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End of Term Christmas Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Ysgol Minafon,

As we come to the end of our first term together of this academic year, I would like to thank our pupils for the positive way they have approached this new chapter in their learning. Nearly all have settled well, shown enthusiasm and kindness, and worked hard throughout the term. I am extremely proud of how they have embraced school life and contributed to our growing school community.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to our families for the support you have shown during this important first term. Starting a new school year is a significant step, and your encouragement, cooperation and trust have been greatly appreciated. Working in partnership with families has helped us create a welcoming, caring and ambitious environment for our children.

My thanks go to our staff team, who have shown dedication and professionalism throughout the term. Their commitment to supporting pupils and ensuring the school continues to raise and promote high educational standards has been exceptional. Staff have worked tirelessly to provide high-quality learning experiences and to support pupils' wellbeing, and their efforts have been central to the strong start the school has made.

I am pleased to acknowledge that significant improvements and positive developments have already been identified by the school, the Local Authority and external visitors. This recognition reflects the collective hard work of pupils, staff, families and governors, and provides us with a strong foundation as we continue to move forward together.

I am very grateful for the ongoing support of our governing body, whose guidance and commitment have been invaluable. I would also like to thank our talented supply staff for their consistent and committed support, ensuring continuity for our pupils. Their contribution has been greatly valued and will continue to be an important part of our school community.

As we draw the term to a close, I would like to wish all our pupils, families and staff a very Merry Christmas and a safe and restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year.

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Our Collaboration with Cadw

We are very grateful for the opportunity to work with Cadw as the custodians of Conwy Castle. Through learning about the castle's history, pupils have been able to develop a deeper understanding of our local heritage in an engaging and meaningful way. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the future.



Our Collaboration with OrielOdl

We have also been delighted to work with OrielOdl on a whole-school art project this term. Pupils created cynefin-inspired artwork, which is now proudly displayed in the school hall. The project has allowed children to express their creativity while developing a sense of belonging and connection to their environment.



We have welcomed working with Conwy Music Cooperative

We have been pleased to introduce a new partnership with Conwy Music Cooperative this term. Through this opportunity, pupils have taken part in keyboard and vocal lessons, developing their confidence, musical skills and enjoyment of music. The programme has supported pupils in receipt of free school meals, and is now offering the opportunity for all families to access this tuition through a paid option. We are delighted to see pupils engaging so positively with these lessons and look forward to continuing this valuable

We have worked with parents on the Come and Cook Initiative

As part of our Food and Fun provision, pupils and parents enjoyed taking part in the Come and Cook initiative with Mrs Roberts.

This session gave the opportunity to develop practical cooking skills, learn about healthy food choices and build confidence in the kitchen in a fun and supportive environment. The programme is a valued part of our wider work to promote wellbeing and positive experiences for all pupils.

Dewch i Goginio!
Come and Cook!



We had a lovely time at the Autumn Disco

Our Autumn Disco was a fantastic event and thoroughly enjoyed by pupils across the school. It was wonderful to see children having fun, dancing and celebrating together in a safe and happy environment. Events such as this play an important role in building friendships, confidence and a strong sense of school community, and we would like to thank everyone who helped to make the disco such a success.



Children enjoyed the Christmas Film showing of Elf

Our Christmas Movie Night, featuring a showing of *Elf*, was a lovely way to end the term. Pupils enjoyed spending time together in a relaxed and festive atmosphere, sharing laughter and getting into the Christmas spirit. Events like this help to strengthen our school community and create happy memories for our children, and we thank everyone who supported and attended the evening.



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Our Soaring Swans of the Week

Our Soaring Swan of the Week initiative has become a valued part of our weekly celebrations. Each Friday, pupils are recognised for their achievements, positive attitudes and efforts, and parents are invited to join our whole-school assembly to share in these successes. This has been a wonderful opportunity to celebrate children's achievements together and to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Our PTA Relaunch

We are pleased to share that our PTA has recently been relaunched, and we are excited about the opportunities this brings for our school community. The PTA plays an important role in strengthening links between families and school, supporting events and enriching experiences for our pupils. It is not too late to get involved, and we warmly welcome any parents or carers who would like to join and help shape the future of our school community.

Information:

Miss Williams is currently absent from school due to a broken bone injury. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back in school soon.

Reminder:

We are a cashless school. Parent Pay accounts are active for all children, should you need help accessing yours please contact the school office.

Important Dates:

Christmas Holidays:

School closes - Friday 19th December 2025

Inset day - Monday 5th January 2026

School opens - Tuesday 6th January 2026



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