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Education for All

It has been a busy half term, and as you will see from the dates at the end of this letter, next half term is set to be even busier. Over the past few weeks pupils have enjoyed visits to Margam Abbey, participated in Show Racism the Red Card, outdoor learning days, the Halloween Discos and many sporting events. This half term our sports teams have continued being successful. Pupils won the PASS Netball mixed tournament, the girls Football Urdd tournament, the YBB Tai Tarian Shield in Netball and the boys were runners up in their group in the Urdd football tournament. Well done to everyone involved!

A little reminder about our newly appointed Family Engagement Officer, Ms Sarah Edwards. She is looking forward to getting to know as many of you as possible, as well as supporting you. Ms Edwards will also be working with Mrs McHugh and the Parent Ambassadors. Their first meeting will be taking place after half term. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Ambassador, please contact the school office.

Please note Parents Evenings are taking place on the 10th and 11th November. Letters have been sent out in order for you to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you all for your Harvest donations!

Have a enjoyable half term with your wonderful children!

Keep Linked In.

As you will be aware, we use SCHOOP to communicate with yourselves. Our school ID code for SCHOOP is 8115.

We do have some news; in January we plan to move over to Class Dojo. Further information will be sent out regarding this in due course. In the meantime, please ensure you keep up to date via Schoop.

Attendance

Unfortunately, attendance to date hasn't been good. We can't express enough the impact of missing school on your child's wellbeing and their progress. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time daily to avoid disruption – the school day starts at 8.50am and teaching and learning begins immediately. We must remind you that holidays taken during term time are not authorised by the school and you may face a fixed penalty notice if they are taken. You should also request a leave of absence form from the office, to be completed when requesting holidays. If your child is off school for more than one day could you please inform us on the first day of the absence and every day after as it helps to keep our registers up to date. If we do not hear from you by 9.15am on the first day of absence, school will contact you to find out why your child is off. If your child's attendance falls below 95%, their progress could be seriously affected. GOOD ATTENDERS = GOOD ACHIEVERS! Improving attendance is going to continue to be one of our areas of focus this academic year as it has such an impact on the children's learning.

As a school we are working to improve pupil's attendance. We value your support in working with us to achieve this, and most importantly allowing your children to have the best start by being in school.

We have a duty to safeguard our pupils and ensure that they are good attenders, this includes monitoring pupils who are collected for appointments. Should your child have an appointment we should be informed in a timely manner and evidence of the



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appointment will be required. Please do not turn up to school for an appointment without having notified us in advance. We thank you in advance.

School Council

We are excited to announce the launch of our Pupil Voice Groups for the new school year! These groups, including our School Council, Eco Committee, Digital Leaders, and more, give our pupils a real say in how our school is run and how we can make it even better together. This year we are particularly excited to share that we have launched our first ever “Senedd.” The Senedd consists of one representative from each of our pupil voice groups, and they will be working on focused tasks which will impact on the whole school. They have already been involved in working with representatives from the staff and Governing Body, as well as the LA to help review and develop our whole school approach to wellbeing. The Senedd will meet with Mrs McHugh and Ms Edwards, our Family Engagement Officer throughout the academic year.

We shared in the last newsletter that the School Council will be leading on working towards becoming a Rights Respecting School. Each month the School Council will focus on one right. This month’s right is as follows -

★ Article 12 – The Right to be Heard

“Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.”

This right is at the heart of our pupil voice work. We believe that when children are listened to, they feel valued, respected, and empowered to make a difference.

We look forward to sharing more about our Rights Respecting journey in the months ahead!

Governors Corner

Governors update Roger Williams.

Firstly, I would like to personally welcome Mrs McHugh into the permanent post of Head Teacher at Tywyn. Mrs McHugh brings with her a vast wealth of experience from the Primary education sector. The appointment was made by the full governing body and I look forward to working with her as we embark on an new chapter here at Tywyn Primary.

What a busy term it’s been! I attended safeguarding training given by the Head to all staff and governors. It was great to catch up with all staff over a coffee where Mrs McHugh also outlined our vision for the school. I also met our new Family Engagement Officer Sarah who will play an important role in communicating to all our families. Please say hello to her she would love to speak to more of you.

