

Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Update for Parents, Carers and Learners – 17th February 2023



*Thank you for all your support.
We wish you a safe and happy
half term break*

Dear Parent and Carer,

As this half term comes to an end, we would like to thank all our pupils and parents for your unwavering support throughout. It is your support that helps us to maintain such a positive atmosphere and provide meaningful, enjoyable learning opportunities and experiences for all our pupils.

Over the last half term, our whole school community has worked together to achieve so much. Our learners have had the opportunity to engage in a wide range of exciting learning experiences including:

- A weekend at Llangrannog developing Welsh language skills;
- Celebration and recognition of Dydd Santes Dwynwen;
- “Freedom Fortnight” with a focus on Courage in all Areas of Learning for Year 7;
- Numerous visits to universities and external competitions;
- Completing GCSE assessments, oral and practical examinations;
- Extensive sporting activities and competitions both in and out of school;
- The Urdd “Tasty Challenge” competition;
- Rotary Club “Youth Speaks” competition;
- Rotary Club “Young Chef” award;
- And many more!

All of the above success stories and many more can be found on our Social Media Wall on our home page of our website at <https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/>

Bryngwyn Learners give “Insight” into Carmarthenshire County Council Budget Strategy

Bryngwyn learners joined 10 secondary schools across Carmarthenshire to share their views on proposals in the Council’s budget as part of an event organised by Carmarthenshire County Council. Learners had the chance to put themselves in the roles of the Council’s Cabinet and discuss their opinions on the proposed budget. The event is aimed at introducing young people to local government and



Key Dates:

- **Monday 20th – Friday 24th February** – Half Term
- **Monday 27th February** – All staff and pupils return to school
- **Wednesday 1st March** – Whole school Eisteddfod – **pupils welcome to wear house-coloured tops**
- **Thursday 2nd March** – Potential Industrial Action
- **Prize Evening:** *We are unable to proceed with our planned Prize Evening on 2nd March: this will now take place on **Monday 6th March 2023***

providing an opportunity for Cabinet Members to hear pupils' views and discuss ideas with young people.

Pupils now have a chance to shape the future of Carmarthenshire as their views were shared with Chief Executive Wendy Walters, Cabinet Members and senior officers in the Council's Chamber.



Visit to Lesotho

There was great excitement this morning as learners departed Bryngwyn for a visit to Lesotho in South Africa, as part of a joint venture with our federated school Glan Y Mor in conjunction with Taith and Dolen Cymru. While on their travels, pupils and staff will visit Thaba Tseka High School and, over the course of the week, they will experience life in the local community of Lesotho.

Finally, I would like to share our sincere thanks and appreciation to those of you who have taken the time to contact us directly with messages of support and very positive feedback. It is truly appreciated by all of us: we can all be very proud of what we have once again achieved together. It has been a genuine team effort from everyone in the Bryngwyn community including parents/carers, governors, caretaking, catering, cleaning, support and admin, TAs, teachers and SLT. Thank you all. ***Proud to be Bryngwyn!***

We hope you enjoy spending time with your families over half term, stay safe and well and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on site on **Monday 27th February.**

Best wishes,

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