



Ysgol Heol Y Mynydd

Mountain Lane Primary School

Cylchlythyr – Newsletter – 02.10.26



'Inspiring and inclusive learning experiences are at the heart of our safe, happy, caring school'

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome parents and carers to our first Parents' Evening of the academic year on Wednesday evening. I hope you found the opportunity to find out about how your child has settled into their new class and to meet their teacher worthwhile.

During this week's whole school Cymraeg assembly, we found out about the life of Orig, a wrestler from a small village, Ysbyty Ifan, in the mountains of Snowdonia. After school Orig joined the Royal Air Force before becoming a professional footballer. After football, he became 'El Bandito' a professional wrestler and fought all over the world, however he never forgot his Welsh roots.

Our new patrwm y pythefnos is:

Ga i ...?
Cei / Na chei.

May I (have)... Can I (have) ...?
Yes (you may) / No (you may not)

Ga i fynd i'r toiled?
Ga i help?

May I go to the toilet?
Can I have help?

Ga i rwber / (g)lud / bensil / ddiod / ddwr?
Ga i lenwi fy mhotel?

Can I have a rubber / some glue / a pencil / a drink, some water?
May I fill my bottle?

On Monday afternoon we were joined by members of the Flintshire Playscheme and Wellbeing Team. Pupils from Blwyddyn 2 – 6 took part in an assembly to launch Flintshire's Belonging Strategy. Pupils had the opportunity to think about what it means to belong to Mountain Lane School, Buckley and Flintshire and share their ideas. The team then went on to explore the theme of safety and asked the pupils to think about the places where they feel safe and the people that make them feel safe. Pupils in Blwyddyn 4 – 6 will carry out a lesson on the theme of safety before half term. Many thanks to the team who will be back after Christmas to explore the theme of 'seen' with our pupils; this work is a part of a Cluster project as you can see from the poster below #Community.



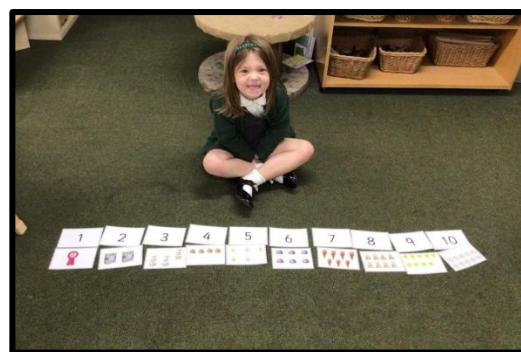
Progression Step 1 (Nursery and Reception) news and events:

This week in Nursery, the children have been introduced to Olie Owl's friend, Hollie the Hedgehog, and enjoyed reading the story *The Prickly Hedgehog* by Gavin Rowe. We have been learning lots of interesting facts about hedgehogs in our Curiosity Corner, as well as singing hedgehog themed songs and rhymes, painting pictures and creating our very own hedgehogs using dough and craft. The children were also introduced to the Numicon shapes, which the children enjoyed exploring and investigating.



This week in Reception, as part of our topic 'Marvellous Me', the children have been learning about the different ways in which birthdays are celebrated. In class pupils have had fun exploring the 'birthday treasure basket' and have had opportunities to share their past birthday experiences with one another, while also dreaming up ways they would like to celebrate their birthdays in the future.

In Drawing Club this week, pupils listened to the story 'The Birthday Invitation' by Lucy Rowland. Following the story, the children were invited to use their imaginations to create their own characters and write unique passwords that would allow their characters to partake in special activities. This not only facilitated their creativity but also encouraged pupils to develop their oracy skills #Creativity. The children have enjoyed listening to the Welsh story 'Y Parti' focusing on key vocabulary such as ty (house), jeli (jelly), and parti (party). During Sparkle Time, pupils had fun using the Magi Ann software on the iPads to listen to the story and further immerse themselves in the new vocabulary. In Maths this week, the children have been busy recognising numbers and have particularly enjoyed playing a counting and number matching game.





Progression Step 2 (Year 1, 2 & 3) news and events:

This week in Blwyddyn 1 we have been learning how to write ordinal numbers in words and digits. We have been lining up classroom objects from our small world area and describing their positions using ordinal numbers. We have also played a fun duck race online game and described our finishing positions with ordinal numbers.

We have been focusing on adjectives and we sorted a collection of words into an 'Adjective Soup' and left out the words which were nouns. We enjoyed dressing up for European Language Day last Friday and enjoyed learning some British Sign Language for colours and greetings.



