

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week — refreshed, rested, and ready for the exciting half term ahead. We would like to extend our thanks to parents and carers for ensuring that pupils returned in such smart uniform and well-prepared with renewed equipment. Your continued support really helps set a positive tone for learning and helps to support the Ysgol Afon Wen Way.

A special congratulations goes to some of our Year 11 pupils who took their first GCSE Mathematics paper this week. They approached the challenge with focus and determination, and we are very proud of their efforts. This is the start of the GCSE grade journey for the Year 11 cohort.

This week's assembly focused on the **importance of high levels of attendance** to school. We reminded pupils that there is a strong link between consistent attendance and academic performance, and that being in school every day helps them make the most of their learning opportunities.

This week, our *Thought for the Week* was a reflection from the famous English poet and playwright, William Shakespeare: "*Praising what is lost makes the remembrance dear.*" Pupils have enjoyed exploring the meaning of this quote and discussing how appreciation and gratitude can help us value our experiences and the people around us.

We look forward to a productive and inspiring half term ahead.

Key dates

Date	Event
Monday 10th November 2025	Anti-bullying week Year 2—9 Welsh National Test week
Friday 14th November 2025	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 18th November 2025	Alternative Curriculum Day
Friday 28th November 2025	Year 7-11 Flu Vaccinations
Monday 1st December 2025	Year 11 Mock Exam week
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Christmas Concert 5pm
Thursday 4th December 2025	GCSE Success evening 6pm (Yr 11 2024/5)
Monday 8th December 2025	Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas show 2.15pm
Tuesday 9th December 2025	Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas show 2.15pm
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Year 2 & 3 Christmas Show 9.15am
Thursday 11th December 2025	Reception & Year 1 Christmas Show 9.15am
Friday 12th December 2025	Nursery Show 9.15am
Monday 15th December 2025	
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Year 4, 5 & 6 Cinema Trip
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Year 7 & 8 Cinema Trip
Thursday 18th December 2025	Year 1 & 2 Christmas cinema on site Christmas Pantomime Year 3-7 Year 9 –11 Cinema trip
Friday 19th December 2025	Staff pantomime & end of term
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY (school closed for pupils)
Tuesday 6th January 2026	Pupil return for Spring Term



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Vision, Values and Ethos

vision, values & ethos

At Ysgol Afon Wen, we are committed to nurturing the potential within every pupil. Our **Triple AAA Promise** will inspire and ignite the learning spark by activating learning, advancing curiosity, and achieving success. Through this promise, we are dedicated to creating an environment where every pupil can flourish.

We aim to engage minds with innovative and dynamic educational experiences. Our curriculum is designed to challenge and inspire, encouraging exploration and fostering a lifelong passion for knowledge. At Ysgol Afon Wen, learning is an adventure, and we strive to make every moment a step towards greater understanding and personal growth.

By empowering individuals to reach their full potential, we ensure that our community shines brightly, now and in the future. We believe that every pupil has unique strengths and abilities, and our goal is to help them discover and develop these talents.

Our supportive and inclusive environment ensures that every member of our community feels valued and motivated to succeed.

To achieve our **Triple AAA Promise**, we ensure five core values are at the heart of our work:



Behavioural Expectations

The schools behaviour expectations are centred around the vision, value and ethos of the school. We all want our children to be safe, happy and able to succeed. The school's behavioural code of conduct is centred around these values whilst understanding our responsibility for ourselves and others.

