



CYLCHLYTHYR / NEWSLETTER 07.04.25

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What a few weeks of weather we've had. The children are already on the fields. Makes a nice change to the winter weather and the cold miserable days!

There is so much news we can't fit anymore into this newsletter - we'll have to send more out next half term!

We're past half way into the school year and everyone has been working hard and the progress made has been excellent. We've had our main parents evening, feedback has been positive and it always lovely to see you all in the school.

We're heading into another really busy time where we constantly ask where the year has gone and everyone is building to the final few weeks of sports days, fairs and transition.

We hope that everyone enjoys the Easter break, however that may look to you. If there are any spare eggs I'll happily dispose of them in my office! 🐣 Pasg Hapus pawb 🐣

HOUSE POINTS PWYNTIAU TY

The winners of this terms house point challenge are ASAPH and they've chosen an extra 20 minute break as their prize. There have been inter house quizzes and all sorts this term. The scores will be reset for the Summer term

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HOUSE CAPTAINS

A big thank you goes out to some of our brilliant House Captains who helped create and run the inter-house quiz. Their efforts made it fun and successful for everyone.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance percentage this week is **93.8%** and our target as a school and individuals is **95%**

If, following the first letter, attendance doesn't improve we are required to complete an attendance support plan (ASP) with parents.

Refusal to engage with school will require us to make an instant referral to the Education Welfare Officers (EWO).

We are here to **help** with attendance first and foremost. Always complete absence request forms and let us know if children are off for any reason. If we work together attendance is likely to improve.

DYDDIADAU / TERM DATES*

Spring Term

11.04.25. School Closes Easter 🐣

Summer Term

- 28.04.25. School Reopens
- 02.05.25. Training Day Staff
- 05.05.25. Bank Holiday
- 12 -15.05.25 Sports Days
- 14.05.25. School PHOTOS Yrs 1/2/4/5
- 23.05.26. School closes half term
- 02.06.25. School Reopens
- 01.07.25. Summer Fair
- 07.07.25. Year 6 RHS Transition week
- 18.07.25. School Closes Summer ☀️
- 21.07.25. Training Day Staff

Blwyddyn 1 had a visit from Rhyl college students who gave a talk on road safety and planned some lovely activities. We have also been making the most of the sunshine, practicing our measuring skills outside.



Reception really enjoyed visiting the book fair with some special Year 6 helpers! The children talked about books all week! It has been really wonderful to see some of our youngest learners engage with and become more excited about reading. We're ready to meet Pete, our guest speaker tomorrow. He is coming in to talk to us about bees and how important they are. Today we tried honey on toast and finished our bee hats. 🐝



UPDATES FROM
ACROSS THE
SCHOOL

Nursery were very excited to receive a very special letter from the Easter Bunny this week! He set us a number challenge outside where we had to find all the numbers in the right order. Each number we found gave us an instruction to follow and we had to work together to complete it. When we found all the numbers we followed his footprints into the treehouse and found a tasty treat for us to eat!

Blwyddyn 2 have been busy learning all about Space! We have designed and created our own rockets using recycled materials, we had to work together and think how we could make sure our rocket would stand up. Later this week, we are going to be taking part in a science experiment to try and blast them off to Space!



This half term, **Blwyddyn 4** has been buzzing with excitement as we've explored the importance of protecting our bee friends! The children have researched different types of bees and producing some eye-catching posters to share their findings. We have been sprucing up our garden ready for the planting season and used these skills to help plant flowers in St Thomas' church, Rhyl. Helping the community and the Police turned up to help and the use of a deadly trowel almost resulted in an arrest!!!



As part of our Dementia Awareness Project, **Blwyddyn 6** pupils have been working closely with the residents at Bron Haul and Richmond House, creating meaningful connections across generations. Now that the project has come to an end, it's a time for reflection and celebration. Throughout the project, our pupils have gained a deeper understanding of dementia, while the residents have enjoyed the opportunity to interact with the younger generation. The initiative has brought great benefits to both groups, with pupils developing empathy, communication skills, and a sense of responsibility. It has been heartwarming to see the joy and companionship shared between our Year 6 pupils and the residents, and we are proud of the strong bonds that have been formed. The project has truly highlighted the importance of kindness, understanding, and the power of intergenerational connections.



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Blwyddyn 5 have had a successful 'Rhyl Era's Tour' looking at the different features around Rhyl and the era's they belong to. The year group were successful in their photo bingo and were great history detectives. We capped off the morning with a play on the beach.



Blwyddyn 3 visited DangerPoint in Talacre to learn more and develop further awareness of dangers in a range of different settings and environments. We carried out some great activities and challenges related to these as we were guided around.

