

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Annwyl Rieni

This week's newsletter marks the end of the autumn term and the start of the Christmas holidays. It has been an extremely busy term and I have very much enjoyed getting to know the staff, pupils and yourselves since starting in September. On behalf of myself and the Governing Body I would like to thank all of the staff at Ysgol Pen-y-Bryn for the dedication they show every day to the school and it's pupils and I hope they enjoy a well-deserved rest over the holidays!

Thank you to The Friends of the School and the many many parents and families who have supported the various events this term. I know the Friends already have plans in place for next term! Amongst other things your support of Friends events has helped us develop a STEM room in the school, finish off the library and allow pupil groups such as the Eco Committee and Criw Cymraeg to purchase resources to support their school improvement initiatives.

Finally, a fond farewell to Mr Rowley who had his final day with us here at Ysgol Pen-y-Bryn today before starting his new job after the Christmas holidays. Like Mrs Taylor, Mr Rowley has promised he will still be calling in to see us from time to time!

I hope you have an enjoyable two weeks off and we will look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 9th January.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,  
Mr Richard Monteiro  
Headteacher



## *Classroom Call - Nursery*

What a fantastic and busy first term in school!

The children have settled well into their new routines, and made new friends. We have explored the school both indoor and out. They have enjoyed working in the hall for PE, looking at the books in the library, and using the iPads in the STEM room. During Welly Wednesday we have investigated the school grounds, and had fun running down the hill! This half term our 'Jigsaw' theme was based on 'celebrating differences', where we found out about Christmas and Hanukkah celebrations. Over the last few weeks, we have been working on some of Julia Donaldson's stories, 'The Gruffalo', 'The Gruffalo's child' and 'Stickman'. We went on



## Other News

### **Mother Goose Panto**

If you're thinking of attending a panto during the holidays, Florence and Molly in Year 4 and Ceri and Esme in Year 5 are all dancing in Theatr Colwyn's pantomime Mother Goose. More details [here](#)

### **Venue Cymru - TakePart**

Please see attached information For Take Part 2024

### **Staff Book**

#### **Recommendations**

In case you missed it in our newsletter from a few weeks ago please click [here](#) to be taken to the resource.

### **KICKIT Sports**

Please see attached information for KICKIT sessions.

### **Colwyn Bay Athletic Club**

Please see attached information on the Twin Piers 3K Fun Run on Saturday 13th January 2024.

### **Midday Supervisor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a midday supervisor from January – click [here](#) and search for midday supervisor. Anyone interested in the position is welcome to phone the office for more information or to discuss starting immediately on a supply basis.

a footprint trail and made Gruffalo crumble. The children were also very proud when they made their own stickmen. This story was a definite favourite, (spoiler alert) especially because Father Christmas appears at the end. Next term we will continue to practise sounds and numbers. Thank you for helping your child to practise these at home, and sending the bookbags in every Monday. We look forward to continuing our adventures with the children.

Have a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year!



### **Attendance for last week**

Attendance (1 day = 20% ½ day = 10%)

	100%	90%	80%	70% or less
Number of pupils	304	10	50	80

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

Dates for  
your  
diary

21<sup>st</sup> Dec  
School  
Closes for  
Christmas

8<sup>th</sup> Jan  
7PM  
Friends  
Meeting at  
PYB Pub

8<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Inset Day  
School  
Closed

9<sup>th</sup> Jan  
School  
Opens to  
all