This week, Blwyddyn 3 have continued their recorder lessons with staff from Theatr Clwyd. The children have enjoyed singing songs and learning the first note of the recorder #Creativity

As well as music lessons, the children have been learning more about pirates and carried out a Numeracy lesson outside. The children worked together to identify objects on a treasure map by using their knowledge of coordinates!



Progression Step 3 (Year 4, 5 & 6) news and events:

Last week, Blwyddyn 4 enjoyed taking part in a walk along the Buckley Heritage Trail. Stuart from FCC guided us along the trail and shared lots of fascinating information about Buckley's history, including the many collieries that were once found in the local area. This was a fantastic opportunity to bring our learning to life and linked perfectly with our current topic, Cynefin (Belonging), where we have been learning about Buckley's brickworks and the important role they played in our local community.

A huge diolch to Stuart for leading our walk and for sharing so much interesting information with us. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring their local area and learning more about the history of the place they call home!

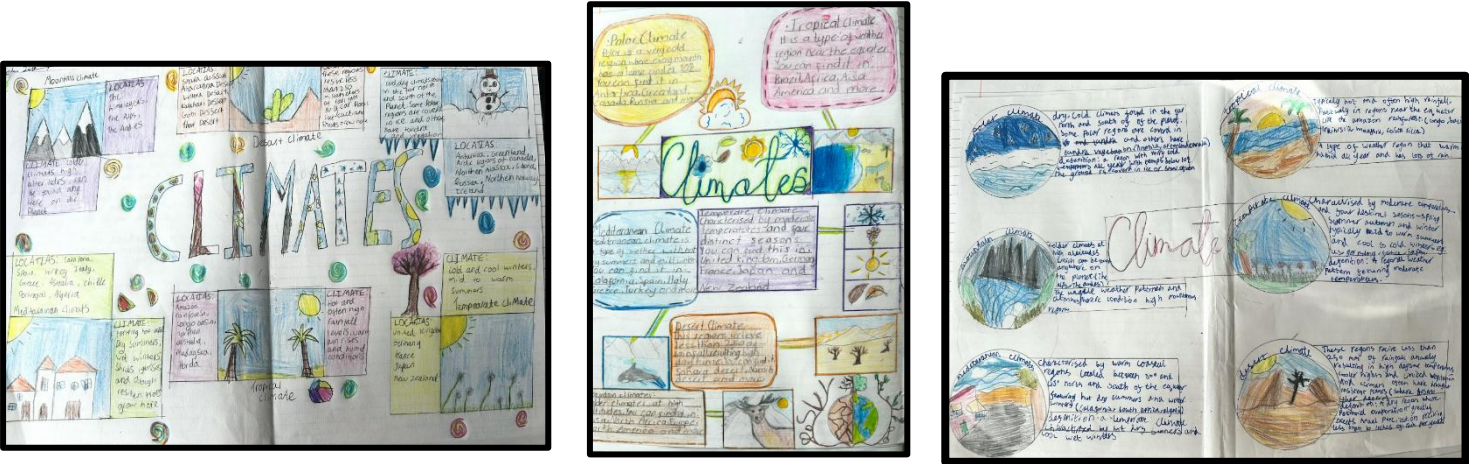


Blwyddyn 5 have had yet another busy week in school. In maths the children have developed their skills in column subtraction, some children are already confident with calculating numbers up to 1 million.

In LLC the children are planning their adverts for one of the modern wonders of the world. We have started to look at the features of an excerpt and understand the language used within them. We had fun in P.E. by doing a rugby/ hockey circuit. It was great to see some of the children applying the skills they have learnt over the last few weeks. Today we were lucky to have Xplore Science visit and talk to the children about 'Under the Sea' #Community.



Pupils in Blwyddyn 6 have explored the theme of safety this week, thinking about their safe space, which included their home, bedroom, Grandparents' house and garden. Pupils then went on to think about the locations in school where they feel safe, these were noted on a map of the school. Pupils have also enjoyed taking part in a workshop with Xplore Science today. As part of their Frozen Kingdoms topic, pupils in Year 6 have been researching information about the World's Climates.



Whole School News and Events:

Inappropriate Parking

Unfortunately, we have again received communication from our neighbours regarding inappropriate parking outside their property. Please can I ask that you consider the needs of our neighbours at pick up and drop off times – diolch in advance #Community.

Lost Property

Kailan (Class 9) has misplaced his Mountain Lane P.E. jacket. Please could you check your child's P.E. jacket in case they have brought Kailan's home in error – diolch.

