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Dear Parents & Carers,

It was wonderful to come back to school this week to see the newly decorated nursery which the pupils have enjoyed. There are many activities happening this half term so please read the information in the newsletter below to ensure that you are aware of the events that your children will be involved in. Please also note the parental voice section of the newsletter as the school collects your views.

### Dates for your diary

- ⇒ Monday 11th November & Wednesday 13th November Mathematics GCSE exams
- ⇒ Wednesday 13th November: Interim report published for Year 10
- ⇒ Friday 15th November: Children in Need day
- ⇒ Friday 15th November: Headteacher surgery 3.30—4.30pm
- ⇒ Thursday 21st November: ACE Day (more information below)
- ⇒ Friday 22nd November : Flu vaccinations Reception to Year 6
- ⇒ Monday 25th November: School production of High School Musical



### Communication

Members of the community have raised a concern with the telephone lines in Ysgol Afon Wen and sometimes not being able to communicate with the school when necessary. Whilst we investigate this with the telephone company to, below are the email addresses to use if you wish to contact the Progress Leader for the year group/phase. Please be aware that all Progress Leaders have a teaching timetable and will not always be immediately available.

Activate Progress Leader (Reception—Year 3) Mrs N Rowland	nicola.rowland@ysgolafonwen.rctcbc.cymru
Advance Progress Leader (Year 4—Year 6) Mrs V Geach	vicky.geach@ysgolafonwen.rctcbc.cymru
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Year 8 Progress Leader Miss L Phillips	lara.phillips@ysgolafonwen.rctcbc.cymru
Year 9 Progress Leader Miss H Boyce	hayley.boyce@ysgolafonwen.rctcbc.cymru
Year 10 Progress Leader Miss M Jenkins	melissa.jenkins@ysgolafonwen.rctcbc.cymru
Year 11 Progress Leader Mrs C Morgan	courtney.morgan@ysgolafonwen.rctcbc.cymru



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## Remembrance Assemblies



All pupils in Year 6 and below have had a special message delivered by Trish from St Catherine’s Church regarding remembrance. She been talking to the children about the importance of the poppy as a symbol and who were are remembering when we are wearing them. This will continue for the upper school next week.



## Children in Need

Pupils in Nursery through to Year 6 are invited to wear spots or bright colours to school on Friday 15th November to raise awareness for children who are less fortunate than ourselves. The school will collect £1 in cash or whatever you can afford for all children taking part in the non-uniform day which will be donated to the Children in Need cause.



Pupils in Year 7—11 are invited to contribute to the fundraising and asked to where odd socks in support of children in need.

## ACE Days



ACE days are calendared throughout the school year to enhance the learning provision, opportunities and experiences for learners. This term, the Alternative Curriculum Experience will be centred about Fibonacci’s number sequence. More information will follow next week.

## Anti-bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual event that aims to raise awareness of bullying of young people, with an emphasis on prevention and effective responses to bullying. It began in 2002 and is coordinated by the charity [Anti-Bullying Alliance](https://www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk/).

Throughout the week all learners will experience tailored lessons around the theme of choosing respect to support the national anti-bullying week.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024 - NEW THEME ANNOUNCED

**CHOOSE**

**RESPECT**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



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## Flu Vaccinations



All pupils in Nursery to Year 6 have received a letter from the nursing service asking for consent for the flu vaccination.

Please ensure that you have returned your consent form.

## Activate Phase Parent Workshop

The events scheduled for Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th have been **cancelled** temporarily due to unforeseen circumstances. These will be rescheduled in due course. The school are sorry for the inconvenience to Reception and Year 1 parents and children.

Rescheduled dates will follow.

## New nursery facilities

The school were really pleased to see the makeover in the nursery facilities in Ysgol Afon Wen over the half term break. The children were pleased with their new decoration, floor and lighting. We look forward to the displays of their work covering the noticeboards in coming weeks.



## School Photographs

The school have had communication from Colorfoto to inform that they are chasing their lab for the photographs taken earlier this term. They thank you all for your patience. Communication will be sent when the photographs arrive.

## Phase 3 of the building

The work on phase 3 is making pleasing progress and the pupils look forward to having additional play areas and landscaped outside space. However, it is the end of an era as Hawthorn High School is removed.



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## Attendance

Nursery	86%	Year 4	94%	Year 9	78%
Reception	85%	Year 5	96%	Year 10	86%
Year 1	94%	Year 6	89%	Year 11	82%
Year 2	96%	Year 7	89%		
Year 3	89%	Year 8	88%		

Congratulations to **Year 2 and 5** who have the highest attendance this week.

