

# LLEISIAU DYFFRYN DULAS

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## NEW PUPILS

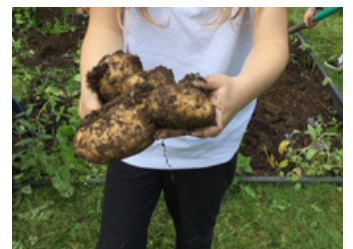


At the start of the new year, we welcome Dom and Ezra to us part-time in the mornings. Also, seven pupils have started full-time in Reception this year. We welcome Elis and Kane for the first time. Also Pegi, Evie, Charlie, Verity, and Arna, who attended a few morning sessions last year but started full-time in September. I'm sure you'll enjoy it here at Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas.



## GARDENING

7-11 Class have been busy gardening over the past few months. Before the Corris Show, the class harvested vegetables for display at the show and to sell produce to parents.





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## SCHOOL COUNCIL

At the start of the term, the oldest pupils in the school were busy writing speeches to present to the whole class. An election was held, and congratulations to the pupils below who have been nominated to be on the School Council this year:

Year 2 – Efa Roberts

Year 3 – Gruff Jones

Year 4 – Lucy Derdak

Year 5 – Anya Crockford

Year 6 – Otis Jones and Grace  
Hussein



## JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS

Junior Road Safety Officers have been nominated for 2025–2026. Talitu Francois and Rhodri Summerfield are this year's Road Safety Officers. Their role is to spread road safety messages to the school community by giving talks, running competitions, putting up posters, and sharing important messages.



## URDD FOOTBALL

Pupils from Ysgol Pennal and Ysgol Corris travelled to Bala on Tuesday, 30th September to take part in a seven-a-side football tournament. It was lovely to compete together once again, especially in our brand-new kit. Everyone played really hard – two matches were won and four ended in a draw, but unfortunately we didn't make it to the finals. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience – well done all!





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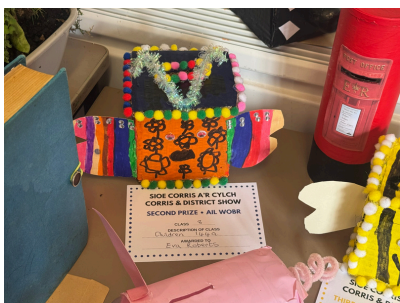
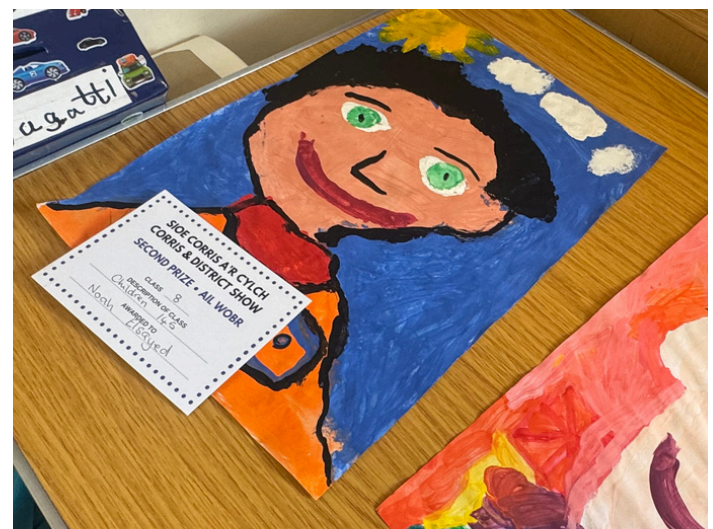
## 2025

### CORRIS SHOW

On the first Saturday of September, the Corris Show was held at the school. Pupils from Class 3-7 at Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas were busy painting pictures of their perfect friend and creating money boxes for the show.

Congratulations to Efa Roberts for winning the cup! Noah came second and Efa third for painting a friend. Efa also came first and second for creating a money box, with Elsie in third place. The children also took part in cooking, garden design, and creating Lego items at home. Well done all!