We also enjoyed a visit from Jonny (Denbighshire Music Company) who gave us a crash course of how to play the glockenspiel inside an hour!



KINDNESS

This term the year 1 and 2 children were carrying out random acts of kindness and even set up a calendar to remind them to do nice things. You might have spotted positive pebbles or messages around the school.

We also received a very kind donation of £150 from Rhyll Wings Project. The care home project is making a difference.

We've had a parent volunteering to help with the gardening.

Children complimenting each other and celebrating their friends' successes.

Small 'thank you' messages from parents for supporting their children.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

With the guidance of our school council the priority is developing our outdoor areas around the school.

We have bought buddy benches as a start so that the children have a place to sit and make new friends.

There are lots of ideas to organise from putting up shelters, opening up areas, creating a wildlife reserve and more.

The money raised from your donations to school through sponsored events and Christmas/Summer fairs is going to be focused (in the coming year/s) on developing the outdoor learning environment for all. It will take time and we have to think of the costs of upkeep but we want to make the outdoors a bigger part of the children's learning and enjoyment.

The school fund supplements the school budget and makes a big difference day to day when it comes to classroom resources but we want to focus on something bigger.

Any help or donations of resources/ time to the cause will be hugely appreciated. More details to follow.



Football and Rugby

We have sent out some year 5 and 6 teams to take part in local tournaments and festivals.

The rugby teams won a lot and drew/lost a couple but the best part for us is that they had excellent attitudes and behaviour. They tried their best and enjoyed the day.

The football teams won all their games and showed respect and hard work in their playing. We won the tournament by 1 on goal difference. With a 5-a-side team hopefully being sent to Newtown to represent us.

All the children were praised for being excellent role models and brilliant examples of behaviour for Ysgol Bryn Hedydd. Well done everyone and thank you to the staff for working with them and taking them.

You're all a credit to the school.



SPORTS DAYS - May 12th - 14th

We are quickly running out of time this year. There's a short half term after Easter and then we'll be running into the summer holidays. To try to have time for a back up date we are holding the sports days on week beginning 12th May.

Years 5 & 6 12th May - Morning

Years 3 & 4 12th May - Afternoon

Reception. 13th May - Morning

Years 1 & 2 13th May - Afternoon

Nursery 15th May - Morning / Afternoon

BACK UP DAYS

9th / 10th / 11th JUNE

Cracking Good Fun - Easter Egg hunt

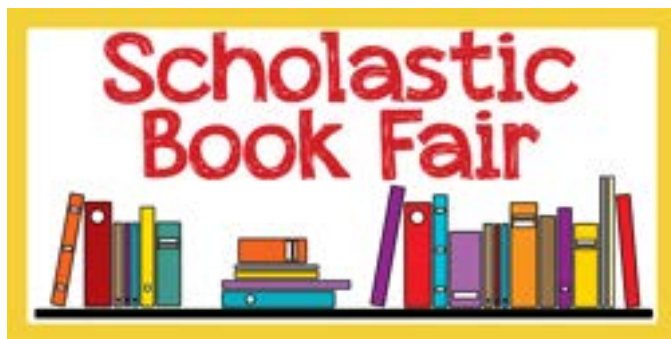
The children have been enjoying their egg-citing Easter eggs hunts all across the school. Lots of chocolate that needed to be found quickly before it melted in the egg-cellent spring sunshine. I think one or two lost eggs have been found at break times too. An egg-stra treat for the finders!



BOOK FAIR

The book fair has been successful this year. Your purchases have resulted in Ysgol Bryn Hedydd receiving **£811** for our school fund. This will be spent on books for all the children as we promote a love for reading.

Thank you all very much for supporting us and buying the books for your children. We know how much they can pester for them!



RLC CLUSTER EISTEDDFOD

We celebrated our school Eisteddfod last term and the winners were chosen to take part in our Cluster Schools Eisteddfod. We are bringing it back to promote and celebrate our Welsh heritage and language within Rhyl. Thank you Ysgol Llewelyn for hosting us. The children enjoyed taking part and we look forward to next year.



Bags of Education

Easter Egg Raffle

A huge thank you to Mrs Daniels for organising the Easter egg raffle. The money raised (£234) has helped make **bags for 35 children** to be able to go to school. AMAZING. This will help children in places like the Ukraine. There are 251 million children in the world that can't go to school. Every child we can help, will make a difference.

Building work on our new Hub.

Our new hub should be finished by the end of the Easter break. It is a much needed extra room for the school to use. We need every square inch we can get. Grant funding has allowed us to have this built and hopefully we can access more funding as we move ahead.