## Super Attender



Today, pupils in Reception to Year 3 received a visit from Super Attender during assembly who gave out certificates to celebrate the importance of coming to school everyday and being on time.

We support this ethos across the whole school and target a 95% attendance for all pupils. There is a strong link between academic attainment and high standards of attendance.



## Headteacher's Surgery

Mrs Crockett, headteacher of Ysgol Afon Wen, will be holding an second monthly surgery on Friday 15th November from 3.30-4.30pm. This is an opportunity to discuss your child, raise an issue or have a conversation about any aspect of school life. Please telephone or email the school to make an appointment with Mrs Crockett during this time.

admin@ysgolafonwen.rctcbc.cymru or 01443 841228



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## Celebration of Success

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

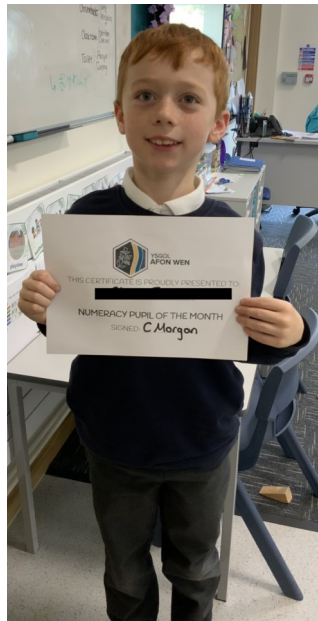
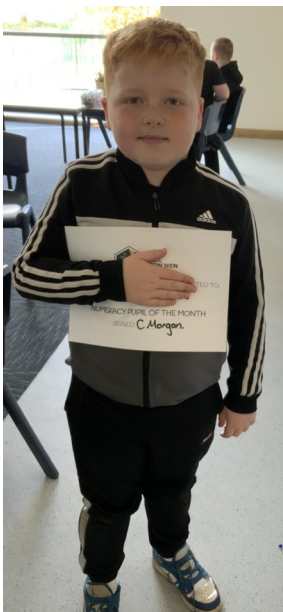
<b>Nursery</b>	Josie Webb Ali Rae Birch	<b>Year 4</b>	Isla Pugh Bradley Davies	<b>Year 9</b>	Montana Jaswal Oliver O'Callaghan
<b>Reception</b>	Evan Wilson Reina Twamley	<b>Year 5</b>	Luka Kirvaldize Oscar Williams	<b>Year 10</b>	Gracie Evans Ryan Lucas
<b>Year 1</b>	Josie Anna Fodju Jenson Pugh	<b>Year 6</b>	Seren Jones Kenson Kong Emily Donovan	<b>Year 11</b>	Josephine Ayandeji Nihin Lapade
<b>Year 2</b>	Cariad Davies Harley Harrap	<b>Year 7</b>	Tyler Winter Archie Pritchard		
<b>Year 3</b>	Joseph Moore Alana Baker-Smith	<b>Year 8</b>	Rose Pitcher Jayden Wilce		

## Football tournament

Year 6 took part in the Urdd football tournament on Thursday this week. They played six different matches, won three, drew two and lost one, conceding only one goal all tournament. Congratulations to all who played. They were superb representation for the school.



## Numeracy Pupil of the month



Congratulations to the Activate, Advance and Achieve pupil of the month for their work in Numeracy.  
Well done.



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## Parental Voice Survey

Ysgol Afon Wen endeavours to deliver a **'voice for all'**. Your opinion matters to us. The school are asking all parents/carers to complete our parental survey.

We will use your answers to help us understand what you think about our school and move forward as Ysgol Afon Wen.



## Activate (Nursery—Year 3)

<https://forms.gle/8gZeJQbNaW5Shg4U8>



## Advance (Year 4—Year 8)

<https://forms.gle/BH7VmHzkU9fNZm8o9>



## Achieve (Year 9—Year 11)

<https://forms.gle/BsB6aB4Man4xHbMG7>



### Achieve Parental Voice: November 2024

As a parent/carer, please tell us what you think about Ysgol Afon Wen.

Read each statement, considering your own experience of Ysgol Afon Wen, and tick the box that best fits with what you think.

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Tickets are currently being sold to cast and crew. From Monday 18th November tickets will be available to the general public. More information on how to purchase these will be sent via Class Charts.

YSGOL AFON WEN PRESENTS..

