YSGOL AFON WEN

Newsletter 12.10.24

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It was lovely to have two important event this week in Ysgol Afon Wen. On Wednesday, pupils from partner primary schools came to look around the facilities, meet teachers and pupils, and start preparation for the transition process. It was wonderful to see such a positive turnout with our prospective pupils.

Secondly, we held the Year 11 Progress Evening on Thursday and it was an excellent opportunity for us to work with parents/carers to prepare the pupils for their GCSE examinations in the Summer. Along with an opportunity meet classroom teachers, parents/carers were given the opportunity to speak to Careers Wales, representative from Bryn Celynnog Sixth Form and to share their child's educational experience through parental voice. This very important feedback will support us to continue to improve.

Dates for your diary

⇒ Week commencing Monday 14th October: Welsh National Literacy and Numeracy tests continue

⇒ Friday 18th October 2024 4.00—5.00pm: Headteacher surgery

⇒ Thursday 24th October 2024: Activate (Reception —Year 3) & Advance Year 4, 5, 6 Progress Evening

⇒ Thursday 14th November 2024: Year 7 Progress Evening

⇒ November GCSE examinations for English Language, Mathematics and Numeracy (see information below)

⇒ Half term Monday 28th October until Friday 1st November 2024

GCSE Examinations: November 2024 series

Date	Component Title
Mon 04 Nov	English Language Unit 2 Description
Tue 05 Nov	Maths-Num UNIT1 Higher Noncalculator
Wed 06 Nov	English Language UNIT3 Argumentation
Thu 07 Nov	Maths-Num UNIT2 Higher Calculator
Mon 11 Nov	Maths UNIT1 Foundation Noncalculator
Wed 13 Nov	Maths UNIT2 Foundation Calculator

There are some pupils in Year 11 taking the November examination series for Mathematics, Numeracy and English Language. These are the dates if your child is being entered. Individual statements of entry will follow.

Attendance

Nursery	77%	Year 4	93%	Year 9	85%
Reception	89%	Year 5	97%	Year 10	85%
Year 1	91%	Year 6	89%	Year 11	83%
Year 2	93%	Year 7	90%		
Year 3	87%	Year 8	88%		

Congratulations to **Year 5** who have the highest attendance this week (Monday 7th October.—Friday 11th October). The school expects every pupil to have at least 95% attendance to school.

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Wellbeing Support

Meeting the pastoral needs of our pupils is crucial if they are going to succeed in education. When pupils join Ysgol Afon Wen they are assigned a form tutor and a Progress Leader who oversee the academic, social and pastoral aspects of school life. If you need any additional support for your child, please contact the Form Teacher or Progress Leader.

Mrs M Purnell (Assistant Headteacher) and is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and works with a team of Deputy Safeguarding Officers.

Mr I Dwight (Assistant Headteacher)
leads the team of
Phase leaders and Progress leaders.

Associate Assistant Headteacher
ACTIVATE PHASE

Mrs K Connor

Progress Leader
ACTIVATE PHASE
Mrs N Rowland

Associate Assistant Headteacher
ADVANCE PHASE

Mrs C O'Carroll

Progress Leader
ADVANCE PHASE
Mrs V Geach

Progress Leader
Year 7
Miss L Burnett

Progress Leader
Year 8
Miss L Phillips

Associate Assistant Headteacher
ACHIEVE PHASE
Mr D Jones

Progress Leader
Year 9
Miss H Boyce

Progress Leader
Year 10
Miss M Jenkins

Progress Leader
Year 11
Mrs C Morgan

To achieve our **Triple AAA Promise**, we ensure five core values are at the heart of our work:

Headteacher Surgery

Opportunity to make an appointment with Mrs C Crockett (Headteacher)

Friday 18th October 2024

4.00—5.00pm

Please telephone reception if you would like to schedule an appointment during this time.

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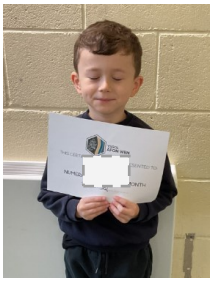
Celebration of Success

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

Nursery	Olly Selwood & Frankie Jones	Year 4	Peyton Powderhill & Ethan Findlay Scarlett Palmer & Oliver Rees	Year 9	Corey Hall & Ryley Bengough
Reception	Isabella Muchard-Pugh & Harry Blake	Year 5	Gracie Rowe & Ben Mensikov Ruby Evans & Jayden Davies	Year 10	Ellie McCormack & Olivia Dunn
Year 1	Thea Blakman & Bobby Kizmus	Year 6	Jackson Whelelar & Justen Usar Abigail-Jane Parton & Luca Williams	Year 11	Joseph Morgan & Farrah Williams
Year 2	Hayden Barrett & Alfie Mead	Year 7			
Year 3	Shalom Matthews & Caelan Jones	Year 8	Braxton Jenkins & Grace Bevan		

The Numeracy Pupil of the Month is a student who demonstrates exceptional skills in Numeracy throughout the curriculum and shows enthusiasm for problem-solving. This pupil consistently engages in class discussions, shares innovative ideas, and helps peers understand challenging concepts. Their creativity shines through in projects, where they apply mathematical principles to real-life scenarios. Additionally, they exhibit perseverance, tackling difficult tasks with a positive attitude. Recognising such a student not only motivates them but also inspires their classmates, fostering a vibrant learning environment.

Congratulations to:



Phase Information

Activate Phase (Nursery to Year 3)

Advanced notice: Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th November 2024 the school will be hosting numeracy skills workshops for parents and children. 9am. More information will follow.

Welsh National Tests (Yr 2 & 3)

Advance Phase (Year 4 to Year 8)

Literacy and Numeracy

Welsh National Tests (Yr 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)

Achieve Phase (Year 9 to Year 11)

Literacy and Numeracy

Welsh National Tests (Yr 9)

Parental Communication

Please ensure that you have downloaded and logged into the Class Charts parental app and turned on notifications. You will have received an individual login for your child/children.

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