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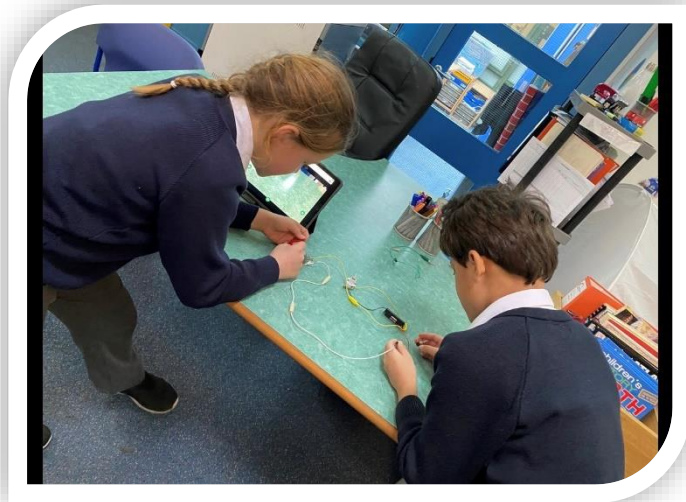
Dear Parents / Annwyl Rieni

As we break for half term this newsletter marks the halfway point of the academic year. As I mentioned at the start of the school year, pupil attendance at Ysgol Pen-y-Bryn has declined in recent years, with this in mind your child's current attendance score has been sent home today with your child. This is for your information only however, support is available through the school regarding attendance if needed.

I was very impressed with the resilience I saw from the Year 4 children who visited Pentrellyncymer this week. The children were certainly pushed outside of their comfort zones and it was great to see how they stepped up to the various challenges during the stay. Thank you to Miss Norris and to Mrs Woodbridge for giving up your time to make sure the trip could go ahead.

On Thursday I poked my head into the Year 2 coffee morning organised by the Friends of the School. It was great that so many of you were able to make it along, you were very much the guinea pig group, with the Friends now putting plans in place to offer this to the other year groups during the second half of the school year. I hope you all have a nice half term break and we will look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 19th February.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,
Mr Richard Monteiro
Headteacher



Classroom Call - 4HN

The topic for Year Four this term is "Road Trip USA". 4HN have been enjoying researching the 50 states of America. The children were set a mini challenge; to learn the names of all 50 states by Easter. The children also completed a carousel cycle focussing on the Iroquois Native American tribe. The children created dream catchers, designed totem poles, and created fact files about the tribe. They also used their electrical circuit knowledge to create a modern-day version of the smoke signals which the tribe used to communicate.

This week a group of children from 4HN and 4AW also had a Pentre adventure with a two night stay in Pentrellyncymer. The children took part in many activities such as: gorge walking,



