



Ysgol Penmorfa Newsletter



6th September 2024 (No. 1)

Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back this week. I have to say they have all looked great in their new school uniforms and many of them have grown so much over the summer holiday too!

School's Term Dates 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

INSET Days

Monday 2nd September

Tuesday 3rd September

Half term close—Friday 25th Oct

INSET Day-Mon 4th November

School opens for pupils
Tuesday 5th November

School closes for Christmas
Friday 20th Dec

SPRING TERM 2024

INSET Day-Monday 6th January

School reopens for pupils
Tuesday 7th Jan

School closes for Half Term
Friday 21st Feb

School opens for pupils
Monday 3rd March

INSET Day-Friday 28th March

School closes for Easter
Friday 11th April

SUMMER TERM 2024

School opens for pupils
Monday 28th April

Bank Holiday—Monday 5th May

Half term close
Friday 23rd May

School reopens for pupils
Monday 2nd June

School closes for Summer
Friday 18th July

INSET Day-Monday 21st July

Academi Celfyddydau
INDIGO
Performing Arts Academy

DOSBARTHIAU PERFFORMIO I BLANT **PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES FOR CHILDREN**

Academi Iau (7-11 oed)	10:00-12:30	Junior Academy (7-11 yrs)
Academi Hŷn (11-18 oed)	12:30-15:00	Senior Academy (11-18yrs)

POB DYDD SADWRN EVERY SATURDAY
NEUADD PWLLGLAS, GER RHUTHUN PWLLGLAS VILLAGE HALL, NEAR RHUTHUN

Dosbarthiadau ddwy-ieithog drama, canu a dawnio i blant a phobl ifanc 7-18 oed. Bilingual classes in drama, singing and dancing for children and young people aged 7-18 years.

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Scânwch âm fwy o wybodaeth ac i ymrëstru âm dosbarth dreial! Scan for more information and to enrol on a trial class!

Please can I remind you to bring proof of any medical appointments when collecting pupils early from school. We are happy to accept an email of a screen shot from your phone but need this information for our attendance procedures. It would also be really helpful if we are told about medical appointments in advance.

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Attendance and Punctuality

As we are at the start of a new school year I'd like to remind you about the importance of your child's attendance. Please make every effort to get your child/children to school on time. Doors open at 8.45am and we also have a breakfast club provision available from 7.45am at a cost of £2 and from 8am for £1. Children can also attend the club at 8.30am which is free of charge.

Our Attendance target is 95%

Can I also remind you to contact the school office if your child is absent for any reason. We now have an answering service so when you ring school just press option 1 and leave a message, giving your child's name, class and the reason for absence. This will avoid us having to contact you to find out why your child/children are away.

Thank you.

Year 4 quickly settled back into school routines. They have been consolidating their maths skills!



Extra-Curricular Clubs will start as follows:

Monday – Running for years 3 – 6 (until 4pm starting 16th September)

Monday – Young Voices for years 4, 5 & 6 (until 4pm starting 16th September)

Tuesday – Boys’ Football for years 5 & 6 (starting next week)

Wednesday – Netball for any pupils in years 3 – 6 (starting next week)

The clubs will run straight after school until 4.15pm unless otherwise stated. If you haven’t returned the form to join a club, please do so next week.

Thank you

Happy Birthday

Jack J – 1st September

Lucy Q – 1st September

Freya B – 2nd September

Natalia B – 4th September

Tyler H – 4th September

Dzhulia B – 5th September

Harrison O – 6th September

Peter R – 6th September

Arlo H – 7th September

Please note that we are not able to allow birthday cakes or sweets due to children with allergies and also being a healthy school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Important dates for your diary

Monday 9th September

1/2MH & 1/2P Forest School/Life Skills

Tuesday 10th September

Y4 & Y6 Forest School/Life Skills/Builders Yard

Y5 Swimming

Wednesday 11th September

Y3 & Y5 Forest School/Life Skills/Builders Yard


Thursday 12th September

EYW, EYJ & 1/2NH Forest School/Life Skills

Please note: This year we are asking all pupils to come to school in black tracksuits for their Forest School/Life Skills sessions and NOT own clothes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

We appreciate parking is difficult but please be mindful of our neighbours when dropping off and picking up and do not block their drives. It would be great to see more children walking to school to keep fit and healthy!

Please note Denbighshire does not allow authorised holidays in term time. Taking a holiday during term time seriously affects your child’s attendance and in turn their attainment. If unauthorised time is taken from school, this may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being served.

Educational Social Work Service 

Fixed Penalty Notice

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE
Applicable to
Statutory School Age from Child’s 5th Birthday

What will happen if the absence is unauthorised?

- The school will decide if a Fixed Penalty Notice should be issued. If the school decide that a Fixed Penalty Notice is to be issued
- You will receive a letter from the school advising that it has referred the matter to the Local Authority and that a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued:
- The school will inform the Local Authority that a Fixed Penalty Notice needs to be issued
- A Fixed Penalty Notice will be sent to you, accompanied by an explanatory letter, the Notice gives you the opportunity to pay a penalty fine instead of being prosecuted in the criminal courts

Penalties for Unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One Child	Two Children
Paid within 28 days	£60 per parent	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 28 days and before 42 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent
After 42 days	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates’ Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child’s regular school attendance	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates’ Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your children’s regular school attendance

Educational Social Work Service 

Payments will not be accepted after the 42nd day and payments cannot be paid in part or by instalments

Each school can provide you with the contact number of the Education Social Work Service if you wish to discuss this matter further:

Details about Fixed Penalty Notice can be found on our Website

www.denbighshire.gov.uk

Other leaflets are available through the school where your child is registered or through Education Services

- Helping your “School Attendance”
- Taking Children on Holiday during Term Time

The expression “parent” in relation to a child or young person, includes any person who is not a parent of a child but who has parental responsibility for him/her, or who has care of the child.

Making the Most of Everyone