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# MIN Y TRAETH

YSGOL EIFIONYDD BULLETIN



## A FEW WORDS FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

"Forward" is our school's motto, and this year we have truly moved forward in many ways. It is a pleasure to share that the school takes great pride in our curriculum and the rich experiences our pupils have enjoyed so far. Here is a glimpse of what has taken place since September 2024 – with much more to come!

I would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our pupils grow and thrive, both academically and personally. Your partnership is essential in creating a positive and enriching learning environment full of opportunities.



### The Importance of School Attendance

Ensuring that your child attends school regularly is one of the most important things you can do for their future. School provides education, essential social skills, discipline, and the foundation for lifelong success. Missing even a few days can have a significant impact on their academic progress and overall development.

### Why Is School Attendance Important?

- ✓ **Academic Success** – Attending lessons and completing coursework effectively.
- ✓ **Social Development** – Learning to interact with peers and developing communication skills.
- ✓ **Future Opportunities** – High attendance demonstrates commitment and reliability.
- ✓ **Confidence & Well-being** – Building self-discipline, confidence, and a daily routine that contributes to overall well-being.

### How Can You Help?

- ✓ **Establish a Routine** – Ensure your child has a consistent bedtime and wake-up schedule.
- ✓ **Encourage a Positive Attitude** – Discuss the importance of education and celebrate their achievements.
- ✓ **Communicate with the School** – Get in touch if your child is experiencing any difficulties.
- ✓ **Avoid Unnecessary Absences** – Schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.

Your support is key to ensuring a successful future for our pupils. Let's work together to give them the best possible start in life! Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support.

The **Eifionydd School Council** gives our pupils a voice, enabling them to contribute to school life and influence important decisions. By working closely with staff and students, the council represents the views of the school community and undertakes projects to enhance both educational and social experiences for everyone.

Congratulations to the newly elected members on their roles – we look forward to seeing your ideas and leadership shine throughout the coming year!

### We're Here Everyday!

To encourage students to attend school regularly, we have introduced several exciting initiatives:

- 🎁 **iPad Raffle** – Pupils with 95% attendance or higher will be entered into a raffle to win an iPad!
- 🏆 **Registration Class Competition** – Every month, registration classes will compete for the highest attendance. The winning class will receive a box of chocolates!
- 🍴 **Lunchtime Queue Priority** – Pupils who achieve 100% attendance over a month will get priority in the lunch queue for a day, along with a friend, as a special reward!



**Ffredi Couture and Joanna Renju, pupils from Miss Alaw Roberts' Year 7 registration class, had the privilege of receiving a box of chocolates to share with their classmates. I wonder who will win this month?**



**Voucher Raffle: Ella Ratcliffe and Lennon Cunningham received a £15 voucher for maintaining 95% attendance or higher since September 2024. Well done!**



## Encouraging Positive Behaviour and Friendship

Being friendly and behaving helps make school life easier and more enjoyable, while also preparing children for the future. Let's work together to nurture kind and considerate children.

As a school, we regularly monitor behaviour through ClassCharts and termly reports. We also reward students who demonstrate good behaviour throughout the year. Together, we can reinforce the values of respect and kindness, encouraging our pupils to treat others well and build strong friendships. We also emphasise the need to be patient, polite, and thoughtful at all times.

## Welsh Sessions

Students participate in weekly Welsh Sessions during tutor time, aimed at raising awareness of the Welsh language, Wales, and our culture. These sessions are uploaded weekly to Google Classroom "**Sesiynau Cymreictod**," with the aim of continuing the discussions and activities at home.

## Welsh Council

- **Celebrating Shwmae Sut'Mai Day** – promoting bilingualism.
- **Folk Dancing sessions** with the Physical Education Department.
- **Advent Christmas Celebrations** – creating Welsh Christmas Baubles.
- **Celebrating St. Dwynwen's Day and Welsh Music Day.**
- Year 7 students participating in a **drama workshop** with Rhodri Trefor as part of the **Welsh Language Grant project**.

## Eifionydd Reading Club

The Reading Club meets on the first Monday of each month – an opportunity to read, discuss, and write short reviews.

## Food and Nutrition Swogs

- **Advent Christmas Celebrations** – giving students a chance to voice their opinions on the Christmas Dinner.
- **St. Dwynwen's Day** – activities to celebrate this special day.
- **Pancake Day** – creating a step-by-step video on how to make pancakes.
- **Tutor sessions** – discussions on contemporary topics, such as the legal age for buying soft drinks.
- **St. David's Day** – helping to prepare and decorate for the celebrations.

## Creative Council

- **Christmas Concert** – creating posters and a program for the concert.
- **Welsh Music Day** – video, presentation, special assembly, ukulele session with Gai Toms, and a silent disco with the Urdd.
- **Cân i Gymru** – celebrations and a special service.
- **Welsh Language Grant Project** – drama workshop with Rhodri Trefor for some Year 7 students.
- **Why Music?** – special celebrations by the National Music Service.

## Eifionydd Craft for Well-being Club

The club meets every Thursday, offering students a chance to express themselves, relax, and develop their creative skills in a supportive and relaxed environment.



**Gai Toms performed for Year 8 students, bringing an energetic vibe and live music to the celebrations!**



**Members of the Welsh Council presented awards to the winners of the Christmas Bauble Design competition, recognizing their creative work and contribution to the Christmas spirit!**

## Farewelling and Welcoming Staff

We are pleased to welcome Miss Mirain Rhys, our new Biology teacher to the Science Department. At the same time, we wish Mrs. Sera Williams the best of luck in her new role with the Council. There are also some changes in our pastoral team – Mr. Ian Roberts is now Head of Year 11, while Mrs. Miriam Amlyn is now leading Year 8 and continues in her role as Head of Year 7.



## Under 13 Rugby Team – Impressive Victory in the Eryri Cup!

The Under 13 Rugby Team from Ysgol Eifionydd recently showed exceptional performance, securing a clear victory of 46-19 against Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones, Amlwch, in the quarter-final of the Eryri Cup on Monday, 10/2/25. Prior to this, the team had already proven their strength by winning the Eryri Arfon Dwyfor Tournament, achieving a perfect record of five wins from five games.

During the tournament, their defense was solid, conceding only one try throughout. Huge congratulations to the team for their hard work, determination, and exceptional teamwork – we look forward to seeing what comes next in the competition!



## Under 15 Rugby Team – Eryri Cup

Congratulations to the Under 15 Rugby Team for their excellent performance in the Eryri Plate! A fantastic victory in the quarter-finals against Ysgol GYM, with a score of 54-7. A competitive loss in the semi-finals against Ysgol Y Berwyn, Bala, with a close score of 29-21.

## Cross-Country Success – Meirion Dwyfor

Congratulations to our boys and girls for their outstanding performances in the Meirion Dwyfor Cross-Country competition! Scarlett Harvey (Year 7), Dyfan Price-Clishem (Year 9), Edward Washington, Maizie Birks, Lilianna Teixeira Stickells, Sasha Poliakovic (Year 10), and Alex Whalley (Year 11). Huge congratulations to each one of you!

