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Dear Parents & Carers,

This term has been a testament to the power of community, as we’ve come together to create an environment filled with learning, growth, and shared joy. Through focused activities and a commitment to building strong foundations for lifelong learning, we have achieved remarkable successes. Whether it’s been through collaborative projects, engaging lessons, or events that bring us closer together, this term has truly shown what we can accomplish when we work as one.

A highlight of the week was undoubtedly Santa’s visit, accompanied by his magical reindeer, filling the air with excitement and wonder. The laughter and wide-eyed amazement of the children captured the spirit of the festive season, bringing us closer towards the end of a term of hard work and shared triumphs.

This week has also highlighted the dedication and resilience of our Year 11 students as they undertook their mock examinations. Their commitment to their studies and the maturity they demonstrated throughout the process have been truly commendable. Balancing the demands of intensive revision with their other responsibilities, they have shown remarkable focus and perseverance. These efforts not only reflect their determination to achieve their goals but also set an inspiring example for the younger students.

Dates for your diary

Date	What’s happening?
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Dinner Reception/Year 1 Wriggly Nativity Performance 1 (9.30am) Year 2/3 Christmas Counts Performance 1 (2.15pm)
Thursday 12th December	Reception/Year 1 Wriggly Nativity Performance 2 (9.30am) Year 2/3 Christmas Counts Performance 2 (2.15pm)
Friday 13th December	(Yr 4-6) "No one raps like an elf" Nativity performance 1 (10.00am) (Yr 4-6) "No one raps like an elf" Nativity performance 2(2.00pm)
Saturday 14th December	Pontypridd Festive Town Takeover (see poster below)
Monday 16th December	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	Nursery Christmas Nativity Performance 3 (1.00pm)
Friday 20th December	Jolly jumper day



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Christmas Show Booking Links

Reception and year 1

Wednesday 11th December 9:30 - A Wriggly Nativity - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1098701157739?aff=oddtcreator>

Thursday 12th December 9:30 - A Wriggly Nativity - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1098704377369?aff=oddtcreator>

Year 2 and 3

Wednesday 11th December 14:15 - Christmas counts - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1098712892839?aff=oddtcreator>

Thursday 12th December 14:15 - Christmas counts - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1098723193649?aff=oddtcreator>

Year 4,5 and 6

Friday 13th December 10:00 - No one wraps like an elf - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1098018846929?aff=oddtcreator>

Friday 13th December 14:00 - No one wraps like an elf - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1098021695449?aff=oddtcreator>

Tuesday 17th December 10:00 - No one wraps like an elf - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1098023220009?aff=oddtcreator>

Tuesday 17th December 14:00 - No one wraps like an elf - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1098024283189?aff=oddtcreator>

12 days of Christmas attendance reward

The 12 Days of Christmas Attendance Challenge began on Wednesday 4th December and will finish on Thursday 19th December. For every day that a pupil attends school, they will receive an entry to the prize draw. If they attend for the full 12 days, they will receive an additional 5 entries. Form Tutors / Class Teachers and will keep track of their attendance and entries. There will be a prize draw per year group on the 20th December, with 3 lucky pupils from each year winning a £10 amazon gift voucher! Pupils must be in on the last day (Friday 20th December) to be in with a chance to win the grand prize.






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Christmas Carol Concert

All welcome to attend our Christmas Carol Concert. No pre-booked tickets needed. £1 per person entry fee. Please invite any friends or family of Ysgol Afon Wen.

 Ysgol Afon Wen
Presents a..... 


Christmas Carol

 *Concert* 

Monday 16th December

6pm

Ysgol Afon Wen Theatre







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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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The Festive Town Takeover

CHRISTMAS 2024
YOUR PONTYPRIDD PAWB
IN YOUR PONTYPRIDD

THE FESTIVE TOWN TAKEOVER

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER • 11AM - 3PM
PONTYPRIDD TOWN CENTRE

Pick up your Festive Town Takeover Map from Pontypridd Library

SYNTHETIC ICE RINK
AT 2-3 LLYS CADWYN
(BOOK IN ADVANCE 11AM - 6.30PM)

A VISIT FROM SANTA & MRS CLAUS
(12.30 - 3.00pm)

**VISIT SANTA'S MAGICAL REINDEER
AND CHILDREN'S TRAIN RIDE
ON THE MILL STREET QUARTER**

**THE MARKET QUARTER
ADVENT CALENDAR**

**CHRISTMAS GAMES, ACTIVITIES &
LIVE NATIVITY AT ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH**

**ARTS AND CRAFTS AT
PONTYPRIDD LIBRARY AND YMA**

**POETRY COMPETITION WITH
COUNTERFORCE POETRY**

CHRISTMAS DISCO AT YMA
(3.30 - 4.30PM)

**CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT
FROM MR T-RICKS AND PERFORMANCES
FROM SCHOOL & COMMUNITY CHOIRS AT
THE FOUNTAIN HOSTED BY HELEN
ENSER MORGAN**

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Christmas Dinner

Christmas menu

ROAST TURKEY & MINI SAUSAGE

QUORN FILLET & VEGGIE SAUSAGE

served with a rich gravy, stuffing, creamed and crispy roast potatoes and a medley of seasonal vegetables

DESSERT
Christmas Ice cream Tub

MEAL DEAL
TURKEY & STUFFING BAGUETTE & CHRISTMAS ICE CREAM TUB

CHRISTMAS MEAL DEAL £2.00

HOT TURKEY STUFFING & GRAVY BAGUETTE & CHRISTMAS ICE CREAM TUB

Christmas Dinner Day will be Wednesday 11th December. The price will be the same price as a Set Meal £2.90 without dessert or £3.10 with dessert.

