



NEWSLETTER 9TH FEBRUARY 2024



On Wednesday Year 6 went to the Tennis Centre across the road from Plas Coch. We did 7 activities. We did batters and skittles, where the skittles would stand in a line, if the ball hit the skittle they sat down, if they flinch they sat down.

By Miles.

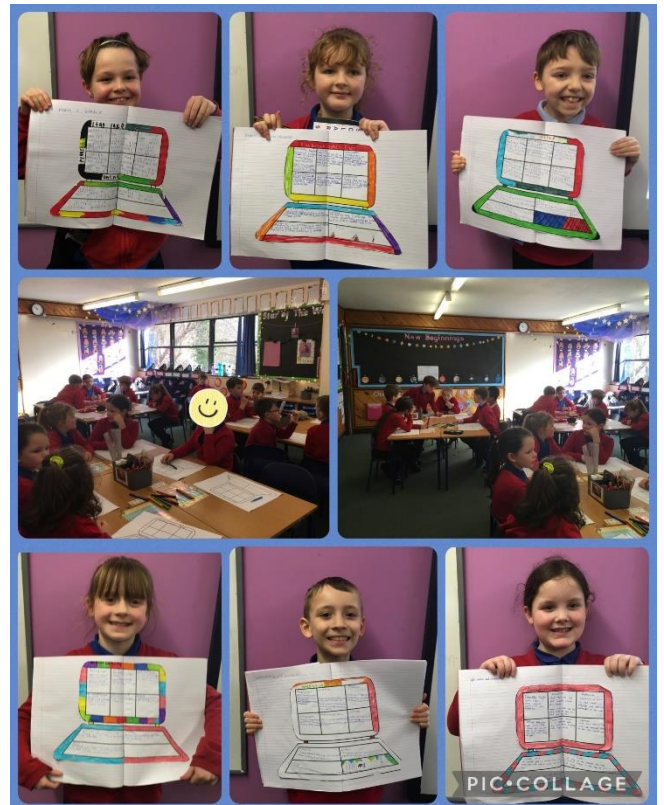


On Wednesday we went to Plas Coch Tennis Centre. When we got there we went onto the courts. On each court there was a different activity. All of the schools that were there took it in turns to complete the jail game. The jail game is where you hit a tennis ball and if someone catches it then you are out. We really enjoyed it. **By Kai E**

Year 4 have focused on how to keep themselves safe when they use the internet during Internet Safety Week.

They have created a laptop with a guide on what to do and what to avoid, they are experts now!

They all had group discussions on good and bad points of the internet, their ideas were incredible and very knowledgeable.



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I liked horse riding because we learnt about the horse and the right way to go up and down a hill. **By Kyle**

We have been doing horse riding for 5 weeks. It's been lots of fun. On the first week we looked at the parts of a horse including the mane, stirrups and saddle. **By Oliver**



For the past five weeks we have been going horse riding. We learnt the simple steps for riding a horse or pony. In the first lesson we met our horse. My horse was Obi. We had lots of fun when we went, we all loved it! **By Kai E**



I enjoyed horse riding today because we played games. I was happy when we got our certificates and rosettes. **By Amber**

When I got my certificate I felt happy and proud of myself. We had lots of fun, played team games and Team Ted won. **By Harvey**



Today I went horse riding. It was the last day, I was sad. I didn't want to leave Moo. We had an award for the stuff we did. I still felt sad even though I had a certificate. **By Emily**

Wow!! A massive thank you to Jason Yan's mum and dad for providing **Year 4** with a HUGE selection of Chinese food to celebrate Chinese New Year. Year 4 were rather full afterwards, they all enjoyed trying the food, especially the chicken nuggets. We have looked at the year of the dragon and why this new year is the wood dragon, we look forward to looking at our own birth years and seeing the different animals.

I loved the spring roll, they are my favourite - **Brandon**
 I really liked the chicken nuggets, it was the best day ever - **Cole**
 I liked eating the noodles and spring rolls - **Seren**



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Last Thursday and Friday, Miss Morris and Mrs Bolton took 18 **Year 3** children on their first overnight residential trip to Pentrellyncymer. We were joined by Ysgol Dyffyn Ial who we picked up on the way there and quickly made friends with.

