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GLANLLYN

On 16th June, pupils from Years 3 to 6, along with pupils from Ysgol Pennal, travelled to Glan-llyn for an overnight residential visit packed with fun and exciting outdoor activities. We were very lucky with the weather again this year – it was perfect for jumping into the lake! The children enjoyed canoeing, paddleboarding, climbing, the high ropes course, and raft building.

Here is what some of the children had to say about their fantastic experiences: “I loved climbing the wall. I’m usually afraid of heights and I’m really proud that I managed to reach the top this year!”

Lili Davies

“My favourite part was running across the giant paddleboards and jumping into the lake. Putting on the wetsuits was difficult, but it was worth it to have so much fun in the lake.” Talitui Francois

On the way home, as we had been studying the book Ta Ta Tryweryn by Gwenno Hughes, we made a detour past Llyn Celyn. This was an opportunity for the pupils to see the lake that was once the site of a thriving village.

“It was very sad that Liverpool flooded the village. I was thinking about all the children who had to move away and leave their best friends behind.”

Anya Crockford.



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COEDTIR ANIAN

Pupils in the 7-11 age class have been taking part in a project with Coetir Anian (a local woodland and habitat charity) to learn about nature and the environment. This half-term, Teia, an artist has been working with the pupils on a creative project about trees.

The older pupils visited Bwlch Corog (a Coetir Anian site) for a day to gather ideas and inspiration. Throughout the day, the pupils took part in a variety of activities. They thoroughly enjoyed collecting wood and burning it to make charcoal. They also had the opportunity to work with clay to create nature pictures and to print artwork after collecting wildflowers.

One challenge involved solving a problem by finding water in a cup – but not from the river! The pupils then had to create brushes using natural materials, make their own paint, and use everything they had gathered to create artwork on card.



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COEDTIR ANIAN ARTWORK

Clarissa and Teia returned to the school to lead an art workshop following our visit to the woodland. Everyone was asked to design a mask showing different features of various creatures before working with a partner to apply papier-mâché to our faces.

We had to put Vaseline over our faces before applying the papier-mâché to prevent it from sticking to our skin. This was great fun, and the cool water on our faces was very refreshing during the hot weather!

Once the masks had dried, we were able to add different features. Some pupils added antennae, bumps, beaks, or even wings. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and we would like to thank Clarissa and Teia for coming to work with us once again.



TAG RUGBY



A team of Year 3 and 4 pupils recently competed in the Urdd Tag Rugby Tournament in Bala. Despite the challenging weather conditions, everyone played exceptionally well and demonstrated great enthusiasm throughout the day. Most importantly, everybody thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



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ARCHIVES



On Monday, 8 June 2026, Gwyn Llewelyn Ellis from Gwynedd Archives visited the school as part of the LleCHI LleNI project. The pupils received an interesting and informative presentation on "The Slate Industry in Gwynedd", which gave them a deeper understanding of the history and importance of the industry in our local area.

WALES SLATE

During June, pupils enjoyed taking part in a three-day workshop as part of the LleCHI LleNI project. Ffion Meleri Gwyn visited the school to introduce the Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales World Heritage Site, sharing the rich history of the area's slate quarries. Inspired by what they learned, the pupils created their own scenes for a stop-motion animation project. During the visit, railway enthusiast Martyn Hall showcased his detailed models of local trains and wagons, providing a fascinating insight into the transport methods used by quarry workers in the past.

On the second day, Mat from M-SParc led animation workshops, giving pupils the opportunity to transform their artwork into lively and creative stories.



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URDD CRICKET

A team from the Federation travelled to Tywyn to take part in the Urdd Cricket Competition for the first time this year. The day provided an excellent opportunity for the pupils to put into practice the skills they had developed during their Physical Education lessons.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, demonstrating effective teamwork throughout the competition. It was a valuable and memorable day for everyone involved.



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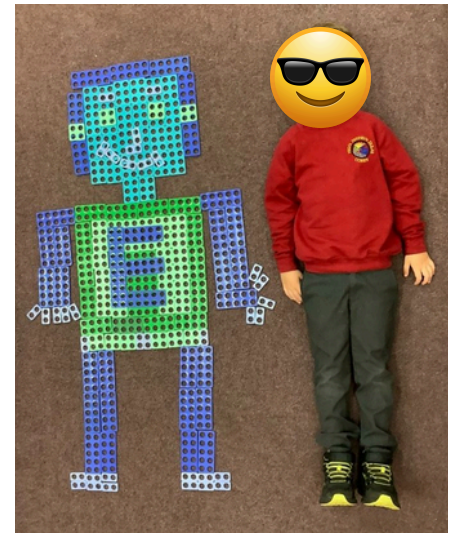
NATIONAL NUMERACY DAY

On Thursday, 21 May, the children celebrated National Numeracy Day. They recreated the giant Numicon characters that help us distinguish between odd and even numbers, while also enjoying a wide range of practical number activities throughout the day.

