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YEAR 6 LEAVERS



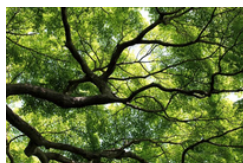
At the end of the school year, we say farewell to five Year 6 pupils. Tomos, Jack, Leafin, Cali and Jesse will be starting at Ysgol Bro Hyddgen in September, and we wish them every success. We will miss you at Ysgol Pennal.

We held a farewell service on the last Tuesday of term, with parents joining us. In the afternoon, we enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon organised by the Year 6 pupils.



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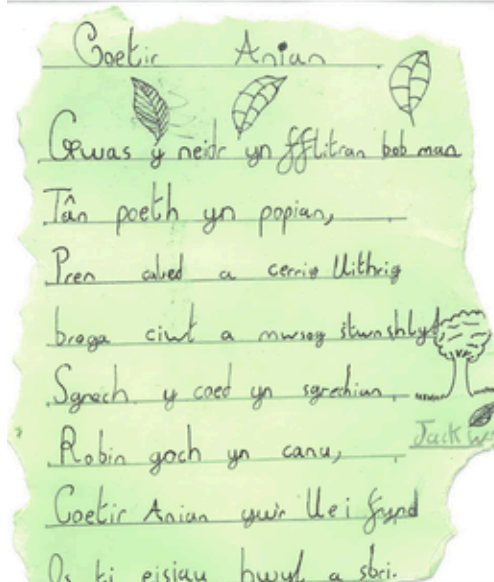
COEDTIR ANIAN



The experience at Coetir Anian was fantastic. The older children thoroughly enjoyed the creative activities on offer – from painting with mud to creating natural prints. They had the opportunity to enjoy freedom throughout the day and immerse themselves in the natural environment. The children's excitement and enthusiasm were clear to see. A huge thank you to Clarissa for organising such a successful and enjoyable day.

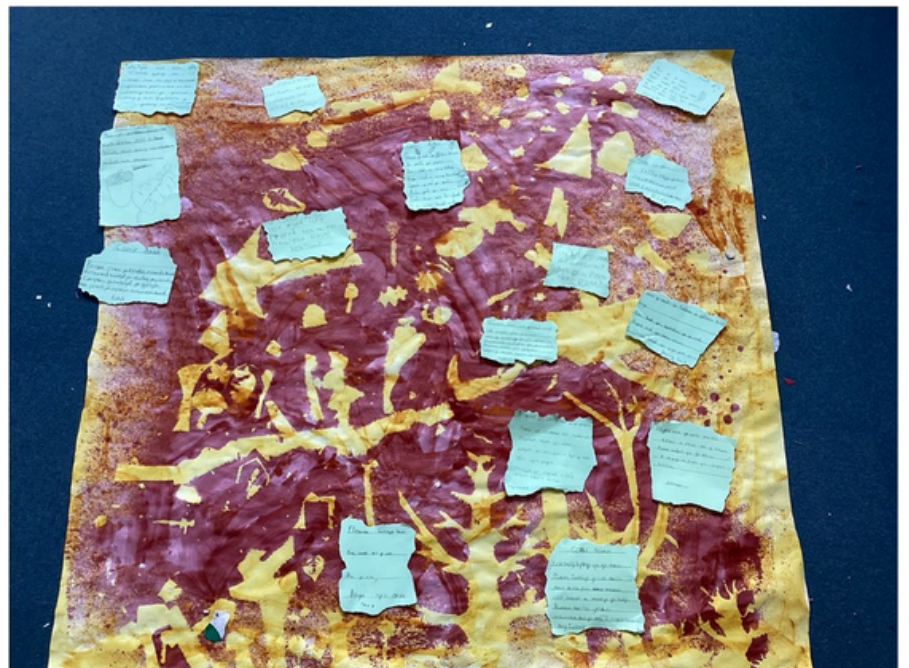


COEDTIR ANIAN ARTWORK



During the art sessions that followed the visit to Coedtir Anian, the children enjoyed new experiences working with clay and applying it to their skin. It was a real pleasure to see the children showing care for one another and working together so effectively. The children enjoyed creating their own bubble wands and following instructions.

Following Clarissa and Teia's visit, we were given the opportunity to do some poetry work.