Bwydlen y Nadolig

TWRCI RHOST A SELSIG BACH

FFILED QUORN A SELSIG LLYSIEUOL

wedi'i weini gyda greff blasus, stwffin, tatws hufennog, tatws rhost a llysiau tymhorol

PWDIN
Twb Hufen Iâ Nadoligaidd

BARGEN BWYD
BAGÉT TWRCI, STWFFIN A GREFF POETH A THWB HUFEN IÂ NADOLIGAIDD

BARGEN BWYD NADOLIGAIDD £2.00

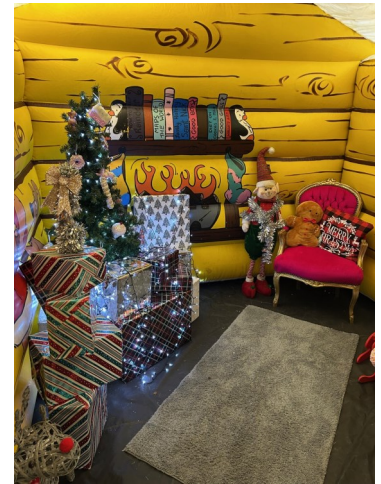
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Santa’s visit

It was wonderful to see all of the children visiting Santa in his grotto on Wednesday. Santa was very impressed with all 491 children that he saw and hopefully each and every one of them is on the good list. Thank you to Roly Poly Entertainments for supplying the amazing grotto and for Gower Fresh Christmas trees for bring Santa’s reindeer onto school site. Santa, we will see you again in 19 sleeps!





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Santa's visit





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Celebration of Success

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

Nursery	Holly Hughes	Year 4	Zoe Tomaszewski	Year 9	Ieuan Coles
	Anwen Hooper		Scarlett Palmer		Ava Ryan
Reception	Eira Lloyd	Year 5	Rahmatullah Karo Khil	Year 10	Brooke-Leigh Jenkins
	Leo Brittain		Alfie Fulcher		Finnley Williams
Year 1	Jacob Holliday	Year 6	Jake Hughes,	Year 11	Zack Luke
	Ava Gwen Smith		Payton Jones		Abigail Jones
Year 2	Jacob Thomas	Year 7	Ruby Sharpe		
	Cayleb Williams		Charlie Watts		
Year 3	Esme Collins	Year 8	Logan Pittner		
	A-Jay Hansen Spur		Darcy-Leigh Rees		

Reward for cast and crew

As a reward for all the cast and crew involved in High School Musical, we will be having an 'After Show Party' on Monday 9th December from 3:30pm - 5:30pm in the main theatre. We were blown away by the enthusiasm, dedication and above all the enjoyment from learners involved in the show. We wanted to show our appreciation!

All pupils in Year 4 - 6 can stay in school from 3:05pm and will be supervised by a member of staff if they want to change into party clothes before the disco starts at 3:30pm. (Please bring these in a labelled carrier bag) . All learners must be collected promptly by an adult at 5:30pm.

Successful Year 11 mock exams

Well done to all Year 11 pupils for this week. The pupils have practiced the for the summer exam series, understand the intensity of the schedule, how the venue works, are clear on the GCSE examination rules and what is expected of them in the examination venue as well as having the opportunity to practice past papers for their subjects.

The pupils will receive their mock examination results in early January where they can review success and discuss what steps they need to take to improve to get the best possible results in the Summer.





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Weekly Attendance

Nursery	86%	Year 4	90%	Year 9	80%
Reception	85%	Year 5	92%	Year 10	83%
Year 1	89%	Year 6	90%	Year 11	78%
Year 2	93%	Year 7	86%		
Year 3	90%	Year 8	88%		

Congratulations to **Year 2** who have the highest attendance this week.

Health on a Shelf

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PRESENTS
Health on a Shelf

Each pupil/staff will earn points for their class when completing the activities. Photos must be uploaded to Google Classroom by the end of each day for points to count. Winners announced on Friday the 20th December!

