Ysgol Treganna

Weekly Newsletter





This week

The School Council

This week, the School Council has been busy preparing for its shop, "Y Ffrwydriad Ffrwythau." Following discussions with pupils, the School Council decided there was a need to promote healthy eating among years 3, 4, 5, and 6. So, they opened a fruit shop, "Y Ffrwydriad Ffrwythau." Yesterday, the shop opened its doors for the first time, and over 300 children came to the school hall to enjoy a healthy smoothie, fruit milkshake and to choose fruit from the Lucky Dip. The School Council will now discuss what to do with the profits, and they have excellent ideas on how to develop the outdoor areas in each class. Thank you to the parents for your support and the pupils for their enthusiasm.

Play Continuum

This term, we have begun embedding our Play Continuum across the school. We had an informative presentation on "Loose parts play" in our inset session on Tuesday evening, and every class in the school is in the process of setting up a loose parts area within their classrooms. The Play Continuum aims to develop our pupils' curiosity, initiative, and independence, ensuring that these skills are deepened and applied across the curriculum. We look forward to showcasing these new areas during our learning celebration days.

Trips and Activities

The classes have arranged several trips and activities for this term. We kindly ask everyone to pay for these trips and activities via Parent Pay. If you need any assistance, please contact the school directly so that we can support you.

Calendar

PTA meeting in "Y Nyth" Ysgol Treganna 28/01/25

Bike Bus 31/01/25

Urdd Eisteddfod

It's Urdd Eisteddfod term once again!

What is the Urdd Eisteddfod?

The Urdd Eisteddfod provides an opportunity for pupils to compete in a variety of competitions, such as solos, recitations, instrumental competitions, and group contests.

There are three stages in the Urdd Eisteddfod:

- 1. **Eisteddfod Cylch**, which this year will be held at Ysgol Plasmawr on Saturday, March 8th. In the Eisteddfod Cylch, pupils will compete against schools in the Plasmawr cluster. The winners will then progress to the next stage, the County Eisteddfod.
- 2. **Eisteddfod Sir**, which this year will be held at Cardiff Students' Union on Saturday, April 5th. In the Eisteddfod Sir, pupils will compete against schools in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. The winners will then progress to the next and final stage, the Urdd National Eisteddfod.
- 3. **Urdd National Eisteddfod**, which this year will be held in Margam during Whitsun week, the summer half-term holiday. At the National Eisteddfod, pupils will compete against schools from all over Wales.

Joining the Urdd

To compete in the Urdd Eisteddfod, your child must be a member of the Urdd (membership must be renewed annually).

Here is the link to the portal where you can register your child: Join the Urdd

Competing in the Urdd (Individual Competitions)

In line with the school's vision, we want to ensure that everyone who wishes to compete in the Urdd has the opportunity to do so.

As a school, we will upload the solo pieces (individual singing) and recitation pieces (individual speaking) to the Teams accounts of Reception to Year 6 classes on Friday. We will include copies of the solo and recitation words and audio clips to ensure that every pupil has the chance to practice and learn the pieces. We encourage pupils to learn the solo and recitation as homework. However, we will also teach the recitation pieces and solos to all pupils in the school.

This year, for the first time, we will not be selecting pupils to represent the school at the Eisteddfod Cylch. Instead, we want to give everyone who wishes to compete in the Urdd Eisteddfod the chance to compete at the Eisteddfod Cylch.

If you would like your child to compete in the Eisteddfod, we ask you as parents to register them on the Portal, the Urdd's registration system:

<u>Urdd Portal Registration</u>

Alternatively, you are welcome to contact us at the school, and we can register them for you if you do not have access to the Portal.

Registration Deadline

The deadline to register pupils to compete in the Eisteddfod is **Monday**, **February 17th**. You must ensure that your child is registered to compete before this date or that you have asked the school to register your child on the Portal.

Competing in the Urdd (Group Competitions)

Pupils in years 3, 4, 5, and 6 will have the opportunity to compete in group competitions. This year, we will not be holding auditions for the following competitions to ensure everyone has the chance to take part. There will be no auditions for the Cân Actol, Multi-Media Dance, Unison Party (2 groups), Two-Part Singing Party (2 groups), and the Recitation Party (3 groups). Every year 6 pupil who wishes to compete in group competitions will have the opportunity to do so.

We will also be competing in the following competitions: Dialogue (3 groups), Cerdd Dant Party (1 group), Vocal Ensemble (1 group), and Folk Dancing for Years 3 and 4 (2 groups). Auditions will be held for these competitions only.

More information about the above competitions will be shared with you next week.

Y Nyth

Parent/Carer Session:

We look forward to welcoming Dr Luke Ryan, the school's Educational Psychologist, to the Nyth on Friday, February 21st. More details to follow.

Also, just a reminder ...

If you feel you need to talk to someone, or seek advice, you are more than welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a chat with Mrs Rhiannydd Jones, the school's Wellbeing and Community Leader. All matters will be dealt with in a sensitive manner, and Mrs Jones will work with you to resolve any concerns or issues you may have.

When? Every Friday afternoon (1.00pm-3.30pm)

Important: Please contact the school's Office to pre-book a time slot.

Parent Forum

*A group for parents, past parents, carers and grandparents of children who have received a diagnosis of Autism and/or ADHD, or are in the process of receiving a diagnosis (i.e. on the Neurodevelopmental assessment pathway).

We will be running two sessions this term:

<u>Cuppa & Chat</u> – an opportunity for parents to come together and connect over a cuppa Where? Y Nyth, Treganna

When? Friday, 14th of February (9.00am – 11.00am)

<u>Meet the Team</u> – an opportunity for parents/carers to meet Elen Derrick, a Specialist Teacher from the Autism Support Team, and to find out how the team supports learners in schools (more details to follow)

Where? Y Nyth, Treganna

Language Pattern

Next week's language pattern of the week

Alla i...Alli di?(Can I..Can you?)
Cei/Cewch/Na chei/Na chewch(Yes you can/ No you can't)
Challenge

Tybed ga i? Oes modd i mi? Ydy hi'n gyfleus? (I wonder if I can? Is it convenient)

Discussion topic of the week

Dywedwch stori am ennill rhywbeth (Tell a story about winning something)

Song of the week

Pe bawn i'n rhydd - Mared

Idiom of the week

Dim dwywaith amdani (There's no two ways about it)