



Ysgol Gynradd TYWYN Primary School

Fostering curiosity, resilience and responsibility for a better tomorrow.

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Education for All

With February almost upon us, Christmas seems like a distant memory. What a wonderful time it was with our fantastic Christmas concerts and so many of you joining us to celebrate the festive season. Pupils have been working hard in January and have been making great progress. Our year 5 and 6 pupils' Learning Journey of "What happens when nature, human choices, or systems fail and how does this change people's lives?" has been particularly apt with the awful, unpredictable weather that we have been experiencing. Please remember that should there be any emergencies relating to the weather, we will message you via SCHOOP, and a message will be placed on the school website. All our pupils enjoyed learning about Dydd Santes Dwynwen, the Welsh celebration of love, and of course Valentines Day, will soon be upon us.

Over the past month our pupil voice groups have been hard at work, with the Criw Cymraeg and Eco Committee leading assemblies. Our School Council are well on the way to working to ensure that we become a Rights Respecting School. Our Senedd have been canvassing all our pupils with regards to equipment they would like to see on the playgrounds.

As you will be aware, we are working towards introducing Class Dojo; our Parent Ambassadors, as well as SLT have been discussing how the platform will best work to meet the needs of the school. The new Communication Boards, that went up earlier in the term, are in part, due to our Parent Ambassadors. At our next Parent Ambassador meeting we will be discussing the school report format and remember, should you wish to become a Parent Ambassador, please contact the school office.

Our Parent Workshops from the CAHMS in Reach Team and a workshop called "Playful Parenting" this term have been well attended. Should you want a workshop on any theme, please contact the office and ask to speak with Ms Sarah Edwards our Family Engagement Officer.

Estyn Parent Meeting – 02/02/2026 at 3.35pm in the Junior Hall. There will be staff available to look after Tywyn Pupils.

Some staff news: Congratulations to Miss Bryce, who became Mrs Friend over the Christmas holidays! Also, a big congratulations to Mr Nesbitt who has welcomed his second child.

Keep Linked In.

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

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.

The QR code, found on our external Communication Boards will take you to our most recent newsletter.

Attendance

As you are aware, improving attendance remains a priority for the school. Some good news, last terms attendance was the best it has been in the Autumn term for the past four years! We need to continue to work together to improve our pupil's attendance.

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



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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!

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 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

This month, our School Council has chosen **Article 28: every child has the right to an education** as our Right of the Month. As we begin a new year of learning, we want everyone in our school community to remember how important it is that all children can learn in a safe, supportive and respectful environment. We're also excited to share that **Tywyn Primary School has now officially registered for the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA)**. This is an exciting step for our school, and we'll be sharing more information with families very soon about what this means and how pupils will be involved.

From the School Council

Governors Corner

I have been an LEA Governor at Tywyn Primary for over 15 years; I am a retired Primary School Teacher and have a passion for this school.

My grandchildren have all been taught at Tywyn, three who have left and two that are currently still in school.

The staff are all exceptional and have always been supportive, kind and caring to members of my family.

As a Governor, my responsibilities are to oversee Finance, Premises and Health and Safety. I regularly attend the school to undertake Health and Safety Walks. The most recent walk highlighted the need for most areas of the school to be painted. As you all know, the school is over 70 years old and is in need of a gentle, loving touch.

Yours,
John O'Dwyer

Criw Cymraeg

This month has been another busy month for the Criw Cymraeg.

They have been busily working in the Siop Frwythau and have been very pleased with the increase in the number of people using their Welsh to ask for fruit. Da iawn chi! In one of their most recent meetings, they have discussed asking for a wider range of fruit to further children's Welsh vocabulary. Updates to follow. The Criw also celebrated Dydd Santes Dwynwen with an assembly which was well received by all.

The Criw have also put into action the "Siaradwr Yr Wythnos" award. Dewi y Ddraig, named by one of the students in Year 6 has spent the last week in Mr Richards' class. The Criw's representatives in that class have been listening out to see who is using their Cymraeg Pob Dydd and who is showing resilience and hard work in their Welsh sessions. They awarded the first award this week but hope that it will soon become a part of the weekly celebration assembly. Dewi has now moved on to Miss Evans' class and the Criw look forward to awarding another Siaradwr Yr Wythnos soon.



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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.

Here's a link to some recommended reads. Reading with and to your child daily, has huge benefits and is such a wonderful bonding activity. [Books for primary school learners aged 3-11](#)

Please remember, you can find free books to read in our Community Library at the front of the school, by the main entrance.

Important Dates ***INSET dates 20/07/2026***

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
|---------------------------|--|
| 02/02/2026 | ALN swimming block begins for selected LSC classes |
| 04/02/2026 | Y5+6 RNLI Trip |
| 09/02/2026 | 2John's Workshops for pupils, staff and parents (E-safety workshops) The Parent workshop will be online between 8pm – 9.30pm. A link and joining instructions will be sent to parents/carers in advance. |
| 16/02 – 20/02 | Half Term |
| 23/02 + 24/02/2026 | Tywyn Eisteddfod |
| 25/02 – 27/02/26 | Y5 Llangrannog |
| 02/03 – 05/03/2026 | Y6 Morfa Bay |
| 04/03/2026 | Parent Coffee Drop In |
| 06/03/2026 | World Book Day Celebration |
| 23/03/2026 | Y6 Bae Baglan Rugby + Hockey |
| 23/03/2026 | Y5 Bumbles of Hollywood |
| 27/03/2026 | Easter Bonnett Parade |
| 27/03/2026 | Last day of Spring Term |
| 30/03 – 10/04/2026 | Easter Holidays |
| 13/04/26 | Pupils return to school |

For information relating to the ongoing parent workshops, please contact the school office and ask to speak with Ms Sarah Edwards, the Family Engagement Officer. Also look out for updates via SCHOOP.

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. You will also find further support and guidance on our school website.

Make sure you join our online e-safety workshop with the 2Johns in February. The last session they led for parents was informative. The 2Johns are two ex Child Protection Police Officers and experts in their field.



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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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