Rhydypenau Primary School

Aiming High

Ysgol Gynradd Rhydypenau

Anelu Yn Uchel

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Weekly News! 25.09.2026

# Time To Say Goodbye!

We are writing to let you know that Ms. Stickells will be leaving Rhydypenau to move on to pastures new. On behalf of the entire school community, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for all of her hard work, enthusiasm, and unwavering dedication during her time with us. She will be greatly missed by pupils, staff, and parents, and we wish her the very best of luck in her exciting next chapter.

# Arbor Communications Update!

Thank you to all parents and carers for your patience and understanding as we transition to **Arbor** for whole-school communication.

As with any new system, there have been a few teething issues while we all become familiar with the platform. We appreciate your support during this period and are pleased with the progress being made.

Arbor will help us streamline communications and ensure important information reaches families quickly and efficiently. If you are experiencing any difficulties accessing Arbor, receiving messages, or using any of its features, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Our administrative team will be happy to provide support and guidance.

Thank you once again for your patience and cooperation as we continue to embed this new system across the school.

# Parent Consultation Meetings!

Your child's teacher would like to meet with you for a short parent consultation after school on Tuesday 6th October or Wednesday 7th October (and Thursday 8th October for Nursery only). Many parents and carers have already booked their appointment; however, if you have not yet done so, please log into the Parents School Booking System to select a convenient time.

Please note that appointment slots are limited in length and are intended to provide a brief update on your child's progress. If you have concerns or matters that may require a more detailed discussion, we kindly ask that you contact the school separately to arrange an appointment with the appropriate member of staff.

We look forward to meeting with you

# Bike Bus Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in and supported this morning's Bike Bus. It was wonderful to see so many children and families travelling to school together, promoting healthy lifestyles, road safety and sustainable travel.
Events like these rely on the enthusiasm and commitment of our parent volunteers, so we would like to extend a special thank you to all those who gave their time to help organise and supervise the route. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps make experiences like this possible for our pupils.
We hope everyone enjoyed the ride and we look forward to seeing the Bike Bus continue to grow in the future! 🚲🌞

# Reception Nibbles Evening!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Reception Nibbles Evening this week. It was lovely to see so many families there and to have the opportunity to welcome both new and more familiar faces to our school community.
The evening provided a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to meet one another, spend time together in a relaxed setting and strengthen the positive relationships that are so important to school life. We hope everyone enjoyed the event and found it a helpful way to connect with other families.
We look forward to many more opportunities to work together and welcome you to future school events throughout the year. 😊

# Harvest Food Bank Collection!

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our Harvest Food Bank collection. We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and generosity.
There is still plenty of time to donate and all items will be collected on Thursday 1st October 2026. Donations can continue to be brought to the school until then.
Every contribution, no matter how small, will help support local families and make a real difference within our community.
Thank you for your continued support. 💛

# Community & Enterprise Engagements!

We would like your support in delivering an authentic, experience driven curriculum. We kindly ask that you complete the survey on the link below, in order to support year groups in their learning through their various contexts. Teachers may contact you to ask if you would like to deliver talks, share activities or anything else you feel may benefit our learners, based on your employment or hobbies

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKwkXRhE6SXYsOuJp0XLrs8gHh4QltAvpJ2RHEFiBAHx9KPg/viewform?usp=publish-editor

# PLACE Meeting for Parents and Carers!

We would like to invite parents and carers of children who are **Looked After** or **Previously Looked After** to our next **PLACE (Parents of Looked After Children Education) Meeting** on:

**Friday 16th October**
**9:00am**

This is an informal opportunity to meet with Ms Williams, chat with other parents and carers, share experiences and discuss any support that may be helpful for your child. There is no set agenda, just a relaxed and welcoming space to talk, ask questions and strengthen links between home and school.

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to attend, please let the school office know.

# Safeguarding!




As part of our commitment to keeping all pupils safe and supported, we regularly share the contact details of our school safeguarding team. If you ever have a concern about a child's wellbeing, please remember you can speak directly to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads:

- Ms. N Hammond (Executive Headteacher)
- Ms. E Williams (Head of School)
- Mr. C Evered-Davies (Deputy Head of School)
- Mr. A Williams (Business Manager)

**External Support Lines:**

- **NSPCC:** 08088005000
- **Childline:** 0800 1111

We are always here to support our families, so please do get in touch if you ever need our help.

# Useful Links!!

Prospectus: https://www.rhydypenau.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=77&type=pdf

Extra-Curricular Activities: https://www.rhydypenau.co.uk/page/?title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=41

Events: https://www.rhydypenau.co.uk/page/?title=Events&pid=42

PE Timetables: https://www.rhydypenau.co.uk/page/?title=P%2EE+Days&pid=153

Staff Roles & Responsibilities: https://www.rhydypenau.co.uk/page/?title=Roles+And+Responsibilities&pid=25