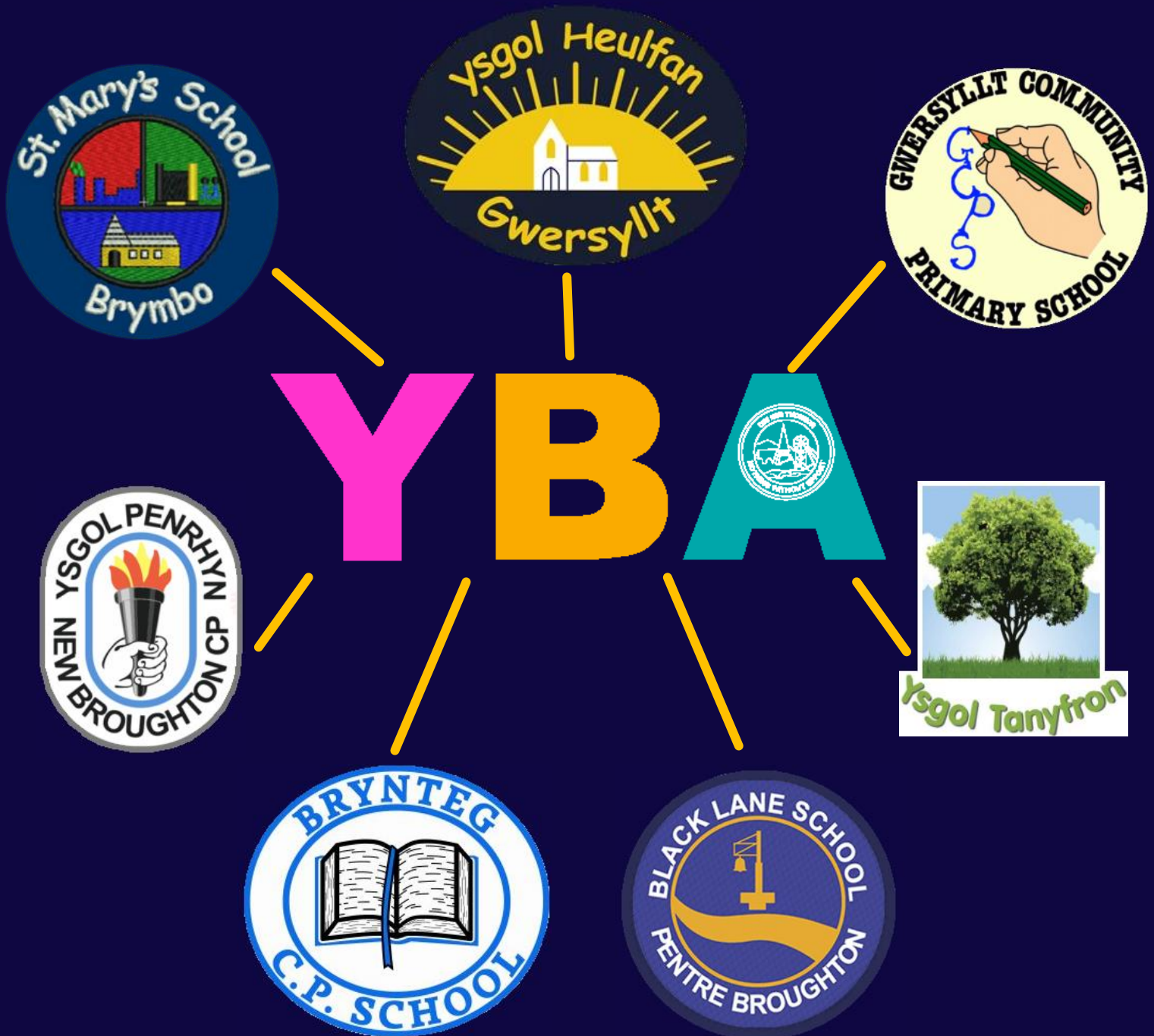


Newsletter

Summer 2022-4th Edition



Welcome



Welcome to the fourth edition of our Bryn Alyn Cluster Newsletter. What a year we have all had. Our children have demonstrated such creativity, aspiration, effort and resilience. We have been astounded by their enthusiasm for learning. I hope you enjoy reading about all of the amazing opportunities our children have had and we look forward to another fantastic year next year. Bryn Alyn Cluster wish all of you a well earned rest and a wonderful summer break.

