YSGOL PENMORFA

Weekly newsletter - 06/11/2026

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term and managed to spend some quality time together.
This half term is notoriously busy in the lead up to Christmas, excitement levels increase by the week and the diary gets fuller and fuller! Please keep an eye on Seesaw and the newsletters for upcoming dates and activities.

Plans are well under way for this year's Christmas Fayre, a huge thank you to the PTA for their hard work so far, there will be plenty for the children to enjoy so please pop the 2nd December in your diaries and join us in the school hall. A letter was sent out on Seesaw yesterday regarding the upcoming AGM for the PTA, if you would like to apply for a role on the committee please send your information over as per the details in the letter.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L. Martin
Headteacher

Scholastic Book Fair

We have the Scholastic Book Fair in school from today (Friday 6th November) until next Tuesday, in the Training Room next to the school office. Books are available to purchase from 3.10 - 3.50 on each of the days or your children can bring money into school to purchase a book on their allocated slot in the Fair.

As you may know, every purchase made by yourselves ensures FREE books for our children to enjoy.

We are currently in the process of developing our school library into a space the children can enjoy choosing, reading and exploring a wide range of books. Any donations from the book fair will be wonderful additions to our revamped library space so please do pop and visit the Book Fair.

Thank you for your support.

SSCE Cymru (Supporting Service Children in Education)

The SSCE Cymru mission is to provide the best possible educational support to Service children in Wales. The SSCE Cymru team work with schools and local authorities across Wales to embed provision to best support children whose parent/s currently or have previously served in the Armed Forces.

At Ysgol Penmorfa we have a number of learners who have a parent/ parents who have served/ are serving in the Army/ Navy/ Air Force and it important to us that they are recognised and supported accordingly. On Wednesday we will be having a Remembrance Day assembly where some of our Service children will be sharing their parent's stories and medals and some classes will also be exploring these further during the day.

Mrs Martin and our two Head Pupils will also be attending the town service at 11am to lay a wreath on behalf of the whole school community.

Upcoming dates:

Friday 6th November - Wednesday 11th November - Scholastic Book Fair
Week beginning Monday 9th November - Parents Evenings
Monday 9th November - Swimming for Year 5
Thursday 12th November - Nursery Sponsored Welly Walk
Friday 13th November - Children in Need (wear own clothes for a donation)
Friday 13th November - Family Link Worker support with Free School Meal applications (1pm)
Monday 16th November - Swimming for Year 5
Wednesday 18th November - Netball tournament for selected learners
Friday 20th November - Individual and sibling photos
Monday 23rd November - Year 3 trip to Dangerpoint
Monday 23rd November - Swimming for Year 5
Tuesday 24th November - Music Cooperative to Year 3
Tuesday 24th November - PC Manus to Reception
W**ednesday 25th November** - Boys Football Festival for selected learners
Thursday 26th & Friday 27th November - Fluoride varnish application (Nursery to Year 2)
Friday 27th November - Prestatyn Christmas Light Switch On (selected learners from Yrs 1 & 2)
Friday 27th November - Christmas light switch on
Monday 30th November - Swimming for Year 5
Tuesday 1st December - Year 3 Christmas Crafts session
Wednesday 2nd December - Christmas Fair
Thursday 3rd December - PC Manus to Years 1 & 2

Meet the Governors

At Ysgol Penmorfa we have a very active Governing Body who work hard to support our school. Over the coming weeks I will be introducing each member on the newsletter to help you identify who they are and to understand a little more about them and why they chose to be on the Governing Body.

Kim Collins



Hi, I'm Kim, and I'm proud to be a parent governor at Ysgol Penmorfa.

I became a governor as a way of giving back to a school that supported my family through a very difficult time. The kindness, care and sense of community we experienced had a lasting impact on us, and I'm passionate about helping the school continue to thrive for all children and families.

Professionally, I work within transformational services, helping organisations improve services, manage change and support people to do their best work. I'm also a Registered Nurse, and throughout my career I've been passionate about supporting people, improving outcomes and making a positive difference in the communities I serve.

Alongside my professional role, I'm a Director of Clwb Penmorfa CIC, a community organisation that works closely with the school to create opportunities and support for local children and families. Being involved in both the school and the wider community gives me a real appreciation of the important role the school plays in helping young people flourish.

When I'm not working or volunteering, you'll usually find me out running, with my nose in a good book, or trying to stay one step ahead of my ever-growing to-do list!

If you see me at the school gates, please come and say hello. I'm always happy to chat and would love to hear your ideas, feedback and suggestions on how we can continue making Ysgol Penmorfa an even better place for our children to learn, grow and thrive.

Lost Property

We have accumulated a huge amount of lost property over the last few weeks and, unfortunately, a lot of it isn't labelled. A reminder to please ensure all of your child's belongings are labelled so, if they do get lost, they can be returned quickly. Unlabelled lost property is kept near the door by the main entrance, please have a look if you are missing anything.

Attendance

A letter was sent out yesterday reminding you of our procedures regarding unauthorised absences. Please find a copy of it below, further information regarding Fixed Penalty Notices can also be found on the Denbighshire County Council website.

BBC

CHILDREN IN NEED

Brighter Futures for Children

Together we can make a difference!

Friday 13th November

WEAR YOUR OWN CLOTHES DAY!

Small Donations Make a Big Difference!

Come to school in your favourite clothes and help support children and young people across the UK.

Be kind
Give support
Change lives

Date:
Friday 13th November

What to wear:
Your own clothes

What to bring:
A donation for BBC Children in Need

HAVE FUN · SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE · MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Thank You for Your Support!

Ysgol Penmorfa

Every donation helps support children and young people facing challenges across the UK.

