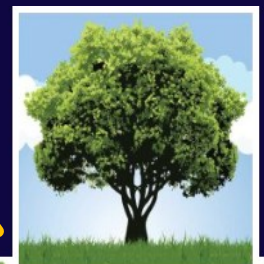


Newsletter

Christmas 2022 – 5th Edition



YBA



Ysgol Tanyfron



Welcome



Welcome to the fifth 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 Christmas break.

Dream. Reach. Achieve.



Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

from staff and pupils at

Ysgol Bryn Alyn

Christmas Showcase Concert

Mrs Noon and her Expressive Arts team - Mr Humphreys (Music) and Mrs Evans-Lea (Dance) put together a fantastic Christmas Concert for our cluster primary schools. It was fabulous to see our future pupils enjoying the performances of our amazing pupils from our Expressive Arts Faculty. Not only did our pupils perform through creative aspects such as drama, dance and music BUT they led the concert too, introducing the acts with confidence and enthusiasm.

Thank you for your enthusiasm, leadership of extra-curricular clubs and drive for our wonderful creative GCSE Drama, Dance and Music pupils. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience 'performing' for real! Thank you to Ysgol Heulfan, Gwersyllt Community Primary School Brynteg CP School St Mary's, Brymbo & Black Lane CP for coming along and supporting our YBA pupils. It was lovely to see you all. We REALLY enjoyed the collaborative performance between YBA and the pupils of Heulfan and Gwersyllt - what a show!

Our Chair of Governors, Mr David Griffiths, really enjoyed seeing all the pupils perform and felt very proud of them all.



Open Evening

On the 29th September 2022 we held our Annual Open Evening for year 5/6 pupils who attend our primary schools.

We are so very PROUD of our community! Take a look at our wonderful Year 11 Head Pupils (Louis and Caitlin) with Mr David Griffiths, our Chair of Governors!

What an amazing evening! We were so very proud of our school community for welcoming prospective pupils and families. They enjoyed the experience of seeing inside our school and the opportunities that it offers getting hands on and also watching presentations prepared by staff and pupils.



Turing Foundation

The Turing Foundation follows on from the Erasmus Project we have been involved in over the last couple of years. This will allow us to continue to offer superb curriculum extension trips. Once again, all our students have had an invitation to be part of these visits! We are organising eight trips this academic year across Europe.

Miss Kipping and Mr Geog Jones took a group of students over to Montpellier in France.

Our pupils were housed in the Boarding House of the school that they were visiting and they had their own rooms. They worked with pupils from other schools in workshops and got to do some sightseeing, an historical tour and experience the culture of the area.

The pupils completed their Climate Change event with an interactive Museum display with live action monologues. These were an accumulation of workshop sessions and all those involved did themselves proud!



Quadcopter Challenge

Well done to Ysgol Bryn Alyn's Aquanauts Team. On Thursday 8th December they packed up their Quadcopter and headed down to RAF Cranwell, the home of the RAF's pilot training. Once there the quadcopter has safety tested by Raytheon Technologies staff before the team started competing in the finals against teams from England, Scotland and Wales. Over eighty schools and cadet forces entered the competition this year but only thirteen made it to the finals.

The team were given a tour of the facilities at RAF Cranwell and learned about the role of load masters in the air force, the unsung heroes of making sure that transporter aircraft are effectively loaded so that the aircraft remain controllable by the pilots. They then had the chance to test their flying skills on a simulator flight over RAF Cranwell using one of the RAF's Prefect T1s flight simulators. After lunch in the officer's mess and a talk from commanding officer of RAF Waddington's drone fleet it was their turn to make a presentation to the judges and other teams about how they had adapted their drone design for ocean plastic clearance, how they had worked as a team, what skills they had developed and how they would adapt their design in the future. They coped really well with the bright lights and questions from the judges. They did really well and received certificates and medals for coming fifth out of the final thirteen teams. Well done, what an achievement.



PTA Christmas Bingo Extravaganza

On the 15th December 2022, the PTA held a Bingo Extravaganza, what a fabulous evening it was and so well supported by the community. There was a raffle, tombola and lots of prizes to be won with cakes and refreshments on sale.

The hampers were amazing and awarded for a line and a full house.