FOOD ART



We are practising forming the 'l' family of letters. 't' is a member of this family.

We used our imagination to create a tractor in our food art lesson. The ingredients were white bread, cucumber, Rice Krispies and Corn Flakes, and we used a knife and chopping board as our tools.

The bonnet, engine and cab were rectangular shapes. The driver's seat was a right-angled triangle, the front loader bucket was a square, and the back loader bucket was a trapezium. The arms were straight-sided shapes, the tractor wheels were made from cucumber circles, and the ground was made from cucumber semi-circles. As described by Patrick and Silyn.

BALANCING KITS

We have been learning how to work together safely and solve problems using blocks and planks. There are long flat planks and half-cylinder-shaped planks. We are only allowed to carry one piece at a time, and we carry it under our arm so that we do not accidentally hit our friends in the face! We have been practising using words such as across, past, under, over, through and around after building both a straight and a circular obstacle course.

As described by Patrick, Oskar, Mabli, Efa and Abi.



We have been reading and following the instructions to find out how to create a house. First, we cut off the crusts and then used them to spell the word 'ty'. We made the shape of the house using one square slice of bread. We then needed to cut another slice of bread from corner to corner to make a right-angled triangle for the roof. Two small squares and a rectangle became the windows and door of the house. More crusts were used to make the fence. If we had any crusts left over, we had to build a letter 't' with them.

When creating food art, we also have to solve problems. We need to read the receipt, work out the cost of each item, calculate the total cost and use Ceri the Calculator to find out how much change Mrs Lockett received. We have also been learning how to write the pound (£) symbol and use the decimal point correctly to separate pounds and pence.

As told by Ayda, Emilia, Llewyn and Silyn.

URDD RUGBY TAG

After several attempts to hold the Urdd Tag Rugby tournament (which had been postponed because of the rain), the big day finally arrived! An enthusiastic team of Year 3 and 4 pupils travelled to Bala. They were delighted to take part in the tournament after practising during PE lessons for several weeks. "I had great fun playing tag rugby with my friends," said Jack. "My favourite part was making a comeback after thinking we were going to lose a game. I scored 7 tries!" said Curig. Everyone returned to school soaked through, but with big smiles on their faces.



URDD CRICKET

A team from both schools travelled to Tywyn to take part in the Urdd Cricket competition for the first time. The event provided an excellent opportunity for the pupils to put their skills into practice after having trained in cricket during their PE lessons at school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day, demonstrating teamwork, effort and excellent behaviour throughout the matches. It was a valuable and rewarding experience for everyone who took part.



NUMBER DAY

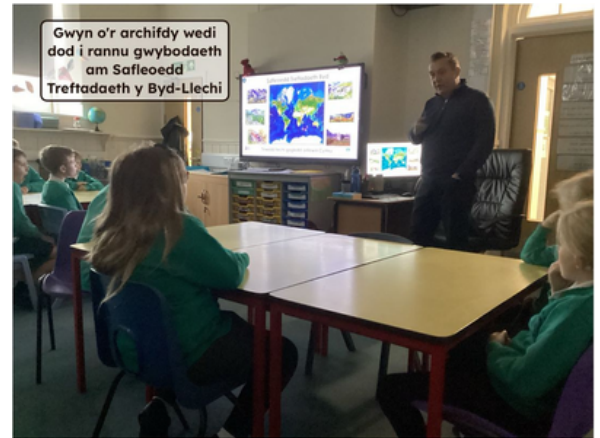
We have been completing sentence-matching tasks involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division number sentences for National Numeracy Day. We can read maps much better now. We also got to create number sentences using food. Some chose to demonstrate fractions using sandwiches and crisps, while others made two right-angled triangles from a sandwich by cutting it from corner to corner. Food-related tasks are definitely our favourite tasks! As reported by Llewyn, Silyn, Emilia and Ayda.



SLATE INDUSTRY

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 engaging and informative presentation on "The Slate Industry in Gwynedd", which provided a valuable insight into the history of the industry and its significance to our local area.

The session was an excellent opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of the area's heritage and to prepare for the further activities that had been planned as part of the project.

