



Newsletter 04.04.25

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very exciting week in Ysgol Afon Wen. We have had ten chicks hatch in the Nursery and had the opportunity to show HRH Melanie James, High Sheriff around the school. She was extremely impressed by the pupil leadership team who took her on a tour of our 3-16 school and the other pupils who performed for her or talked to her in more depth. She said it was wonderful to see children from different year groups and to see the support and transition opportunities throughout the school. We know how impressive our pupils are, but it is always wonderful to hear it from an external guest.



The progress evenings were extremely successful this week. Thank you very much to all parents/carers who came down to the school to speak to teaching staff. Your support is always appreciated.

On Wednesday next week we have Colorfoto on site for Nursery to Year 6. The Activate pupils are very excited about their Easter bonnet parade next Thursday. We have members of the governing body coming in to judge the best bonnet competition.

Please note that it is INSET day on Monday 7th April. It is a training day for the staff, therefore the school will be closed to pupils. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 8th.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Monday 7 th April 2025	INSET Day. School closed to pupils.
Wednesday 9 th April 2025	Activate and Advance (N -Yr 6) school photos
Thursday 10 th April	Easter bonnet parade
Friday 11 th April 2025	Last day of Spring term. Non-uniform day.
Monday 28 th April 2025	Pupils return to school for the Summer term
Thursday 1 st May 2025	Year 10 Progress Evening
Thursday 8 th May 2025	GCSE examinations start
Monday 5 th May 2025	May bank holiday. School closed to pupils.
Thursday 8 th May 2025	Year 7 Progress Evening





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HRH Melanie James, High Sheriff Visit

HRH Mrs Melanie James, High Sheriff came to visit us on Wednesday and had a tour of the new school building. She came to assembly with Year 4, 5 and 6 and Year 8 and 10 and had the opportunity of listening to the younger pupils sing and hear the school band play. Mrs James was so impressed with the pupils in the school and our facilities.

She presented us with a Bleed Control Pack which would be used in an emergency if anyone in the community needs emergency care. We are the first school in the area to have this life saving equipment and are very grateful.





Non Uniform Day



YAW: UNITED FOR KYLE

On Friday, 11th of April, all members of our community are invited to support Kyle and his family. This day will be a non-school uniform day and all monies raised will be donated to Kyle's Just Giving Page.

Diolch in advance for your support and generosity.

I'm raising £30000 to support my 13 year old nephew and his family through a diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease

77% **£23,247** raised of £30,000 target

704 donations

- Anonymous - £10.00 - 18 hours ago
- Angela Dixon - £25.00 - 2 days ago
- Nia - Keep strong x - 3 days ago

Story
This is my lovely nephew Kyle. This time last year Kyle was just like any other healthy 13 year old boy going to school and playing with friends. However, Kyle hasn't been as lucky as most teenage boys because just last March he began to experience some neurological issues, and after enduring many hospital visits he has sadly been diagnosed with the horrific Motor Neuron Disease. This disease is very rapid and is taking away Kyle's mobility at an alarming rate. He's already in

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Telephone: 01443 841228
Headteacher: Mrs C Crockett

4.4.25

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE. YSGOL AFON WEN UNITED FOR KYLE

I hope this letter finds you well. As you may be aware, Kyle, a member of Year 9 at Ysgol Afon Wen, has recently been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. As a community, we wish to show our support to Kyle and his family during this unimaginably challenging time.

To this end, Ysgol Afon Wen will be holding a non-uniform day in support of Kyle. We kindly request a £1 donation per child, which will be shared with the family's Just Giving page. This is an opportunity for our school community to come together in support of Kyle and his family. Monies raised will ensure that Kyle's family is able to stay by his side, as well as supporting the family with any adjustments needed to their home and help alleviate some of the financial burden during this extremely difficult time.

As I'm sure you can imagine, this is a truly heart-breaking time for Kyle and his family, and we are committed to ensuring that they all feel the warmth and compassion of our school community. We kindly ask everybody to contribute £1, which will be collected on the day. If all members of our school community were able to donate £1, we will be able to contribute a significant amount to Kyle's Just Giving page on behalf of us all at Ysgol Afon Wen.

Here is the link to Kyle's Just Giving page:
[Crowdfunding For Good From JustGiving](#)

Our non-uniform day will be held on FRIDAY, 11th APRIL.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs K Gwyn

Crowdfunding For Good From JustGiving [Crowdfunding For Good From JustGiving](#)

Our non-uniform day will be held on FRIDAY, 11th APRIL. Please ensure that pupils are in appropriate clothing for the school day which includes no cropped tops or inappropriate length shorts.

