



*ould  
every  
he*

*s in  
des*

*ese  
we  
ident  
g the*

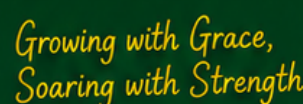
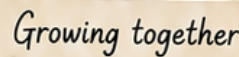
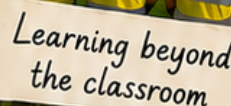
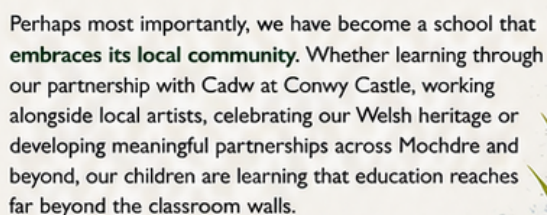
*ndous  
ool, the  
ch*

*ool that  
through  
ng  
ge or  
e and  
aches*

*Learning beyond  
the classroom*

*Growing together*

*Aspiring • Caring • Believing*





# Teaching & Learning WHERE LEARNING COMES TO LIFE



Learning is a shared adventure where **curiosity**, **creativity** and **confidence** have flourished.

*Learning has not been confined to a classroom.*

*It has happened in castles, outdoors, through debate, through creativity, through science and through collaboration.*

*Cadw Ambassadors for Conwy Castle  
Experiencing history. Celebrating Welsh heritage.*

## BIG QUESTIONS

Our whole-school themes inspire curious minds to ask questions, solve problems and make meaningful connections across all Areas of Learning and Experience.



Who ruled the Kingdom?



How does it grow?



What's happening to our weather?



How do we get there?



## SCIENCE EXPLORERS



Investigating plants, animals and the natural world. Bringing learning to life and creating incredible AI-inspired artwork.



## ETHICAL THINKERS



Year 5 and 6 pupils have explored ethical dilemmas with maturity and respect, sharing and challenging different viewpoints.



## OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS



Nursery has thrived with their Jack and the Beanstalk project and outdoor learning, building curiosity, confidence and joy.



*Our Curriculum for Wales is bringing out independent learners who take risks, embrace challenge and make progress through our differentiation model.*



## STANDARDS IMPROVE



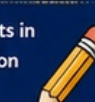
Reading outcomes have strengthened



Mathematical reasoning and procedural fluency improved across Years 2 to 6



Significant improvements in handwriting, presentation and the quality of work



*We celebrate every step forward!*



## VISITORS & ENRICHMENT

Our learning has been enriched by a wide range of visitors and partners:

- ♥ Open the Book
- ♥ Police Officers
- ♥ Fire and Rescue Service
- ♥ Health Professionals
- ♥ Storytellers
- ♥ Local Artists
- ♥ Library Services
- ♥ Colwyn Bay Seagulls FC
- ♥ Tudor Volunteers from Plas Mawr
- ♥ Our Local High Schools
- ♥ and many more!



## CREATIVE & COMMUNITY PROJECTS

From weaving with local artists to creating two beautiful murals with Oriel Adaw, our school identity shines with pride.



Celebrating who we are.  
Celebrating where we come from.  
Celebrating where we're going.



*Every experience. Every challenge. Every moment.  
Helping every child to learn, grow and soar.*



**ASPIRING**  
to be the best  
we can be



**CARING**  
for ourselves,  
each other and  
our community



**BELIEVING**  
in ourselves and  
in our future





# Growing TOGETHER

EVERY VOICE MATTERS. EVERY CHILD BELONGS.

At Ysgol Minafon, we believe in nurturing confident, kind and resilient learners who are ready to make a difference in our community and beyond.



YSGOL MINAFON



## PUPIL LEADERSHIP



Our School Council and Eco Council have shown outstanding leadership this year.

- ♥ Designing our outdoor reading areas
- ♥ Writing to local organisations
- ♥ Supporting the return of our Welsh flag
- ♥ Promoting sustainability and caring for our environment
- ♥ Representing the views of all pupils

*Your ideas. Your voice. Your school. Your future.*



## WELSH LANGUAGE & CULTURE

We are excited to be developing Criw Cymraeg and strengthening our Welsh language and culture across school life.

Next year we look forward to taking part in local Eisteddfodau and celebrating our Welsh heritage with pride.



## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

A huge thank you to Mrs Roberts for leading such a successful programme of family activities. This year families have enjoyed:

- ♥ Reading sessions
- ♥ Healthy snack workshops
- ♥ Outdoor learning activities
- ♥ Games afternoons and much more!



*Stronger families. Stronger partnerships. Stronger together.*



## WELLBEING & BEHAVIOUR

Wellbeing sits at the heart of everything we do.

