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Article 3: Everyone that works with children should do the best for them

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Cwmnedd Families,

I am sure you will agree that the last 5 weeks have flown by and as we begin October, I wanted to share some updates and information. On page 2 of our newsletter, I always ensure Dates for your Diary are as up to date as can be!

Absences and Attendance

Please can families ensure that school know when your child is off – whether this is through sickness, medical appointments or holidays. All days out of school are absences and will be unauthorised unless we have a valid reason for where our children are.

I meet with our Education Welfare Officer Mr Simon Jones fortnightly to monitor absences. He has requested that Letter 1s be issued to some families to update on your child's attendance if we have some unauthorised absences.

All absence MUST be reported to the school office by speaking with Mrs Collier or myself or leaving a message.

Hello Yellow – Young Minds World Mental Health Day



On **Friday 10th October 2025** we mark **Hello Yellow Day for Young Minds Charity** as part of World Mental Health Day. This date has been shared with families in our dates for your diary since September and is a day we mark every year at school by asking our children and staff to wear something yellow. It can be a yellow t-shirt or jumper, yellow badge or hair bobble. I do not expect families to purchase clothing for this day and children are welcome to wear uniform.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon – Thank you for supporting!



Last Friday afternoon, **26th September 2025**, we hosted our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Care.

Thank you to all families who were able to attend or who made donations of cakes for us to sell. We were able to raise a fantastic £290 – THANK YOU ALL!



Paul Morgan Cup Football Tournament

On **Friday 26th September 2026** a team of our Year 6 children joined children from across our cluster of schools to take part in the Paul Morgan Cup Football Tournament.

The tournament was the first of many annual tournaments in the memory of Mr Paul Morgan, Headteacher of Ynysfach Primary School, who sadly passed away earlier this year after a long and brave battle with cancer. Our team played extremely well and most importantly enjoyed the day, with our friends at Cilffriw Primary taking the cup. Well done team!

Attendance for Week ending Friday 03.10.25

Improving our school's attendance is a priority for us again this year. Our Whole School Attendance Target for the year is **92%**.

Whole school attendance for week ending 03.10.25 was **91%**

LLONGYFARCHIADAU to our **Year 6 class** for the highest attendance for last week with **A FANTASTIC 93%!!**

Class Attendances for week ending 19.09.25

Nursery	82%	Year 3/4	90%
Reception	85%	Year 4/5	91%
Year 1/2	88%	Year 6	★★93%★★

Dates for your diary for Academic Year 2025 - 2026

Below are some key dates for your diary for the new academic year. I have tried to include all term starts and ends and Inset Days that are planned. We will keep you informed of any new dates when we know them.

Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 7 th October 2025	Year 4 and Year 5 children to Pontardawe Arts Centre – Book Festival
Tuesday 7th October 2025	Year 3 children to Glynneath Library
Friday 10 th October 2025	Young Minds - Hello Yellow Day – World Mental Health Day
Thursday 16 th October 2025	Year 6 – Visit to Theatr NaNog Production
Monday 20 th October 2025	Year 5 and Year 6 to Llangatwg Production of High School Musical
Friday 24 th October 2025	End of half term

Autumn Second Half Term 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025	Inset Day for staff
Tuesday 4th November 2025	School starts for children
Date to be confirmed	Scholastic Book Fair
WB – Monday 10 th November 2025	Learner Progress Meetings – dates to be confirmed this term
Friday 14th November 2025	World Diabetes Awareness Day
Friday 12 th December 2025	Cwmnedd Christmas Fete – pm
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Christmas Concert for Nursery/Reception am
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Christmas Concerts for Year 1/2 morning; and Year 4/5 afternoon
Thursday 18th December 2025	Christmas Concerts for Year 3/4 morning; and Year 6 afternoon
Friday 19 th December 2025	End of Autumn Term 2025

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January 2026	Inset Day for staff
Tuesday January 2026	School starts for children
Friday 13th February 2026	End of half term

Spring Second Half Term 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026	School Starts for children
Friday 27th March 2026	End of Spring Term

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April 2026	School starts for children
Friday 22nd May 2026	End of half term

Summer Second Term 2026

Monday 1st June 2026	School starts for children
Monday 29th June 2026	Cluster Inset Day for staff
Tuesday 30th June 2026	School starts for children
Friday 17th July 2026	Summer Term ends for children
Monday 20th July 2026	Inset Day for staff

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school,

Best wishes

Miss S A Harwood

Headteacher



Right of the Month for October 2025:
Article 12
 The right to say what you think and
 be listened to.

