



LLEISIAU PENNAL

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WELCOME TO YSGOL PENNAL



At the start of the new year, we welcome loan to join us part-time in the afternoons. Additionally, seven pupils have started full-time in Reception this year. We welcome Mabli, River, Willow, and Abigail for the first time. Also Patrick, Efa, and Oskar, who attended a few afternoon sessions last year but began full-time in September. I'm sure you'll all enjoy it here at Ysgol Pennal.

We also extend a warm welcome to Miss Tegan Llio Roberts, who has joined us at Ysgol Pennal. Miss Roberts will be a Classroom Assistant, Midday Supervisor, and Breakfast Club Supervisor.

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 go to the pupils below who have been nominated to be part of the School Council this year:

Year 2 – Ayda Farmery

Year 3 – Riley Johnson-Betts

Year 4 – Curig Breese

Year 5 – Iestyn Evans

Year 6 – Cali Higgs

Well done to everyone who took part and best wishes to our new council members!



JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS

This year, we've been appointed as Junior Road Safety Officers. Our job is to keep everyone safe when leaving the school grounds. We make sure someone is at the front of the line when walking somewhere, and someone at the back. This helps ensure no one gets lost. We also plan fun activities. Another duty we have is collecting daily data on how everyone travels to school. We ask everyone each morning so we can find ways to improve things for the environment.

Written by Leafin and Jack.



RAISING MONEY TO YSGOL PENNAL AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM



One morning at the start of October, Alwyn, Tom, and Wayne came to the school to present money raised at the end of July during their sponsored walk. Mountain Rescue Team also visited the school to receive their donation. A big thank you to Alwyn, Tom, and Wayne for the generous contribution. A total of £1,425 was presented to the school and £1,425 to the Mountain Rescue Team.

TIME AND TIDE BELL WORKSHOP

On the 22nd of September, Catrin O'Neill, Auntie Gaynor, and Auntie Cath came to the school to talk to us about old stories from growing up in Aberdyfi. After looking at old photos and chatting, we got to take part in various activities such as painting stones and creating sustainable skipping ropes using wood and rope instead of plastic. We really enjoyed the afternoon – thank you so much for coming to visit us.

Written by Bleddyn, Cali, Amy, and Robin.



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

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

PENNAL SHOW

Before Summer Holidays, Ysgol Pennal pupils had been preparing for Pennal Show. Congratulations to the winners on their success on Pennal show day at the end of August.

Craft - Paper plate animail
Year 2 and under - 1st Llewyn



Painting - My Friend
Nursery and Reception - 3rd Patrick
Year 1 and 2 - 1st Arrow, 2nd Emilia, 3rd Ayda

Painting - My School
Year 3 and 4 - 1st Bleddyn, 3rd Curig
Year 5 and 6 - 1st Cali, 2nd Pearl, 3rd Melys

Handwriting - List names of 'My Friends'
11 and under - 1st Leafin, 2nd Iestyn, 3rd Amy



Photography - Friends
1st Emilia, 2nd Riley, 3rd Jack JG

Write an essay on any aspect of Pennal's history
1st Jack WL, 2nd Iestyn, 3rd Nia, Melys and Angharad





YOGA SESSIONS WITH JESS

A big thank you to Jess for coming to do yoga with us! The sessions were organised through Eginriad Cymru and funded by the Bro Ddyfi Community Renewable Energy Fund.

We explored animal shapes inspired by the story *My Many Coloured Days* by Dr Seuss, and weather-themed poses too – which tied in perfectly with our recent work collecting data and creating a large floor graph about September's weather!

We practised spiky dragon poses as well, since dragons are our current theme. With Jess's help, we've been focusing, working hard, and learning how to manage our breathing by gathering and smelling imaginary flowers and blowing imaginary bubbles.

Pennal School's Imagination Dinosaur, one of our Pennal Learning Powers characters, absolutely loved joining in with us!

As told by Emilia, Llewyn, and Silyn.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



We believe that "Sharing is caring", so we decided to share our money with people who are unwell. We donated to help learn more about cancer and support people in getting better.