The proceeds will go directly back to the pupils through bids from the Faculty Heads.

Thank you to everyone that attended and made the night such a success.



If you would like to become a member of the PTA please get in touch via mailbox@ysgolbrynalyn.wrexham.sch.uk

School Council

In November our Head Pupils attended a Senedd yr Ifanc (Youth Parliament) workshop in the Council Chambers at the Guild Hall.

Pupils discussed what they have been doing as a School Council and what makes a good School Councilor. It was a very informative session for our pupils, and they are now looking forward to using what they have learned today in their next School Council meeting. A short film about Associate Pupil Governors that two of our pupils made last year was shown to all present.



Lesley Griffiths AM visited YBA on the 21st November to talk to the school Council. She was really impressed by how politically aware our pupils were and by the hard-hitting questions they asked her. All pupils involved received a certificate at the end of the meeting.



Remembrance Day

Mrs Slinn, Mr Ransome and some of our wonderful prefects went to the Remembrance Service in Wrexham. This was the final important act for our pupils from this week of Remembrance. Huge thanks to Daniel, Rhys and Louis for their support. It was also lovely to see members of our pupil body representing their uniformed organisations at the event.



Miss Corfield took Bethan Moore, Phoebe Poole and Sophie Jones to the Gwersyllt Memorial Remembrance Day Service. They were asked to do a reading and they were a credit to YBA, and great representatives of the school.

We came together as a community to reflect, on this Armistice Day. The Year 10 and 11 pupils had their opportunity to remember in the Remembrance assembly, hearing about the bravery of a number of service personnel. Some of our pupils came to school in the uniform of organisations they are involved with outside of school e.g army cadets, scouts and guides. We were very proud of the way they conducted themselves during our special service at 10.45. This was live streamed into classes to ensure all of our community could be part of this important service and reflect on lives given to support our freedom.

Some of our school Governors attended, Mrs Lisa Jones played The Last Post, Mr Ian Lockhart lead the service and Mr Griffiths was instrumental in organising this important week of reflection



Spanish Trip

On the 27th October 2022 Mr Brookes and Mrs Jones took 17 pupils to Granada, Spain. They had a very early start on their first day but as you can see the pupils and teachers look tired but excited to be visiting this amazing country.

They had a full day in school today with their hosts at [IES Veleta Granada](#). Always interesting to see how other schools work, never mind a school out in Europe! Brilliant experience. There have been lessons, breaktime snacks in the Library, volleyball and football too. Nancie, Megan, Cerys & Mr B took part in the volleyball. Ryan, Tyler and Tom played football. Once the school day was done, the group went off to the Sierra Nevada for late lunch.



Wellbeing Warriors

We sadly lost a very dear colleague before the summer break, Mrs Suzie Wilcox. Mrs Wilcox's husband Pete and son Mike, came to the school to present Mrs Slinn with money that was raised from Mrs Wilcox's funeral donations. The family were very keen to support mental health and wanted to ensure that the money was used at YBA where Mrs Wilcox had helped many, many pupils over a number of years.

Our Wellbeing Warriors are a group of pupils who will be supporting our YBA pupils with worry, stress and other mental health concerns during social times. The money that has been donated by the Wilcox family, as well as the YBA staff cake sale, held in memory of Suzie at the start of September, will be able to fund this training. The total amount raised was £976 and what a legacy this will be for Suzie!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Prince's Trust group and Mrs Evans-Lea proud hosted their World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Staff donated cakes, either baked or faked, it didn't matter! There was money raised and lots of smiles from the amazing pupils who served. The cake/sweet medley included Salted Caramel & Apple cake, Millionaire Shortcake, cupcakes, choc-





Family Learning/Family Care

Since September there have been many activities happening through the Family Learning team.

After a meeting with Groundworks we now have our Wellies in the Woods taking place for children and parents/grandparents every Monday morning. They are thoroughly enjoying these sessions outside. Key Stage 2 pupils will be involved after Christmas.

Our Altogether kits are as popular as ever. The children love taking home the kits to use with their families. They particularly enjoy the Movie Night kit and the Art kit.

All of our Foundation Phase families received a Nursery Rhyme and Craft pack made by our team to coincide with World Nursery Rhyme week.