- ♥ Growing confidence across the school
- ♥ Exemplary behaviour from the overwhelming majority
- ♥ Increased resilience and independence
- ♥ Attendance – a key priority we continue to work on together

*Happy minds. Kind hearts. Ready to learn.*



## WHAT'S MADE ME PROUD AS HEADTEACHER



What has made me proudest this year is the level of commitment that our staff have shown in shaping a new school from its infancy to what it now is.

The level of commitment, how hard they have adapted to change and new ways of working, and the endless dedication they show every day for our children—that is what I am most proud of.

Their passion, teamwork and belief in our school community have been the driving force behind everything we have achieved together this year.



*Thank you to our incredible staff!*



DREAM

BELIEVE

ACHIEVE

SOAR

## LOOKING AHEAD



We are excited for what the future holds! Next year we will continue to:

- ♥ Launch Criw Cymraeg
- ♥ Expand after-school clubs
- ♥ Grow our family engagement offer
- ♥ Further improve attendance
- ♥ Support every child to reach their potential and be the best they can be

*The best is yet to come!*



*Every child deserves the very best opportunities to succeed, and with your support, we can continue to help them grow with grace and soar with strength.*



## THANK YOU!



To our pupils, families, staff, governors and wider community—thank you. You make Ysgol Minafon such a special place to learn, grow and soar.

*Together, we can achieve anything!*



ASPIRING  
to be the best  
we can be



CARING  
for ourselves,  
each other and  
our community



BELIEVING  
in ourselves and  
in our future

*Growing with Grace,  
Soaring with Strength*





# Our Community MAKES US STRONGER

WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERY CHILD.

Ysgol Minafon thrives because of the incredible support shown by our wider community. Together, we provide enriching experiences, raise funds and open doors for every child to learn, grow and succeed.

## PTA - MAKING MEMORIES & MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

- ♥ Movie nights
- ♥ Bingo evenings
- ♥ Non-uniform days
- ♥ Donation days
- ♥ Summer Fair



Thank you to our amazing PTA for raising vital funds that enhance experiences for all of our children!

## SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Funds raised have helped provide:

- ♥ A wide range of opportunities
- ♥ Enrichment experiences
- ♥ Resources that inspire
- ♥ A new Key Stage 2 nurture space opening in September

Your support makes a real difference every single day.



## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Gwynedd Forklifts!

This wonderful act of kindness came following a letter from the school. Thank you to Tom and James for giving their time, skills and machinery to help raise our Welsh flag high above Ysgol Minafon!



## ENRICHING OUR CURRICULUM - THANK YOU TO OUR VISITORS & PARTNERS



Cadw - Conwy Castle  
Learning through heritage



Oriel Odell  
Art, culture and creativity



Open the Book  
Bringing stories to life



Police Officers  
Keeping us safe and informed



Fire & Rescue Service  
Learning about safety



Health Professionals  
Supporting health and wellbeing



Tudor Volunteers  
Plas Mawr - Tudor dancing & history



Storytellers  
Inspiring imagination and creativity

We also loved welcoming: Library Service, Local Artists, Colwyn Bay Seagulls FC and our local secondary schools for transition support.

## STRONGER TOGETHER

Our local partnerships help our children see the world beyond the classroom and understand the importance of community, kindness and collaboration.



## GOVERNORS - GUIDING & SUPPORTING

Our governors play an increasingly important role in school life.

- ♥ Learning walks
- ♥ Standards reviews
- ♥ Pupil voice
- ♥ Challenging & supporting
- ♥ Strategic direction

Thank you to our governors for their dedication, time and commitment.



## FUNDRAISING & CHARITY

We have supported a range of charities and causes, including Children in Need, whilst also raising funds to enhance and improve opportunities for our pupils.



THANK YOU!



It takes a whole community to help every child flourish.  
Thank you to everyone who supports Ysgol Minafon.



ASPIRING  
to be the best  
we can be



CARING  
for ourselves,  
each other and  
our community



BELIEVING  
in ourselves and  
in our future

Growing with Grace,  
Soaring with Strength





# Together, WE ARE YSGOL MINAFON

Thank you to everyone who makes our school so special.

## FAREWELL & THANK YOU

This year we say a heartfelt farewell to two much-loved members of our school family.

*Mrs Chloe Edwards  
and Miss Cara Williams*

Both have dedicated many years to supporting our children, families and colleagues and have made an immeasurable contribution to our school community. While they may be beginning new chapters, they leave as valued friends of Ysgol Minafon and will always receive the warmest of welcomes whenever they return.

Diolch yn fawr iawn for everything.