NORMS	ROUTINES
COMMUNICATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and pupils will greet each other appropriately 'Bore da / Shw'mae / How are you?' We will stop walking when spoken to We will look at each other 	UNIFORM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will wear the appropriate items We will not wear hoodies
LUNCH / BREAK TIMES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will eat food in canteen areas / outside only We will use the bins available We will remember that we are a nut free school 	ASSEMBLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will attend on time We will wear full school uniform We will sit with our form and Form Tutor We will listen and contribute with respect
TOILETS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will use the toilets during break / lunch One person per cubicle Unless for medical reasons, we will not access toilets during lessons 	START OF LESSON <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will arrive on time We will be greeted by the classroom door If late, we will knock the door before we enter We will remove coats We will stand behind our chairs until we are asked to sit We will follow the seating plan We will get our equipment ready We will follow directions
CORRIDORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will walk on the left hand side We will open the door for others 	END OF LESSON <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will tidy our area / pack our equipment We will follow directions When asked, we will stand behind our chair We will wait to be released by our teacher
MOBILE PHONES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are a no-phone zone, from gate to gate 	



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At Ysgol Afon Wen, our vision is to equip every pupil for lifelong success through our steadfast Triple A Promise, ensuring that every child, regardless of their ability, age, or background, receives the support and opportunities they need to thrive. Central to this vision is our commitment to ensuring that every pupil leaves our school able to read fluently and confidently, supported by a carefully sequenced and coherent curriculum that builds foundational knowledge and skills progressively.

Our curriculum is designed not only to meet Curriculum Wales requirements but to extend beyond them, encompassing a wider vision for successful learning that fosters critical thinking, curiosity, and resilience. This is underpinned by our core values: Happy, Healthy, Ready, Respectful, and Responsible, which were developed collaboratively by pupils, staff, and parents to create a nurturing and inclusive school culture where all members feel a strong sense of belonging.

Central to our ethos is the concept of Cynefin, the deep sense of place and community that shapes our identity and strengthens our school. We recognise that working in genuine partnership with our parents and carers is vital to creating an outstanding school. We warmly thank all families for their ongoing contributions, particularly through the Parent Voice returns, which provide invaluable insights that help shape our direction and priorities. We encourage parents to continue engaging with us through various opportunities such as volunteering, attending school events, and participating in consultations, as your involvement enriches our community and supports pupil success.

Following a very successful Year 1, this academic year we are focused on several key priorities to drive continuous improvement and achieve our ambition of becoming an outstanding school. We are working to enhance core subjects and key skills across all age groups, ensuring that pupils master essential concepts before progressing and that their learning experiences are challenging and engaging. Stretch and challenge tasks are embedded in every classroom, with high expectations communicated consistently through intentional language and achievable yet demanding activities. We are embedding a high-quality, all-age curriculum that systematically develops skills and content in a logical sequence, helping pupils to build increasingly complex mental models and apply knowledge confidently across different contexts.

In addition, we are prioritising the improvement of standards for disadvantaged pupils, recognising the long-term impact that high quality teaching and support can have on their life chances. Attendance and punctuality remain a focus, with specific efforts to reduce persistent absenteeism and ensure all pupils have the best possible start to each day. Our clear anti-bullying strategy continues to promote a safe and respectful environment, while we foster a culture where pupils, families, and staff feel genuinely connected and valued. Central to all these efforts is the embedding of high-quality behaviour for learning, which creates a positive atmosphere conducive to academic success and personal growth. Through these comprehensive approaches, grounded in the best available educational research and the frameworks guiding teacher development, Ysgol Afon Wen is committed to providing an outstanding education that prepares every pupil to succeed now and in the future.



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Parental Voice

Parent / Carer Survey: Autumn 2025

Diolch yn fawr to the many parents and carers that have already completed this survey this week. If you haven't had a chance to complete and would like to share your views, please do so by Monday 10th November. Your views and support are greatly appreciated.

Link to survey: <https://forms.gle/nSYzm7FET14ZKoC66>

Anti-bullying

We're excited to announce the launch of the *Anti-Bullying Ambassadors* peer support scheme on **Monday 10th November**.

Our dedicated Ambassadors will be available during breaktimes to offer a listening ear and support to any pupil experiencing or concerned about bullying. They've been working diligently behind the scenes to prepare for this important role, and we're incredibly proud of their commitment.

We wish them the very best as they begin this meaningful and supportive initiative, helping to make our school a safer and more inclusive place for everyone

NHS information



Lateness

To inform pupils and parents that anything after 8.30am in Year 7-11 is considered late,. Anything after 8.50am is considered late in Reception to Year 6. Please note that the Activate/Advance late gate will be closed from 9am from now on. If your child is late to school you will need to sign them into reception, if it is after this time.



