



## Ysgol Gynradd Afon y Felin



### Newsletter 37- Week ending Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

#### **Llongyfarchidau!**

Last Saturday, Mrs Jones took our newly formed Cross Country running Team to Bryntirion Comprehensive school for our first ever event. The children were from Progression Step 3. George Garrick had a fantastic event considering it was his first competition running against some quite experienced runners. Charlie Vine and Sophia Lynch showed determination and resilience and we are so proud of their achievements on the day! Huge thanks to Mr Garrick for supporting and coaching our children throughout the event, we are very grateful for his expertise. The next Cross Country Schools meeting will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at Brynteg Comprehensive School. Letters will be given to those children in Y3-6 who show an interest. Parents are responsible for getting their children there and for staying with them throughout the event. The whole event is finished by 11am.

#### **Commonwealth visit**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October we are extremely fortunate to have a commonwealth athlete visiting our school. This has been arranged by Mr Brown and The Active Crew. Jordan Sakkas is a commonwealth weightlifter who has also competed for Great Britain. Jordan was also a successful rugby player up to the age of 16 and then made the decision to dedicate his time to weightlifting competitively. He is now two time British Champion. The children in KS2 are looking forward to interviewing him in person. Diolch Mr Brown and the Active Crew!

#### **The Criw Cymraeg**

The Criw Cymraeg led the annual celebration for SHWMAE Su'MAE DAY with lots of exciting activities going on including music, dancing, competitions, art and craft and, of course, everyone SIARAD CYMRAEG! DIOLCH to all the parents who greeted the Criw on the gate with a SHWMAE today, they were thrilled so many of you were enthusiastic to join in! We have had many special visitors from Cardiff and Bridgend schools visiting this week to see how our children reach such fantastic standards in their Welsh language skills and they have all been very impressed! Mrs Jones has been asked to lead the next Deputy Headteachers Conference for BCBC schools to share our school's good practise across the borough.

#### **Show racism the RED card**

October is Black History Month and we have been studying lots of famous inspirational black Welsh citizens. PS3 have been learning about Betty Campbell and her remarkable influence on education in Wales and Tiger Bay. Show Racism the Red Card Day is a way to show our support for diversity and equity in our school community. On Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> children are asked to wear something red to school as part of our day to celebrate our uniqueness and promote racial equality.

#### **Headteachers Awards from week ending Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Nursery	Isla Hodson	Reception	Jackson Locke
Year One	Ruby Wilson	Year Two	Esmay Courtney Beecham
Year Three	Parker Jai Dobbin	Year Four	Anthony Nicholls
Year Five	Kenzie Clarke Williams	Year Six	Evie Brown



**Dates and General Information**

Monday 16th October Visit by Commonwealth Athlete Jordan Sakkas KS2

Tuesday 17th October Girls Rugby Session 3.15pm- 4.15pm with Ospreys and Wales Charlie Mundy

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October Cricket Wales sessions Year 3/ 4 4/5 5/6

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Show Racism The Red Card Day**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October Y6 Urdd Jamboree Schools festival with Cornelly Primary

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Dosbarth Bedw joint online art session with Ysgol Y Ferch o'r Sger and Rhys Padarn, welsh artist

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October PS3 Sports Afternoon with Ysgol Y Ferch o'r Sger

REMINDER: Please can you ensure that when your child is absent from school that you contact us via phone or e mail so that we can authorise the absence for your child. Mrs Hill is in the office between 8.55am-3.15pm to receive any calls/ e mails.

Diolch to all our parents for your continued support

Mrs Denise Jones