Dream. Reach. Achieve.

Competition

Who doesn't like a competition?

This is the fourth Newsletter to include news from YBA and all of its Primary School Cluster. It will come out three times a year and we are hoping to have a different cover on each issue, so this is where you come in.

We are holding a competition to all you budding designers out there.

Like the Name and front cover of the Newsletter but think you can do better then why not send in your ideas.

It needs to show how you think we should all work together in our community, and the competition is open to anyone with a great idea.

So, send in ideas for the name of the Newsletter and as the Newsletter will come out at Christmas, Easter and the Summer we thought each cover should correspond to the season. So, we will pick the winner of the new name and 3 winners for the front cover design.

Your design will be on the front cover of the edition and your school will be on the first 2 pages and there will also be a prize awarded when the Newsletter is given out.

Send your entries to Mrs Dawn Beet, include your name, year group and school name

Email: mailbox@ysgolbrynalyn.wrexham.sch.uk

Post: Ysgol Bryn Alyn, Church Street, Gwersyllt, Wrexham, LL11 4HD



Year 6 Transition

Mrs Jones our Transition Lead and Head of Year 7 & 8 welcomed more Year 6 pupils to YBA today from our Primary feeder schools. They enjoyed working in the Science Lab and getting to know some of our staff today!

All the form tutors are members of the Science & Technology Faculty, led by Mr James Gordon. The pupils were lucky enough to experience a Science lesson as well as consider the difference between where they currently are and YBA. It is a big step - but we are right there with them!

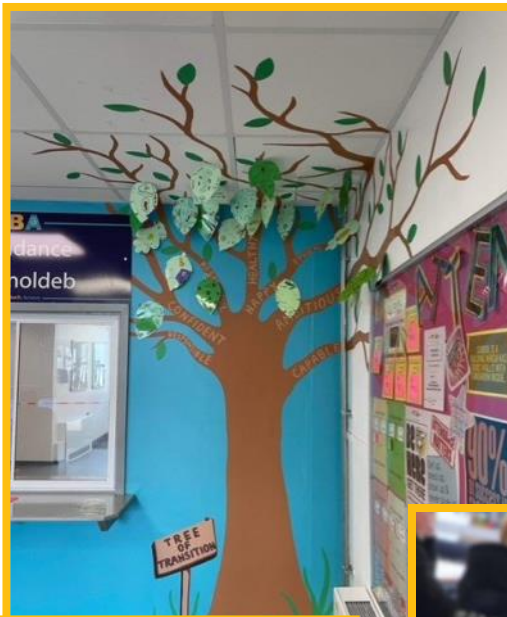


Tree of Transition

We invited a local artist Grace Jandrell in to create an amazing Transition Tree and because it is in our pupil entrance everyone gets to see it as soon as they enter the school.

'Seeds to Saplings' is our growth idea, what is YBA going to offer you as regards opportunity and learning? Year 6, created their own leaves to add to our Transition Tree

branches as a reminder throughout their school years at YBA of what their dream to reach and achieve!



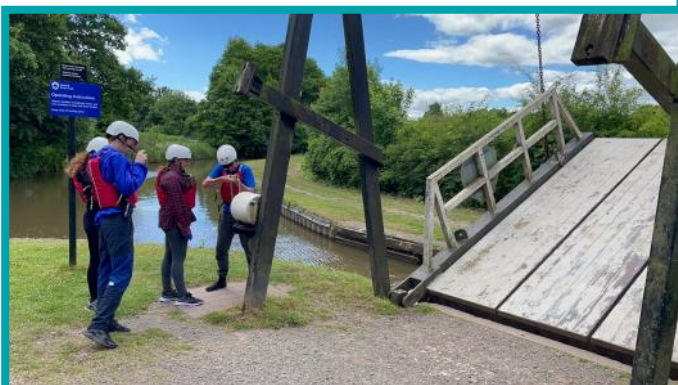
At the end of the of their time in YBA Mrs Slinn and Mrs Jones gave each pupil a YBA bag with some stationary and a REACH certificate.