We were greeted by the lovely instructors and had the first job of sorting our dormitories out, including making our beds. After a safety tour, we had a yummy lunch and were off on our first activity of canoeing! 😊 We got our kit and made the short journey to Llyn Brenig where we learnt to canoe! We were in teams of six and had great fun using the oars to canoe around the lake. We all enjoyed hot chocolate and a biscuit while overlooking the beautiful scenery.

We then headed back to the centre where we enjoyed a tea of pizza, chips and sweetcorn before going on a long night walk. Our instructor, Conor took us through forests where there was a reflector course. We all turned our torches off and as it was such a clear night, we could see lots of stars and even managed to spot Jupiter!! Back at the centre, we enjoyed more hot chocolate while all watching, 'Ice Age 2' in our pyjamas.

After some sleep (😊) we awoke to breakfast, tuck shop, sorting kit and an activity of the climbing wall where we had great fun and some children even reached the top!

All children were a credit to our school. They showed resilience, a positive attitude and growth mindset and always used their manners which was noticed by Ysgol Dyffyn Ial staff who commented on how polite our children were!

Here are what a few children who came on the trip had to say:

"I fell in the water 😅 I went at the top of the climbing wall-I was brave! It was quite fun, especially at night when we were eating doritos!" ~ **Wiktor**

"I loved canoeing and it was so funny when Wiktor fell in! The hot chocolate was sooooo delicious!" ~ **Harry.B.**

"I really loved canoeing . We had hot chocolate and biscuits. It was really fun, especially at night," ~ **Penny**

"It was very fun especially when we had hot chocolate and biscuits and also, when we finished, we got to watch Ice Age 2. At night-time we had doritos. It was very fun when we went canoeing. I got to the top of the climbing wall and I was very brave," ~ **Theo**



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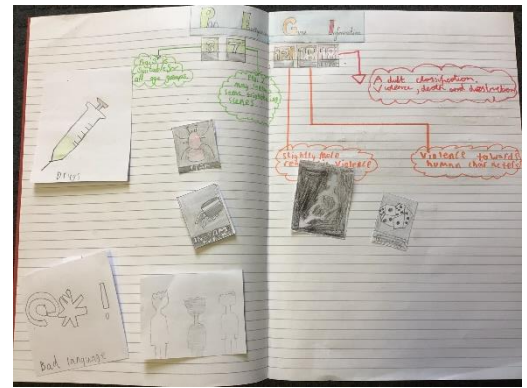
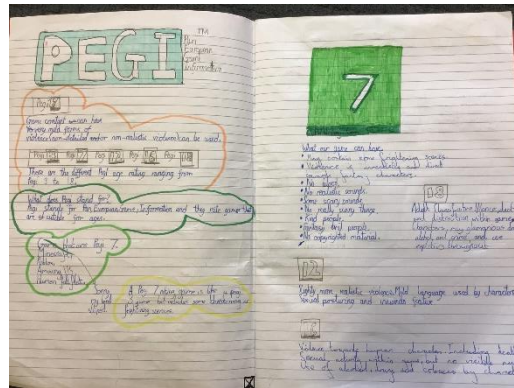
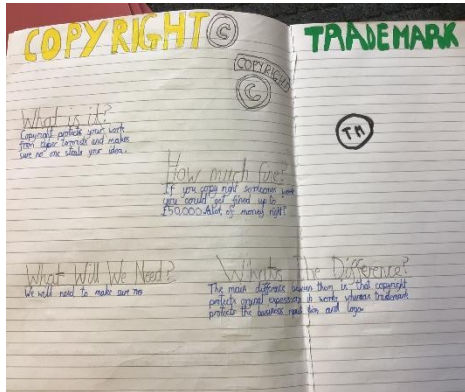


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Year 6 are currently designing game concepts to enter into the Young Game Designer competition run by BAFTA. This fitted in well with internet safety week as they needed to research PEGI game ratings, Copyright and Trademark. They turned their research into beautiful posters 😊

We learnt about different types of games consoles and what the PEGI numbers mean. It's going to help us know what to include in our games and to help us win! - **Brooklyn**

We looked at copyright and trademark. Copyright protects the original piece of work whereas the trademark protects the business reputation and logo. So we're going to have to make sure that any parts of our game don't have anything that is copyrighted or trademarked. - **Owen**



Year 6 have had their Leavers Hoodies and are wearing them with pride. The money they made from their Mini Business week has gone towards the hoodies, great job Year 6!