We decorated little sponge cakes with colourful icing and sprinkles – a big thank you to Auntie Kim for baking the cakes and to Miss Roberts for helping us decorate them. After decorating, we made small banners to write our names on. We also decorated the kitchen in green, the colour of Macmillan, and placed a cake for every pupil. By the end of the day, we had raised £94 for Macmillan. Thank you to Iestyn for collecting the money, to the School Council and Mrs Miriam Jones for counting it, and to Mrs Thomas-Evans for transferring it to Macmillan's bank account. As told by Ayda, River, and Willow.

COETIR ANIAN WORKSHOPS



On the 23rd of September, we visited Coetir Anian to learn about the rainforest with Clarisa. First, we played a game called 'bat and moth' where we had to listen carefully to hear each other. We then went for a walk in the forest to take a closer look at woodland plants like holly and lichen using binoculars – it was really interesting! Next, we worked as a team to create a picture of the forest layers using natural materials. We added forest animals to the layers to show where their homes are. After eating our packed lunches around the fire, we looked closely at real nests and how animals build them. In groups, we used natural materials to build nests and homes for forest animals such as birds, squirrels, frogs, rabbits, hedgehogs, and foxes.

We really enjoyed all the activities and are looking forward to seeing Clarisa again soon. Thank you, Coetir Anian!





On the 30th of September, we went to play football in Bala. We were very lucky to wear the Federation's brand-new kit for the first time – a big thank you to the sponsors!

In the first match, we played against Ysgol y Traeth and won 1-0. Then we lost 1-2 in a close game against a great team. In the final three matches, no goals were scored. Unfortunately, we didn't make it to the final round, but everyone had a fantastic time and we're already looking forward to trying again next year.

Written by Melys, Angharad, and Curig.

URDD FOOTBALL

Thank you very much to the sponsors with close connections to the Federation for your generous financial contributions towards purchasing the new kit. We are truly grateful.

Pen-e-goes Massage (Angharad's grandmother, Ysgol Pennal)

Jones & Jones (Gruff and Pegi's father, Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas)

Grace & Howe (Iestyn's parents, Ysgol Pennal)

Carwyn Lloyd Tree Surgeon (Elain's uncle, Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas)

Steve Evans Groundwork and Plant Hire (Mrs Thomas-Evans's husband)

Your support means a great deal to us – thank you!

SHWMAE SU MAE DAY

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

The school was bursting with 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.



MENTAL HEALTH DAY

We got to help choose activities that support our mental wellbeing – things like yellow playdough tasks, energetic games with yellow balloons, cones and balls, cooking with yellow foods like custard and bananas, making patterns with connecting yellow camels, and creating chain reactions using yellow dominos.

We've continued to enjoy putting our photo on the feelings chart each morning and managing our classroom emotions. On our chart:

Green means happy, Red means excited, Blue means tired or hurt Yellow means scared

We've made great progress in expressing how we feel and why we feel that way.

Ysgol Pennal also has a Feelings Tipi – a special space to go when someone needs time out. There's a calming choices box to help us feel better, filled with soft toys, spinners, colouring books, and mini pianos.

As told by Abigail, Efa, Mabli, Oskar, and Patrick.

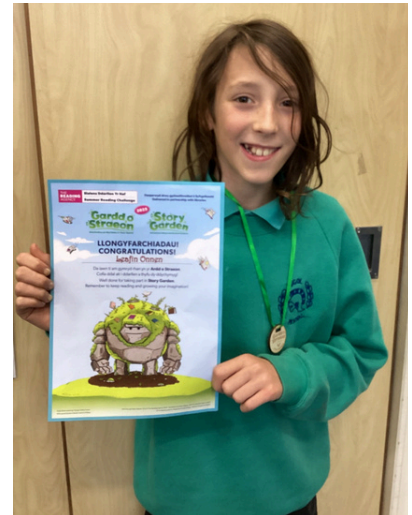


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YOUNG MINDS

READING CHALLENGE



Efa Thorndyke (Reception) received a medal from Gwynedd Library and Leafin Onnen (Year 6) received a medal from Powys Library after completing the national Summer Reading Challenge, A Garden of Stories. They successfully visited the library at least three times over the summer holidays and read at least six books. Well done both.