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Celebration of Success

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been commended by their Progress leader or teachers. Well done!

Nursery	Myla Cruci & Barnes Briggs	Year 4	Sasha McCall & Gwenny Ryan	Year 9	Pippa Boulton & Finley Jones
Reception	Dariah Manfield & Ali-Rae Birch	Year 5	Florence Lucas & Evie Jones	Year 10	Alyssa Saunders & Reina Turkalp
Year 1	Ffion Jenkins & Seren Darch	Year 6	Nia Gibbins & Gracie Rowe	Year 11	Dylan Gane & Karen Lee
Year 2	Roma-Faith Sharp & Thea Blakeman	Year 7	Owen Sowerby & Temidire Oyebola		
Year 3	Seb Davies	Year 8	Sophia Williams and Austin Parker		

Congratulations to the football influencers for Ysgol Afon Wen who attended a workshop on 5th November at Sophia Gardens. The pupils are now able to instruct football sessions across the school with confidence; they are in the process of creating their promotion materials ready for supporting the Y5/6 football sessions on a Tuesday afterschool and U13's female's sessions on a Thursday afterschool.





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Thom in Year 7 has been recognised as part of the WRU Deaf Rugby Community. An amazing achievement.



Thom is 12 and was diagnosed with bilateral conductive hearing loss when he was two. He has worn hearing aids ever since, and while his hearing loss is part of who he is, it doesn't define or limit him.

Thom takes everything in his stride and is independent, confident, and always positive.

He has played rugby since he was five and now proudly represents Pontypridd U12.

His coaches and teammates have been incredibly supportive and inclusive, helping him thrive both on and off the pitch.

Thom has also attended WRU Deaf Rugby community days, which have given him great opportunities to meet others, grow in confidence, and celebrate the sport he loves.

Thom's parents are proud of his resilience, determination, and the way he shows that with the right support and attitude, anything is possible.

We too at [@walesdeafrugby](#) are incredibly proud of Thom, and are grateful that he is a part of our Community Team.

We look forward to seeing Thom develop, with the assistance of his coaches, teammates, and our Community

Before half term, Oliver, Jake and Finley in Year 10 met with a PHD student from Cardiff University. They held an hour discussion, exploring boys' perceptions of misogyny. The learners found this to be a very beneficial experience and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity.





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Community Partnerships

Today, the school hosted a community event for residents and business owners working and living in close vicinity to Ysgol Afon Wen. Members of the governing body were also in attendance. Local residents enjoyed a tour of the new school and our amazing facilities as well as a buffet prepared by Miss Price and the Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students. A very enjoyable morning was had by all and we look forward to inviting members of the community back in to school again next term.





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Remembrance



The school were very proud to be sent a photograph of Phil Richards from the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal standing next to the amazing art work of remembrance by pupils in Ysgol Afon Wen. This can be found in the doorway of Tesco.

We Will Remember Them



St Luke's Church, Rhydyfelin
Remembrance Sunday
9 November 10:45



Thank you to Trish for a very special remembrance assembly in Activate, and to Y1 for their fantastic poppy wreaths and play dough designs.



Remembrance

Lead Learners Join Taf Ely Veterans for Remembrance Service

On Wednesday, 5th November, members of our Lead Learner Team had the privilege of attending a local remembrance service at St. Luke's Church, alongside the Taf Ely Veterans group. The event was a moving tribute to those who served and sacrificed, and our students represented the school with pride and respect.

The service included a reading from Fr Jeremy Heuslein, Assistant Curate for the Pontypridd Ministry Area, heartfelt statements from the veterans, and a wreath-laying ceremony in which our students took part alongside other attendees.

