



LLEISIAU PENNAL



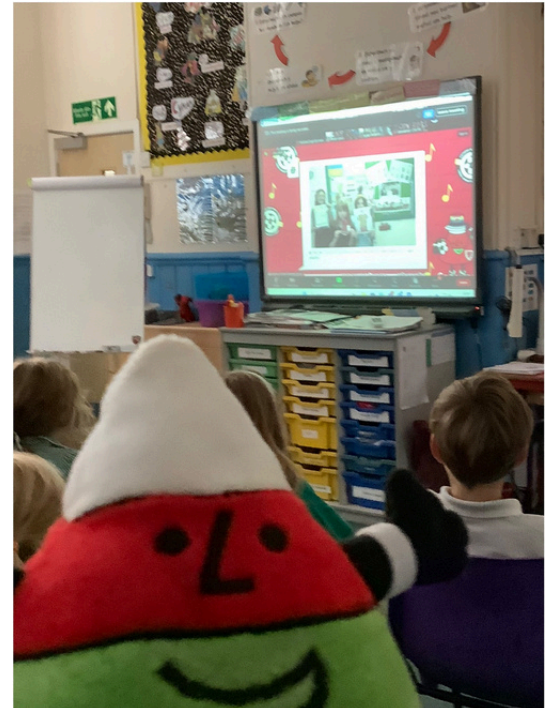
JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS

A big thank you to Nia and Pearl (Junior Road Safety Officers) for their work throughout the year. A very important role in promoting and encouraging road safety in the school. To thank them for their good work, they both received a certificate and a medal from Gwynedd Road Safety Officers.

JAMBORI URDD

"A virtual Jambori was held on Wednesday, the 2nd of July. The Jambori was organised to show our support for the Welsh Women's Euros team. Stwnsh presented the Jambori, and we all watched it together on the big screen. Our favourite songs were 'Aderyn Melyn' and 'Dwin Gymro dwyn Gymraes'. GOOD LUCK WALES WOMEN'S TEAM."

Written by Melys, Tomos and Bleddyn



A DAY IN THE OLD SCHOOL

"I love history! After Mr Elis from the archive came to Ysgol Pennal to talk about the school in the old days, we got to visit the old school at the Lloyd George Museum in Llanystumdwy. We're learning about school life in the past because Ysgol Corris is seventy years old this June. Amy really liked the benches in rows, and Harry loved opening and closing the wooden 'monitor's' desk at the back. Watching Mr Elis give Arrow the cane and everyone staying quiet was Silyn's favourite moment, and Robin enjoyed hearing Mr Elis shout! Emilia liked writing on a slate, and Ayda liked spitting to clean the slate after finishing her work! The girls didn't think that having to sew while the boys did PE was a problem, nor did they mind having to stand separately in all the photos either! We've asked Mrs Lockett if we can practise 'times table drills' like children in the old days at Ysgol Pennal. Reciting the tables like robots will help us remember them and make progress."

As told by Jack Norman.



URDD ARTS AND CRAFTS

Here are the winners of the Urdd Art and Craft competition who had their certificates recently. We are very proud of their success.



URDD ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the pupils of the Federation on their success at the Urdd Athletics Competition in Harlech after school at the end of July. We are very proud of your achievements.



80m Race Boys Year 3

2nd - Curig Breese

80m Race Girls Year 3

3rd - Elain Puw

80m Race Girls Year 4

2nd - Melys Morus-Baird

80m Race Girls Year 5

3rd - Grace Hussain

Long Jump Year 3 Girls

1st - Elain Puw

Javelin throw Year 4 girls

1st - Melys Morus-Baird

Javelin throw Year 5 boys

2nd - Otis Jones ,

3rd - Leafin Onnen

Shot throw Year 4 girls

2nd - Melys Morus-Baird

Shot throw Year 5 boys

2nd- Tomos Parry

BEE SESSION



Dozens of bee banks have been created in the Dyfi Biosphere to support solitary and wild bees. Farmers and schoolchildren have cleared a south-facing slope behind the school to create bare, soil-free areas for wild bees to use as summer nesting sites, and for wild queen wasps to hibernate through the winter. Thanks to Heather and the Pennal Partnership for organizing the school's involvement in this wonderful initiative.

TESTING WATER

One playtime in July, Heather visited the school while carrying out water experiments in the River Sychan. The pupils had the opportunity to observe Heather's testing and took part in discussions about what was happening.



TRANSITION WEEK

We've had a taster day in the class we'll be moving into after the summer holidays. The new Foundation Class made a little red train sandwich—just like Oriol Oren's little train. Oriol Oren is a character who has come to the school to help us celebrate the 70th birthday of Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas. The children followed step-by-step instructions, cutting each sandwich in half, then half again to make four quarters each. We'll be welcoming many new learners into Nursery and Reception this September, and everyone is really looking forward to their company!

As told by Riley Johnson-Betts



ST PETER'S CHURCH

A big thank you to Mr Ramsbotham for guiding us around St Peter's Church as part of our 'Our Village' topic. Our favourite experience was seeing the matchstick model of the church and the different garments the minister wears during various services. As told by Amy, Arrow, and Robin.



