Ysgol Pen-y-Bryn A Foundation School | Nurturing Healthy Ethical Creative Ambitious Learners

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NEWSLETTER

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Colwyn Bay, LL29 6DD

Dear Parents / Annwyl Rieni

I hope you had a nice half term week, it was very busy in school with contractors installing new lighting throughout the building. Also, the hall ceiling has had some much needed improvements!
It has been straight back to it this week with pupils completing their normal class work whilst also preparing for their Christmas Performances. Please help your child learn their lines or if they are playing an instrument in the Year 5&6 performance encourage them to be practising at home. With only a few weeks until the children start their Christmas Shows the performance dates are now available on the school website calendar which you can view by clicking here. Please keep checking the newsletter and calendar, this is a very busy half term and as such new events will be added as they come up.
Speaking of Christmas The Friends of the School are currently busy planning the Christmas Fayre (see flyer below), if you are able to help in any way please contact them at friendsatysgolpyb@gmail.com or come along to their next meeting which is at 7pm on Monday 16th November at the Pen-y-Bryn pub.
I hope you have a nice weekend.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,
Mr Richard Monteiro
Headteacher



Classroom Call - RCW

What a fantastic first half term we have had in Class RCW! The children have made such a wonderful start to the school year and we are incredibly proud of how well they have settled in. They have quickly become familiar with our classroom routines, made new friendships and grown in confidence. It has been lovely to see everyone getting to know each other and becoming part of our happy classroom family.
There has been lots of excitement and enthusiasm for learning and one of our favourite activities has definitely been Drawing Club! The children have loved using their imaginations, exploring different stories and bringing their



Other News

Breast Cancer Now

Miss Corris' is proud to announce that a total of £790 was raised for Breast Cancer Now from the various fundraising activities she organised. Thank you for your support.

Children in Need

Next Friday will be Children in Need. To support this charity we will be having a non school uniform day (Pudsey bear or spotty clothing welcome!) Any donations children bring in will be collected in class with the grand total sent to Children in Need at the end of the day.

Tesco Blue Tokens

Don't forget when shopping at Tesco in Llandudno please add your blue tokens to our pot!

Tempest Photos

Tempest photography are offering free delivery back to school for online orders placed by Sunday 8th November.

Midday Supervisors needed

We are still in need of more Midday Supervisors! This is always a difficult role to fill between 11.45am and 1.15pm. Please contact the office if this is something you'd like more information about.

Colwyn Bay Christmas Collective

Please see the flyer below about Colwyn Bay's annual lantern making challenge.

ideas to life through pictures and words. It has been wonderful to see their creativity shine and their confidence grow as they share their ideas with others. We have also been working hard on developing our reading and writing skills and the progress that the children made last half term has been fantastic. It is lovely to see them becoming more confident when recognising sounds, reading words and having a go at writing independently. Every little step is a big achievement and the children should feel very proud of themselves!
This half term we have started to practise for our Christmas production "I Spy Christmas." The children are very excited to learn the new songs and actions! We are also celebrating Bonfire night, Diwali and Remembrance Day this week. What a brilliant and busy start to the school year!



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	23	6	4	4	4

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

- 13th Nov Children in Need (non school uniform)
- 13th Nov Yr 6 DangerPoint
- 20th Nov Non School Uniform Day (Fayre Prizes)
- 27th Nov Christmas Fayre

The Friends Ysgol Pen-y-Bryn are looking for local businesses and community members to donate prizes to their Christmas Raffle. If you'd like to donate please email friendsatysgolpyb@gmail.com




Colwyn Bay
CHRISTMAS COLLECTIVE
28TH NOVEMBER 2026
12PM -7PM
HALF TERM LANTERN MAKING CHALLENGE


HOW TO MAKE A PYRAMID LANTERN
A SIMPLE STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE
Get creative! You can make any design you like.
1 Gather your materials
You will need sticks (willow or bamboo canes), tissue paper or lightweight paper, PVA glue, tape or string, scissors and a battery-powered LED light.
2 Make the base
Make a square base using four sticks. Join the corners with tape or string.
3 Add the sides
Add four sticks, one at each corner, and bring them together at the top. Secure with tape or string.
4 Check the frame
Make sure the frame is sturdy and stands upright.
5 Add the paper
Tear tissue paper into pieces and brush PVA glue onto the frame. Cover with the paper, overlapping the pieces.
6 Decorate
Add coloured tissue paper, paint, pens or other decorations. Be as creative as you like!
7 Let it dry
Leave your lantern to dry completely.
8 Add a light
Place a battery-powered LED tealight or small LED string light inside. Do not use candles.
9 Add a handle
Tie string to the top and attach to a stick so you can carry your lantern.
10 Finished!
Your lantern is ready to take to the Colwyn Bay Christmas Lantern Parade!
TOP TIPS
Use lightweight paper or tissue paper
Be creative – any shapes, colours or designs are fine
Use battery-powered LED lights only
Make sure it's safe and sturdy
You could also make stars, Christmas trees, snowmen or any light-up creation!