A highlight of the day was meeting Gordon "Pop" White, a remarkable 102-year-old veteran whose life story left a lasting impression on our students. Pop began working in the mines at just 14 years old—a fact that surprised many and sparked meaningful conversations about resilience and the challenges faced by previous generations. His longevity and positive outlook have been widely celebrated, and it was an honour for our students to meet him in person. *(Read more about Pop's incredible life <https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/im-102-secret-long-life-31521865>).*

This experience gave our Lead Learners a unique opportunity to engage with history, demonstrate leadership, and reflect on the importance of remembrance in our community.



Thank You to Hawthorn Neighbourhood Watch

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Hawthorn Neighbourhood Watch for their generous support during this year's remembrance period. Parents and the local community will have noticed the striking display of large poppies along Cardiff Road, which created a powerful tribute to those who served.



We are delighted to share that Hawthorn Neighbourhood Watch kindly donated one of these poppies to our school. It is now proudly displayed on our main school gate, serving as a symbol of respect and remembrance for all who enter.

Thank you to Hawthorn Neighbourhood Watch for helping us mark this important occasion in such a meaningful way.



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Year 11 Mock exams

Please see a copy of the Year 11 Mock examination schedule below. Parents of Year 11 pupils have received a letter about this week today and pupils will be given a paper copy of the timetable and letter on Monday.

Year 11 - Mock Examination Timetable 2025												
Thursday - 27th Nov am			Start	Finish	ET	Thursday - 27th Nov pm			Start	Finish	ET	
Drama Practical exam	All day	8.50 am	2.45pm	Drama St		Drama Practical exam	All day	8.50 am	2.45pm	Drama St		
Friday - 28th Nov am			Start	Finish	ET	Friday 28th Nov pm			Start	Finish	ET	
Drama NEA (C10)	All day	8.50 am	2.45pm	Drama St		Drama NEA (C10)	All day	8.50 am	2.45pm	Drama St		
Monday- 1st Dec am			Start	Finish	ET	Monday- 1st Dec am			Option A	Start	Finish	ET
Science (Practical Exam Paper)	2 hours	8.50 am	10.50 am	11.20 am		OPTION A						
						Biology	1 hr 30 mins	12.50pm	2.20pm	2.43pm		
						Product Design	1 hr 30 mins	12.50pm	2.20pm	2.43pm		
						Drama	1 hr 30 mins	12.50pm	2.20pm	2.43pm		
						Art & Photogaphy work in A36						
Tuesday- 2nd Dec am			Start	Finish	ET	Tuesday- 2nd Dec pm			Start	Finish	ET	
English Language	2 hours	8.50 am	10.50 am	11.20 am		Cymraeg	1 hr 30 mins	12.50pm	2.20pm	2.43pm		
Wednesday- 3rd Dec am			Start	Finish	ET	Wednesday- 3rd Dec pm			Option B	Start	Finish	ET
Mathematics (Unit 1 Non Calc)	1 hr 30/45 hours	8.50 am	10.50 am	11.20 am		OPTION B						
						Media Studies (Paper 2)	1 hr 30 mins	12.50pm	2.20pm	2.43pm		
						Music	1 hr 30 mins	12.50pm	2.20pm	2.43pm		
						GCSE PE	1 hr 30 mins	12.50pm	2.20pm	2.43pm		
						Textiles						
						Hospitality and Catering						
Thursday- 4th Dec am			Start	Finish	ET	Thursday- 4th Dec pm			Option C	Start	Finish	ET
Mathematics (Unit 2)	2 hours	8.50 am	10.50 am	11.20 am		OPTION C						
						Geography	1 hr 30 mins	12.50pm	2.20pm	2.43pm		
						History	1 hr 30 mins	12.50pm	2.20pm	2.43pm		
						Health and Social Care	1 hr 30 mins	12.50pm	2.20pm	2.43pm		
						Finance pupils in lessons A17	1 hr 30 mins	12.50pm	2.20pm	2.43pm		
						Photography pupils in lessons A36						
Friday 5th Dec am			Start	Finish	ET	Friday 5th Dec am			Start	Finish	ET	
Media Paper 3	1 hr 30 mins	8.50 am	2.45pm	Art Room		Triple Science (Physics/Chemistry)	1 hr 30 mins	12.50pm	2.20pm	2.43pm		
Thursday 11th Dec am			Start	Finish	ET	Thursday 11th Dec am			Start	Finish	ET	
Photography	All day	8.50 am	2.45pm	Art Room		Photography	All day	8.50 am	2.45pm	Art Room		
Friday 12th Dec am			Start	Finish	ET	Friday 12th Dec am			Start	Finish	ET	
Art	All day	8.50 am	2.45pm	Art Room		Art	All day	8.50 am	2.45pm	Art Room		