Summer Reward Trips

In recognition of our pupils' effort and achievements this year, we are offering the opportunity for pupils to attend a reward trip during the Summer term.

This is a reward trip and currently all pupils are invited. However, only students with net positive points by 30th June will be eligible to attend. In addition, any pupil who we deem to have shown persistent poor behaviour, attendance including lateness or is involved in a serious incident will lose their opportunity to attend.

All pupils' class charts points will be reset at the beginning of the Summer term, following end of Spring term rewards assemblies to celebrate achievements during the term. All points, positive and negative, will have a value of 1. This will ensure fair opportunities for all pupils to secure a place on the end of year rewards trips

Trip dates are as follows:

Year	Date
4, 5 and 6	11 th July
7 and 8	7 th July
9 and 10	8 th July





Charity Committee

Easter Raffle – Fundraising for School Equipment

Our Charity Committee in the Senedd at Ysgol Afon Wen is raising funds to purchase much-needed equipment for our school.

We have a fantastic selection of prizes, with the top prize being a large Easter hamper filled with chocolate eggs and treats!

How to Enter:

Tickets can be purchased online via the **RCT website**. Simply select **Ysgol Afon Wen** and choose **'Easter Raffle'** (similar to dinner money payments).

When purchasing, please include your **name or your child's name** and the **number of tickets** you wish to buy.


Make a School Dinner Money Payment Online

Make a School Dinner Money Payment online using the link below:

- Already have an account - [Sign in using your log in details](#).
- Do not have an account - Choose to [Register now](#) or [Pay without registering](#).
* [View the benefits of registering for an account](#)

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Important Dates:

 **Ticket sales close: Tuesday, 9th April 2025**

 **Live draw by pupils: Friday, 11th April 2025**

Thank you for your continued support—every ticket purchased helps us improve our school!

The Charity Committee

Activate Travel Questionnaire

Please complete the Active Travel questionnaire by Monday 7th April. <https://forms.office.com/e/Kxzf9y1RAf>





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Celebration of Success



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

Nursery	Hunter Mansfield Deegan Jones	Year 4	Ethan Findlay Oaklee Harris	Year 9	Jayden Hobbs Eloise Edwards
Reception	Georgia Elley Allister Yim	Year 5	Ruby-May Wood Oscar Williams	Year 10	Riley Jeffreys Sumer Baggs
Year 1	Tommy O'Leary Rohan Biggs	Year 6	Emmanuel Obioma Jackson Wheeler Owen Sowerby	Year 11	Felix Rhodes Amelia Jones
Year 2	Paislee Harris Logan Thorngate	Year 7	Kayla Jones Calon Cousins		
Year 3	Carter Tucker Chase Francis	Year 8	Menna Leach Izzy Mardon-Hughes Nathan Price		

Attendance

Nursery	87%	Year 4	90%	Year 9	80%
Reception	87%	Year 5	90%	Year 10	84%
Year 1	89%	Year 6	89%	Year 11	82%
Year 2	97%	Year 7	86%		
Year 3	91%	Year 8	91%		

Congratulations to **Year 2** who have the highest attendance this week. The school expects every pupil to have at least 90% attendance to school. A high level of attendance to school supports high levels of attainment and wellbeing.





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Community Event

Admission by **FREE** ticket only

HAWTHORN & LOWER RHYDYFELIN KIDS' CLUB PRESENTS

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL
6PM TO 8PM
HAWTHORN
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Easter crafts and
competitions,
prizes and games!

Raffle, tuck shop and hot
dogs!

EGG HUNT

To register for your **FREE** ticket
CONTACT 07890 144 096

Suitable for all ages - children must be accompanied by an adult



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PUPIL SHOUT OUTS

Year/ Subject	Name
Welsh Baccalaureate	Year 10- Lily Jones, Keira Briggs, Chloe Loveridge, Oskar Webb Year 11- Jay Cummings, Ruby Ford, Chloe Williams, Seth Kemlo
GCSE Geography	Year 6 - Thom Richards Year 10: Jacob Westacott & Caitlin Perry Year 11: Tiana Loverett
Humanities	Year 7: Ellie Rees, Ava Perry & Milo Keetch Year 8: Ben Jones, Pippa Boulton, Alfie Kavanagh Year 9: Muhammed Sharif, Lilly-Mae Gardener & James Beese
Ethics	Year 10: Megan Whittaker Year 11: Finley Dyer, Tiana Lovatt, Isaias Martinez, Luca Rabaiotti-Lloyd, Amelie Griffiths
GCSE RS	Year 11: Elena McFarlane-Baxter, Autumn Phillips, Thomas Davies & Freddy Brock
GCSE History	Year 10: Ryan Lucas, EJ Hughes Year 11: Grace Pearce, Joni Usar
Health and Social Care	Y10 - Jessica Myant Y11 - Zachary Thomas / Deme Williams
PE	Y6 Max Lucas (Representing county in Rugby) Y7 - Chloe Collins Y8 - Marnie - Mai Jenkins GCSE - completing their practical moderation day on 01/04/25