Disney

**HIGH  
SCHOOL  
MUSICAL JR.**

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*Monday 25th to Thursday 28th  
November 2024*

*Doors open 5:30pm*      *Tickets £3 for all*  
*Curtain up 6pm*      *Unreserved Seating*





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## Faculty of Innovation—News



We are thrilled to share some exciting news from the lower advance stage as they embark on their journey in the Innovation department. The students have made an enthusiastic start to their learning, showing a palpable excitement that fills the classroom!

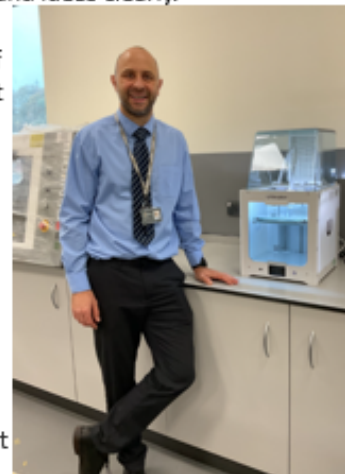
One of the highlights has been their opportunity to engage with some amazing new equipment that they have never used before joining us at Ysgol Afon Wen. The buzz in the room when they first laid eyes on the microscopes was contagious! They dived right into their exploration, using these powerful tools to examine cells and even some fascinating creatures they found outside. Observing the world on such a tiny scale has ignited their curiosity and inspired deeper questions about Science.



As part of their learning, the students are now embarking on their ambitious 'Innovation Project.' They have been tasked with planning a spectacular light show for an upcoming music festival! The excitement in the air is tangible as they brainstorm ideas, and they have already begun to investigate how they can use the vibrant colours of the rainbow to create captivating visuals that complement their carefully curated playlist.

This project not only allows our students to flex their creative muscles, but it also challenges them to work collaboratively and think critically, skills that are essential in today's world. We are eagerly anticipating their final presentations, where we will have the wonderful opportunity to observe their oracy skills in action, demonstrating their ability to articulate their thoughts and ideas clearly. We cannot wait to see the dazzling results of their hard work!

In other news, our Technology department introduced a brand-new piece of equipment that has taken learning to a whole new level — a state-of-the-art 3D printer! With a bustling atmosphere in the tech lab, staff fired up the printer for the first time, and the results were nothing short of astonishing. The pupils watched in awe as their imaginations transformed into tangible creations right before their eyes. This experience not only sparked their excitement but also reinforced the principles of the Curriculum for Wales, encouraging learners to think critically, collaborate, and apply their knowledge in practical ways. We can't wait to weave this engaging technology into our lessons! The 3D printer will provide an innovative platform for our students to explore concepts in design and technology, engineering, and problem-solving. As we embark on this journey, we encourage parents to discuss the wonderful possibilities this new equipment



presents at home. Our aim is to ignite a passion for learning that extends beyond the classroom, and we believe the introduction of 3D printing will be a pivotal part of our students' educational adventures.





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This week also marked an exciting milestone as GCSEs were in full swing for our Year 11 students! A wave of determination and hard work filled the exam rooms, and we couldn't be prouder of the effort each student put forth. The resilience they demonstrated through long hours of revision and preparation was truly inspiring, and it was heart warming to see their faces light up with smiles as they exited the exam room, a testament to their dedication.

As we support our students on this important journey, we want to remind everyone of our weekly Wednesday revision sessions. Every Wednesday after school, students can enjoy a

biscuit while tackling past papers together, an excellent opportunity to revise and solidify their knowledge in a relaxed and friendly environment. We encourage all Year 11 students to start their revision early to feel confident and well-prepared for their upcoming exams and to reap the rewards in the summer. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our students achieve their best! Together, we will help them navigate this important phase of their education with confidence and success.



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## YEAR 11 PAPERS SOCIETY

AFTER SCHOOL ON *WEDNESDAY* IN THE CANTEEN.  
ALL YEAR 11S WELCOME.

Maths GCSE papers and biscuits provided.  
Stay for an hour and do some practice.  
Get help when you need it.

A paper a week is guaranteed to boost your GCSE grade.



If I have 3 boxes with 6 toys in each, how many toys do I have in total?



### Numeracy Challenges



A train travels from London to Cardiff at a speed of 75 miles per hour. If the distance between the two cities is 150 miles, how long will the journey take? Provide a detailed explanation of your calculations.



Mary measures the mass of 2 cylinders. Together, they weigh 6kg. Each Cylidener has the same mass. What is the mass of 10 of these cylinders?

