked at artwork by Pablo Picasso, exploring his unique style and use of bold shapes and colours. The children had fun creating imaginative portraits, and learning how Picasso expressed ideas in creative



Breakfast Club

If you would like your child to receive a breakfast please make sure they arrive at breakfast club no later than 8.25am.

Service Children Data Collection

Please help us to gain an understanding of our Service community by completing and submitting this [form](#) by 23/10/26. Annually, we share the total number of Service children enrolled at our school with [SSCE Cymru](#).

Governor Wellbeing Committee

The Governor Wellbeing Committee are interested to hear from parents regarding child wellbeing. Please complete the short questionnaire to support their work. Click [here](#)

Cluster Football Tournament

Well done to the players selected to go with Mr Dentith to play in a small cluster football tournament on Tuesday. Our team played 4 close games with 3 other local schools at Bryn Elian. The children put in a great effort and demonstrated excellent behaviour.



and unusual ways. They were proud to share their masterpieces, and it was lovely to see the creativity and effort in this work.

Thank you to the parents and carers for providing wellies for their child. This means that we can access the outdoors in most weather. A big thanks also to the Friends for providing us with waterproof clothing! The children have been enthusiastic during our Welly Wednesday sessions. We have enjoyed Welly Walks to look for signs of autumn, keeping a tally of the things we discovered and having great fun watching sycamore seeds spin and fly through the air! The children have explored the Year 1 garden and the school grounds, and we hope that next term we can explore a little further, into Pwllcrochan woods on our outdoor day.



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	16	5	3	5	2

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

19th Oct
Friends
Meeting

22nd Oct
Halloween
Disco

23rd Oct
Close for
Half Term

2nd Nov
INSET
Day



Dr Rachel Newbould

I'm Rachel and I'm Mum to Jack who's 6 and is in Year Two at Pen Y Bryn in Mrs Roberts' class. I'm a Doctor, Consultant Gastroenterologist and also in General Medicine and I work in Ysbyty Gwynedd, in Bangor, where I am also Lead for Clinical Nutrition. I enjoy fitness and spending time in the great outdoors.

It would be great to be a Parent Governor to be part of maintaining and continuously improving the education and care that Ysgol Pen Y Bryn provides for our children and the local community. Pen Y Bryn provides a high standard of education and strives to provide the best start for children. I am particularly passionate about the wellbeing of our children and also promoting healthy lifestyles and providing equal opportunities for children and families from a diversity of backgrounds.

Although I'm not from North Wales originally, moving to this area has made our family feel part of a valuable and welcoming community and it would be an honour to be able to use my skills and enthusiasm to positively influence the experience of pupils and their families attending Ysgol Pen Y Bryn.

Mr Philip Lof

Having grown up in Rhos-on-Sea, I'm delighted to have returned to North Wales with my family after four years working in Brussels. Our two children have recently joined Pen y Bryn in Reception and Year 3, and we're excited to be part of the school community.

I'm passionate about education and believe every child deserves the best possible start in life, with the opportunity to learn, grow and reach their full potential.

I work for the Welsh Government and serve on several boards in Wales and internationally, including the Welsh Government Board, and the European Sustainable Development Network. I also work as a consultant with the United Nations, supporting national governments around the world on long-term governance, future-focused decision-making and education. Over the past seven years, my work has championed opportunities for young people and worked to ensure their voices are heard.

I've already enjoyed supporting Pen y Bryn's Year 6 Careers Day, encouraging pupils to think ambitiously about their futures.

As a parent governor, I would bring enthusiasm, experience and fresh perspectives to support the school's continued development. Above all, I would listen to parents, work collaboratively with staff and fellow governors, and help ensure every child feels valued, supported and able to thrive.





Election of Parent Governor

YOU MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE PERSON

Dr Rachel Newbould

Parent of: Jack

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Mr Philip Lof

Parent of: Loki and Elsa

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Please return to the school by: Midday Friday 23rd October.
BALLOT PAPERS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE VALID



HALLOWEEN DISCO

**THURSDAY 22ND
OCTOBER**

**INFANTS (REC, YR 1 & YR 2)
3.30-4.30PM
£3 ENTRY INCLUDES SNACK & DRINK**

**JUNIORS (YR 3 - 6) 5-6.30PM
£3 ENTRY - TUCK SHOP OPEN**

**FANCY DRESS - NO
SWEETS OR MASKS
PLEASE**

**FRIENDS
OF PEN-Y-BRYN**

Arty Expressions



Our Staff are
WEARING PINK!

IT'S 25 YEARS OF
WEAR IT PINK

at Ysgol Pen y Bryn

On Friday 23rd October,
all staff at Ysgol Pen y Bryn will be
wearing pink to support 25 years of
Wear It Pink, in aid of breast cancer.

Raising
money for
breast cancer
research

The
GoFundMe
is open!

For anyone who would also
like to donate, our GoFundMe
is open to help support
25 years of Wear It Pink
breast cancer research.



**SCAN WITH YOUR
CAMERA APP**
and it'll take you straight
to the page.



**Any donation, big or small, would be
extremely appreciated.**

If you would like to donate cash, please give it to
your child to bring to Miss Corris.

Thank you so much for your support!