We look forward to seeing you in September





Duke of Edinburgh Award



Our Duke of Edinburgh Expedition season began once again!

Mr Gordon took the lead on the exped training initial indications are suggesting that far too much fun was had.

Pupils have been quietly working towards their volunteering, physical and skills challenges this year. The expeditions that they embarked on was the culmination of their award. Many of them are using their newly achieved Prefect status as their volunteering activity.

Erasmus



The final trip from our two ERASMUS projects happened in Catania, Sicily. Our Erasmus projects were unfortunately postponed for a number of months by COVID. However, we have managed to fit in our visits with pupils and staff to a variety of locations across Europe in the last few months. It has been an amazing opportunity for all and life-time memories have been made by our pupils as well as developing them as individuals, sharing experiences, comparing lives and above all making lasting friendships.

YBA has been very proud to be a part of both the MABB project (involving staff and students from Turkey, Greece, Portugal and Denmark) and HEALTHY LIFESTYLES (involving staff from Poland, France and Sicily, Italy). Mrs Noon has been the coordinator for YBA and has done a brilliant job.

We are hoping to be able to provide more opportunities for travel next academic year.

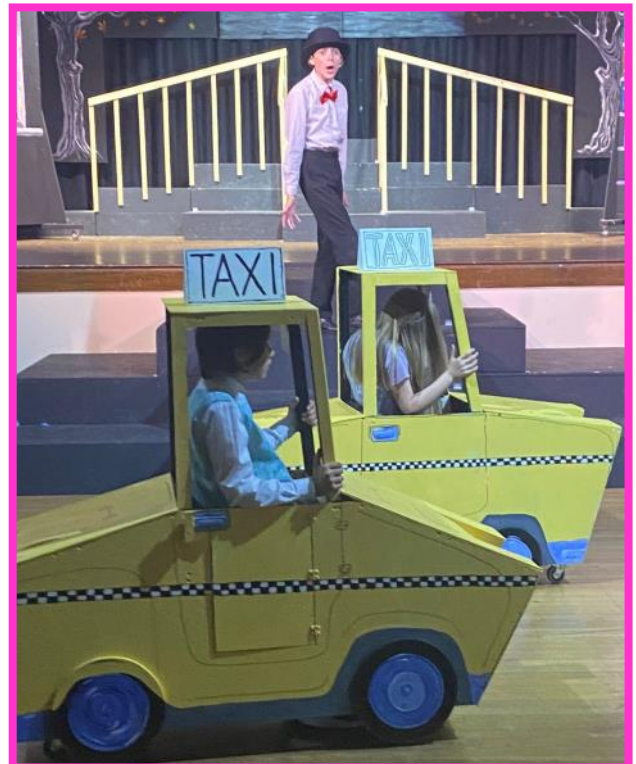


Expressive Arts



Ysgol Bryn Alyn pupils performed their much-anticipated performance of Annie the Musical this term. Monday 4th July saw the cast, band, dancers and technical crew performing for 150 Year 5 and 6 students from YBA's feeder primary schools. Tuesday 5th and 6th saw the opening of the show to the school and wider community. The show was a huge success, selling out on both nights. Audiences were highly impressed with the acting, musicians, dancers, lighting, sound and set. The show was directed by Amanda Noon (Head of Expressive Arts) with support from Tristan Humphreys, Musical Director and Bethan Evans Lea, Choreographer. It was a very special show for YBA as it was the first whole school production at the school in 15 years...the first one of many more to come.