7-11 class pupils competed again this year in the Gardening Section. They won second prize for their carrots and second prize for their two pumpkins.





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## YOGA WITH JESS

Pupils took part in yoga sessions led by Jess as part of Eginriad Cymru workshops. The workshops were funded by the Bro Ddyfi Community Renewable Energy Fund.

Through movement, breathing, and voice, they learned simple ways to relax, focus, and build confidence. The sessions were full of energy, and the children responded with enthusiasm and curiosity.

"I love yoga! I like it when Jess plays the guitar," said Evie D. "I enjoy having the chance to relax under a blanket at the end of the session," added Evie.

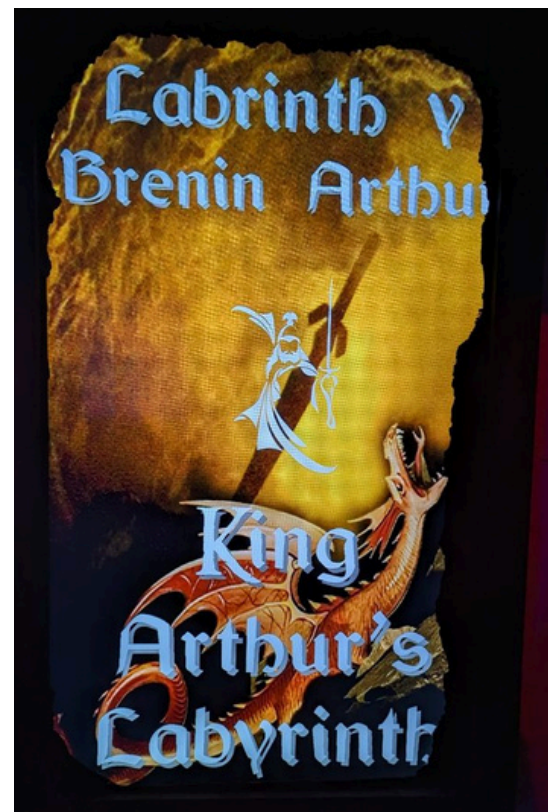
"Everyone in school has been doing yoga with Jess every Monday. We've learned different yoga movements – some easy, some hard. We're learning that if we're scared or angry, breathing is important and helps us feel better. I enjoy saying how I feel each session and comparing it to the weather. My favourite part is the 'shavasana' at the end – some children even fall asleep!!"

Written by Elain Puw



## KING ARTHUR'S LABYRINTH

Pupils from 7-11 class visited King Arthur's Labyrinth at Corris Craft Centre on Thursday, 18th September. It was a fantastic experience for every child, sparking their imagination as part of our term's theme.





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COETIR  
ANIAN

On the 24th of September, we went to Coetir Anian by bus, up a huge mountain. We created a picture of the rainforest using leaves, twigs, stones, and moss to show the different layers. Then we made nests and habitats for different animals, and we played games. I had lots of fun and learned a lot about nature.

Written by Grace Hussein





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## TIME AND TIDE BELL WORKSHOP

At the end of September, Catrin O'Neill came to lead a workshop with the older pupils, focusing on local heritage and traditional skills. As part of the Time and Tide Bell charity, the pupils had the opportunity to work directly with older members of the local community, learning about the fascinating history of the coastal area.

Elder members of the community came to share their knowledge and experiences, offering a chance to hear stories about life on the coast. Pupils gained insight into local history, including the role of the sea, traditional fishing practices, and how coastal communities have evolved over time.

Alongside the history, there was also the chance to learn traditional skills such as making crab nets and understanding local flood patterns – all while developing an appreciation for the importance of preserving heritage for future generations.





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## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Macmillan Coffee Morning. The pupils had lots of fun decorating delicious cupcakes, and everyone wore green to show their support. A total of £59 was raised for the charity.

"I decorated a cake with my friend's face and we went to the hall with the older children," said Chloe. "I enjoyed eating the cakes," said Kane. "I made a face with sprinkles. I'm on the School Council and I liked helping in the hall," said Efa.



