



# Ysgol Frongoch

## Cylchlythyr - Newsletter

December 2024

S'mae!

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

### Pupil Voice Groups:

Mr Griffiths, our Maths & Numeracy lead, met with pupils from years 3, 4, 5 & 6 to discuss the work they had been doing in Financial Literacy. Children in year 3 had been handling money and calculating change from figures such as £5, £10 & £20. Years 4 & 5 have been budgeting and saving, making decisions where to source shopping from to cook healthy meals. Year 6 have been making difficult decisions when pricing materials for outdoor resources on the playground.

### Dates for the Diary:

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

Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to school for all learners.
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 3 Denbigh Music Co-Operative workshop.
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School recognition of Dydd Santes Dwynwen. Cake sale at break times.
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Year 3 parent Eisteddfod art viewing.
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Cluster Eisteddfod
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Last day of Spring 1.

### 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. Many of these types of discussions took place between AOLE leads and pupils throughout the month.*

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. As the weather improves, heading into the New Year, opportunities to head outdoors to enrich learning will become much more frequent.*

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. Many children implemented newly learned vocabulary as part of their Christmas performance and celebrated their 'Cynefin' through singing and reading in Cymraeg.*

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

*Our attendance Governor met with Mr Thomas to discuss the current attendance figures (see below).*

### 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

93.9

**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 6, as well as every other year group, performed a collection of Christmas songs and poems for family members as part of our Christmas celebrations. Thank you for those of you who kindly donated money to our collection on your way in/out to/of the service. Year 4/5 took part in a Rugby Tournament on the school field.

#### Creative Celyn – takes every opportunity

Year 6 used craft resources

to create 3D dioramas of the various layers of the atmosphere and/or the ocean.

They had been studying the oceans/atmosphere as part of their 'Above and below' topic.

All year groups created their own Christmas Craft which was sold at the Christmas Fair, a great effort by all!

#### Capable Cai - Produces our best work

Our writing genre for this month is letter writing. The children have been writing to Father Christmas asking for various presents for Christmas. They wrote a 'cold task' with no success criteria, showing their teacher what they know already of letter writing. Then, after assessing, the teaching staff put together progression-step-specific success criteria for their year groups in readiness for teaching a series of lessons aimed to help improve children's letter writing, ahead of completing hot tasks in the latter stages of the term, displaying their progression in letter writing.

#### Ethical Erin – learning about other cultures

Year 6 have been studying the various Christmas traditions from the four corners of the United Kingdom. They have 'dipped' their toe in the Scottish tradition of Hogmanay, learning about 'First Footing', 'The Bells' and 'Auld Lang Syne'.



### Christmas Homework Challenge



During December, Year 6 have had the choice to take part in the Christmas Homework Challenge. The challenges (which weren't typical of your usual Homework tasks) were designed to help get children into the 'Christmas spirit'. Tasks included writing letters to Father Christmas, eating a sprout, watching a Christmas movie, drinking a festive hot drink of choice, going for a 'festive' walk with the family, among many other tasks! Here are just a few of the photos children uploaded to their SeeSaw journals. Participants also picked up some extra 'treats' on the final day in recognition of their extra-curricular efforts. Gwaith ardechog pawb! Nadolig Llawen.

### PTA/Fundraising in Ysgol Frongoch

December has been an exceptionally busy month for fundraising. Thanks to the generosity of the families associated with our wonderful school and the generosity of the wider community, we managed to raise just shy of £1,200! This money will go towards the development of our adventure playground and playground resources. A huge 'diolch yn fawr' pawb! Nadolig Llawen and Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

### Frongoch in the Community

Our friends from local churches, 'Open the Book' distributed Christmas Cards created by our children to people in the community who may be lonely this Christmas.