Mrs Noon commented: Throughout the process our students have shown outstanding dedication and enthusiasm, attending rehearsals two or three nights a week and during half term and weekends. It has been an absolute pleasure to see our students grow in confidence, support each other and develop their creative talents. I could not be prouder of all of the cast, dancers, band and technical crew. It has been a difficult few years for all everyone coping with covid restrictions, so we are thrilled to be able to now put on a full programme of Expressive Arts events and opportunities for our students. We look forward to welcoming more audiences into YBA next academic year.



Expressive Arts



Prince's Trust

At the end of June Year 10 Princes Trust were given a Deaf Awareness workshop. They were lucky enough to welcome Alison Wallace from the Princes Trust along with her hearing dog Damson to YBA. The pupils gained valuable information and had lots of fun playing 'lip reading Chinese' whisperm. It was great to see the pupils interacting with the visitor and her dog! We all love a pet, right?!



School Council

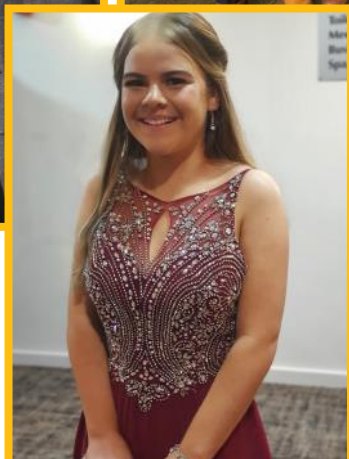
Our School Council along with a number of other helpers took part in a workshop about a new Children's Right's Charter alongside Yr Urdd and the Betsi Cadwaladr NHS Trust. Our pupils discussed key themes including 'What is kindness?', 'What makes a good adult?' and 'What does community mean to you?' Jane Berry from Betsi Cadwaladr and Owain Williams from Yr Urdd will have worked with thousands of school children by the end of this process and were really impressed with our pupils' confidence and maturity. Our pupils really enjoyed the session and have requested further similar workshops.



Prom 2022

On June 30th yr11 had their Class of 2022 Prom. They did themselves, their parents, guardians, families and YBA very proud indeed! After not being able to host a Prom since our last one in 2019, Mr Beddoes, Head of Year 11, has managed to restore what is a rite of passage for our students. They have completed their Passports to Prom in order to be in the position to purchase a ticket - revision sessions, above and beyond awards - you name it, they have done it and it was a super evening!

Massive 'shout-out' to Mr B and especially to all the staff who attended the evening to support and help!





Wellbeing Week

During May the whole school took part in our annual Wellbeing Week. Although wellbeing is at the heart of everything that we do, we used this week to focus on 'The 5 Ways to Wellbeing' to look after ourselves. Teachers planned a range of activities to teach children about the 5 headings and what they can do to look after their wellbeing.

Spectrum visited all classes during this week to teach children about healthy and unhealthy relationships.



Amazing

A team of children from years 4-6 performed in the Amazing Connect performance on 16th June. They performed on the William Aston stage in front of a very large audience. They got to perform with other schools with a live band and singer. The show was very professional.

The show was amazing and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The words of the songs were also very powerful with important messages.

This has been a fantastic experience for the children to engage in the expressive arts, encouraging the children to develop their creative, artistic and performance skills.

This is the first year we have taken part in this project and we are looking forward to doing it again next year.





Safety

The topic in Key Stage 2 this term has been 'Safety'. The children have been learning about keeping safe in real life situations:

- North East Wales Mountain Rescue and the Fire Service came to speak to the children about their services and what to do keep themselves safe and in case of an emergency.
- Children in years 5 and 6 visited **DangerPoint** to learn about lots of different scenarios and how to keep safe including online safety.
- Children in year 5 and 6 participated in **Bikeability** to learn about how to ride bikes safely on the road.
- PC Stu came in to speak to the children about speed awareness. The children used a device to measure the speed of cars travelling past our school; encouraging everyone to keep to the 20mph speed limit to keep our community safe.



