Rhydypenau Primary School

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Ysgol Gynradd Rhydypenau

Anelu Yn Uchel

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Weekly News! 09.10.2026

Residential Trips 2026-27!

We are pleased to confirm that details of the residential trips planned for this academic year will be shared with families via email shortly.

These trips provide valuable opportunities for children to develop confidence, independence, teamwork and resilience, while enjoying memorable learning experiences outside the classroom.

We understand that parents and carers may have questions or concerns about residential visits therefore a parent meeting has been arranged.

If you have any queries, please contact Ms Bolton, who will be happy to help.



Show Racism the Red Card Day!

On Friday 16th October, we will be supporting Show Racism the Red Card Day, an important event that promotes equality, inclusion and respect for all.

To show our support, children are invited to wear something red to school on the day. This could be a red top, jumper, accessory or any item of clothing they already have at home.

The day provides an opportunity for pupils to learn about the importance of challenging prejudice, celebrating diversity and treating everyone with kindness and respect.

Thank you for supporting this important message. 💗🟥

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

WEAR RED DAY

PTA Community Volunteering Day!

The Rhydypenau School PTA is delighted to invite parents, carers and members of our school community to take part in a Community Volunteering Day on Monday 2nd November, from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

The PTA is organising this event to help enhance our school grounds and outdoor learning spaces for all children. Volunteer tasks will include preparing the garden for outdoor learning, tidying the school site and organising the pre-loved uniform shop.

Whether you can stay for the whole morning or just an hour, any support would be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be provided, and it will be a lovely opportunity to work alongside other families and friends of the school.

If you would like to get involved, please email volunteer.school@outlook.com so that they can plan tasks and resources accordingly.

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising this event and for their continued support of the school. 🌱🌼



Christmas Fayre!

As time continues to fly and we quickly approach the festive season, we are excited to announce that this year's PTA Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday, 21st November 2026. Following the upcoming half-term break, the PTA will be reaching out to ask for volunteers to support this amazing event. Your help makes a huge difference, and we look forward to bringing our school community together!



A Reminder About Supervision at Drop-Off and Pick-Up!

To help keep all children safe, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that children are closely supervised during drop-off and pick-up times.

Whilst waiting on the school site, children should remain with their adult and avoid climbing on, moving, or playing with equipment, furniture, plants, or other fixtures around the school grounds. This helps to prevent accidents and ensures that everyone can enter and leave the site safely.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all members of our school community.

PLACE Coffee Morning Reminder!

A friendly reminder that our next PLACE (Previously Looked After and Care Experienced) Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 16th October at 9.00am.

This informal gathering is open to parents and carers of children who are looked after, previously looked after, or care experienced. It provides a welcoming and supportive environment to meet with other families, share experiences, access information, and discuss any questions or concerns.

Whether you are attending for the first time or have joined us before, we would be delighted to see you there. We look forward to welcoming you for a chat and a cup of coffee. ☕





Anxiety Coffee Morning!

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to an Anxiety Coffee Morning on Thursday 22nd October at 9.00am, led by the Local Authority Emotional Health and Wellbeing Team.

This session will provide an opportunity to learn more about anxiety in children and young people, gain practical strategies to support wellbeing at home, and hear advice from experienced professionals. There will also be time to ask questions and share experiences in a welcoming and supportive environment.

We hope that many parents and carers will be able to join us for what promises to be an informative and helpful morning. Refreshments will be available. ☕💙

Pedestrian Safety Reminder!

For the safety of all members of our school community, we would like to remind parents, carers and visitors that the driveway entrance from Rhydypenau Road must not be used by pedestrians at any time of the day.

A dedicated pedestrian pathway is provided alongside the driveway and should always be used when entering or leaving the school site. This helps to keep pedestrians and vehicles safely separated and reduces the risk of accidents.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.



SHRN Survey 2026!

Following our participation in the pilot survey in 2022 and subsequent survey in 2024, Rhydypenau has agreed to participate in the SHRN 'Student Health and Wellbeing Survey 2026' which is run in partnership by the Welsh Government, Public Health Wales and Cardiff University.

Please visit our website to find information about the survey which pupils in Years 3-6 are invited to participate in, as well as to view a copy of the questions they will be asked.

Participation is voluntary, and learners' answers are confidential and anonymous, pupils will be made aware of this before the survey is administered. Pupils are able to skip questions and stop the survey at any time should they wish.

If you are happy for your child to take part, then you don't need to do anything further.

We would encourage you to speak with your child about the survey and fully appreciate that parents/guardians may want to opt their children out. If you have any concerns relating to the survey, you are able to contact the SHRN team directly on shrn@cardiff.ac.uk. For queries relating to ethics, informed consent or safeguarding, the Cardiff University Ethics Committee can be contacted on SOSSS-Research@cardiff.ac.uk.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please contact me directly on DaviesC575@hwbcymru.net by Friday 6th November to opt your child out (please include your child's full name and class in your correspondence).

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs C Davies

Health and Wellbeing Lead

DaviesC575@hwbcymru.net

Website Link full URL: https://www.rhydypenau.co.uk/page/?title=SHRN+Survey+2026&pid=187

Bike Bus!

Our Bike Bus has been a fantastic success, and it is all thanks to the hard work and dedication of our amazing organisers!
The Bike Bus runs every Friday, currently alternating between our two routes: the Cyncoed Line and the Jellicoe Line.
To stay up to date or find out more, join our WhatsApp community to get involved!

FRIDEDAYS BIKE BUS

Rhydypenau Bike Bus



Join "Rhydypenau Bike Bus"





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