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MAKING THE MOST OF EVERYONE

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

5th November 2026

Re: School Attendance expectations and procedures

Good school attendance is key to helping children have the best possible start in life to support and maximise their potential learning opportunities. There is clear evidence which links educational achievement to good school attendance.

Ysgol Penmorfa is determined to provide the best education to the children it serves. In recognition that school attendance and attainment are strongly linked a robust attendance procedure has been developed to support pupils learning. The procedure includes absence prompts and opportunities to meet with staff to support parents/ guardians/ carers in achieving the highest possible attendance for their child. It also however, has triggers to progress the matter to court for a parental prosecution where there is a failure of parents/ guardians to take up the support offered and where the child's education suffers.

If your child has 20 sessions (10 school days) of unauthorised absence, within one term, for any reason (including holidays, lateness after close of register and any other unauthorised absence), as part of the attendance procedures the school can request that the Local Authority issue you with a **Fixed Penalty Notice**. Fixed Penalty Notices and other sanctions will only be used where parental co-operation with this process is either absent or deemed to be insufficient to resolve the problem. The action will be used as a means to support parents to meet their **legal responsibilities**. You need to be aware that, although you may provide a reason for absence, it is the school that decides if the absence is recorded as authorised or unauthorised.

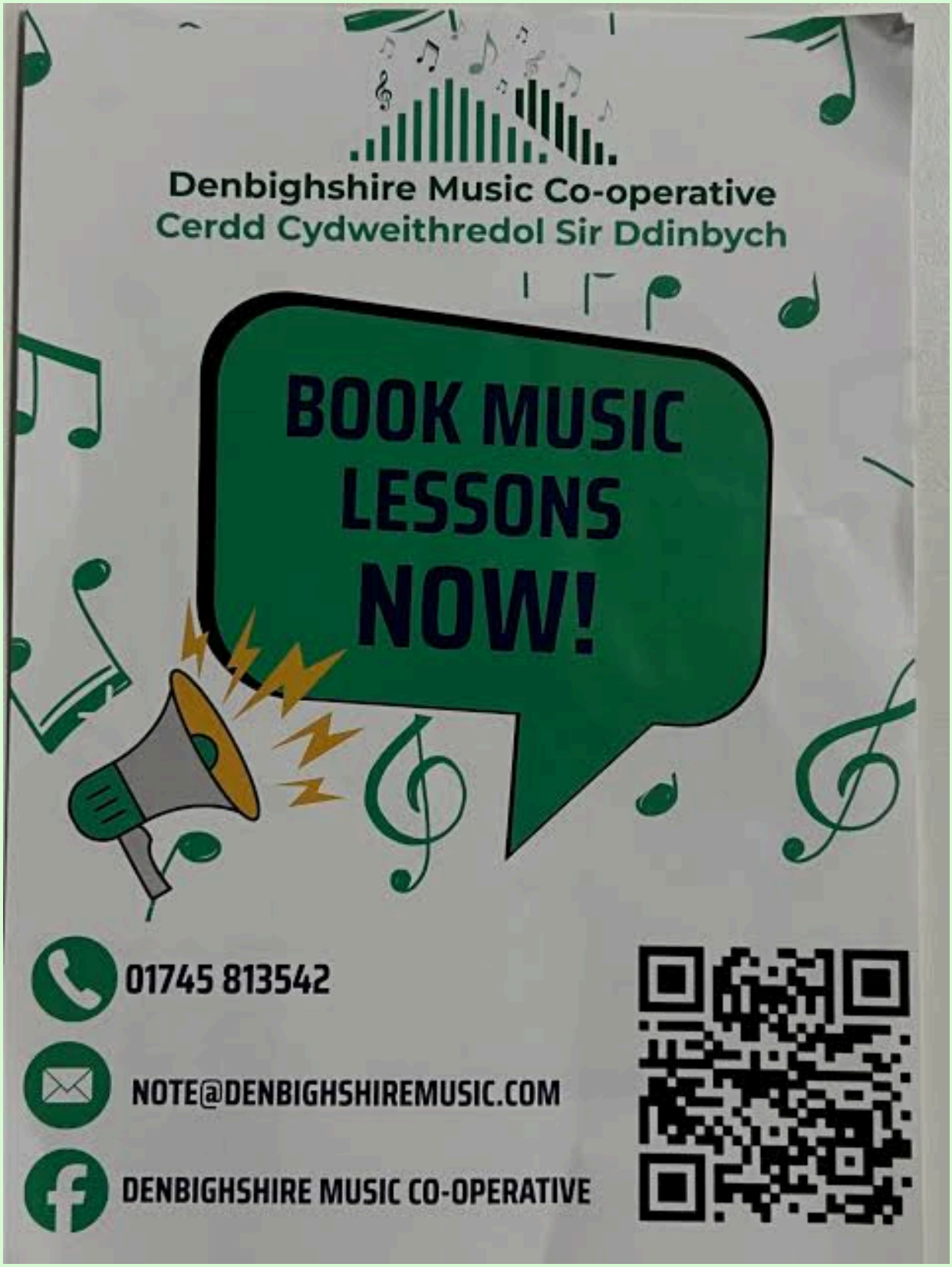
Further information regarding Fixed Penalty Notices is available on the Denbighshire website.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the structure is in place and will be followed. It is also to encourage you to take up the offers of support from the school to avoid reaching the point that prosecution is used as a measure to ensure your child attends school. Our policy is in place to improve attendance. As we know, for our children, this allows them to attain. Please support us and your child to attend more and attain more.

Thank you for your continued support,

LJMartin

Mrs L. Martin (Headteacher)


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