"It was lots of fun. Eilir Even was almost as tall as me!" said Max.

"It was good and I liked using the Numicon shapes," said Charlie.

"Tod Odd was funny and HUGE!" said Efa.



DINOSAUR WORK

During our class work, the children created a miniature world for dinosaurs. They carried out a chemical reaction to make a volcano 'erupt', creating an exciting scene that brought lots of excitement, laughter and amazement!

"It was fantastic, so realistic and it flowed brilliantly," said Charlie.

"It was great to see the volcano erupt," said Efa.

"It was lots of fun watching the lava flow," said Chloe.



End of term, Mrs Rowlands's class had a busy day baking and decorating a dinosaur cake. Everyone had a great time helping decorating the cake and it was very tasty. We all had piece at the end of the day. Diolch Mrs Rowlands.

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CYCLING SESSIONS

Year 5 and 6 pupils have been taking part in cycling lessons during the last term. They attended one session in the school playground and another in the car park at the Craft Centre.

These skills are extremely important for road safety, helping pupils to develop confidence, awareness and safe cycling habits.



RACE THE TRAIN



Thank you to the Friends of the School for organising a Train Racing Evening to raise funds for Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas. The children thoroughly enjoyed racing the trains, and the barbecue at the end of the evening was a great way to round off the event.



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SPORTS DAY



The pupils recently enjoyed a wonderful day at our annual Sports Day. The sun shone throughout the day as the children took part in a variety of races and activities. A large number of parents, grandparents, family members and members of the local community came along to support the competitors, creating a special and friendly atmosphere. The ice cream van proved very popular at the end of the day and was a fantastic way to celebrate the children's achievements.

Everyone competed enthusiastically and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. There was plenty of fun and excitement as the children did their very best in each race.

"I got lots of stickers for winning the races. It was great fun!" said Max.

"It was great. I ran really fast and my dad was smiling," said Chloe.

Evie added: "I was so excited about the day. My favourite event was the egg and spoon race. I came first and my sticker is on my water bottle."

The school would like to thank everyone who came to support the children. The day was a tremendous success and one that will be remembered by all.

MUSICAL SHOW

On Friday, 19 June, Year 3 to 6 pupils visited the Aberystwyth Arts Centre. They enjoyed watching the popular musical Miss Prydderch, with its lively performance and wonderful music captivating the audience throughout.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day, and it was a memorable experience for the pupils. The visit provided a valuable opportunity to experience a live theatre production.



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URDD ATHLETICS



On Tuesday, 7 July, a small group of pupils travelled to Harlech to compete in the Meirionnydd Cluster Athletics Competition. It was a very successful evening for the children.

Marc – 1st place, 80m Sprint

Otis – 1st place, Javelin

Elain – 2nd place, 80m Sprint

Gruff – 2nd place, Shot Put

A special well done also to Grace and Archie for representing the school with such enthusiasm and commitment!



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GREENWOOD TRIP

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We went to Gelli Gyffwrdd on our annual school trip this year. The weather was lovely, making the experience enjoyable for everyone. The children had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities, play with their friends and create happy memories. There was plenty of excitement throughout the day, with everyone eager to try out the different attractions. Here is what some of the pupils had to say about their day.

Elis said: "The best thing was choosing a toy from the shop." Charlie said: "I had great fun going on the boat ride. It was very relaxing and exciting at the same time." Kane added: "The best part was the big green slide – the tyre went so fast!" Pegi said: "The best part was travelling on the BIG bus!" The trip was a great success and a day to remember for everyone. Seeing pupils from both schools playing together, laughing and enjoying themselves made the day especially memorable.



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YEAR 6 LEAVERS

As the school year draws to a close, we say farewell to three pupils. We would like to wish Otis and Grace every success as they move on to Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn, and Talitau, who will be starting at Ysgol Bro Hyddgen in September.

We will miss them greatly and are grateful for the valuable contribution they have made to school life. We wish all three of them the very best of luck as they begin their new adventures.



We had lots of fun in the afternoon with our water guns!

