Rhydypenau Primary School
Aiming High
Ysgol Gynradd Rhydypenau
Anelu Yn Uchel

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# Stay Connected with School Communications!

To help keep communication clear and effective, the school now uses **Arbor** and **ClassDojo** for different purposes. **Arbor** is our now main platform for **whole-school communication**. Important information such as notices and other key updates will be sent through Arbor.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to ensure that notifications are enabled for the Arbor App so that you receive these messages promptly and do not miss important information or requests for responses.

**ClassDojo** will continue to be used for **class-based communication**, including updates from your child's class teacher, class news, celebrations of learning and direct messaging between parents and teachers.

By checking both Arbor and ClassDojo regularly, you can ensure that you stay fully informed about both whole-school announcements and your child's day-to-day class activities.

If you experience any difficulties accessing either app, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining strong communication between home and school.

# Attendance and Punctuality Reminder!

We would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in promoting good attendance and punctuality at school.

Regular attendance is essential for children to make the most of their learning opportunities and to achieve their full potential. Every school day counts, and even occasional absences can have an impact on a child's progress, confidence and friendships.

We would like to remind families that **holidays during term time will not be authorised**, except in exceptional circumstances. Parents are therefore asked to arrange family holidays during the school holiday periods wherever possible.
We are also seeing an increasing number of children arriving late to school. Persistent lateness can be disruptive for both the child and the class, as important learning and daily routines begin as soon as the school day starts. Arriving late can also affect children's confidence and readiness to learn.

Please help your child develop good attendance habits by ensuring they attend school every day whenever possible and arrive on time each morning.

Thank you for your support in helping us give every child the best opportunity to succeed. If you require any support regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

# Harvest!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Sarah Roberts for leading yesterday's Harvest assembly and helping to make it such a meaningful occasion for our children.

We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our families for your generous donations to our Harvest Collection. Your kindness and support have enabled us to gather a wonderful selection of items that will be shared with members of our local community who need them most.

These contributions not only provide practical support to others but also help our children understand the importance of compassion, generosity and helping those in need.

Together, we continue to make a positive difference in our community.

# School Photographs!

Today, our annual school photographs took place, and we would like to thank all of the children for their excellent behaviour and wonderful smiles throughout the day.

The children looked very smart and represented the school brilliantly. We hope families will be pleased with the photographs when they receive them.

Details about how to view and order photographs will be sent home with your child today so please keep an eye out for information.

Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring that children arrived looking smart and ready for their photographs. Your support is much appreciated. 📸 😊

# Community & Enterprise Engagements!

Over the past few weeks, children in Years 2-6 have completed their **Personalised Assessments** in Reading and Numeracy.

These assessments are undertaken **twice each academic year**, once during the **Autumn Term** and again during the **Summer Term**. They are designed to provide valuable information about each child's strengths and next steps in learning, helping teachers to tailor support and plan future learning opportunities.

The assessments are adaptive, meaning that the questions presented are matched to each child's responses, providing a personalised experience for every learner.

The results will be discussed in more detail during **Parents' Evenings**, where teachers will be able to explain your child's progress and how the information is being used to support their learning in school.

We would like to congratulate all of the children on the positive attitude, resilience and focus they have shown during the assessment period.

# Teamwork, Determination and Success at the Urdd Tournament! ⚽

Ahead of an inspiring national night of football—where Cymru fought back to claim a brilliant 2–1 victory against Norway—our Year 6 girls showed that the future of Welsh football is looking incredibly bright!

Yesterday, 12 fantastic Year 6 pupils represented our school at the Urdd Football Tournament, demonstrating incredible teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event. With varying levels of experience across the squad, every single player brought a fantastic work ethic to the pitch. The team showed remarkable progress game after game, with their hard work paying off in a brilliant 4–0 victory against Gwaelod y Garth!

Beyond their impressive football skills, the girls were wonderful ambassadors for our school. They embodied true team spirit—constantly encouraging one another, celebrating each other's successes, and playing with big smiles on their faces.



A huge, special thank you goes to Ms. Price, who joined us for the tournament. Her expert guidance, support, and endless encouragement were invaluable in helping the girls build confidence and perform at their best.

Da iawn i pawb—we are immensely proud of you all!

# 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