

# YSGOL BRO FAMAU "Caring and Sharing; Learning Together"

#### END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER JULY 2022

At the end of the year, it is lovely to look back at what we have achieved. 2021-2022 was another challenging year due to Covid 19, however, despite this, we have continued to provide stimulating, and purposeful activities for our children. We look forward to another exciting year in 2022-2023.

## Autumn Term Activities

- Pupils in Foundation Phase went on a walk around the village of Llanferres.
   They learnt a lot about the village and who lives where!
- We had a whole school celebration on Diwrnod Owain Glyndwr to remember one of Wales' Princes.
- Denbighshire Music Co-operative entertained the children with their Make Some Noise event on line.
- We held a cake stall outside to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care, a charity which touches so many people's lives.







- Harvest was held virtually. We had a collection for Foodbank to support families in our communities.
- TASC (Thinking Actively in a Social Context) week was held in KS2. Their tasks were all linked to our local environment. One group planned a guided tour of Llanarmon. The pupils and staff walked to Llanarmon with special guest, Mrs Wynne as their guide. Pupils learnt all about the history of our special village. Other tasks included building a model of Moel Famau, writing a handbook of local plants and animals and planting growing plants.
- Years 3 and 4 enjoyed their trip to Pentrellyncymer. There was much anticipation for this long awaited trip and the pupils made the most of every experience. The gorge walking, climbing wall and marshmallows were amongst the favourite activities. A huge thank you to Miss Ellis and Mrs D for organising the trip and giving up their time.
- A BSL teacher organised by New Directions worked with KS2 to teach them British Sign Language. They learnt how to sign 'What a Wonderful World.'

## Spring Term Activities

- Activities were held during Anti-Bullying Week and pupils wore odd socks to raise awareness of the importance of respecting others and their differences.
- Pupils brought a £1 to wear odd socks to raise money for Children in Need.
- Pupils in Key Stage 2 took part in an Outdoor Learning drama workshop based on the story of the little Christmas tree. This was then posted on See Saw for parents to enjoy.
- Christmas dinner was held in our bubbles.







- The PTFA arranged Christmas activities for the children instead of a Christmas Fair which was unable to take place due to Covid.
- The children took part in the annual Christmas decoration competition which brightened up the school and made it look so festive.



- Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 filmed their Christmas shows and these were watched by parents on SeeSaw
- We celebrated Santes Dwynwen by wearing red/pink and we also joined Mistar Urdd for his birthday. We helped to break the World Record for the most uploaded song in one hour! (Hey! Mistar Urdd!)
- The School Senedd (School Parliament) has been meeting regularly. This is made up of the School Council, Eco-Council and Criw Cymraeg
- Pupils enjoyed eating noodles and dressing up for Chinese New Year. Years 3 and 4 performed a dragon dance as part of their celebrations.
- Everyone enjoyed listening and dancing to Welsh artists on Dydd Miwsig Cymru to celebrate Welsh musicians.
- Years 2-6 developed their entrepreneurial skills during TASC week.





- Pupils were reminded on Safer Internet Day about the importance of keeping themselves safe whilst using the internet. We had a lively discussion in KS2 about how we should behave online.
- We celebrated being Welsh and living in Wales during Welsh Week.
- The children looked lovely in their Welsh costumes on Dydd Gwyl Dewi and enjoyed listening to the story of Dewi Sant and how important it is to do the small things each day (Gwnewch y pethau bychain).



- While Years 5 and 6 were on their Welsh course in Glan-llyn, the rest of the school celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as a character from a book.
- A number of pupils took part in the first round of the Urdd Eisteddfod. We are proud of them all and their achievements and success.



- Father Dan came to talk to Years 5 and 6 about Space as part of their topic.
- The PTFA paid for new playground markings in Llanferres.





• Pupils in Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 enjoyed the Easter activities organised by the PTFA.





#### Summer Term Activities

- Year 6 pupils attended a CSI event at Ysgol Brynhyfryd as part of transition.
- Pupils took part in the County Eisteddfod for the first time since 2020
- TASC week was held in Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2. It was based on Health and Wellbeing. Pupils presented work to each other at the end of the week.
- A successful Sports Day was held at Llanarmon. It was well attended by parents and grandparents.







• We held an afternoon tea at Llanferres to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. The 2 community councils presented commemorative coins to each of the children.



Ysgol Bro Famau was represented in the Ysgol Brynhyfryd stand at the Eisteddfod



- KS2 went on a school trip to Blue Planet Aquarium as part of their topic. They had a great time.
- Years 5 and 6 took part in a Young Minds STEM project

 Open the Book continue to attend on a Friday morning with fun-filled assemblies and interactive stories from the Bible





- PC Llinos came to deliver some important messages to Key Stage 2
- Luke Briscoe visited our Year 6 pupils who are moving to Ysgol Brynhyfryd in September as part of transition.
- Pupils in Key Stage had lots of opportunity to develop their Cwricwlwm Cymreig (Welsh Culture) with visits from Mr FFormiwla, the Beatbox performer and the artist Iola Edwards.
- Key Stage 2 had a great time taking part in the TATA steel Mini Triathlon in Mold and Years 5 and 6 improved their cycling skills with Bikeability. Brilliant ways to keep fit and healthy!





 Foundation Phase enjoyed their trip to Xplore in Wrexham They experienced what it was like on the International Space Station! • Key Stage 2 put on an amazing summer show 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and benefited from the experience.





• Our Year 6 children enjoyed their Leavers' Treat at Cheshire Oaks.



