



Ysgol Esgob Morgan Church in Wales School

Gyda 'n Gilydd Anelwn Yn Uchel / Together, We Aim High



Friday, 29th November 2024



Dear Parents and Guardians

Our annual Christmas Fayre, HotPot and Quiz night has, for many years now, seen the start of the Christmas period here at Ysgol Esgob Morgan. It's a great social occasion and this year was no different. I had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and I hope you did too. Thank you for getting into the spirit of things and allowing me to have the fun at some of your expense! At least I could also poke a bit of fun at myself too—well I had to in that costume didn't I?



We now look forward to our school Christmas dinner, the Christmas Service at our beautiful Cathedral and all of the Christmas activities the staff have planned.

Thank you for all your support. Have a great weekend. *Mr Redgrave*



Cogog

We are delighted to announce that our hard working PTFA have secured a £6000 grant to help us with our next project. We want to provide local affordable produce for our local community—this will help us get our new Eco Club up and running (see pictures later in the newsletter) . Thank you so much for helping us get this grant.

Cornel Gymraeg

Patrwm Iaith yr Wythnos

Faint o gloch ydy hi?

Mae hi'n _____ o'r gloch

Geiriau'r Wythnos

O'r gloch - o'clock

Chwarter wedi / i - quarter past / to
Hanner awr wedi - half past

Cymraeg



Amy representing
Wales and our
school...again

So proud to see our very own
past pupil, Amy, presenting at
the F1 in Schools World final
again. She is a natural on the
mic!

Reaching new heights on Duo-
lingo

According to a new report, 3 million people have learnt Welsh on Duolingo. But if that wasn't enough "App data showed Welsh grew 38% in 2023 compared with last year when it grew by 26%." This is brilliant news for the Welsh Government who are hoping to hit their target of a million speakers by 2050!



Rownd yr Ysgol

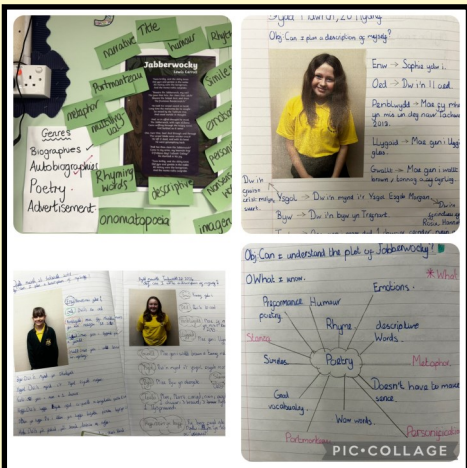


Eco Club

Now that all the renovations are nearing completion we are pleased to have relaunched our eco club. It runs on Thursday after school until 4PM. This week we have refilled our bird feeders, started planting in our polytunnel and prepared some of the for future planting. If you think this is something your child will enjoy they can turn up at the polytunnel after school on Thursdays!

Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa

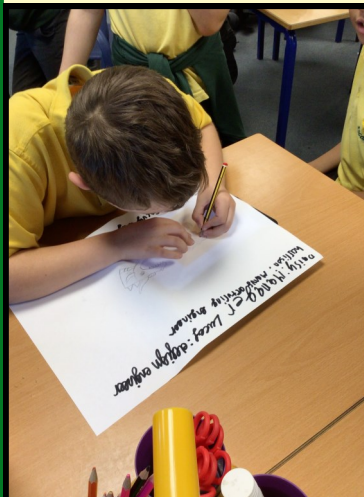
Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa have been looking at Classic poetry this week. We started with the poem Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll, 1871. Next week we will be using drama to bring it to life! Our Working Wall shows what we have been learning this week - ask your child what they have learnt this week, we really enjoyed ourselves!



We have also been planning our writing in Welsh ready to write a very descriptive piece about ourselves. Well done Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa you've worked very hard this week!

Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa

Moel Famau have started their F1 in schools preparations this week, getting teams together, deciding names, designing logos all while being inspired by past pupil Amy who has been presenting the F1 in



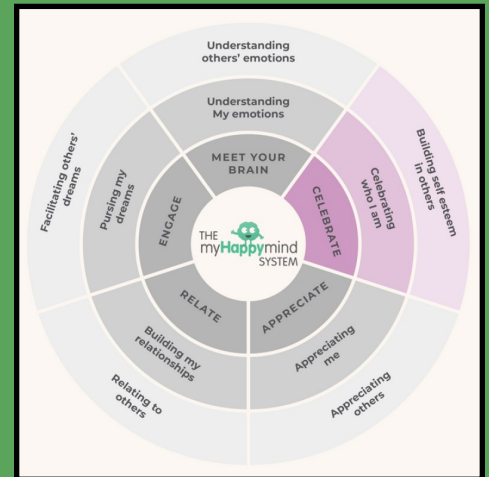
Schools World Finals in Saudi Arabia this week. Year 5 have loved watching the racing and interviews this week.



Celebrate

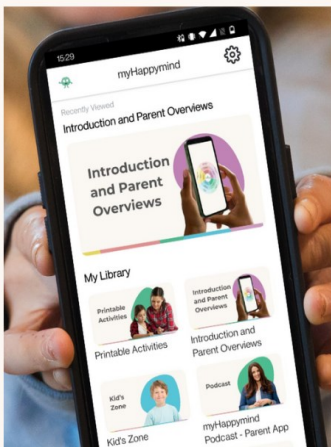
Over the last few weeks our classes have been learning about to celebrate our character and who we are.

- What Character Strengths are and why they matter.
- How to recognise Character Strengths in ourselves.
- How understanding Character Strengths can make us feel.



myHappy mind myHappy mind has a free Parent App

Scan the QR code to sign up now and download the App today!



Please contact us for the authentication code

myHappy mind have just launched their Festive Advent Calendar. This will be used in school but it is also available on the myHappy mind parent app. You can scan the code here or use the link below to get the app.

<https://bit.ly/happyem>

We will send the school code out by text again—with a direct link there.

Can you help...?

If you have a boy in our school could you please help us? We encourage the very best behaviour in every place around our school, but we have a collection of boys who are causing damage to their toilets. Mr Redgrave has spoken regularly to them but they are still mistreating this area. We know you would be horrified if you knew it was your child—so could you please help us by talking to them about how to use a toilet correctly. Many

Blwyddyn	Late this week %	Attendance this half term %	Attendance this week %	Attendance Year To date%
3	1.1	92.6	92.9	93.1
4	3.7	94.0	95.7	95.0
5	0	94.2	94.2	94.7
6	2.9	92.7	92.9	93.6
Totals	2.2	93.5	94.1	94.2

Attendance and Punctuality

We are back to no red this week! Great effort from all classes with attendance being up in nearly all classes this week. Fantastic to put the first green on no late marks this week for our Year 5 learners in Dosbarth Moel Famau! Da lawn pawb!

Those learners who have an attendance of below 90% will be receiving an invitation to meet with our Head Teacher to discuss the reasons they have missed so much school. If persistent illness is the reason we will take advice from the school nurse service. If this is not accepted then illness will be recorded unauthorised if no evidence is produced to back up these continuous illnesses. This will allow us to involve our colleagues from the education social work team.

Failure to attend the meeting will also result in a referral to the education social work team.



Cinio Nadolig— Christmas Dinner

On Thursday the 5th of December we will be serving our Christmas Dinner. As all pupils are entitled to a free meal they are welcome to order one. If they do not wish to have one then that is also absolutely fine you can send them with their own dinner.