Our Community Cupboard is available for use for anyone from the local community. We hope it is of help during these difficult times.

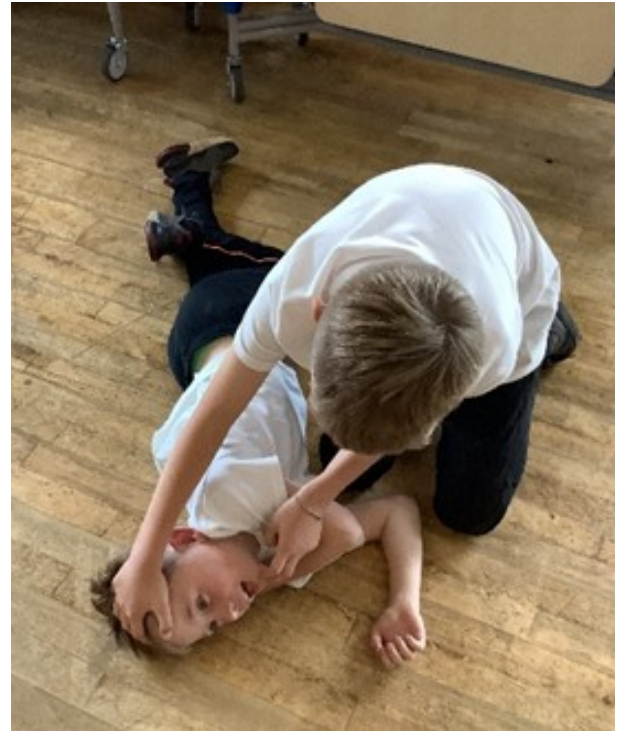






First Aid Training

All children in years 3-6 took part in some First Aid Training, delivered by St. John's Ambulance. All children passed and received their certificate!



PlayMaker Training

Children in year 5 have completed the PlayMaker training and are now qualified 'PlayMakers'. The PlayMakers will lead activities during lunchtime supporting younger children with games and activities.



Amasing



Two of our children took part in a wellbeing project with Amasing. The children attended a composing workshop with children from other schools to help write a brand new song celebrating Wales in the World Cup. We are looking forward to being part of the AmaSing Aspire project in the Summer, where we will learn this song!



Forest School Sessions

We are introducing and developing our Forest School sessions. Forest School is a specialised approach to outdoor learning that aims to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning in woodland environments. It is nature based and encourages children to take supported risks. All children have had their first sessions – more plans to follow!



Come and See Sessions

This year we are strengthening our links with parents and are involving parents in their children's learning. Our classes have organised 'Come and See' sessions, inviting parents to an exhibition of their work. The children have shown parents all of their amazing learning and progress they have made already.





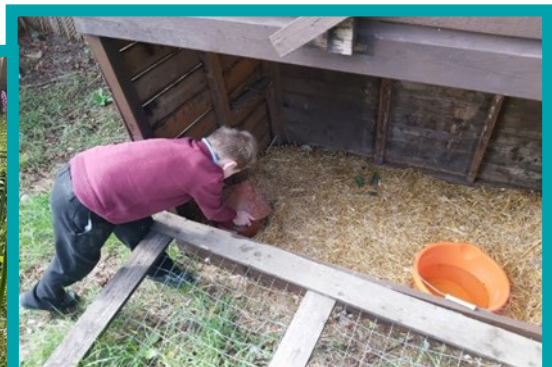
Remembrance Service



We have had a very busy Autumn Term at Brynteg C P School. We have shared a few things, which we have been doing. Brynteg C. P. School's school council representatives participated in the Remembrance Service at the Memorial gates.

School Ducks

Our school ducks, Thunder and Lightning are keeping us busy. Each day pupils are feeding them, changing their water and at the moment breaking their ice!



School Fayre



The pupils took over the school fayre. Each class had a budget, they made a variety of items which included jewellery, decorations, sweets and also raffled items. They marketed the items and sold them to make over £600.





Scarecrow Stroll

Each class participated in our Scarecrow Stroll. They all made their own scarecrow and invited

BRYNTEG CP SCARECROW STROLL



Thank you to everyone who took part in the scarecrow stroll!
All the classes did a fantastic job!
Thank you also to everyone who donated!