## MENTAL HEALTH DAY



On Thursday, October 9th, pupils came to school dressed in bright yellow to support the charity Young Minds on World Mental Health Day. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world, encouraging open conversations and kindness towards ourselves and each other.

Learners aged 3-7 had the opportunity to talk about different feelings, share ideas about what makes them happy, and enjoy dedicated time doing the things they love. The activities were full of fun, including a cooking session where a delicious cheesecake was made!

"I had fun crushing the biscuits and watching the butter melt," said Max and Noah. "The cheesecake was delicious!" added Barney. "I enjoyed playing with the soft toys, especially the hedgehog," said Evie. "The best part was having playtime in the park," said Chloe.

Older pupils made fruit kebabs and decorated paper plates with what makes them happy and what matters most to them.



## CYCLING SESSIONS



Year 3 and 4 pupils have been taking part in the Cycling for All project, organised in partnership with Beics Antur. The cycling sessions gave every child the opportunity to learn bike skills and techniques in a safe environment on the school grounds, helping to build their confidence on a bike. They learned how to care for the bikes, the importance of helmets and suitable clothing, and how to get on and off the bike safely. A big thank you to Jack for leading the sessions over the two days. Year 3 and 4 pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

## THANKSGIVING



Our Harvest Service this year was themed around Friendship for the 3-7 year olds, while 7-11 class focused on King Arthur and Friendship. The service was a chance to reflect on the value of friendship, kindness, and the support we give one another in our school community.

Pupils from every class contributed by reading, singing, and sharing their thoughts on what it means to be a good friend. The message was clear: friends make our world a better place.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we collected food items to support the local food bank. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated. These items will help families in our community who need extra support over the autumn and winter months.





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## BINGO FISH AND CHIPS

A lively evening was had on Friday, 17th October, as parents, pupils, and the local community came together for the Bingo, Fish and Chips event. Huge thanks to the School Friends Committee for organising the event and to everyone who came along to support.



## SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

On Friday, 17th October, the school took part in Show Racism the Red Card Day, standing firmly against all forms of discrimination and promoting respect for all.

As a sign of support, staff and pupils wore red clothing throughout the day. The school was full of colour and energy, showing our commitment to creating a fair and welcoming community.

Throughout the day, classes took part in educational activities, group discussions, and creative sessions to explore the importance of diversity, equality, and kindness. We are very proud of everyone's enthusiastic response and continue to work towards a school where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected.

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## POBURDD

This year's Cogurdd competition was all about making an open sandwich. One afternoon during the Urdd session, seven pupils were busy creating open sandwiches using a variety of tasty ingredients.

Mrs Dilys Roberts was this year's judge, and here are the results:

1st – Grace Hussein

2nd – Otis Jones

3rd – Anya Crockford and Lucy Derdak



## COGURDD

Four pupils who are members of the Urdd baked celebration cakes at home for the school's judging afternoon on Monday.

Congratulations to all the pupils for preparing such attractive and delicious-looking cakes!

1st – Otis Jones

2nd – Grace Hussein

3rd – Anya Crockford and Lucy Derdak

Mrs Val Jones, our school cook, was the judge.





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## 2025

SHW MAE  
SU MAI  
DAY

On Wednesday, 15th October, the school took part in Shw Mae Su'mai Day – a national day to promote the use of the Welsh language in a fun and inclusive way.

The school was full of energy and colour as pupils and staff wore Welsh-themed clothing and greeted each other with “Shw mae!” or “Su'mai!” throughout the day. A variety of activities took place, making it a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the Welsh language, encourage its everyday use, and show pride in our culture.



HALLOWEEN  
DISCO

The hall was buzzing with excitement on the Thursday before half term as the School Council organised a fun-filled Halloween Disco. Everyone dressed up in creative costumes – from vampires to witches, and even a few dancing skeletons!

There was lively music and plenty of entertaining games, making it a memorable afternoon for all.

