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ST DAVID'S DAY PARADE



On Friday the 26th of February, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to Ysgol Penybryn to take part in a parade to celebrate St David's Day. Everyone created banners for the parade and brought them with them on the bus to Tywyn. When we arrived, we went into the hall and then walked down to the beach. On the beach we sang 'Hen Wlad fy Nhadau' and 'Daw Hyfryd Fis' with the children from Ysgol Penybryn and Ysgol Craig y Deryn. After that, we walked back to the school and had a disco in Ysgol Penybryn.

Written by Leafin, Year 6



CHINESE LUNCH

We had a very tasty Chinese lunch carefully prepared by Anti Kim. A big thank you to Gwynedd Catering for planning special menus for days like these, giving our pupils the opportunity to taste and enjoy a wide variety of foods from different cultures. The meal was a great success!



SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

This year we competed in the indoor athletics competition 'SportsHall' in Dolgellau. We had a busy day with Ysgol Pennal and Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas competing against Ysgol Penybryn, Ysgol Bro Idris and Ysgol Godre'r Berwyn. There was a relay race, long jump, ball throw, javelin throw and speed bounce. I enjoyed the ball throw and the relay race. Ysgol Godre'r Berwyn won.
Written by Iestyn, Year 5



RAILWAY SAFETY

On the 26th of February, Kelly came to Ysgol Pennal. Kelly taught us how to stay safe on the railway. First, Kelly talked about the people who work on the railway, such as Network Rail. Then Kelly showed us a short video of people trespassing and people who had fallen on the railway. My favourite part was the Kahoot quiz at the end to see how much we had understood. I won the quiz. Thank you, Kelly.
Written by Jack, Year 6



ART WORKSHOPS WITH MARI GWENT



We succeeded in securing a £1,500 grant from the Arts Council of Wales to run creative art workshops with pupils in Years 3-6.

During the half-term, Mari Gwent, the artist, came to work with us on artwork about the history of Tryweryn. In the first session, we created art using chalk. My favourite part was making artwork with paint and chalk and developing ideas using brown paper.

In the second session, we made art using cardboard and transparent paper, and then glued the cardboard onto the paper. Everyone's work is different, but I created a waterfall. I'm looking forward to Mari Gwent coming back to finish the workshop after Easter.

Written by Angharad

NEW SHED AND BIKES



A big thank you to the Friends of the School for helping us raise money to buy bikes and a shed to store them. Thank you very much to Thommy Thorndyke for doing the work. The shed means we can get and store the bikes independently. We also use the shed as shelter to complete tasks when it's raining.

Before we bought the bikes, the Class Council spoke with Mrs Thomas-Evans before collecting data about our favourite types of bikes. Our favourite kinds are balance bikes, bikes with a taxi trailer at the back, and scooters. The older children love the shed too and enjoy sitting there for some quiet time during playtime! They have now asked for one of their own.

As told by Efa, Abi, Mabli, River and Willow.



CELEBRATING ST DAVID'S DAY



To celebrate St David's Day, we focused on doing the small things that matter to us. We had great fun working hard with loan to harvest the leeks that had grown in Ysgol Pennal's garden. After pulling them up, trimming the roots, washing and packing the leeks, we made a sign to let passers-by know they could help themselves.

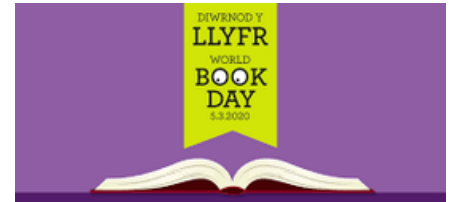
Before going home, the younger class enjoyed creating food art. This is one of our favourite activities before tooth-brushing time and home time. We had to use our imagination to create daffodils using the foods available on the table. There were three different types of triangles to be seen: equilateral, isosceles and right-angled. We've been learning about these triangles while playing with 'magnaps' and 'tap tap' kits in the construction area. Our imaginary dinosaur loved joining in too – but there was a lot of mess! Lots of bread on the kitchen floor! A lot of mess but a lot of fun!

It was also a great opportunity for us to learn how to put on our new aprons, make them fit properly and practise tying them at the back. One of the other small things we did was helping each other to put on and fasten our aprons. We also collected data during the day – data about who likes Welsh cakes, who doesn't, who wants butter and who doesn't!

As told by Emilia and Ayda.