FIRE SAFETY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Cali on winning first prize in the water safety hazards listing competition – and receiving a box of LEGO as a reward!

The competition was organised for schools across North Wales.



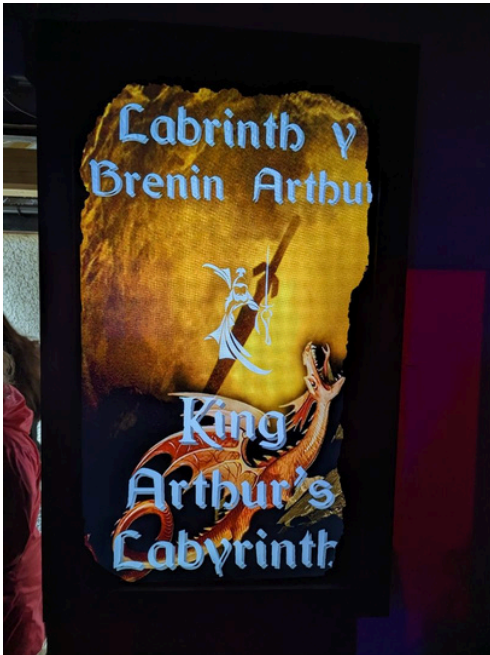
KING ARTHUR'S LABRINTH

On the 18th of September, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 visited King Arthur's Labyrinth in Corris. In school, we've been learning about King Arthur pulling the sword from the stone, so this trip was a perfect link!

First, we explored the maze, searching for clues and dragons to solve a code. Next, we entered the Labyrinth – which meant going on a boat! There was a waterfall, but thankfully we stayed dry. Inside the Labyrinth, we listened to old legends and stories about King Arthur.

It was a fantastic morning – thank you very much!

Written by Harry L, Harry R, Jack Norman, Hunter, and Zephyr.



YSGOL BRO HYDDGEN

On the 1st of October, Year 6 pupils from Ysgol Pennal and Dyffryn Dulas visited Ysgol Bro Hyddgen for a Transition Day.

We were split into groups and headed to our first lesson – art.

In the session, we created 3D hand drawings, which we really enjoyed and have continued making more of in school since then.

It was a busy day with lessons in Geography, ICT, History, Teamwork, and Maths. We all had a great time and are already looking forward to the next transition day!

Written by Jesse Rowlads and Tomos Parry.



COGURDD



This year's Cogurdd competition was all about creating an open sandwich. One afternoon during the Urdd session, 12 pupils were busy creating delicious open sandwiches using a variety of tasty ingredients. Mrs Dilys Roberts was this year's judge, and here are the results:

1st place – Jesse Rowlands

2nd place – Cali Higgs

3rd place – Tomos Parry

Well done to everyone who took part.

The creativity and flavours were fantastic!

POBURDD

Five pupils who are members of the Urdd baked celebration cakes at home for the judging afternoon held at school on a Monday afternoon.

Congratulations to all the pupils for preparing such beautifully presented cakes!

1st place – Curig Breese, 2nd place – Jesse Rowlands, 3rd place – Angharad Evans

Well done – the cakes were a real treat to see! Mrs Thomas-Evans and Auntie Kim were the judges for the day.



CYCLING SESSIONS

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 have taken part in the Cycling for Everyone project, organised in partnership with Beics Antur.

The cycling skills sessions gave every child the chance to learn 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 a bike safely.

A big thank you to Gethin for leading the sessions over the two days – Year 3 and 4 pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience!



THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Our Harvest service was held at Pennal Church, with this year's theme for the 3-7 age group focusing on Friendship, and the 7-11 age group exploring King Arthur and friendship. 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 contributions will help families in our community who need extra support over the autumn and winter months.