Llwynypia Primary Newsletter
January 23rd 2026

What's been going on in Llwynypia?

Songwriting Doctor
On Monday, the whole school were treated to a visit from the Larry, the Songwriting Doctor. Larry showed us how to count the beats in a song, how to create music using online platforms and body percussion and how to add the sounds of different instruments to our music. We had lots of fun and we always look forward to his visits.

Eco School Council Visit to Bryn Pica Recycling Centre!
Our Eco School Council had a fantastic and eye-opening trip to Bryn Pica Recycling Centre, where they explored the Visitor Centre and learned all about how recycling works here in Rhondda Cynon Taf and across Wales.
The Visitor Centre offered fun and engaging way for learners to dive into the Humanities Area of Learning, helping them understand how our recycling habits impact the wider world and how we can all make a positive contribution to sustainable citizenship.
Although Bryn Pica is a busy working site, the activities in the Visitor Centre were more than enough to keep everyone inspired! Learners took part in:
Discussions about the 3Rs – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Exploration of the centre and its interactive exhibits
Hands-on interactive activities
A brilliant role-play experience in the purpose-built mini–Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), where pupils sorted waste materials in an authentic setting for learners to gain real, hands-on experience of sorting waste materials.
Our Eco Council returned buzzing with ideas about how we can help make our school and community even greener. Keep an eye out for our 'Eco Tip of the Week' on our upcoming newsletters and our Eco Tips for Families Podcast next half term.

Social Media Dangers
On Monday, PC Mumford spoke to Dosbarth Arian and Dosbarth Aur about the dangers of social media. They learned the legal age for many of the different apps available and asked very pertinent questions. PC Mumford praised their mature responses and said both classes were a pleasure to visit. She has invited them to take part in a competition and will be back next week to judge the results.

Pastor Matthew
Last week, Pastor Matthew conducted his first school assembly of this year. The children were very excited to see him back after Christmas and participated well, listening, asking relevant questions and taking part in song with Matthew playing the guitar to accompany. We love our monthly assemblies with Matthew and we can't wait for our next one.

Rugby
Dosbarth Aur's rugby sessions began again on Monday and the children's concentration and skill was outstanding. We are looking forward to the first game of 2026 next week. These lessons are a fantastic way for our pupils to build resilience, teamwork skills and sporting knowledge.

After-school clubs
Our after-school clubs started this week, and got off to a great start! We heard lots of amazing singing in Glee Club on Monday where Miss Jones taught us a new song, there was brilliant teamwork in Netball club on Wednesday and on Thursday we witnessed some fantastic football skills.

Dwr Cymru

This week, Dwr Cymru came to speak to progression step 3 and did an assembly about where water comes from and how we waste water. They showed an example, where we learned that cleaning our teeth for two minutes could waste 18 litres of water if we left the tap running.

Our assembly was followed by workshops for Oren, Arian and Aur where children enjoyed practical activities on a water saving device and water efficiency. They found out a hippo bag helps save water and they conducted a variety of challenges around saving water and learned how to be more water efficient, information they are going to take home to their parents. We are always on an Eco journey to help save our planet here at Llwynypia Primary.









Attendance

Our school target is 90.7%!

Week ending 16.1.26

Dosbarth Oren – 94.6%
Dosbarth Porffor – 93.1%
Dosbarth Aur – 93%
Dosbarth Melyn - 88.8%
Dosbarth Arian – 87.1%
Dosbarth Gwyrdd – 86.3%

Da iawn i Dosbarth Gwyrdd!



Attendance Winners
Dosbarth Oren

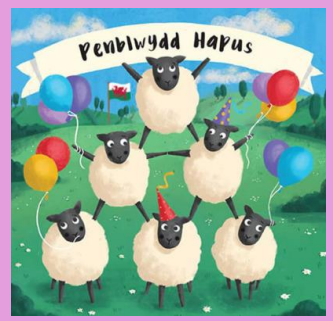


Penblwydd Hapus
Billy, Harri a Hannah

Birthdays

This week, we would like to wish happy birthday to:

Hannah, Harri and Billy



Eco Tip of the Week!

Turning the water off while you brush your teeth can save between 5 and 10 litres of water per minute. If everyone turned off the tap, it could save up to 1.5 billion gallons of water across the country each day.



Keep up to date with all our news and updates online!

News, updates, letters and links are shared online via our school website, our Facebook page and on Seesaw.



Facebook @llwynypiaps

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Pupil Page

Did you know?