The most rewarding part of being a School Governor is of course meeting all your amazing children. I attended a fundraising Macmillan Coffee morning. (Thank you for your cake donations they were much appreciated.) The children enjoyed every minute of the event particularly when asking us for a donation when selling a delicious cupcake or two then counting the cash. I also met some of our children when they were invited to attend a Health and Wellbeing audit undertaken by multi-discipline team from the local authority. The children were asked their views on the school. As you can imagine they didn't hold back, and we were all hugely proud of them. They gave their views honestly and confidently. As a result of their contribution, they were then asked to join the NPTCBC Education teams, Staff, TA's and myself as part of two groups to look at Wellbeing throughout the school. As you know the pupil voice is hugely important to us. I look forward to contributing to this piece of important strategic work alongside our children.

As we come to the end of the term I would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful children for all their contributions this term and to our dedicated staff across the school who always go that extra mile to ensure your children have the best education and pupil experience that we have come to expect at Tywyn.

Da iawn all!

Roger Williams



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Criw Cymraeg

The Criw Cymraeg have kicked off the new academic year with energy and excitement, bursting with ideas to spread the love of the Welsh language across the school!

They've confidently taken charge of the *Siop Ffrwythau*, running it with enthusiasm and ensuring everyone gets one of their five-a-day—while practicing their Welsh at the same time! It's a brilliant way to blend healthy habits with language learning.

Another exciting initiative is *Siaradwr Yr Wythnos* (Speaker of the Week). Each week, one class will be chosen, and their Criw Cymraeg representative will be on the lookout for pupils using their *Cymraeg Pob Dydd* and Welsh sentence patterns. The standout speaker will be awarded the *Siaradwr Yr Wythnos* title.

But the Criw won't be doing this alone—they'll have help from their newly appointed mascot! This week, the Criw have been busy gathering name suggestions from across the school. The winning name will be revealed in their first official assembly after half term!

Reading

All pupils at Tywyn Primary have access to the Oxford Reading Buddy platform. Your child's class teacher should have shared their log in with you. If you need to be reminded of your child's log in details, please contact their class teacher.

We encourage you to read daily with your child. Good readers become good writers and great learners.

Important Dates

INSET dates 03/11/2025, 05/01/26 and 20/07/2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
3/11/25	INSET day
4/11/25	Children return to school
6/11/25	RWI Parent workshop for Reception – year 2 parents. 9.15am
Week.com 10/11/25	Antibullying week. Odd socks on the 10 th .
10/11 + 11/11/25	Parents Evenings
11/11/25	Remembrance Service at Vivian Park
11/11/25	Urdd Netball for selected pupils
13/11/25	World Kindness Day
14/11/25	Children in Need
28/11/25	Christmas Fete
1/12/25	Nursery Christmas Concert
3/12/25	Reception Christmas Concert
4/12/25	Y1 + 2 Christmas Concerts
5/12/25	Y1 + 2 Christmas Concert
11/12/25	Christmas Jumper Day
11/12/25	Y3, 4 5 + 6 Concerts
12/12/25	Y3, 4 5 + 6 Concert
16/12/25	Bumbles of Honeywood working with Y4
18/12/25	Christmas dinner + Christmas jumpers
19/12/25	Last day of term.
5/01/26	INSET Day
6/01/26	Children return to school.



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Siarad Cymraeg/Speaking Welsh

As a school we are very proud of our heritage and wish to foster the use of the Welsh language amongst our children and the school community. Please head over to our school website to find out more information.

<https://tywyn-primary-school.j2bloggy.com/cymraeg/>

Digital Safety

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you to download the National Online Safety App, which is free to all parents and carers. This app will have invaluable advice for keeping children safe online.

Safeguarding Team

The school safeguarding team includes **Mrs McHugh, Miss Williams, Mrs Hanbury, Mrs Jones and Ms Edwards (Family Engagement Officer.)**

Governor responsible for safeguarding - Cllr.M.Crowley

Should you have any safeguarding concerns out of school hours, please call SPOC on 01639686802.

Please note that the school office opening hours are 8.15am to 3.45pm



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