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Year 3 have learnt so much this week about keeping safe online. Following on from our visit from PC Stu last week, we went on to sensibly explore more about keeping ourselves safe when using the internet. We created a poster to remind people about internet safety and also filled in a table of advantages and disadvantages of digital media and devices. One of the disadvantages included cyber bullying. We suggested strategies for dealing with this, including following the same rules when communicating face to face and online.



We acknowledged age restrictions and suitability of digital devices. We were given a range of familiar apps and games including Roblox, Minecraft, Fortnite, Snapchat and Facebook. We worked in pairs to guess the appropriate age and were shocked to find out some of the age restrictions!

We also learnt that providing information online leaves a digital footprint.

"We did a game when we had to guess what age you need to be to go on Snapchat, Instagram, Tik Tok and Roblox. For Snapchat, you need to be 13+ and Instagram as well!" ~ **Nicole**

"What I loved about the game was that we had to guess how old you had to be for all of the games and apps," ~ **Taya**

"We learnt don't share school names, your real name and where you live on phones, I-Pads, laptops and Nintendo's," ~ **Zoe**

"We learnt to not share personal information on games like Roblox and Fortnite. When you are on Snapchat, don't show your face or your school logo because some people might not be who they might seem," ~ **Rowan**



Following on from our whole school Criw Cymraeg service, **Year 3** were very excited to celebrate Dydd Miwsig Cymru ar Dydd Gwener. We listened to different Welsh songs including, 'Yma o Hyd' sung by Dafydd Iwan. We also joined in with our national anthem-Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau, as well as Dau Gi Bach ac Mynd ar y Ceffyl to name a few songs. We could choose whether to complete a Dydd Miwsig wordsearch or dot to dot picture while listening to and dancing to Welsh songs. Bendigedig!

Year 3 wanted to share how we celebrated this very special day:

"We could choose an activity sheet and we had Welsh songs in the background," ~ **Rowan**

"We had Welsh songs on that made us very happy and we learnt a lot of Welsh from it!" ~ **Noah**

"It is fun on the Welsh music day. It is a fun experience on Chwefror 9. I think everyone would like it," ~ **Lina**

"It was cool to listen to the Dydd Miwsig Cymru and the legends of Wales!" ~ **Wiktor**



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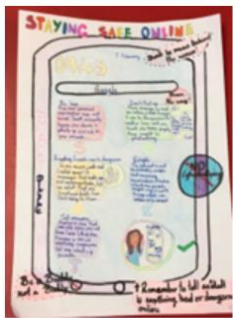
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What a superb day! **Reception, Year 1, Year 5** and our Eco Councillors thoroughly enjoyed their session with the Fun Food Chef, which was just wonderful from start to finish 😊 An exceptional learning experience which will be remembered for a very long time. It gave all children the opportunity to prepare and cook the most delicious Chinese feast using a multi sensory hands on approach. The children really enjoyed eating and tasting their delicious banquet whilst also celebrating the year of the dragon 🐉 Bendigedig pawb ✨



Poster by Emily.

Year 5 this week was internet safety week. We learned about cyberbullying and how we should behave online. We read through different scenarios and shared what we could do and who we would tell if this was happening to me or a friend. We then acted out different scenes to see what we would do. We also looked at what information we should never share online and the dangers of being online. **By Eva and Efan.**

Today the Fun Food chef came in. We made egg fried rice, chicken chow mein, citrus chinese green tea. We chopped chicken, peppers, mushroom, sugar snap peas, spring onions, cougette sweet corn, pak choi and made a black bean sauce to go with it. **By Lola, Ossian, Ethan.**

Betty - When we made the noodles it smelt amazing!

Kacie - Even though I didn't like those foods before, I still tried it and braved through it.

Ruby - I tried Lychee for the first time, I really liked it!

Roxie - It was very fun cooking the food.

Jack - I liked preparing the food and enjoyed eating it.



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On Wednesday we had the school disco. It was fun because Year 5 got to choose the songs we wanted to play. I loved how we were all dancing together, we got on the stage and even the teachers were dancing. **By Sapphire and Abi.**

The Foundation Phase Valentine's disco has been rearranged for Thursday 22nd March 4-5pm. Sorry for the disappointment.

On Monday **Year 5** were lucky enough to go and watch the performance of Matilda in Ysgol Bryn Alyn. It was lovely to see past pupils taking part, see them flourishing and to catch up on how they are doing.