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"Life" in Nursery

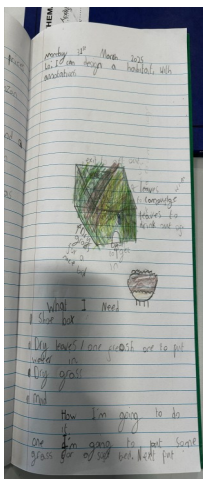


Eid Mubarak to all that celebrate! We have been learning about the Islamic festival of Eid. We read a lovely story, we met a special doll and we made moon and star crafts.

We have 10 new little friends in our nursery to kickstart our Easter learning and celebrations. They are a bit shy at the moment. How egg-citing



'Life' in Year 4 - Giving back to the community



This term we have researched the 4 necessities of a habitat, to ensure we create a warm and inviting space for hedgehogs to nest and keep safe.

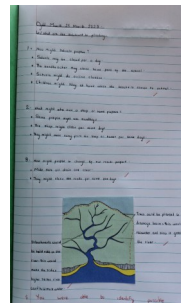
Designing our hedgehog home using natural, recyclable and environmentally friendly resources.

In Year 4, we have been learning about the importance of habitats for wildlife in our local community.

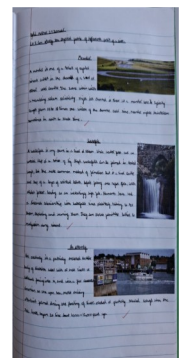


"Life" in Year 6

We have been looking at the short and long term impacts of a flood and studying ways of trying to ease the damage which a flood can create.



In Year 6 we have been learning about physical features of different parts of a river. We have been following the journey of a river from source to its mouth.





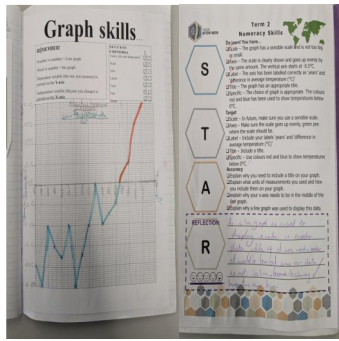
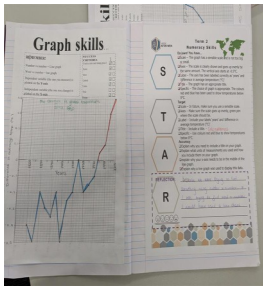
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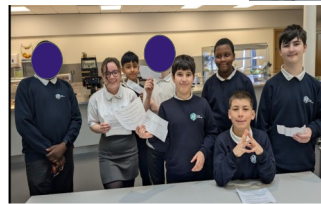
Graph Work in Humanities

Year 8's have been creating graphs to show the global temperature change as part of our climate change topic.



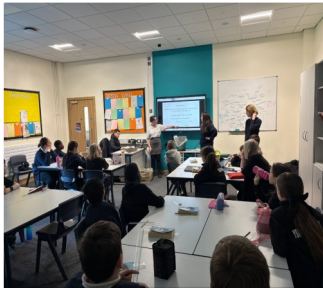
LIFE/Eco Committee

Our LIFE/Eco Committee presented in the Year 7 and 8 assemblies last week to launch their litter picking focus for this term.



LIFE/Eco-committee

LIFE/Eco-committee delivered workshops on recycling and rubbish to year 4, 5 and 6 this week.



RCTSFA Pentre 2025 girls 5 a side tournament

Played 8 games
Won 7
Lost 1-0 in semi Final



GCSE Geography



All revision materials for GCSE Geography has been uploaded onto our Google Classroom. Learners will be receiving revision packs next week to support them as we approach exam seasons.

Exam Dates:

Tuesday 13th May, AM - Unit 1 (Theme 1, 2 and 3).

Friday 6th June, PM - Unit 2 (Theme 5, 6 and 7).

Health and Social Care Update

Final deadline for Y11 coursework - 11th April

There are catch-up sessions for coursework every Thursday after-school.

Exam - **2nd June 2025**

Pupils have been given a revision booklet and past papers to support their revision that is recommended to complete over half term.