WORLD BOOK DAY



There were all kinds of interesting and lively characters in the classroom – a princess, a farmer, Alun Wyn Jones, a witch, a fairy, a footballer, a ballerina, a rabbit and a vampire! It was a wild and noisy day, especially with the tiger who came to tea spending the whole day in class too! We decided to create a story together. The title of the story was ‘In The Box’ because lots of big, empty boxes had arrived at the school. Acting out the story first was great fun. Everyone was screaming! All of the children from the little class got into the box together! The box ripped and everyone fell out!

We needed to discuss the character, the setting, the problem and the happy ending. We were the characters, the box was the setting, the problem was that the box had broken, and the happy ending was working together to fix the box with tape!

As told by Efa, Abi, Patrick, River, Willow, Oskar and Mabli.



On World Book Day we were allowed to dress up as our favourite book character. I dressed up as Arthur Morgan and we had a Kahoot quiz. We also created our own book. I enjoyed it.

By Jack Norman, Year 3

INTERNET SAFETY



We had the opportunity to create a kitchen band and to make and play a water xylophone in our performance area. We learned that a full jar of water creates a low-pitched note, and a jar with only a little water creates a high-pitched note. Our challenge was to compose a tune that we already knew.

We made a song to help the children of Pennal remember how to stay happy and safe online, and then we presented it using the iMovie app.

As told by Abi, Efa, Mabli, River and Willow.

EISTEDDFOD CYLCH YR URDD

Huge congratulations to the pupils who competed in the Urdd District Eisteddfod in Tywyn. Many of our pupils were very successful in a variety of competitions.

A big thank you to the staff for preparing the pupils and to parents for your support.

Results

Solo – Year 2 and under

- 1st Silyn Breese

Solo – Years 3 and 4

- 3rd Arrow Onnen

Unison Party

- 3rd Parti Pennal

Choir

- 2nd Corris and Pennal Federation Choir

Recitation – Year 2 and under

- 1st Silyn Breese

Recitation – Years 3 and 4

- 1st Curig Breese
- 2nd Amy Turner
- 3rd Angharad Evans

Recitation – Years 5 and 6

- 3rd Melys Morus-Baird

Acting a Scene – Year 6 and under

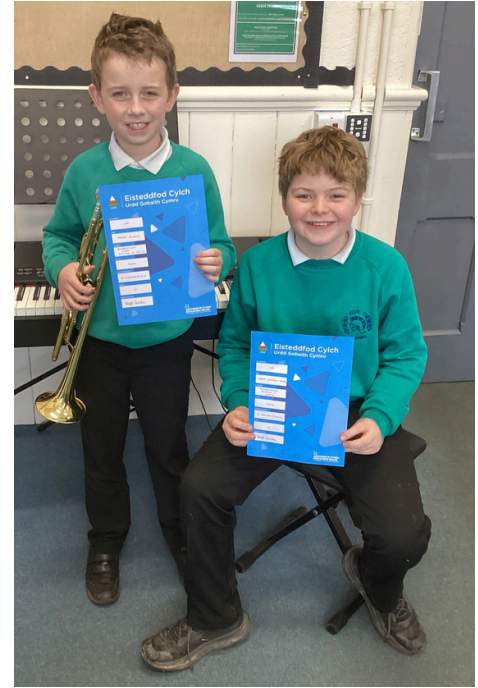
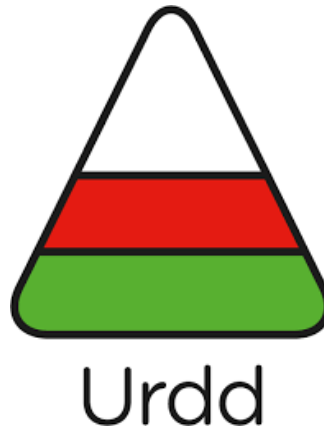
- 1st Grwp Sychan Pennal
- 2nd Grwp Afon Pennal

Brass Solo – Year 6 and under

- 1st Iestyn Evans

Piano Solo – Year 6 and under

- 2nd Jack Windsor-Lewis



On the 4th of March I came 3rd in the individual singing competition for Years 3 and 4, singing 'Aio Aio'. Our dialogue piece came 2nd. In my group were Cali, Leafin, Amy and me. The name of the group was Grŵp Afon. My favourite part was the dialogue because it was fun.

Written by Arrow, Year 3.

