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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Annwyl Rieni

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well.
Our Governing Body currently has a vacancy for a parent governor. Attached to this week's newsletter is an information sheet regarding the role and a nomination form if you would be interested in volunteering your time to be a member of Ysgol Pen-y-Bryn's Governing Body. Please note the deadline to send a nomination form is two weeks today.

Also attached to this week's newsletter is a letter regarding the newly formed Pre Nursery Pen-y-Bryn. This day care service for 2 - 3 year olds will be open from Monday 8th April and we are now able to take bookings for the next half term. Please feel free to share the information with friends and relatives.

It was great seeing all the costumes around the school yesterday to celebrate World Book Day, we have uploaded a few photos from the day to the gallery page of our website which you can see by clicking here.
I hope you have a nice weekend.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir
Mr Richard Monteiro
Headteacher

Classroom Call - 3GH

What a week!? It certainly started with a bang as pupils participated in their first, ever Junior Eisteddfod. All of the hard work of previous weeks paid off, with everyone giving superb performances despite some initial wobbles. The judges were given the difficult job of selecting a winner from the group poetry category and the group song category. Competition was fierce with pupils giving it their all reciting 'Es i i'r sŵ' and rapping 'Un, dau, tri'. The atmosphere was really supportive with pupils encouraging their peers with cheers and claps. They should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Other News

Red Nose Day

Next Friday will be a non-school uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief. Children are welcome to wear red and to bring a £1 donation.

Criw Cymraeg

Criw Cymraeg would like to share the following with you which pupils may wish to practise at home:

Beth ydy dy hoff llyfr?

What is your favourite book?

Dwi'n hoffi_____

Gair yr wythnos/word of the week:

Darllen (Read)

Guess the word:

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Scholastic Book Fair

Will be held in the school hall on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March. The £1.00 World Book Day tokens can be used at the book fair too. If you do not have any Mr Fawcett has some for you to collect on the day.

The fun did not stop there with pupils getting creative making Mother's Day cards and designing dragon eyes that they will make out of clay in the next couple of weeks. Having created their own stop-motion animations of the story of 'Y Ddraig Goch' last week, the class have begun to plan and write their own versions of the tale. All are full of terrifying monsters such as basilisks and giant wolves, perfect villains for our hero, the red dragon, to defeat.

On Thursday, pupils did themselves proud by coming in fully decked-out in their costumes for World Book Day. We had a lot of fun talking about our characters, and why pupils admire them. Pupils then participated in a poster making competition where they are in with the chance of winning a £15 Scholastic book voucher. The theme for the poster was 'We Love to Read' with pupils again getting to flex their imaginations. We ended our day with a mini photoshoot in the hall – vogue!

Attendance for last week

Attendance (1 day = 20% ½ day = 10%)				
	100%	90%	80%	70% or less
Number of pupils	357	9	44	40

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

Dates for your diary	11-13th Mar Year 5 Conway Residential	11th&13th March Scholastic Book Fair	15th March Red Nose Day	22nd March School Closes