



# Newsletter 13.12.24

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you so much to everyone for your support with the Christmas shows this week. It was wonderful to see the younger pupils on the theatre stage entertaining their audiences. You will not find photographs of this yet, as there are still shows to go next week. We would not want to spoil the surprise.

Please come to join us during the Christmas Carol Concert on Monday at 6pm in the school. No tickets needed for the event. Lets start the count-down to Christmas together.

Finally, it has been a very busy first term in Ysgol Afon Wen. The pupils have got used to new facilities, routines, equipment, teachers and had the opportunity to learn new skills and have different experiences. We thank you all for supporting us throughout some of the trials that new facilities bring as well as helping to feedback to the school when there are areas that need to be considered or reviewed. We thank you for your support.

We hope the pupils enjoy the final week of term, culminating in a staff pantomime for their entertainment! Oh no it isn't.....!



## Dates for your diary

Date	What's happening?
Monday 16th December	Year 7 & 8 Cinema trip. Christmas Carol Concert 6pm
Tuesday 17th December	"No one raps like an elf" (Yr 4-6) Nativity performance 3 (10am) "No one raps like an elf" (Yr 4-6) Nativity performance 4 (2pm)
Wednesday 18th December	Nursery Christmas Nativity Performance 1 (1.00pm) and Performance 2 (2.30pm)
Thursday 19th December	Year 10 & 11 Cinema trip. Christmas Carol Concert 6pm Nursery Christmas Nativity Performance 3 (1.00pm)
Friday 20th December	Year 9 Cinema trip. Christmas Carol Concert 6pm Jolly jumper day
Monday 6th January 2025	INSET DAY (No pupils on site)
Tuesday 7th January 2025	First day of the Spring term



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## Celebration of Success

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved the most positive points this week. Well done!

<b>Nursery</b>	Zaid El Bouzedi	<b>Year 4</b>	Ellie Louise Nuthall-Jones	<b>Year 9</b>	Mazie Jones
	Damian Fillipis		Renesmee Griffiths		Mahmud Arikewushola
<b>Reception</b>	Clara Marchant	<b>Year 5</b>	Allayah-Grace Jones	<b>Year 10</b>	Nmesoma Obioma
	Thea Edwards		Brody Pascoe		Mojoyinola Opedare
<b>Year 1</b>	Tommy O'Leary	<b>Year 6</b>	Isla Collins, Lily Rexhepi, Bobby-Rae Sparkes	<b>Year 11</b>	Jay Cummings
	Kingsley Pascoe				Ruby Ford
<b>Year 2</b>	Tyler-Jay Short	<b>Year 7</b>	Lydia Mason-Cann		
	Harrison Davies		Elyne Johnson-Ibe		
<b>Year 3</b>	Ashley James Bishop	<b>Year 8</b>	Lucy Hitchins		
	Riley Hughes		Leo Townley		

## Cae Glas Trips

The residents of Cae Glas enjoyed a visit from Year 2 who performed songs from their Christmas Concerts for the residents.



## Numeracy Pupil of the Month



We are thrilled to announce our Numeracy Pupils of the Month from the Activate, Advance, and Achieve phase! These exceptional learners have shown incredible dedication and enthusiasm in working hard across the curriculum. Their commitment to improving their numeracy skills is truly inspiring. From tackling challenging problems in mathematics to applying their knowledge in real-life situations, they have embraced every opportunity to shine. Their teamwork, perseverance, and positive attitudes have made them outstanding role models for their peers. Let’s celebrate their achievements and encourage all our students to keep striving for excellence in numeracy! Well done, everyone! Keep up the fantastic work!





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## Weekly Attendance

Nursery	85%	Year 4	90%	Year 9	78%
Reception	83%	Year 5	90%	Year 10	88%
Year 1	94%	Year 6	95%	Year 11	78%
Year 2	94%	Year 7	90%		
Year 3	90%	Year 8	88%		

Congratulations to **Year 6** who have the highest attendance this week.

## Year 10 Pupils English Literature Examination

**Date of external GCSE English Literature exam: Wednesday 8th January 2025 (am)**

There will be an English Literature Unit 1 online revision session for Year 10 learners on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 10-12. Simply make sure your child has joined the Google Classroom using the code rn3v6y2 and click on 'join video' at 10am where Miss Godfrey and Miss Frost will cover revision needed for the exam on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

In addition when the pupils return to school on Tuesday 7th January, they will be with their English teacher for last minute examination practice.