WINE WALK

On Saturday, 14th June, we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon on our annual Nature and Wine Walk. This year's event was again organised by Rhys, Sian, Glyn, and Corina. During the walk, children had the chance to take part in a mini-beast hunt—thanks to Adfer Dyfi and Heather from the Pennal Partnership.

Walkers were transported by tractor and trailer to the starting point in Cwm Maethlon, then walked down to the estuary, with thanks to local farmers and the warm welcome received along the route. There were pauses along the way for a glass of wine and a bite to eat at various spots. A fantastic £1430 was raised to help purchase new resources for the outdoor area. Huge thanks to the Pennal community for supporting our events and to everyone who contributed to this successful occasion.



Ysgol Pennal is very grateful to the company a.hak for the generous financial donation of £500 towards purchasing new sports equipment for the school. We often see a.hak vehicles on the roads while they install gas pipelines between Pennal and Tywyn. Nigel Clarke and Kees Brouwer visited the school at the end of June to present us with the cheque. Thank you very much.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



A hockey festival was held on the astro turf at Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn on June 27th. Pupils from Ysgol Pennal, Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas, Ysgol Penybryn, and Ysgol Craig y Deryn joined in the fun and improved their hockey skills. Year 3 and 4 played in the morning, and Year 5 and 6 in the afternoon. We really enjoyed playing on the astro turf and being part of large teams. There was one unfortunate accident when Bleddyn got hit in the lip by a hockey stick—poor Bleddyn! Huge thanks to everyone who helped organise such a brilliant day!

Written by Leafin, Cali, Iestyn and Angharad.



RNLI



Thank you to the RNLI for coming to the school to talk to the pupils about water safety. It is very important that pupils learn about safety at sea. The aim of the sessions is to give pupils an understanding of water safety and enable them to recognize problems that could occur in, on, or around water. The sessions raise the pupils' awareness of what to do if they are in trouble or if they see someone else in trouble.

SCHOOL TRIP

On June 25th, Ysgol Pennal and Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas went to Park Hall Farm for our end-of-year trip. The first activity was a tractor trailer ride around the farm, followed by cow milking. We saw a horse called 'Little Mix' and everyone had a chance to groom it. We met all sorts of sheep and had fun in the soft play area—which sent everyone a bit wild!

Jesse: "My favourite part was the rabbits." Curig: "I bought a red Class tractor." Jack: "My favourite thing at Park Hall Farm was the go-karts—I was really fast." Harry: "My favourite thing at Park Hall Farm was the play park." Written by Jesse, Curig, Jack and Harry



MAPPING



We've been reminding ourselves of the correct Welsh names for Pennal's important buildings. We can now place them accurately on a large floor map of Pennal village too. We enjoyed learning about which buildings used to be important in the past. Our favourite part of learning how to read a map was programming Robin, our little robot, to travel around the Pennal village map by arranging the coding cards. First, we had to figure out what each coding card meant before deciding on the right instructions to tell Robin how to travel from square to square on the grid map. As told by Jack Norman.

PC SION AND PC DELYTH



Thank you to PC Sion and PC Delyth for dropping by on a lovely afternoon to show us the police van. We had the opportunity to sit in the police van (both the back and the front) and to discuss the day-to-day work of the police.



SPORTS DAY



The Federation Sports Day was held at Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas and we were very lucky with the weather this year. We had a lot of fun taking part in the various activities throughout the day. There was quite a bit of competition between the three teams—and Team Sychan came first this year!



MR RAMSBOTTOM



On the final Thursday of term, we bid farewell to Mr Ramsbottom. Mr Ramsbottom has been a big part of Ysgol Pennal for many years. He has been leading services every Thursday, which the pupils have greatly enjoyed. He has also held special services for Thanksgiving, Christingle, and Easter.



Mr Ramsbottom had lunch with us on the Thursday. Anti Kim prepared his favourite food—curry and rice, followed by apple crumble for pudding.

GOOD LUCK YEAR 6



As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, we say goodbye to Pearl, Lexi, and Nia, and wish them every success at Ysgol Bro Hyddgen. We also say farewell to Meilir Jones and wish him all the best at Ysgol Pentrecelyn.



GOOD LUCK MR WILLIAMS



At the end of term, we said goodbye to Mr Dafydd Williams, who has been a classroom assistant, Breakfast Club supervisor, and Midday Supervisor during the past year.

We wish Mr Williams all the best in his new job this September.

END OF YEAR BARBEQUE



A huge thank you to Friends of Ysgol Pennal for organising a very successful barbecue on the last Wednesday evening of term in the garden at Glan yr Afon. We are extremely grateful to the parents and community for supporting the event. An incredible profit of £792 was made on the night.



A huge thank you to Alwyn, Wayne, and Tom who walked 29 miles on the day of the barbecue. The three walked from Pennal to the summit of Cader Idris and back to Glanyrafon for the barbecue—all within 12 hours. Thank you for raising money for Ysgol Pennal and Aberdyfi Mountain Rescue Team.

