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Newsletter - 6th December 2024

Cylchlythyr - 6th Rhagfyr 2024

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

December Diary



Every Friday in December is Christmas Jumper day!
(Wednesday 18th December will also be Christmas Jumper day)

Christmas Concerts

Tuesday 10th December 2024 - Year 2 Christmas Concerts

Dosbarth 4 9:45am

Dosbarth 5 1.45pm

Wednesday 11th December 2024 - Class 1 Christmas Concert. Doors open at 1.30pm,
concert starts at 1:45 pm

Thursday 12th December 2024 - Class 2 Christmas Concert. Doors open at 1.30pm, concert
starts at 1:45 pm

Events

Thursday 12th December 2024 - Nursery Intake Meeting at 3.30pm

Wednesday 18th December 2024 - Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December 2024 - Christmas Raffle Draw

Monday 16th December 2024 - Foundation Phase Christmas Party

Tuesday 17th December 2024 - KS2 Christmas Party

Party clothes can be worn!

Tuesday 17th December 2024 - Year 4 festive afternoon tea at 1.30pm

Friday 20th December 2024 - Christmas Jumper day on the last day of term!



Term Dates 2024/2025

Academic Year

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 02.09.24	Monday 28.10.24	Friday 01.11.24	Friday 20.12.24
Spring	Monday 06.01.25	Monday 24.02.25	Friday 28.02.25	Friday 11.04.25
Summer	Monday 28.04.25	Monday 26.05.25	Friday 30.05.25	Monday 21.07.25

School Notices

Nursery January Intake 2024

Croeso I Meithrin am Ysgol Gynradd Garnteg!

We are looking forward to welcoming our Nursery intake for January 2024.

We look forward to meeting parents / carers and the children at our settling in and information sharing event on **Thursday 12th December at 3.30pm**. You will have the opportunity to meet the Nursery team, spend time in the setting and access information as well as enjoying refreshments.

Class Parties

We would be grateful for any donations of prepacked (shop bought) food for class parties Eg. Crisps, cakes, biscuits. The parties are on **Monday 16th December 2024 - Foundation Phase Christmas Party** and **Tuesday 17th December 2024 - KS2 Christmas Party**. Many Thanks.

Christmas Dinner

For our Christmas Dinner day on Wednesday 18th December, please could parents/carers complete the poll using the following link; <https://smartpolls.co.uk/p/105153> to inform us of your child's choice of lunch. **Please note that pasta bar will not be available on this day.**

Lockdown Procedure

Following our letter sent regarding the 5-minute lockdown procedure that was completed yesterday we would like to thank the parents that took part. It was very successful, and all the children were brilliant. Thank you for your support.

Elf Day

Thank you for your kind donations towards Alzheimer's charity for our Elf Day.



We raised a total of **£84.30** and we had a wonderful day dressed up.

Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you for all the kind donations for the Poppy Appeal. We raised a total of **£418.97**.



Christmas Raffle Donations

As Christmas is fast approaching, our school is gearing up for our annual raffle. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. We have some fabulous prizes to be won.

Raffle tickets will have arrived home with your child! If you can donate or are able to ask companies for donations, please would you bring them into the school office. Thank you for all the wonderful donations we have received so far.

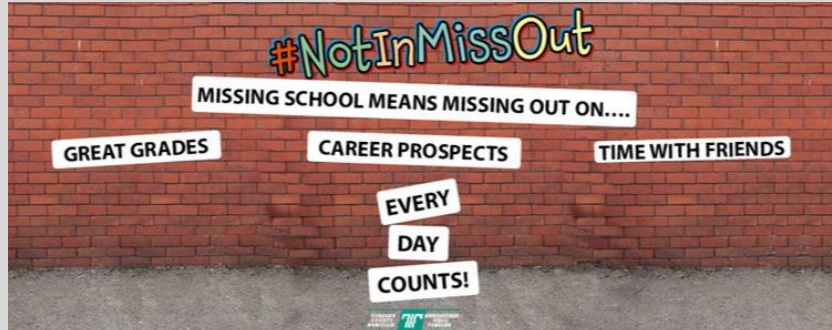
Last year the response was tremendous, and we were able to use money raised to buy many new books and outdoor equipment for all classes. The raffle will be draw on **Thursday 19th December**.