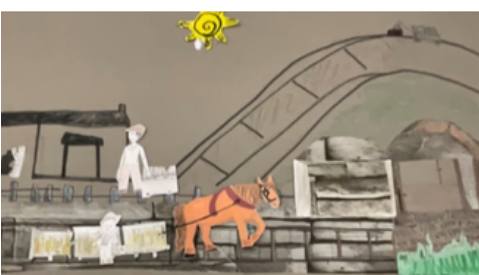


LLECHI LLENNI

We took part in a three-day workshop during June as part of the LleCHI LleNI project. Ffion Meleri Gwyn introduced the Wales Slate Landscape World Heritage Site. The pupils were given an overview of the history of the local quarries before creating scenes for a stop-motion animation.

Martyn Hall, a local railway expert, visited to showcase the miniature models of railway wagons and trains from the Talylyn, Corris and Pennal railways that he has created. The pupils learned about the types of vehicles quarry workers used to transport slate.

On the second day, Mat from MSparc joined us to help create the animation, and the pupils then had the opportunity to bring their artwork to life by turning it into a living story.



WINE WALK

Around hundred people came together on Saturday, 20th June, to take part in the Walk and Wine event. This day is a great success every year, and this year an impressive £1,600 was raised for Ysgol Pennal.

The tractor ride was an enjoyable experience for everyone, offering beautiful views along the route. We received a warm welcome from Tony and Christine Scutt, as well as Robat Huw and Megan, where participants enjoyed a pleasant break with refreshments and drinks.

Many thanks to Glyn and Corina, and Rhys and Siân, for organising the day, and to the wider community for their continued support.

We would also like to thank Glan yr Afon for allowing us to start and finish the event there, and for providing delicious sandwiches and chips at the end of the day.

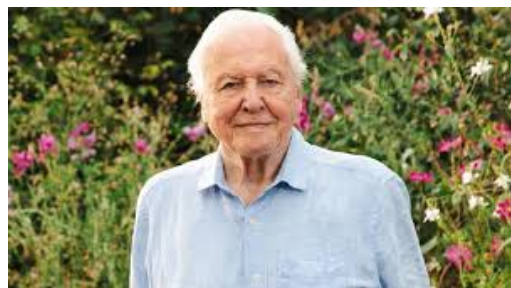


100TH BIRTHDAY

On 8 May, it was Sir David Attenborough's birthday. David Attenborough is someone who talks about animals, plants and many of the things happening in the world that we do not always notice. To celebrate, we were given a range of activities based around the number 100! One of the tasks was to do things 100 times, such as jumping 100 times, writing our names 100 times, rolling a dice 100 times, singing "Happy Birthday" 100 times and counting to 100 one hundred times. We completed each challenge five times to see whether we could improve with each attempt.

My favourite part was creating the number 100 using natural materials.

Written by Leafin



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GLANLLYN

Pupils from Years 3 to 6 from both schools recently enjoyed an exciting and memorable residential visit to Glan-Ilyn Outdoor Education Centre.

During their stay, the pupils took part in a wide range of adventurous activities, including canoeing and paddleboarding on the lake, a high ropes course, wall climbing, and raft building.



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GREENWOOD TRIP

Thank you very much for taking us on a trip to GreenWood Family Park. It was great fun travelling on the bus, shopping, eating our picnic, watching the clown show, going on the boats, the bikes and the slides, and playing in the parks and soft play area with our friends.

We hope that next time everyone will be tall enough for us to go on the Green Dragon ride and the water slides independently!

As told by Silyn, Llewyn, Ayda, Emilia, Efa, Mabli, Abi, River, Willow, Patrick and Oskar.



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URDD ATHLETICS



Congratulations to all the pupils who competed in the Urdd Meirionnydd Regional Athletics Competition on Tuesday evening in Harlech. It was a particularly successful event for the Federation, and every pupil competed exceptionally well.

