



Ysgol Frongoch

Cylchlythyr - Newsletter

October 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:

All pupils were given the opportunity to share their pieces of persuasive writing in order to nominate themselves for various roles. All roles were voted for across all Year groups and we now have the following Pupil Voice groups established:

House Captains, School Council, Criw Cymraeg, Health & Wellbeing Committee, Health & Safety Squad, Sports Council, Digital Leaders, Eco committee and an ALN committee. Some groups have already met with various staff members and others will do so in the coming weeks.

Dates for the Diary:

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

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| Fri 25 th Oct | School finishes for half term |
| Mon 4 th Nov | School opens for pupils. |
| Fri 15 th Nov | Children in Need non-uniform day. |
| Mon 25 th Nov | Christmas Jumper Swap week |
| Wed 27 th Nov | Year 3 Denbighshire Music Workshop |
| Fri 29 th Nov | Year 3 @ town Christmas event 11am. |
| Thur 5 th Dec | Christmas Dinner Day |
| Fri 6 th Dec | Christmas Fayre Christmas Bauble Competition Deadline |
| Tues 10 th Dec | Year 3 Christmas Show |
| Wed 11 th Dec | Year 4&5 Christmas Show |
| Thurs 12 th Dec | Year 6 Christmas Show |
| Mon 16 th Dec | Year 3 Christmas Party |
| Tues 17 th Dec | Year 4&5 Christmas Party |
| Wed 18 th Dec | Year 6 Christmas Party |
| Thurs 19 th Dec | School closes for pupils for Christmas |
| Fri 20 th Dec | Staff training day |

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.

SLT have carried out some lesson observations, in various classrooms, with a focus on challenge and feedback. SLT also held a book-look, with a focus on our FSM group of learners. Monitoring highlights that many pupils are challenged in many lessons and that nearly all pupils know what they have done well. Many are able to improve their work as a result of effective feedback.

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

Our teaching assistants received Outdoor learning training from Naomi Smith as part of the Playtime Revolution training which will enable them to engage in outdoor activities with confidence. Naomi then delivered a whole school assembly for all pupils to introduce the idea of developing our outdoor spaces in school for purpose.

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.

Attendance was discussed with parents, if necessary, at the Autumn Parents Evenings. Close monitoring of individual pupils' attendance allows us to implement support and/or intervention as necessary.

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 – AOLEs and the 4 purpose characters

Healthy Henri – keeps active

Cross Country

Mr Thomas took a group of pupils to Ruthin to participate in the Denbighshire County Cross Country after they finished in the top 10 in the Vale of Clwyd competition. All 4 again finished in the top 10 throughout the whole County. Gwych!

Creative Celyn – takes every opportunity

Year 3 Pbuzz Workshop with Denbighshire Music Cooperative

Mr Aled from the Denbighshire Music Cooperative came in to deliver a workshop with the Year 3 children. Each class had the opportunity to practise blowing into the Pbuzz instrument to make a noise and then change the pitch. The Pbuzz is a starter instrument for the trumpet. By the end of the session all children were able to participate in a performance of 'I got you' by James Brown.



Creative Celyn – designs and makes things

Pumpkin carving competition

As part of our fundraising activities for October children were invited to carve a pumpkin for our Pumpkin Carving Competition. The level of creativity was off the scale and it was wonderful to see the variation of ideas that were produced, from Minecraft characters to minions! An enormous 'Well done' to all who contributed to the competition and we hope you enjoyed creating your marvellous pumpkin designs. There were Year group winners but our overall school winner was Elsie-May in Year 5. Da iawn Elsie-May.



Governor feedback

The Governors held their AGM at the end of October. Mr J Bowcott was voted in as Chair of Governors for the academic year of 24/25 and Mr Mark Jones as Vice Chair. During the meeting Mrs F McCloskey-Jones was welcomed as our new Parent Governor.

Most staff members have met with their AOLE Governor leads to inform them of developments within their AOLE area and to share their action plans.

PTA/Fundraising in Ysgol Frongoch

We have had a busy month of fundraising in October. We held a non-uniform day and coffee morning as a joint fundraiser for Macmillan and Young minds. This was an opportunity for family members to call into school for a coffee, chat and to read with their child. The non-uniform day raised £137.60 for Young Minds and the coffee morning raised £141.50 for Macmillan. Thanks to all who attended and made donations.

We also held 2 fundraising activities for Ysgol Frongoch in October. The pumpkin carving competition raised a fantastic £128 and the Halloween Film event raised an amazing £477.25. Thank you to all who supported these activities.

Frongoch in the Community

Parents Evening was held for all Year groups. This was a perfect opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher and discuss their progress and address any queries. During the Parents Open Evening parents were asked, by our Year 6 helpers, to complete a questionnaire to give us feedback as a school. Thank you to all who completed the questionnaire as this provides us with invaluable information which helps to feed into our school improvement procedures.

The School nurse team came into school to administer the Flu Vaccination to all children who had returned their permission forms. If your child missed their vaccination the School Nursing team will be in contact to rearrange.

PC Llinos came in to school on 25th October to talk to the Year 4 and Year 5 children. She discussed 'Friend or Foe' with the Year 4 pupils and then 'Anti-Social Behaviour' with the Year 5 pupils.