- Water covers approximately 71% of the Earth's surface.
- Water is made up of only 2 atoms, hydrogen and oxygen!
- There are 3 states of water – solid (ice), liquid (water), and gas (steam). This allows water to change based on the temperature.
- The Marina Trench in the Pacific Ocean is the deepest body of water and reaches depths of almost 36,000 feet.
- About 70% of the human body is made up of water.



Joke of the Week

What happens when its raining cats and dogs?

You might step in a poodle!



Fact of the Week

A single cumulus cloud can weigh over a million pounds even though it looks light and fluffy.

Term Dates

Spring Term
January 5th- February 13th
Half Term
Monday February 16th – Friday February 20th
Return to School
Monday 23rd February
Easter Holidays
Monday March 30th – Friday April 10th
Summer Term
Monday April 13th – Friday May 22nd
Half Term
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
Return to School
Monday June 1st – Friday July 17th

Any school inset days will be sent out via newsletter, text or Seesaw message.

Dear Parents and Carers,
Do you find it challenging to get your child into school on Mondays and Fridays? Why not join us at Y Pantri, our community room located in the Junior Yard, where parents can enjoy breakfast with their children?
When: Mondays and Fridays, 8,45am – 9.15am
Cost: Free

Improving attendance is a key focus of our School Improvement Plan this year, and we've noticed that Mondays and Fridays are the most difficult days. Let's work together to make these mornings easer and more enjoyable for everyone.

Y Pantri

Our Pantri is open to the families of our school and wider community every Friday morning between 8.45am and 9.15am.
If you would like to use the Pantri, there is a £3 suggested donation which will allow you a bag of 10 items from the shelves.



If you would like to donate to the Pantri, we are always accepting donations and we are grateful for all those who show support.

Our celebration gallery



Llwynypia Primary School
Gold Star Award



Llwynypia Primary School
Seren Siarad Cymraeg Award

Our celebration gallery

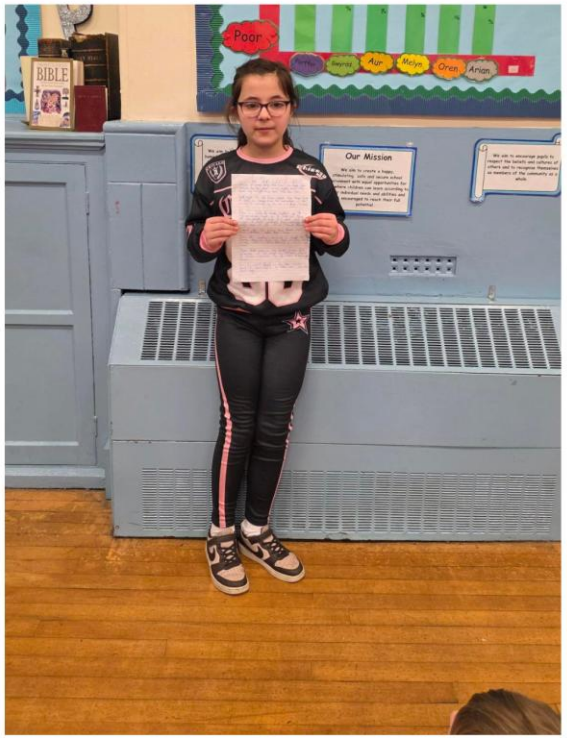


Llwynypia Primary School
Kindness Award

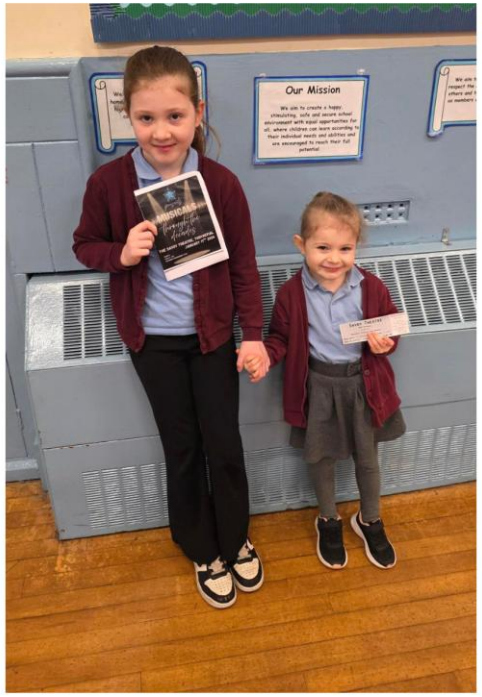


Llwynypia Primary School
Handwriting and Presentation Award

Our celebration gallery



Young Writer



Young Actresses



Player of the Match

Our celebration gallery



Gymnastics Allstars



Player of the Match

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