NOTES:

Lesson 3 will run as normal

Year 11 break 10.55-11.10 will run as normal and will be adjusted for those with extra time

Year 11 Lunch 12.10 - 12.40pm





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Year 11 Pathways



Sixth Form Open Evening 2025

Thursday, 27th November, 6pm – 8pm

Bryn Celynnog Sixth Form is open to any student who will benefit from the education and opportunities we offer.

All students will be offered guidance on the range of opportunities available to them upon enrolment.

We work closely with Y Pant to form a Sixth Form consortium to offer a broad range of opportunities and experiences. This will give you more choice to follow a curriculum which suits your goals.

We pride ourselves on our long tradition of academic excellence.

We offer a range of A Levels and Level 3 courses:

English Literature	Photography
Music	Sociology
Media Studies	French
Food and Nutrition	Spanish
Maths	Health and Social Care
Further Maths	Sport
Computer science	Double Sport
IT	PE
Biology	Law
Chemistry	Criminology
Physics	Psychology
Medical Science	Business Studies
Geography	History
Performing Arts	Art
Drama and Theatre	Welsh
Uniform Protected Services	DT

At Bryn Celynnog we are very proud of the nurture that we provide each and every student. This care and guidance is shown

during every moment of your sixth form experience, this includes:

- Support through your subject teachers to ensure that your academic potential is achieved
- Individualised advice during the UCAS application process allowing you to make the most informed choices.
- Personal statement clinics will ensure that you have the greatest chance of securing your place at the university of your choice.
- Access to the Seren Academy. If you have the aspiration and aptitude to attend a prestigious University, Bryn Celynnog has a strong and well-established relationship with the Seren Academy.
- Care and support even after you receive your results. A dedicated team of staff will be supporting you to secure the correct placement if your plans change.



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Children in Need

Pupils in Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in Children in Need day on **Friday 14th November 2025**. Pupils are invited to bring a small contribution for the charity and wear yellow/white/spots on the day. Pupils have been asked **not** to wear PJs or any bedwear to school as they will not be suitable for school activities.



Children in Need at Ysgol Afon Wen

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LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES 50P ENTRY

1. Dodgeball Tournament (Sports Hall)
2. Penalty Shoot-Out (Sports Hall)
3. Walkathon (Astro)
4. Danceathon (Gym)

CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO 25
FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Y7/8 lunchtime activities 12:15pm - 12:40pm

Y9/10/11 lunchtime activities - 1:20pm - 1:45pm.

All activities will last 25 minutes in line with Challenge 25.

It will be normal school uniform for pupils in Year 7—11 in Ysgol Afon Wen, however, there are events happening in the LiFE faculty to raise money for the charity.





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End of term trip information

We are running a reward trip to congratulate pupils on their hard work and effort, as well as attendance. Pupils will have the opportunity to watch a film at Showcase Cinemas, Nantgarw. The film is yet to be chosen, as part of our commitment to pupil voice, students will have the opportunity to vote for the film they would like to see.

Details are as follows:

Date: 16th December - Years 4, 5 & 6

17th December - Years 7 & 8

18th December - Years 9, 10 & 11

Time: Arrive to school as normal for 8.30am start of day. We will be leaving site at 9.15am and arriving back for lunch, approximately 12.30pm.

Travel: We will be using a coach company to travel to and from Nantgarw.