Clubs for week 25th November 2024

- **Monday** - Dance (Urdd)
- **Tuesday**—Choir (All Year Groups and this will now be held at Lunchtimes)
- **Wednesday** - Coding (All Year Groups)
- **Thursday** - Quirky Crafts - Year 5/6—**ECO CLUB (All year groups)**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WK 1 Main Meal	Pork Meatballs in a Homemade Mediterranean Sauce with Pasta and Home Baked Garlic Bread	Savoury Welsh Minced Beef Hot Pot with Cheddar Glaze and Country Style Vegetables	Baked Breaded Fish Cake with Creamed Potatoes Baked Beans or Peas	Roast Fillet of Turkey, Savoury Stuffing and Gravy Roast Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Chicken Fillet with Chipped Potatoes Fresh Mixed Salad and Homemade Coleslaw
Choice	Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta Bake Glazed with a Cheddar Topping	Savoury Quorn Mince, topped with Sauté Potatoes and Cheddar Cheese	Vegetable Bites with Creamed Potatoes and Baked Beans	Baked Quorn Sausage, Savoury Stuffing and Gravy	Quesadilla filled with Cheddar Cheese and Tomatoes
Sweet	Dairy Ice Cream with Fruit Wedges	Rice Krispy Chocolate Bar	Steamed Apple Sponge with Vanilla Custard	Jelly with Fruit	Homemade Granola Style Cereal Bar
WK 2 Main Meal	Baked Breaded Fish Cake with Oven Baked Seasoned Wedges Garden Peas and Sweetcorn	Welsh Beef Bolognaise with Pasta Garden Peas and Home Baked Bread	BBQ Chicken with a Sticky Sauce and Savoury Vegetable Rice	Roast Loin of Pork with Traditional Apple Sauce and Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Oven Baked Pork Sausage with Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans
Choice	Breaded Vegetable Nuggets	Minced Quorn Bolognaise	Vegetable Burritos	Savoury Quorn Mince, topped with Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Oven Baked Sausage
Sweet	Fruit Wedges with Yoghurt	Chocolate Crunch Cake	Fruit and Oaty Crumble with Vanilla Custard	Hand Baked Shortbread Biscuit	Homemade Chocolate Fudge Coated Cakes
WK 3 Main Meal	Ham and Macaroni Cheese Bake with Homemade Herby Tomato Bread	Midday Brunch with Potato Waffle and Baked Beans	Chicken Dish of the World with Boiled Rice or Noodles and Naan Bread Fingers	Roast fillet of Chicken with Herb Stuffing and Gravy, Creamed Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Breaded Fish Fillet with Chipped Potatoes Mushy Peas
Choice	Macaroni Cheese Bake	Vegetarian Midday Brunch	Vegetable Dish of the World	Baked Quorn Burger with Herb Stuffing and Gravy	Breaded Vegetable Nuggets
Sweet	Fruit Wedges with Yoghurt	Caramel Cornflake Cake	Homemade Saucy Chocolate Pudding	Cranberry Scrunch Slice with Apple Wedges	Lemon Drizzle and Blueberry Muffins

Week beginning 2nd Dec is Week 1. Have a look through the week and see what your child (ren) would like to eat for the week and pop their choice on Parent pay. Please remember that we only have the main meal and smaller choices available. You can see all these on the ParentPay dinner section.

Please do look too as we are still having quite a few children throwing away a lot of food as they don't like what is on offer or the choice. We do our best to let you know if they are not eating their lunch.

Dates for the Diary—all on our Calendar online as well as the school app. Please note these date are subject to change.

Nov

29th—Choir Singing at St Asaph Winter Fayre

Dec

5th—Homelessness Workshop Year 6. Christmas Dinner for all pupils.

9th—School of Sanctuary Week

10th—Choir Singing at Bryn Derwen

12th—Christmas Concert 6:30PM

19th—School Closes for Christmas Holidays

SCHOOL REOPENS 7TH JANUARY FOR ALL PUPILS



Paint & Sip

with the PTFA

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH

6:15-8:30PM

@Ysgol Esgob
Morgan

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENTPAY

£15 PP



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't: meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Meet Our Expert

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