E - STEDDFOD

Written Piece in the Welsh Language

Nursery & Reception

- 2nd - Efa Thorndyke

Years 1 & 2

- 1st - Silyn Breese

Years 3 & 4

- 2nd - Angharad Evans

Years 5 & 6

- 3rd - Leafin Onnen

Group Work on Welsh Identity

Nursery & Reception

- 2nd - Group of Patrick, Efa, River, Willow, Mabli, Oskar and Abigail (Pennal)

Years 1 & 2

- 1st - Silyn, Llewyn, Ayda and Emilia (Pennal)

Years 3 & 4

- 1st - Curig and Angharad

Years 5 & 6

- 2nd - Jack, Leafin, Riley and Jack (Pennal)

Individual Recitation

Years 1 & 2

- 1st - Silyn Breese

Years 3 & 4

- 1st - Amy Turner

Years 5 & 6

- 1st - Melys Morus-Baird

Solo Singing

Nursery & Reception

- 2nd - Oskar Larkin

Years 1 & 2

- 1st - Llewyn Jones

Years 3 & 4

- 1st - Curig Breese

Years 5 & 6

- 3rd - Cali Higgs

Choirs

Nursery - Year 2 Choir

- 1st - Ysgol Pennal

Years 3 - 6 Choir

- 1st - Ysgol Pennal

Overall Schools Results

1st - Ysgol Llanilar

2nd - Ysgol Pennal

3rd - Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas



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Llwyau Caru
gan Emilia, Llewyn,
Silyn ac Ayda,
Ysgol Pennal



On the 10th of March, we watched the E-Steddfod in the big class. The E-Steddfod is an Eisteddfod but online. Three small schools compete against each other. The judge decides the scores, and at the end, the judge chooses which school has won.

There are also competitions to win the chair and the crown. The schools that competed this year were Ysgol Pennal, Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas and Ysgol Llanilar. We came 2nd and I was very happy!

Written by Harry Larkin, Year 4.

PC SION

Thank you to PC Sion for coming to deliver a session in both classes recently.

PC Sion always shares important messages with us. This time, PC Sion spoke about the importance of being a good friend and being kind with the Foundation Phase children.

With the older pupils, PC Sion discussed the importance of using the internet safely and using social media responsibly.

It is important that the children of Ysgol Pennal know how to keep themselves safe.



THERMOMIX

The Thermomix machine has arrived at Ysgol Pennal. We are looking forward to trying healthy recipes and being creative in our cooking sessions.



CELF BWYD

Every Friday afternoon, we get to do food art—if we have collected enough respect pegs for being kind and polite towards property, others, and ourselves. As we have been practising forming the letter family 'r', Silyn had the idea of creating a rocket out of bread. We had to cut the bread in half with a knife to make two rectangles first, then cut one rectangle into two squares so that we could cut right-angled triangles. Only Year 2 like crusts, but the crusts were very useful for making flames! Next, we will be making a fish, and I want to make a boat using a trapezium shape with a sail made out of a right-angled triangle afterwards. As told by Patrick and Oskar.



EASTER CONCERT



The Easter Concert was held on Thursday evening, the 19th of March, at Canolfan Pennal, organised by the Friends of Ysgol Pennal.

Pupils from the school performed during the concert, including those who had competed in the Urdd Regional Eisteddfod. They performed their items – recitation, singing, performance of a scene, piano and trumpet. We also enjoyed group performances from both classes.

Thank you to parents and the community for coming to support the event, raising £498 towards purchasing equipment for the outdoor classroom at Ysgol Pennal.

ROCKETS PROJECT



This term, everyone in the class worked on a rocket project. Mrs Jones put four or five of us into groups to make six rockets. We wanted to see which rocket would travel the furthest using different designs. After creating the rockets, one person from each group blew the rockets using a pipe, and then we measured the distance.

But with rocket number 3, Melys accidentally blew the rocket straight into Iestyn's face - it was very funny and everyone was laughing! After measuring, everyone created a graph using the results. Our favourite part was making the graph. We hope we can do a similar project again soon.

By Melys and Iestyn.



Year 6 pupils took the project results with them to the Transition Day at Tywyn Secondary School, where they carried out further work during the day with the other Year 6 pupils from the catchment area.



REGIONAL URDD EISTEDDFOD

The County Eisteddfod was held at Ysgol Uwchradd Bro Idris in Dolgellau. The preliminaries were first, and my brother

Silyn performed 'Gwyliau yn y Caribî' and came third. Grŵp Sychan performed their dialogue and came a close second, but unfortunately didn't reach the National.

I performed the recitation 'Cymryd rhan sy'n bwysig' and I came first, which means... to the National – HOORAY!!