Cost: £10.00 – this includes a film and transport – to be paid via 'Pay It' on the RCT website from Wednesday 5th November

Staff attending: Progress Leader, Form Tutors, Class Teachers

Other information: Students **must** wear school uniform for the trip. Students will be back in school for their lunch, they may bring snacks with them for the film.

If you wish for your child to attend, please pay via 'RCT Pay It'. See reverse for simple clarification. Payment needs to be received by **Wednesday 26th November 2025 to secure your child's place.**

You will also need to complete the following consent form by clicking this link - [Consent Form Link](#).

Regrettably, we reserve the right to refuse students a place on this trip if their behaviour in school between now and the date above indicates that they may cause disruption on the trip.

In order to secure preferential rates for tickets and transport, the trip is paid in advance and therefore please note that the cost of this trip is **non-refundable**.

Flu Vaccinations Year 7-11

Flu Vaccinations for all pupils in Years 7-11 are being held on November 28th.

All pupils have received their consent forms. Please can these be completed and returned to their Form Teacher next week.

The link below gives information regarding these vaccinations.

[https://www.canva.com/design/DAGxccc8Ncg/y8YKPGVVUeijSQcii0TsKg/view?](https://www.canva.com/design/DAGxccc8Ncg/y8YKPGVVUeijSQcii0TsKg/view?utm_content=DAGxccc8Ncg&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&u)

[utm_content=DAGxccc8Ncg&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&u](https://www.canva.com/design/DAGxccc8Ncg/y8YKPGVVUeijSQcii0TsKg/view?utm_content=DAGxccc8Ncg&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&u)



**Flu Vaccine
Consent Forms**

- Get it signed
- Get it back to us
- Get protected



Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
Cwm Taf Morgannwg
University Health Board



Walking Challenge

Ysgol Afon Wen are excited to launch the Living Streets *Next Steps: Student Walking Challenge* for all **Year 7** pupils during the week commencing **10th November 2025**. Each pupil will receive a challenge card to complete throughout the week, encouraging active travel to school—this includes walking, cycling, or using “park and stride” (where parents/carers drop pupils off outside the designated radius so they can walk the rest of the way). Two short surveys will be completed during form time to help us measure the impact of the challenge. Pupils who take part will be entered into a prize draw for the chance to **win a Love2Shop voucher**. We hope this initiative will inspire our pupils to make healthy, sustainable travel choices!



Other year groups from Years 7–11 will also be actively involved in the Living Streets Next Steps challenges throughout the year. These activities will provide students with a variety of exciting opportunities to get engaged, stay active, and make a positive impact on their school community. Participants will have the chance to earn a range of rewards, including badges, postcards, and special active form times, as recognition for their continued commitment to walking, cycling, and travelling sustainably.





We take part in WOW and Next steps to encourage more families to travel actively to school. Walk, wheel, cycle, or scooter to school every week to earn a WOW badge!

Can't travel actively all the way to school?

Park and Stride to help your child travel actively. Park **at least ten minutes away** from the school and walk/wheel the remaining journey.

Park outside the **active travel zone** for the journey to count as 'Park and Stride'.



Active travel zone





Data provided by TravelTime





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Community information

LET'S TALK MONEY

Talking about money isn't always easy... but it can make a big difference.

Citizens Advice RCT is here to help families across RCT get the support they deserve through our **Family Advice South Wales Project**.

We can help with:

- Checking for unclaimed benefits & grants
- Help with applications & appeals
- Emergency financial support
- Managing debt & money worries
- Boosting your family income

Let's start the conversation: familyadvice@carct.org.uk



#TalkMoneyWeek

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

PRIZES! The 4 winners will receive a £25 voucher and be invited to switch on the town centre Christmas lights!

DISPLAYED! All entries will be displayed in Pontypridd Museum until Saturday 20th December.

CLOSING DATE SATURDAY 8TH NOV

All entries brought to Pontypridd Museum by 4:00pm on closing date at the latest.