Reading for Enjoyment



We are encouraging everyone in our school to read for enjoyment. All children from Reception-Year 6 visited Brynteg Library to explore the fantastic resources they have on offer and listened to a story being read by the librarian. All children signed up for a library card and signed out their first book. Lots of happy readers!



Scrumdiddlyumptious

This term our Year 3/4 classes (Dosbarth 1 a 2) have been looking at the topic 'Scrumdiddlyumptious'. Amongst the many activities this term the pupils have baked bread and created a salad. They have looked with some depth at Fairtrade and the journey that food goes on before it gets to our mouths (and after).

They have looked at the nutritional benefits of food and the growing costs.

On the 22nd June 2022, the pupils enjoyed a gorgeous day in Jaxon's wood with Little hobbits. They created Elderflower drink, their own kebabs, cooked around the fire and enjoyed their very own calzone pizza.

The results were truly 'Scrumdiddlyumptious'.







Fun Activities in the Summer Term

Trips to Pentrellyncymer and Nant BH were enjoyed by all!



Following our well attended Parents' Evening, we were thrilled to receive such positive feedback from parents:

- ◇ The school is so accommodating. Staff are patient and understanding. They go above and beyond to help and support us as a family.
- ◇ The school works well as a team and like a family. Outstanding relationships with everyone. Thank you so much and keep up the good work and support.
- ◇ We couldn't ask for a better Parents' Evening. We are very happy and proud of our son's education. Thank you for all your hard work!
- ◇ I am overwhelmed by the progress my child has made, not just academically but also in confidence and character. The help my child needed was recognised and he was given the support he needed straight away. I will never forget it and am eternally grateful.

Results From our Parents' Evening Survey

My child is happy in school.	YES 99%
My child is making good progress.	YES 100%
I am pleased with the progress my child is making.	YES 100%
My child's work is of a high standard.	YES 99%
I know how I can help my child at home.	YES 99%
I know who to approach for further advice on my child's progress.	YES 100%



Forest School

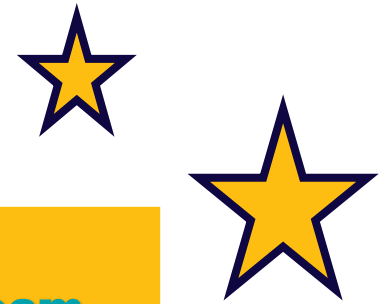
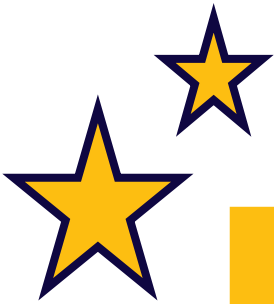
Class 1 (Y Canol) have been enjoying Forest School



Playgroup Plus

Earlier this year, Playgroup Plus had their ITERS assessment and they did amazingly well!

**6.8 out of 7
Wow!**



**Congratulations to
Mrs Nicola Griffith and her team.
An amazing achievement.**

Wimbledon

Eight of our Year 6 pupils travelled to Wimbledon on 4th July and had a wonderful time watching the tennis on court No 1:



Our children and staff visited Ysgol Bryn Alyn on 4th July to watch Annie. It was absolutely amazing and enjoyed by all staff and children.

Huge congratulations to everyone involved in the production.



Race for Life



It has been a very busy term at Brynteg C P School. All children, staff and parents ran three miles and joined in with the Race for Life.



Girl's Football Team



Congratulations to the girls' football team and Mr Moulton. They enjoyed participating in the Wrexham Girl's Football tournament at Cefn Druids. They came third out of seventeen schools. **We are very proud of them.**



Inclusion Day

Classes participated in an 'Inclusion Day.' They took part in activities to experience what it would be like to have sight, hearing and other impairments.



Year 10 Summer Fayre

We welcomed primary pupils to our Year10 Summer Fayre. They had a great time looking around the various stalls and buying lots of goodies that were on offer from our yr10 pupils. There were also a number of games and competitions to participate in.