Attendance Winners

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Channing with 93.60% who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week and Dosbarth 7 Mrs Rogers who were KS2 winners with 92.68%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	82.69%	0	82.69	3	95.56	6	97.69
Reception	91.86	1	93.60			7	92.80
		2	92.08	4	90.85	8	84.23
1	95	3	97.78			9	96.67
		2	92.89			5	95.71
4	89.20			11	95.71		
5	93.57			6	90.20	12	86.40
		13	93.85				

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	92.84
4	95	92.42
5	95	92.74
6	95	95.41
7	95	93.06
8	95	90.38
9	95	90.68
10	95	92.54
11	95	92.46
12	95	87.93
13	95	95.07

A reminder to Strive for 95! The classes with the highest attendance for the week receive a whole class reward (e.g. squash and biscuits) and any class who achieves over 90% attendance gets extra play. Individual classes also give rewards and prizes to pupils with fantastic attendance. #notinmissout

❁ Seren Yr Wythnos ❁

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mr Tully	AM - Brooke PM - Otis	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Mya
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Freddy	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Whole Class
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Sonny	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Whole Class
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messoré	Eva-Lily	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Jack
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Joey	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Whole Class
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Elliott	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Whole Class
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Georgia-Rae	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Whole Class

Nursery – We are all feeling Christmassy this week in the Nursery. It has been a pleasure to see the classes dressed up for elf day and wearing their jumpers. We have been hard at work transforming our classroom for our Christmas event. This week we have looked at prepositions and counting using Welsh. Keep up the good work Meithrin!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 – Da iawn pawb for another wonderful week of learning. This week, we have been busy little elves creating our Christmas crafts ready to sell at our concerts. We are really excited to perform to you, as our audience. Please can you continue to help your child/children with their lines.

Learners have also been discussing what they would like for Christmas to write and post their letters to Santa.

Have a lovely weekend. Diolch from Reception staff.

Dosbarth 3 – Benedigedig pawb for another fantastic week of learning! We have been using our senses this week to explore the outdoors. Please keep an eye on Dojo and Twitter for any updates and continue to complete the home learning log tasks - we love seeing what the children have done at home. A big thank you from the Year 1 team for your continued support.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 – What a fantastic week of learning we have had! You have really enjoyed writing your gratitude letters this week and exploring different clocks on our clock hunt around the school. Just a reminder that our Christmas assemblies are on Tuesday, please continue to support your child in becoming confident with their lines. Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and we will see you all again on Monday 😊.

Dosbarth 6 & 7- Diolch Dosbarth 6+7, what an exciting week we have had! We enjoyed our elf day and began to design and create our own Christmas cards. During the week we have continued to develop our descriptive writing skills when describing the characters from "Malala's Magic Pencil". In our maths learning we have been practising doubles and halves and using a doubling diamond strategy to help us. Please continue to complete challenges from your learning log tasks and have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 8 & 9- Da iawn Blwyddyn 4 for another excellent week. We have chosen the whole of the year group as our Seren yr Wythnos this week for the amazing work they have produced and how they have been excellent ambassadors for Garnteg showing visitors our class and talking about our work. We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Christmas afternoon tea on Tuesday 17th December at 1:30pm, it would be lovely to see you all there for an afternoon of festive fun and singing, where there will be an opportunity to buy Christmas crafts and cakes. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Another great week in blwyddyn 5! A big well done to both classes for their successful Christmas concerts! The children all worked hard and enjoyed every moment! Please continue with supporting your children with their learning log tasks. Have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - What an amazing week we have had in Year 6! The children were absolutely amazing in their Carol Concert, they sang beautifully and their words were said clearly. Everyone has commented on how wonderfully Christmassy they now feel after watching the concert! Have a fabulous weekend all.

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 Thursday 12th December 7pm
 Friday 13th December 7pm
 Saturday 14th December 2pm / 7pm

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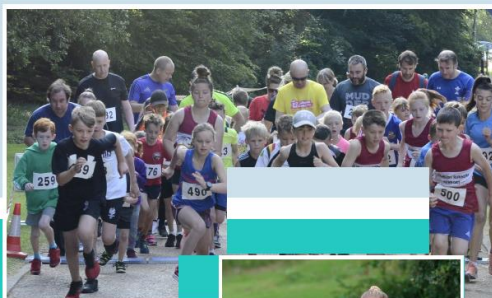
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2k Family Fun Run Sunday 14 July

8.45am
Pontypool Park

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kindest Regards,
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