All Entries MUST:

- Be A5 in size
- Be 2D and front cover only
- Include child's name, age, school & contact number on the back

Age categories:

- 3-5 years old
- 6-8 years old
- 9-11 years old
- 12+ years old

Bridge Street, Pontypridd, CF37 4PE

For more information contact 01443 490740 / caysha.frederick@pontypriddtowncouncil.gov.uk

Kip McGrath EDUCATION CENTRES

MEADOW STREET COMMUNITY CYMUNED STRYD Y DDOL

DEWCH I YMWELD A NI / VISIT US
Meadow Street Community Garden and Woodland

Oriau Agor / Opening Hours

Dydd Mercher / Wednesday 10am - 4pm
 Dydd Iau / Thursday 10am - 4pm
 Dydd Sul / Sunday 10am - 4pm

Cyfleusterau AM DDIM FREE Facilities

- Aral chwarae naturiol / Natural children's play area
- Ardal tyfu llysiau / Vegetable growing area
- Toileddau gyda lle i newid babanod / Baby changing facilities
- Llwybr natur / Nature trail
- Pwll natur / Wildlife pond
- Meinciau picnic / Picnic benches

Ar ddiwedd/at the end of Meadow Street Trefforest, CF37 1UD
01443 490 740
info@pontypriddtowncouncil.gov.uk

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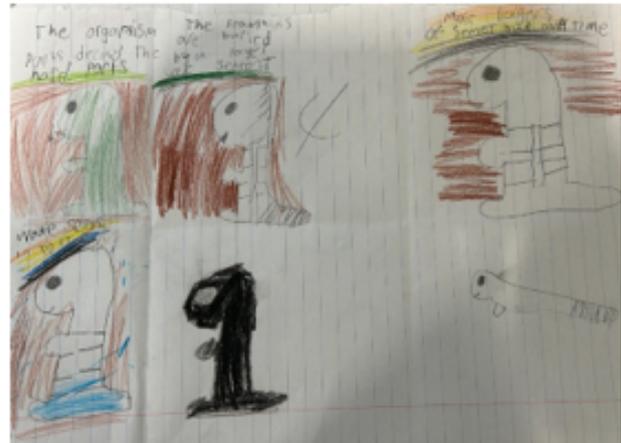
Innovation News

Cultivating Innovation Across the Curriculum: A Celebration of Creativity and Curiosity

Innovation is not confined to laboratories or tech hubs—it thrives in classrooms, kitchens, and community spaces. At our school, innovation is woven into the fabric of everyday learning, empowering students to explore, create, and connect in meaningful ways. Recent activities across year groups have showcased the diverse and dynamic ways our learners are embracing innovation.

Year 4: Storyboarding Science with Fossils

In their Science lessons, Year 4 pupils have been diving into the ancient world of fossil formation. Through imaginative storyboards, they've brought prehistoric processes to life—illustrating how living organisms become preserved over time. This creative approach not only deepens scientific understanding but also nurtures visual storytelling and critical thinking.



Year 10 Food Group: Serving Up Smiles and Savouries

The Year 10 Food group demonstrated culinary innovation and community spirit at the recent coffee morning. Their delicious savouries and cakes were a hit with attendees, and their warm hospitality left a lasting impression. From recipe development to presentation, students showcased the power of food to bring people together and celebrate shared experiences.

Progress Check			
Month	Present reading (kWh)	Previous reading (kWh)	Units used (kWh)
March	31,057	29,361	1696
April	32,265	31,057	1208
September	33,319	32,265	1054
October	34,493	33,319	1174

Year 8: Empowering Energy Awareness

Year 8 students have been learning how to read electricity meters and calculate household bills—a practical and forward-thinking initiative in their Science curriculum. By understanding energy consumption, students are gaining valuable life skills and becoming more conscious of sustainability and responsible resource use.

Year 10 Seren Group: Aspiring Scholars on the Move

We are proud to announce that the Year 10 Seren group has been selected for their first university visit to the University of South Wales (USW) on 27th November. This exciting opportunity marks a significant step in their academic journey, offering insight into higher education and inspiring aspirations for the future.

