

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Annwyl Rieni

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well.

It has been a busy start to the Autumn term with the summer feeling like a very long time ago as we break for the half term holiday. Dates are now available for the many Christmas activities that will take place after the week's holiday and the school calendar on the website will be updated with these also.

As you'll be aware, since coming back in September we have been implementing our new attendance policy (this can be viewed on the website). Letters have been posted today to parents whose children's attendance has caused a trigger point to be reached.

Thank you to the Friends of the School and to the parent and staff volunteers who helped organise and run the infant and junior Halloween discos after school yesterday. There was a great atmosphere in the hall and the children had a fun time. An amazing £830 was raised.

Also this week children across the school have been celebrating harvest and did a great job collecting donations for the local food bank. The Eco Committee have also been raising awareness of recycling through their junior wear something green day today. Two nice examples of Pen-y-Bryn pupils living up to the national curriculum's aim of encouraging ethically informed citizens!

I hope you have a relaxing week next week and we will look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 4th November.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,  
Mr Richard Monteiro  
Headteacher



## *Classroom Call: Pre-Nursery and Nursery Plus*

The children in Pre-Nursery have settled into the class well and are enjoying playing with their new friends and exploring their new classroom. The children have been looking at Autumn and Mrs Davies brought in some pumpkins for them to look at and play with. We cut them into sections and the children were able to practise their fine motor skills using pegs, spoons and tweezers to remove the pumpkin seeds. We also had a lovely sensory tray containing autumn objects for the children to explore and use magnifying glasses to look at the objects in detail. We were then able to create a lovely window display using the children's handprints and leaf printing for the autumn leaves.

During our circle time the children have been looking at 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen, exploring the different movements



## Other News

### Ysgol Pen-y-Bryn Ambassador News

Please see attached newsletter

### Admissions for Reception and Nursery

We currently have availability for our September 2025 intake. Closing dates for applications are:  
**Reception 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**Nursery 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

### Tempest Photography

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 3rd November 2024. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

### Friends of the School

The Halloween Disco was a great success and raised **£830.35!** Thank you to everyone who attended and to all the volunteers for their help! Thank to everyone who has visited our tuck shop every Friday this half term, we have raised over **£400** for the Friends of the School.

### Winter Menu

Please see attached the new winter menu starting from the 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please make sure you discuss the menu with your child/ren.

and actions that accompany the story. The children have really enjoyed joining in with the actions and creating their own movements, the children even went on their own bear hunt on the school grounds!

The children have settled extremely well in both Nursery and Nursery Plus this first half term, which is a very long term for them, we are very pleased and proud of them all. In Nursery Plus this week we have been exploring signs of Autumn. We went out on an Autumn walk around the school grounds on Thursday. The children enjoyed finding the different coloured leaves and collecting them to take back to class to turn into a leaf person. In class we have been developing our digital skills, we practised using our busy finger to colour an Autumn picture using the Chromebook.



### Attendance for last week

Attendance (1 day = 20% ½ day = 10%)

	100%	90%	80%	70% or less
Number of pupils	356	10	28	32

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

Dates for  
your  
diary

25<sup>th</sup> Oct  
School  
Closes

4<sup>th</sup> Nov  
School  
Opens

12<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Flu Nasal  
Spray  
Rec-Yr6

13<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Yr6  
Danger  
Point