Also at the Eisteddfod, Iestyn went on stage to play his trumpet and came first – well done Iestyn! Jack came second on the piano, which is brilliant. The Federation Choir of Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas and Pennal went to the County round but didn't get through to the National.

It was a very long day, but I really enjoyed watching my friends!

Written by Curig John Breese

1st - Anya Crockford - Guitar Solo, Year 6 and under

1st - Curig Breese - Individual Recitation, Years 3 & 4

1st - Elsie Eyles - Learners' Recitation, Years 3 & 4

1st - Iestyn Evans - Brass Solo

2nd - Grŵp Sychan (Melys, Angharad, Curig and Silyn)
Acting a Scene, Year 6 and under

2nd - Jack Windsor-Lewis - Piano Solo

3rd - Silyn Breese - Solo Singing, Year 2 and under

3rd - Evie Eyles - Learners' Recitation, Year 2 and under



NATURE SHOW

Year 6 pupils watched a musical theatre performance by Arad Goch Theatre Company called "Natur". This was to raise pupils' awareness of the importance of air quality and ways of reducing pollution. The production explored our connection with the natural world around us. The afternoon was organised by Siarter Iaith Gwynedd as a transition event between Year 6 and Year 7 within the catchment area.



WELSH FUN DAY

Thank you to Siarter Iaith Gwynedd and Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn for organising a Welsh Language Fun Day for Year 6 pupils from the catchment schools at the end of March.

During the day, the pupils rotated around four activities:

- Ukulele session with Huwcalili
- Yoga and Fitness session in the gym
- Singing session in the Music Room
- Sports session with the Urdd in the Leisure Centre





PANTS RULE

We have been learning Pantosaurus' message and the PANTS rule.
 Private means private.
 And remember that your body belongs to you.
 No means no!
 Feeling upset?
 Talk to someone!
 Year 2 pupils have been very busy practising acting and performing in front of the camera so that they could record this very important message and create an advert on the iMovie app to share with everyone at Ysgol Pennal. The whole class has also been practising forming the Childline number using dough, and they have learned it well: 0800 1111.
 As told by Ayda, Emilia, Llewyn and Silyn.

MENTAL HEALTH DAY

We wanted to sew as part of World Mental Health Day. We could sew whatever we wanted! We were very good at sewing stitches using thick, colourful plastic needles. Sometimes the thread got caught on the corner of the cardboard! The only thing we needed help with was threading the needle. We did everything else independently.
 Ayda made a dog, Emilia made a cat, Patrick wanted to make a tractor, Oskar chose to make a car, and Abi, River, Willow, Mabli and Efa all sewed hearts. We both made a monster truck and a lorry.
 As told by Llewyn and Silyn.



RIVER AND WATER CYCLE YOGA



In the yoga area, which is sometimes under the roof of the bike shed, we have been practising creating shapes such as river, fish, bridge, stone, wave, log and twig.
 Using our imagination to create yoga shapes from the water cycle was the red-level challenge.
 As told by Ayda, Emilia, Llewyn and Silyn.

WATER THEME

Happy and Safe on the Banks of the River Sychan

Water was our theme this term, and we have been learning how to stay happy and safe on the banks of the River Sychan. We wrote a Sychan River Code together because we enjoy playing there after school.

Our River Sychan Code

1. Stop!
2. Stand with an adult!
3. Stand up if you fall in; if you can't, float.
4. Talk! Shout to be heard!
5. Call 999 to help friends.

We have also been learning about floating and sinking. We discovered that an orange with its peel floats, and an orange without its peel sinks. The peel acts like a float or a bright orange life jacket, just like the floats we use in the swimming pool and the life jackets worn at the lake or by the sea. The peel is full of tiny pockets of air that help it float.

As told by Ayda, Emilia, Llewyn and Silyn.



SCHOOL BELL

Sad news came one afternoon from the Gwynedd Council builders when the Pennal School bell and the chimney stack had to be taken down. This was due to Health and Safety reasons. The school doesn't look the same, but we are waiting for the bell to be polished clean so that it can be displayed in the school hall.

EASTER SERVICE



On the last day before the Easter Holidays each year, Mr Ramsbottam leads the Easter Service at Pennal Church. The pupils enjoy the Easter Story during the service and waving palm leaves to the song 'Can Hosana'. Year 6 pupils read passages about Easter.

Thank you to parents and the community for joining us once again this year for the Easter Service.



Happy Easter and thank you very much for your support during the term.