9TH- TAKE A CHRISTMAS SELFIE WITH SOMEONE WHO SUPPORTS YOU AND WHO YOU'RE GRATEFUL FOR. CHRISTMAS JUMPERS FOR EXTRA POINT!	10TH- EAT A HEALTHY BREAKFAST WEARING A CHRISTMAS ACCESSORY FOR AN EXTRA POINT.
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11TH- ENJOY A FUN OR RELAXING WELLBEING ACTIVITY. EXTRA POINT FOR A CHRISTMAS ITEM!	12TH- COMPLETE A MINDFULNESS OR MEDITATION ACTIVITY. EXTRA POINT FOR CHRISTMAS CREATIVITY.	13TH- HELP PREPARE AND EAT A HEALTHY MEAL. WEARING A CHRISTMAS ACCESSORY WILL EARN YOU AN EXTRA POINT!
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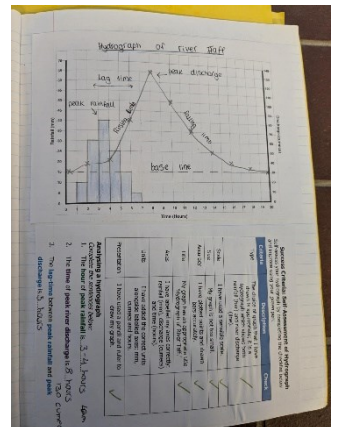
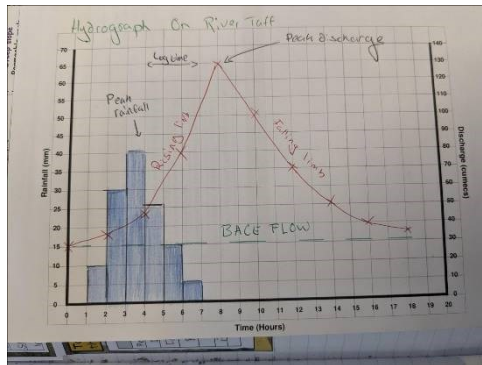
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Subject	Year	Pupil name
Humanities	7	Fiona Huang, Owain Matthews, Jayden Mason & Bright Aikoriogie-Osahon
	8	Pippa Boulton, Harley Godfrey, Tyler Loveridge, Livie-Rae Burgwyn & Braxton Jenkins
	9	Cayson Dix, Ashton Nicholas, Chinaza Obioma, Mahmud Arikewushola & Hanna Kudelka
	10	Geography - Karen Lee, Caitlin Perry History – Myri McCormack & EJ Hughes Ethics - Xavier Warner, Emilie Rees, Sophie Shankland, Emma Phillips, Tehila Goje, Aston Baker, Jamie Morgan & Lily-May Gallo
	11	Geography - Tiana Lovatt History – Grace Pearce & Brooke Harvey Ethics – Amelia Jones & Amir Muibi
PE	7	Chloe Collins, Isabelle Bowen, Autumn Jones, Danny Betts, Kai Jones, Riley Lloyd, C-Jay Mann & Jacob Davidge
	8	Darcey Rees, Marla Mcdevitt, Molly Mills, Roimot Abolarinwa & Sofia McFarlane-Baxter
	9	Ava Hopkins, Evie Hopkins, Montana Jaswal, Star Tottle, Hana Kudelka, Ella Troake, Noah Evans & Oliver O'Callaghan
	10	Ruby spear, Teigan Fenwick & Lily-May Gallo
	11	Deme-Jane Williams, Farrah Williams, Marley Asare, Autumn Phillips, Olivia Coles, Grace Pearce, Layla Parsons, Samson Philpott & George Hill.
Health & Social Care	10	Treasure Aikoriogie-Osahon & Ruby Hollister
WBQ	10	Kira Woods, Xavier Warner, Emilie Rees, Deagan Dragon-Shmylo, Keira Briggs & Amelia Weyman
	11	Jay Cummings, Joni Usar, Grace Pearce, Brooke Harvey & Ruby Ford

Year 10 GCSE Geographers have been creating hydrographs as part of WJEC Theme 1. Pupils have been learning about causes of flooding and will be moving onto how best to manage flooding.

Pupils checked their hydrograph using their green pens for self-assessment.

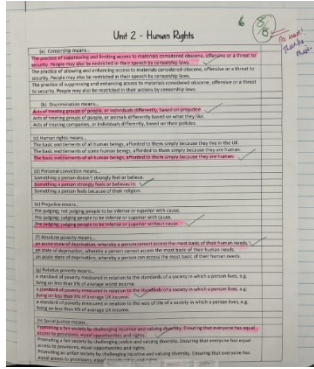
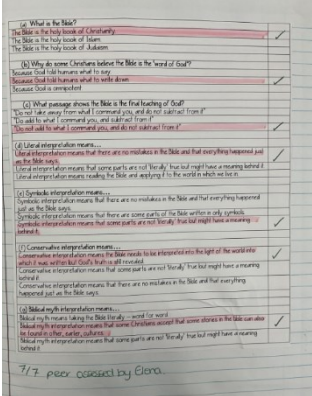




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Year 11 GCSE RS pupils have been working on 'quizzing' to consolidate their knowledge in preparation for their mock exam.

Year 11 GCSE Historians will be with Miss Boyce Lesson 1 – 3 on Wednesday 11th December 2024.



Ysgol Afon Wen U15's Girl's football team, took part in the district round of the RCT football cup. The girls showed amazing effort and had a great tournament performance, coming 3rd. Great displays of sportsmanship and fair play shown by all who attended. They were a pleasure to take and a credit to the school.