*We wish you every happiness  
and success for the future!*

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR TEAM

Welcome  
**JAY**



Our new  
Breakfast  
Club Assistant.  
We look forward to  
seeing the positive  
relationships you  
continue to build  
with our children  
and families.



Welcome  
**MISS MACPHERSON**



Joining us on a  
fixed term  
contract as a  
valued member  
of Team Minafon.  
We are excited  
to have you  
with us.



Welcome  
**MISS SASS-DAVIES**



Thank you for  
everything you  
have already  
contributed.  
We are thrilled  
to have you as  
part of Team  
Minafon.



Welcome  
**MISS CHURCH**



Our new  
Midday  
Supervisor.  
We are delighted  
to have you join  
our team!



Welcome  
**AUNTIE ELAINE**



Our new Kitchen  
Cook Support.  
Thank you for  
helping to keep  
our children  
well fed and  
well cared for!



## A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR WIDER SCHOOL COMMUNITY



A thriving school is built by an entire community, and we extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported Ysgol Minafon this year.



**OUR GOVERNORS**  
for their leadership,  
challenge and unwavering  
support.



**EDUCATIONAL  
PSYCHOLOGISTS**  
for their expertise  
and guidance.



**BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT TEAM  
& ADDITIONAL LEARNING  
NEEDS LINK TEACHER**  
for helping every child  
reach their potential.



**SPEECH & LANGUAGE  
THERAPISTS &  
OCCUPATIONAL  
THERAPISTS**  
for their specialist support  
and advice.



**SCHOOL NURSES  
& SOCIAL WORKERS**  
for supporting the health  
and wellbeing of our  
families.



**EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT  
ADVISERS, EDUCATION  
SOCIAL WORK TEAM &  
ALL LOCAL AUTHORITY  
COLLEAGUES**  
for your support, partnership  
and dedication.



*It truly takes a whole community to help every child flourish.*



*Diolch  
for being part of  
our journey.*



*Here's to continuing  
our journey together  
and making even more  
memories in the  
year ahead!*



**ASPIRING**  
to be the best  
we can be



**CARING**  
for ourselves,  
each other and  
our community



**BELIEVING**  
in ourselves and  
in our future

*Growing with Grace,  
Soaring with Strength*





# A Year to BE PROUD OF!

Reflecting on an amazing year at Ysgol Minafon

Together, we have achieved so much, built memories and created a school we are all proud to be part of. Here are just some of our highlights...



## 1 A YEAR OF GROWTH

From our very first steps as a new school, we have grown in so many ways. Our classrooms are filled with curious minds, creative hearts and ambitious learners.

*Together, we learn, we grow, we soar!*



## 2 UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

- ♥ Amazing trips and experiences that brought learning to life.
- ♥ Creative clubs & activities that inspired new talents.
- ♥ Special events & celebrations that brought our community together.
- ♥ Every moment has helped us create memories to treasure forever.



## 3 OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION

From fundraising for new opportunities to supporting local causes, our school community has shown incredible generosity and kindness.

*Thank you to everyone who goes above and beyond to support our children.*



## 4 MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Our pupils have shown compassion, leadership and a strong voice in shaping our school and wider community. We are so proud of their continued commitment to making a positive impact.



## 5 A VERY SPECIAL VISIT – AN INSPIRING MOMENT!

A group of our School Council members had the incredible opportunity to see His Royal Highness Prince William during his visit to Youth Sheds.

From a distance, they watched as he arrived, greeted the crowd and spent time celebrating the amazing work of Youth Sheds.



*“It was amazing to see Prince William visiting Youth Sheds. We felt so proud to be part of a community that supports such important work for young people. A memory we will always cherish!”*

## 6 OUR WONDERFUL TEAM

To our amazing staff – your dedication, passion and hard work make Ysgol Minafon a place where children can flourish.

*Diolch yn fawr iawn!*



## 7 LOOKING AHEAD

We can't wait for what the future holds. Together, we will continue to:

- ★ Strive for excellence
- ★ Embrace new opportunities
- ★ Support each other
- ★ Dream big and reach for the skies!

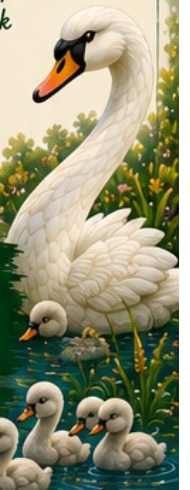
*The best is yet to come!*



## THANK YOU!

To every pupil, parent, staff member, governor, partner and friend of our school – thank you for being part of our journey this year.

*Together, we are Minafon. Together, we soar!*



**ASPIRING**  
to be the best we can be



**CARING**  
for ourselves, each other and our community



**BELIEVING**  
in ourselves and in our future

*Growing with Grace,  
Soaring with Strength*

