

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Annwyl Rieni

I hope you all had a nice Christmas and New Year. We have a busy spring term ahead of us and as always you can keep yourself up to date with what's going on through the calendar on the website, this weekly newsletter and your child's SeeSaw account. Also, as well as posting details of Friends events the Friends Facebook page often reshares information regarding school.

Attendance continues to be a top priority for the school, as you may remember, when we reach the halfway point of the school year we will be sending home details of your child's / children's current attendance. As you'll know from the attendance table on the newsletter we are hoping for pupils to achieve an average attendance of 97% in an academic year (this equates to 6 days absence).

A warm welcome to Miss Brooke, Miss McGrath and Miss Roberts who have joined 6GE, 5DD and 2LC this term as they complete their teaching qualifications with Bangor University.

Finally with snow forecast in the coming weeks just a reminder that school closures can be checked on Conwy's website [here](#) as well as on our own website. Our school comms will also send emails to parents with the hope that all communications are sent between 7.30am and 8am.

I hope you have a nice weekend.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,
Mr Richard Monteiro
Headteacher



Classroom Call

The topic for Year Six this term is “War & Peace”, with particular focus on World War II. Class 6GE have made a start by identifying the countries that currently make up Europe, in order to compare and contrast with those of 1939.

Linked to this topic, the class have started to read ‘Once’ by Morris Gleitzman. Before they did so, they tried to deduce from the clues on the book cover, what the story might be all about. Many of the children have already impressed Mr. Edwards and Ms. McGrath (who joins us this term from the University of Bangor) with their prior



Other News

Reception Eye Tests

The school nurses will be in school on Wednesday 17th January to carry out all Reception pupils eye tests.

DangerPoint - Year 6

Following their trip to DangerPoint last term parents are invited to complete this short questionnaire to help DangerPoint with future funding. Please click [here](#).

Friends Film Nights

FP - Reception, YR1, YR2 Wednesday 24th January 3.30-5.00pm
 KS2 - YR3, YR4, YR5 & YR6 Thursday 25th January 3.30-5.00pm

See attached flyer!

KICKIT Sports

Chris from KickIt visited school this week with leaflets for the children to bring home. If you are interested in booking sessions please use KickIt's booking form by clicking [here](#)

Careers Week - Years 3-6

Years 3-6 careers week will be held in school in March. Please see attached letter.

Headlice - Year 4

If your child is in Year4 please check for headlice and treat accordingly.

Outside achievements

It is always nice to hear about the achievements of Pen-y-Bryn children outside of school. Here is a photo of Year 4 pupil Oli who was selected to play for Everton Academy. The club recently organised a photo shoot for the squad.



knowledge of this time period, and of what the symbols on the book cover mean.

At the start of a new calendar year, children in Class 6GE have made three New Year Resolutions - one to be achieved at school during this term, the second to be achieved at home, and the third to be aimed at Year 7 and beyond! Resolutions included: "Improve my presentation and handwriting"; "To undertake more sports and games after school"; and "To help my parents with tidying and dusting the house at the weekends"! - now there's a challenge!



Attendance for last week

Attendance (1 day = 20% ½ day = 10%)

	100%	90%	80%	70% or less
Number of pupils	344	0	0	98

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

Dates for your diary	18 th Jan Year 6 Swimming starts	24 th Jan FP Film Night 3.30-5.00pm	25 th Jan KS2 Film Night 3.30-5.00pm	5 th -7 th Feb Year 4 Pentre
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