Next FFML Event

Spooky Dress Up Day – 21st October 2026

Pupils are invited to take part in our Spooky Dress Up day on Wednesday 21st October, more details can be found on the FFML Facebook page and a £1.00 payment request has been set up on Gateway. We look forward to seeing the children dressed in their Spooky Outfits!

Please see below information about free swimming sessions from Gwella. Sessions in Buckley are on a Saturday from 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. To book a place, please call Buckley Leisure Centre on 01352 704290 or visit www.gwella.wales.

Nursery Drop in Sessions

Our Nursery Department will be holding drop-in sessions for parents who wish to come along to visit Mountain Lane and view our lovely Nursery. The dates are as follows:-

Tuesday 6th October: 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 18th November: 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Please use the link to book your place: <https://forms.gle/a7ZxJy6EvSVs1rh78>



Mountain Lane School

Do you have a child who will have had their 3rd birthday before 1st September 2027?

Would you like to see our Nursery Class and meet the team?

We would be delighted to show you around and answer any questions you have at our drop ins on **Tuesday 6th October** and **Wednesday 18th November 2026** from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Please complete the Google Form, using the link, to book a place for the drops ins – <https://forms.gle/a7ZxJy6EvSVs1rh78>



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Free Swimming Timetable 2025

For Young People Aged 16 Years And Under

In Flintshire, free junior sessions for young people are available across the five swimming pools in Buckley, Conna's Quay, Flint, Holywell and Mold throughout the year.

BUCKLEY LEISURE CENTRE (Gwella) Call 01352 704290 or visit www.gwella.wales	SAT 11:15 - 2:15pm
CONNAH'S QUAY (Cambrian Aquatic Sports Centre) Call 01244 956595	SAT 11:30am - 1:00pm
JADE JONES PAVILION FLINT (Gwella) Call 01352 704301 or visit www.gwella.wales	SUN 2:00 - 3:30pm
HOLYWELL LEISURE CENTRE (Community Managed) Call 01352 355100 or visit www.holywellleisurecentre.com	SAT 12:00 - 1:00pm
MOLD LEISURE CENTRE (Gwella) Call 01352 704330 or visit www.gwella.wales	SUN 10:45 - 11:45am



Community

The Cygnet Autism Support Programme is for parents and carers of children and young people, aged 5-18, who are diagnosed as autistic or are being assessed.

Parents of autistic children face the usual positive and difficult challenges of parenting and quite a few more. Attending a Cygnet autism support programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and consider ways to support their child.

It also provides the opportunity to meet other people in a similar position and hear about their experiences in an informal but supportive atmosphere.

Free courses start in October; the link below can be used to book a place:

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/courses/cygnet-autism-support>

Please see attached details regarding 'Understanding Tourette's Syndrome.'

Key Dates for next the Term:

6 th October	Nursery Drop-in
15 th October	FFML AGM at 3.15 p.m.
22 nd October	School Closes for Half Term
23 rd October	Staff Training Day
2 nd November	School re-opens after half term
4 th November	Flu Immunisations (for Pupils from Reception to Year 5)
4 th - 6 th November	Year 6 Pupils visit to Glan Llyn
18 th November	Nursery Drop-in
30 th November	Flu Immunisations (for Pupils in Year 6)
8 th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert 1.30pm - 2.30pm
9 th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert 9.30am - 10.30am
10 th December	Reception Christmas Concert 9.30am - 10.30am
14 th December	Nursery Christmas Concert 11.00am (Blue) and 2.30pm (Red)
14 th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Service at St. Matthew's Church 6.00 pm
15 th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Service at St. Matthew's Church 6.00 pm
16 th December	Christmas Craft Day and Christmas Lunch
18 th December	School closes for Christmas break
4 th January	Staff Training Day
5 th January	School re-opens for pupils

Friday Core Value of the Week Award Assembly:

This morning we held our first Core Value of the Week Award Assembly during which one pupil per class was awarded a Core Value of the Week Certificate. The names of those pupils who received a certificate this week can be seen below:

Class 1 - Elsie
Class 2 - Riley
Class 3 - All of Dosbarth 3
Class 4 - Ariella
Class 5 - Ryan
Class 6 - Ruben G
Class 7 - Jack
Class 8 - Charlie G
Class 9 - Nansi
Class 10 - Jasper
Class 11 - Gwilym
Class 12 - Octavia
Class 13 - Edith
Class 14 - Leonardo

Attendance and Punctuality.

At the end of this week our whole school attendance is 93.84%

Week commencing 21.09.26 was 93.98%

Year to date is: 94.78%



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