



# Ysgol Frongoch

## Cylchlythyr - Newsletter

November 2024

Good Afternoon,

Welcome to this month's Frongoch Update where we share more detail of what has been happening in Ysgol Frongoch.

### Pupil Voice Groups:

Miss Featherstone met with Digital Leaders to discuss how we use technology to enhance our lessons and challenge ourselves. The children shared some great examples of digital work they had produced and discussed ideas of how we could develop our skills further throughout the year.

### SDP Priorities:

#### This year's priorities for School Development at Ysgol Frongoch are:

Priority 1 – Ensure teaching provides appropriate challenge for pupils and that feedback helps them improve their work.

*Mrs Boyd and our SIA officer from GwE listened to some of our learner about the level of challenge within their lessons. Most of the children reported that they are able to choose their own level of challenge based on their own confidence within the subject area.*

Priority 2 – Ensure teachers provide pupils with a range of learning opportunities to enrich their learning.

*Mrs Boyd met with a group of our learners to discuss learning experiences that they have enjoyed to date. Many children highlighted their desire for more outdoor learning which is an area we are hoping to develop further. Staff have had further training from Naomi, our outdoor learning link.*

Priority 3 – Develop pupils' Welsh speaking skills throughout school.

*Mr Gareth Williams met with Mr Thomas to discuss next steps for Ysgol Frongoch. Planning was the focus to ensure that there is a clear progression of language skills throughout Frongoch.*

Priority 4 – Improve attendance of pupils who are persistently absent.

*Our attendance Governor met with Mr Thomas to discuss attendance and to look at further support for pupils whose attendance is a cause for concern.*

### Dates for the Diary:

(Any new or amended dates will be added in red)

Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fayre 3-4pm Christmas Bauble Competition Deadline
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 3 Christmas Show
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 4&5 Christmas Show
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Christmas Show
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Extra Year 4&amp;5 Christmas Show 9:15am</b>
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 3 Christmas Party
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 4&5 Christmas Party
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Christmas Party
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School closes for pupils for Christmas
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Staff training day

### Attendance - Priority 4

Please find below our attendance figures for this month. Just a reminder to email or phone the school office if your child is away from school for any reason.



Target School Attendance

94.0%

School Attendance to date

95.0%

**REMEMBER** punctuality is equally as important as attendance. Please try to ensure your child arrives in school for 8:45am



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### Curriculum for Wales – AOEs and the 4 purpose characters

#### Healthy Henri – keeps active

Year 4/5 took part in a small hockey tournament to put our skills into practice. The children were fantastic, they were able to showcase the skills they have learnt and developed over the last term and their sportsman ship was incredible.

#### Creative Celyn – takes every opportunity

Year 3 have had the opportunity to learn the Ukulele with Jonny from the Denbighshire Music Cooperative. The children learned about the parts of a ukulele before learning the names of the different strings and how to play a chord.



#### Creative Celyn – designs and makes things

Year 4 and 5 have seen a creative end to their topic with a culmination of their art styles from the different countries they have studied. All used watercolours, patterns and mixed media to create either their own Mandalas or Landscape images of India, Patagonia and Antarctica.

The whole school have also started their Christmas Craft projects ready to sell at the craft fair in December. Some children have created digital posters promoting the fair too.

#### Capable Cai: Produces our best work

The whole school have worked on creating information texts based on their topic. Researching, organising and designing has been the order of the month and the children have enjoyed choosing their own information, editing and finding images for their final pieces!

#### Capable Cai: Using skills in lots of ways

The school have been looking at length in measure...a perfect way to get outdoors and put our skills into practise!



### Governor feedback

The second meeting of the Full Governing Body took place in November. Due to the weather conditions this meeting took place online and an ALN report was shared by Ms Gregory [ALNCO] and Attendance data was discussed at length to ensure Governors knew what the codes meant when pupils are absent from school

### PTA/Fundraising in Ysgol Frongoch

November has been a relatively quiet month for fundraising. We have donated to two national charities this month.

Members of the school council sold various Poppy Appeal items in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

We all supported Children in Need on November 15th by holding a non-uniform day with donations made via Parentpay.

### Frongoch in the Community

#### Remembrance Day

Huge thanks to our House Captains who represented the school during the Remembrance day service which was held at the Denbigh Cenotaph on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Year 3 visited Denbigh Town Hall at the end of November to sing some festive songs in the community, as part of the town's festive light switch on event.