Bumps and scrapes

The number of accident notes and phone calls home are becoming unmanageable for staff and taking away from time needed for teaching and learning.

We have seen a significant number of children that are sent in asking for an ice pack for very minor things.

Staff are on the yard to monitor the children but inevitably we get bumps and scrapes. 480 children running around without any accidents would be a miracle.

When there is a bump to the head we always call home and, when needed, we offer an ice pack. The ice-packs are to be used for lumps and bumps. I know some parents across the school are on speed dial for bumped heads!

Sometimes the children just need the 'magic' blue paper towel (they never choose the rusty hacksaw!) and all is well. If there are significant bumps and scrapes we make every effort to speak to parents/carers or put a note in their bag.

When they aren't serious scrapes/cuts we first aid and the children are happy to carry on. We may not send a note home or catch parents for these minor day to day bumps and scrapes.

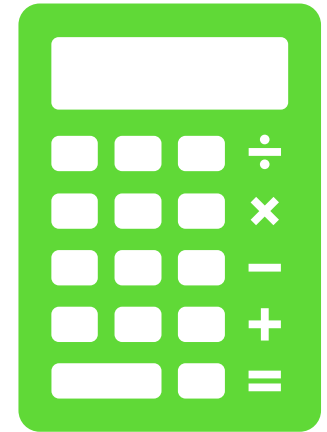
We take the welfare and safety of the children very seriously and would never ignore a fall, bump or scrapes but we need to reassess the level of paperwork that we currently complete and the staff hours this takes to complete.

We are here to help and always happy to talk.



Maths and Numeracy - Estyn

- Ysgol Bryn Hedydd have been chosen to take part in a thematic review of Maths and Numeracy. We welcomed a lovely HMI to the school and shared all of our practice with them.
- We have received positive praise for our teaching and learning of maths and numeracy and are awaiting the report to be published on the Estyn website by the end of April.
- I want to say a sincere thank you to all the staff and children for their continued hard work in raising standards against a post covid and dire financial backdrop. These are vital skills for the children to have and use throughout their lives. Da iawn pawb.



NEXT GEN AWARDS

Ysgol Bryn Hedydd have created our own, bespoke award that encourages children from year 3 to year 6 to develop their skills and confidence that will enable them to become **Ambitious, capable learners, Enterprising, creative contributors, Ethical, informed citizens and Healthy, confident individuals.**

The children have played an important part in developing the tasks so that they make a difference to them.

The support from parents has been excellent and the children are working hard and taking this seriously. We want quality, not quantity and the children are proving they know what this means. **Keep it up everyone!**





Headteacher's WOW Wall.

The parents answer with caution when they hear it's me. I do play on it a little! There have been a quite few phone calls with good news this term. Lots of children being recognized for hard work, good behaviour or going the extra mile.

COOL CATS - Safety

We still have parents and carers that are walking through the car park and driving in to Cool Cats before and after school.

It is a staff car park and not for public use. We have had some close calls with cars coming in at the end of the day and people walking through the car park. It isn't safe as it's a busy place at peak times with cars reversing and parking.

Please park outside the school.

Please use the path provided.

Thank you for your support!



GOOD BEHAVIOUR AT SCHOOL

EXPECTATIONS	WHAT THIS MEANS	HOW TO DO IT (examples)
BE SAFE	Ensure that your actions don't harm yourself or others, and that you follow safety rules both physically and emotionally.	Follow playground and classroom rules. Walk instead of run inside the building. Use equipment properly and safely. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. Report any dangerous situations or bullying to an adult.
BE READY	Be prepared and willing to engage in learning and school activities whatever they may be.	Bring the necessary materials (e.g., books, homework, stationery) to class. Arrive on time and line up promptly when asked. Listen attentively and follow instructions. Have a positive attitude toward learning and trying new things.
BE RESPECTFUL	Show consideration for other people, their belongings, and the school environment.	Speak kindly and politely to others. Listen when others are talking without interrupting. Respect personal space and belongings. Take care of school property and help keep the classroom clean. Be considerate of the feelings and opinions of others, even if they're different from yours.

Walk to school!

Our **JRSOs** are out every **Wednesday** and **Friday** with their tickets for everyone that walks, scoots or rides to school.

The children **have** to walk down the whole of Spruce Avenue to receive a ticket. If you drive down at all and drop off, there's no ticket.

The tickets are entries to the end of year prize draw where a kindle or tablet computer can be won.

The more you walk - the better the chance of winning.

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Courage, Brilliance, Kindness