Year 6 Boys' Javelin – Otis Jones (1st 🏆)

Year 5 Girls' Running Race – Melys Morus-Baird (1st 🏆)

Year 5 Girls' Long Jump – Melys Morus-Baird (1st 🏆)

Year 5 Boys' Running Race – Marc Milner-Culier (1st 🏆)

Year 3 Boys' Shot Put – Gruff Jones (2nd 🥈)

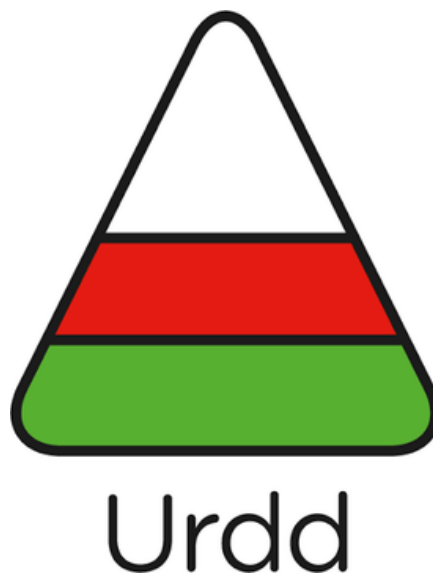
Year 4 Girls' Running Race – Elain Puw (2nd 🥈)

Year 4 Boys' Running Race – Curig Breese (2nd 🥈)

Year 5 Girls' Javelin – Melys Morus-Baird (3rd 🏆)

Year 5 Girls' Shot Put – Melys Morus-Baird (3rd 🏆)

A huge congratulations to everyone who represented the Federation. We are extremely proud of you all!



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PENNAL SHOW ARTWORK

Deinosor Dychymyg loves being with us! Mochyn Mwynhau loves being with us too because we are having lots of end-of-term fun using our imaginations to create summer-themed pictures, decorate pebbles, and make our own unique money boxes ready to compete at the Pennal Show. We are looking forward to saving, counting and spending the money in our money boxes! We also decorated a wellington. As said by Emilia, Ayda, Llewyn and Silyn.



SPORTS DAY

The Federation Sports Day was held at Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas, and we were very fortunate with the weather this year. We had lots of fun taking part in a variety of activities throughout the day. There was plenty of competition between the three teams, and the Sychan team came first once again this year.

MUSICAL SHOW

On Friday 19th June, pupils from Years 3 to 6 visited the Aberystwyth Arts Centre. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the popular musical Miss Prydderch, taking in a lively and entertaining performance filled with music. Everyone had a wonderful day and greatly enjoyed the experience.



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SUMMER FUN

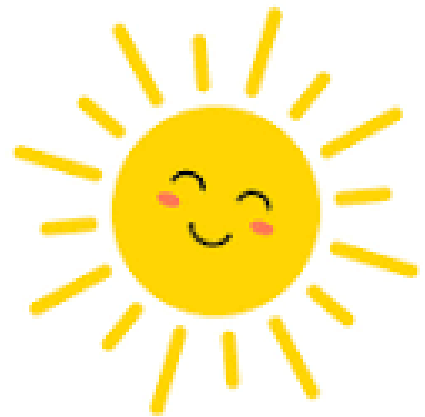


In the mud kitchen, we have been making magical food to help people stay happy and safe in the sun. We included a hat, sunglasses, sun cream, water and leaves to provide shade in our magical food! We have been learning how to give instructions to other people about how to stay happy and safe in the sun. We have used command words such as wear, apply and stay. We have also been using sequencing words such as first, second, third and finally.

As told by Ayda and Emilia.



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RWe have been learning how to stay happy and safe in the sun! We have also been practising dressing Teddy Weather so that he can stay happy and safe in the sunshine. We can all now apply sun cream independently without making too much mess! One of our writing tasks was to create a new rap to help us remember how to look after ourselves in the sun: Hat, sunglasses, sun cream, water too, And stay in the shade to keep nice and cool!

Happy and safe in the sunshine, that's true!

As told by Ayda, Efa and Emilia.



Our end-of-term challenge in the digging area was to build a sandcastle. It was a task of building and demolishing! To challenge ourselves, we had to construct sandcastles and then use sequencing words while knocking them down one part at a time.

As told by Llewyn and Silyn.

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GARDENING

The children of Ysgol Pennal enjoy gardening. Once again this year, they grew potatoes in buckets. On the Wednesday afternoon of the last week of term, the potatoes were dug up and washed before being peeled and turned into chips for the Year 6 pupils to enjoy as their final meal at the school.



Tatws!



Sgłodion!