## Year 11 mock examination results day

Following a period of mock examinations, in which the pupils conduct was exemplary, a GCSE mock results day will be held in school at 230pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Pupils will pick up their mock exam results in the way they would in the summer. Hopefully this will give them a good indication of where they are at present and what they can achieve with some additional work in class and at home prior to the Summer examination series. All pupils should be able to add at least one GCSE grade to their mock exam score.

Whilst very few students enjoy the process of the examinations, all Year 11 pupils know exactly what to expect moving forward and hopefully this mock exam period has helped them to prepare.





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## Rhoi Campaign

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# RHOI/ GIVE CAMPAIGN

Join our Rhoi/Give Campaign to support our local food bank  
this Christmas. Your generosity can change lives!

**BY MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2024**

**DROP POINT: FORM TUTORS/ CLASS TEACHER**

THINGS YOU CAN DONATE:

- RICE
- CANNED FOOD
- PACKET SAUCE
- CHOCOLATE
- JAM
- CONDIMENTS
- PET FOOD
- CEREAL
- PASTA SAUCE
- CUP A SOUP
- UHT MILK
- CRISPS



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## HWB Personalised Assessment feedback

The English Reading, Numeracy Procedural and Reasoning test feedback is now available to access online.

It is available via your child's Hwb account in the Learner Feedback area of the 'Personalised Assessment' section of the website. Login details have been shared via letter. Your child will also know the login details.

In the 'Your feedback' section sample questions relevant to each skills statement listed in the feedback can be viewed by clicking on the 'sample question PDF' button. In the 'Your progress' section the progress from the last assessment is presented.

This feedback represents a snapshot of your child's skills at the time the assessment was taken in October/November 2024. It provides just one source of information on your child's overall knowledge and understanding. Your child's teacher will consider this feedback, alongside other information they have regarding your child's skills in order to plan their learning.

These tests will be repeated again in the summer term and we will inform you of the dates closer to the time.

If you require further information or guidance in understanding this feedback, please contact their classroom teacher for Year 6 and below or their year tutor for Year 7 and above in the first instance.

## Traffic Management Plan

Thank you for everyone's support and patience with keeping our learners safe in the carpark. Please could I kindly ask that you do not block residential drives in the community as the school are receiving complaints in relation to this. Thank you for your continued support in this important matter.



## Innovation Faculty NEWS



We've had an exhilarating week at our school, filled with memorable experiences and opportunities that truly reflect our commitment to providing high quality education.

Kicking off with Technology, our Year 10 pupils embarked on a remarkable trip with Screen Alliance Wales (SAW). This initiative acts as a gateway between the film and TV industry and its aspiring workforce, promoting talent and services across Wales. The students enjoyed behind-the-scenes access at Bad Wolf's high-end productions, gaining insights into incredible sets and the masterminds who create the magic on screen. Workshops spanning set design to scriptwriting further enriched their experience, fostering skills that are highly regarded in the creative industry.



Our Technology staff have been busy too, receiving training on the fantastic new equipment we have acquired. This week marked a significant milestone as our pupils had their first go on the 3D printer. Year 10 student Karen Lee designed a stunning Christmas tree decoration using TinkerCAD, bringing festive cheer to our surroundings. What's more, our GCSE food technology class has kicked off the Christmas festivities by preparing a delightful Christmas dinner – yum!



In Science, our GCSE Biology students truly immersed themselves in their studies of the Circulatory System by dissecting hearts. This hands-on experience allowed them to explore and feel different parts of this vital organ. Additionally, we welcomed feeder primary school pupils for STEM lessons, with exciting activities that included investigating how colours and sounds are produced. They crafted beautiful rainbows with prisms and explored sound production in a dynamic learning environment.



Finally, our elite Maths department (guess what department the person writing this is from...) continues to flourish, with our collaboration with Swansea University providing enrichment Numeracy workshops. Our learners have loved experiencing maths through a lecturer's mind, discovering new concepts in such a fun and engaging way! Finally, our Times Table Rockstars are hard at work; congratulations to 7BWN and Dosbarth Platinum for winning a cinema afternoon, courtesy of Mrs Morgan! Who will take the title next? It's time to keep practising!

