



Newsletter 20.12.24

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope the children enjoyed their last day in school for 2024. It has been a very eventful and fun filled week with the staff pantomime as a highlight! We wish all of the Ysgol Afon Wen community a restful break and we will see you all on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Pantomime



Dates for your diary

Date	What’s happening?
Friday 3rd January 2025	Online revision (10am—12noon) for Year 10 in preparation for the English Literature examination. Google Classroom using the code rn3v6y2
Monday 6th January 2025	INSET DAY (No pupils on site)
Tuesday 7th January 2025	First day of the Spring term (Week 2 on secondary timetables)
Wednesday 8th January 2025	English Literature Examination (am) for Year 10 learners
Thursday 9th January 2025	Year 11 Mock examinations results day & interim report published Yr 11 November GCSE examination grades published
Wednesday 15th January 2025	Year 10 interim report published
Tuesday 4th February 2025	Year 11 Unit 2 Drama examination (all day)





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Rhoi Campaign



Thank you so much for all of the generous donations that have been taken up to the food bank this week. They were very grateful.

Celebration of Success

Our year 7 & 8 netballers ventured to Ysgol Bro Wednesday evening for a netball fixture. Although we missed out on the win, the enthusiasm and determination they have shown this term to extra-curricular sport has been special.

The dark and cold night was, however, made brighter by Autumn Jones being awarded player of the match. Autumn comes to every training session and game without fail wearing the most contagious smile and we are super proud of all she has achieved this term- on and off the court!





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Rock Stars Competition

Trockstar competition for Year 3-6 and Year 7-9 over Christmas break.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS COMPETITION

Win the battle of Ysgol Afon Wen

Be the class/form class to win the battle.

Winning class/form class gets a Movie
Afternoon.

16/12/24 – 7/01/25

Breakfast Club

There is no requirement for parents/carers to reapply for breakfast club as per the letter sent this week. The school hold the list of families currently on the wait list. If you no longer require your space, please contact the school in the new year and we will make the space available to others.





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Year 11 Enrichment Afternoon

17th December

Careers Talk

Our students participated in an engaging careers talk that inspired them to explore various pathways as they prepare for their futures. They learned valuable tips and tricks for job applications, enhancing their confidence when it comes to presenting themselves to potential



employers. The session also highlighted a plethora of resources and platforms to discover job opportunities, empowering our students to take charge of their career prospects. It was an incredible experience, filled with enthusiasm and learning, a big thank you to Jenny Rossiter, our careers advisor here at Afon Wen. We can't wait to see how our Year 11s will shine in their ventures ahead!

Revision Tips and Tricks

Year 11 also engaged in a fantastic session focused on essential revision tips to help them prepare for their upcoming exams. The students explored various techniques, including mind mapping and active recall, which sparked vibrant discussions and



motivated everyone to enhance their study routines. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm as they collaborated in groups and exchanged ideas on how to optimise their learning. We encourage all parents to continue supporting their children through this vital revision period—together, we can achieve great success!

MPCT Military and Sports Academies



They also had a visit from representatives from the MPCT Military and Sports Academies. The pupils were captivated by a dynamic presentation about the various opportunities available at the academies, tailored to foster their ambitions in sports and military careers.

Following the presentation, our pupils engaged in a series of

exhilarating team-building activities that truly tested their collaborative skills. To add an extra layer of challenge, the students donned goggles designed to blur their vision, promoting reliance on teamwork and communication.



One of the standout activities involved the pupils working together to navigate a ball into a bucket using only tubes. It was a sight to behold as they strategised and collaborated, laughing and cheering each other on. The grip test offered a fun yet competitive way to gauge their strength, while the flexibility test encouraged them to stretch their limits—both



literally and figuratively! Overall, the day was filled with energy, encouragement, and a renewed sense of camaraderie among the pupils. We are incredibly grateful to MPCT for their inspiring visit, and we look forward to more engaging experiences in the future.



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Rights Respecting Schools Award

Ysgol Afon Wen is proud to have achieved the Bronze Rights Respecting Schools Award and will be working towards the Silver next term.

The Rights Respecting Schools Award puts children’s rights at the heart of school life in the UK.

The UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) works with schools in the UK to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. Our Rights Respecting Schools Award embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

2024 – 2026



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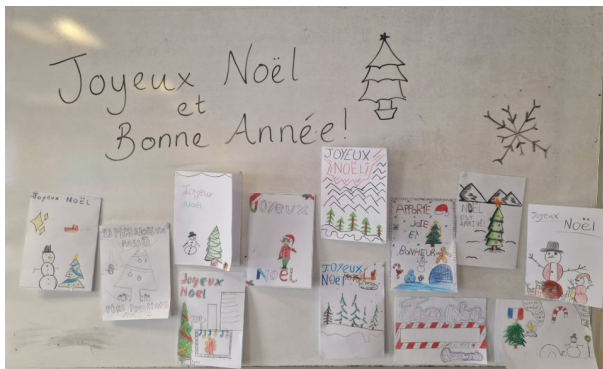
Creativity News

On Monday we had a cross-curricular trip to St Fagans for students in years 10 and 11 to experience and see some of Wales' culture from the past and present.

Students were also able to use some Welsh while talking to staff and were an absolute delight to take on the trip. Workers at St Fagans said how well behaved the students were and how polite they were also.



We also had the Ysgol Afon Wen Carol Concert Monday night, and it was bendigedig! We all had a sing a long and an amazing time. The talent was outstanding and everyone performed incredibly. Da iawn



In French the pupils have been learning all about how Christmas is celebrated in France and then making French Christmas cards this week.

Miss Crossen



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Christmas Shows





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Shout out to my teacher

Congratulations to the following pupils who won the “Shout out to my teacher” postcard designs.

ACTIVATE: Amelie Elston (3B) and Lowen Llewlllyn (3A)

ADVANCE: Isla Collins (6C) and Isabelle Reardon (8EKI)

ACHIEVE: Myrie McCormack (10TNS)

Each pupil has been given a postcard to give to a member of staff with a shout out of thanks.

Lowen Llewlllyn (3A)



Amelie Elston (3B)



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Merry Christmas
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and a Happy New Year
to all members of
Ysgol Afon Wen
Community



Thank you for your support this year.