Willow "It was really good, Matilda actually sounded like the real Matilda"

Kacie "I liked the acrobatic dancers, when Matilda was singing she had a beautiful voice. All the actors tried very hard you could see they have done a lot of practice"

Freya "I love how charismatic they were"

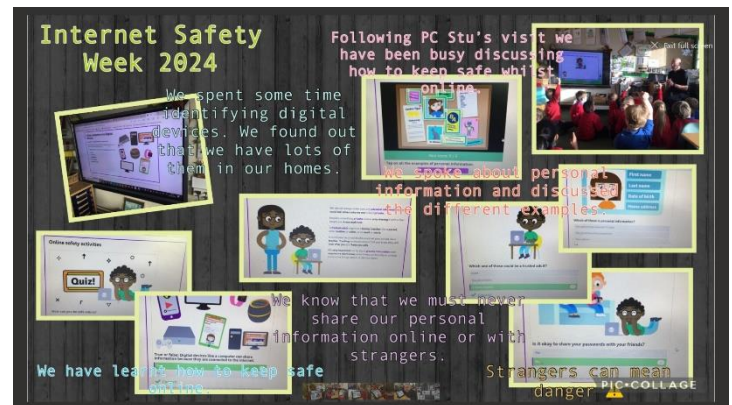
Udithi "I loved when Mrs Trunchball made Bruce eat the cake and when she spun the child"

Abi "I liked when Matilda read the story to the librarians and how it kept flashing back to different parts to the story".



This week **Year 1** have had a wonderful time 😊 With support, the children logged on to their Hwb account and used the software JIT to draw their very own Supertato. They added their name and saved their work to their account. Gwaith da iawn pawb 🌟🌟

What super Supertatos 😊👩🏫🌟 Children identified their own and other children's work. They also spoke about ownership and that when you create something you automatically own it and decide what happens to it. Gwaith bendigedig!



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This week Blwyddyn 1 worked together to make delicious Evil Pea soup 🍲 With help from the lovely Mrs Lewis children carefully prepared the stock and poured the peas into the pan... they were very brave and made sure that none of those cheeky peas managed to escape! Whilst waiting for the peas to boil the children used their fine and gross motor muscles to butter their fresh crusty bread. Once ready, Mrs Lewis blended the peas and spooned one ladle into the children's bowls. Then it was time for tasting... 😊 Most children all had a taste with the majority enjoying it, we had lots of empty bowls! Some children even enjoyed a second, third and fourth helping... da iawn pawb! 😊



What a busy week! What a busy half term!
I'd like to wish you all a wonderful half term holiday.
Diolch yn fawr for your continued support.
Mrs Beth Davies - Headteacher



SCHOOL TRAINING DAYS 2022-23 are Friday 22nd March, Thursday 2nd May, Friday 3rd July.
School will be closed to pupils on these dates

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Monday 19th February – School open after half term
 Monday 19th February – Year 6 Children’s University graduation at Glyndwr
 Thursday 22nd February – Year 5 and 6 First Aid training from St John’s Ambulance
Thursday 22nd February – Foundation Phase Valentine’s Disco 4-5pm
 Friday 23rd February – Year 3 and 4 First Aid training from St John’s Ambulance
 Monday 26th February – Year 6 Bikeability
 Thursday 29th February – Year 6 visit to Ysgol Bryn Alyn for an English Workshop
 Friday 1st March – School Eistedfodd
 Monday 4th March – Class Photographs
 Wednesday 6th – Friday 8th March – Year 6 residentail to Nant BH
 Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – dress up as your favourite character
 Monday 11th March – Year 1 visit to Pendine
 Friday 15th March – Own Clothes day – donate items for Easter Bingo Hamper
 Friday 15th March – Football Team to attend a tournament
 Tuesday 19th March – Year 3 and 4 Production 1.30pm
 Wednesday 20th March - Year 3 and 4 Production 9.30am
 Wednesday 20th March – Easter Bingo
 Thursday 21st March – Year 4 visit to Explore
 Thursday 21st March – School closes for Easter (children are in school)
 Friday 22nd March – Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)



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STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

**Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school.
If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.**

We truly appreciate your support in helping raise additional funds for our school for the benefit of our children. There's no better feeling than knowing you raised funds, helped the economy, the environment, and somebody on the other side of the world - and all by donating some clothes. Please use the provided clothing sacks, or any non-charity bag.

If we can fill 100 bags we'll have half a tonne!

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