



Ysgol Heol Y Mynydd Mountain Lane Primary School

Cylchlythyr – Newsletter – 17.07.26



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this final Newsletter of 2025/2026 finds you well. As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I wanted to take a moment to say thank you for your continued support and dedication to Mountain Lane School.

Firstly, I would like to express my appreciation to all parents and carers who have volunteered their time, effort, and resources throughout the year. Your efforts in assisting with school events, fundraising opportunities, listening to readers and extra-curricular activities have greatly enriched our school during the year #Community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our fantastic Year 6 pupils on their very polished performances of 'Gigglebox'. It has been an absolute privilege to watch the pupils grow and make progress during their time with us here at Mountain Lane School. The dedication and resilience they have demonstrated in their work, combined with their enthusiasm for learning, have been wonderful. I have no doubt that they will carry with them the Core Values that have been instilled in them, setting them on a path to success in their future.

Thank you to each and every member of our staff for their tireless and continued hard work, dedication, and commitment throughout the year. Their passion for education, coupled with their on-going efforts, continues to make a difference to the lives of the children. As you will be aware, we welcomed a team of Estyn Inspectors to school in June to carry out a Core Inspection. All staff worked incredibly hard during the build up to this and on the 3 days that the team were here. I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for guiding our school through this process.

The full report will be available on Estyn's website on 3rd August at:

https://estyn.gov.wales/latest-inspection-reports/?report_type=parents-and-carers-report

My thanks are also extended to our Governing Body who give their time freely to support the staff, pupils and Mountain Lane community in the running of Mountain Lane School.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Miss Turley and her partner all the best for the arrival of their baby daughter – we will update you when we have some news to share!

This morning we held our final Whole School Assembly, during which we had the opportunity to award our Core Value of the Year Certificates. Class teachers have chosen 5 children from their class who they feel have demonstrated one of the Core Values of Grit, Respect, Creativity, Community and Kindness regularly throughout the year. Please see below our Core Value Award winners for 2025/2026:

Nursery Blue: Community - Ted, Creativity - Alfie, Grit - Dheshna, Kindness - Olivia, Respect - Mabel

Nursery Red: Community - Luca, Creativity - Edward, Grit - Sofia-May, Kindness - Hallie, Respect - Noah D

Class 1: Community - Dhiyanaa, Creativity - Elsie, Grit - Theo, Kindness - Indie, Respect - Finley

Class 2: Community - Elliot, Creativity - Rupert, Grit - Sophie, Kindness - Eris, Respect - Rosie

Class 3: Community - Nancie, Creativity - Cici, Grit - Louie, Kindness - Mali, Respect - Amelia

Class 4: Community - Winnie, Creativity - Hallie, Grit - Ava S, Kindness - Evie, Respect - River

Class 5: Community - Baran, Creativity - George M, Grit - George. W, Kindness - Hallie, Respect - Phoebe

Class 6: Community - Auri, Creativity - Jack, Grit - Freya, Kindness - Seb, Respect - Hadleigh

Class 7: Community - Ivy-Rose, Creativity - Harry, Grit - Jasper, Kindness - Evie, Respect - Tomos

Class 8: Community - Evie, Creativity - Jessica, Grit - Heston, Kindness - Maya, Respect - Jake

Class 9: Community - Adlai, Creativity - Caleb, Grit - Evie, Kindness - Charlotte, Respect - Jackson L

Class 10: Community - Alistair, Creativity - Ffion, Grit - George, Kindness - Charlie, Respect - Elian

Class 11: Community - Savannah, Creativity - Aubrey, Grit - Harrison, Kindness - Esmé, Respect - Isabelle

Class 12: Community - Jamie, Creativity - Honey, Grit - Vinny, Kindness - Skylar, Respect - Toby

Class 13: Community - Oliver, Creativity - Osian, Grit - Isabelle, Kindness - Gracie, Respect - Oscar

Class 14: Community - Grace, Creativity - Charlie T, Grit - Olive, Kindness - Cody, Respect - Axel

Da iawn to all of our Core Value of the Year Award winners!

In this week's Newsletter you will find information about the following Year Groups:

Nursery, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6.

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

The children enjoyed an exciting final week in Nursery, continuing their adventures in Australia. We learned about traditional Australian instruments, including the didgeridoo and drums. The children had fun exploring the different sounds, playing the instruments, and even creating their very own Australian band!

To finish our Australian adventure, we celebrated with a special Australia Day. The children came to school dressed in Australian-themed clothing and set off on an exciting safari, spotting animals from the Outback along the way. They enjoyed playing games, singing Australian songs, and dancing together. After all of our busy adventures, everyone tucked into some delicious Australian-inspired food.

It has been a wonderful week filled with fun, laughter, and special memories as we celebrated our time together in Nursery.



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

Dosbarth 7 have been busy finishing off our Romans focus by finding out information about Julius Caesar. The children have worked very hard over the year, and have produced some lovely pieces of work! Da iawn to each of you- you have had a brilliant Year in Blwyddyn 3!

Blwyddyn 3 staff would like to take this opportunity to say diolch for all of the cards and gifts that we have received from you- you have been incredibly generous! We hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable Summer break!

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

It has been a fun-filled final week together in Blwyddyn 5. We have finished off work on our monologues from the point of view of Cameron from Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman. We also finished reading the text and enjoyed finding out what happened to Cameron at the end of the book. We have written letters to our future selves too - not to be opened until July 16th 2036!

Dosbarth 12 also welcomed Miss Shorthouse from NEWA back to class on Wednesday afternoon. During the session they learned about the German plane crash in Buckley in 1941. They are now keen to explore Buckley over the summer to see if they can find the crash site!

We have also enjoyed spending time together playing games, discussing holiday plans and evaluating our year - it's been a blast! #Community. The staff would like to take this opportunity to say a huge DIOLCH for the very kind gifts and cards we have received. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness. It has been a pleasure helping your children on their Mountain Lane journey and we will be taking fond memories of our time with them away from this year. #Respect #Kindness

We wish you all a wonderful summer together and thank you for your support this year. We know the children are going to smash their final year in Mountain Lane!

Oh, hi Marlon, I knew I'd see you eventually. Why did you tell your parents about my secret? Why did you betray me? Now the whole world knows about my operation. Everyone is going to think I'm weird. Nobody is going to like me. I thought I could trust you. I can't believe that you have done this. I feel betrayed and angry. Are we even friends anymore? Were we ever friends?

When I came back from the hospital a roaring crowd of people were outside my house. Reporters and protesters were banging on the car windows. They were screaming and shouting while the police were trying to hold them back. The journalists in the press conference were trying to ask us questions. When we got in the house, mum heard the phone ringing and answered it. It was a question about my heart transplant. She said no and walked off. She heard it again and unplugged the phone wire. I don't feel safe. Marlon, this would not happen if you did not tell your parents my secret. Do you realise you have told the whole world about my new heart.

Do you know what makes this even worse? My mum is pregnant. The stress on her face looks frightening. All she does is worry about protesters, reporters and me. She looks tired and wants our family to go back to normal like it was. I am also terrified to go to school. They will call me names. What if they call me a monster? A man at the press conference called me Frankenstein. I had to stick up for myself. What about other friends? They will look at me like I am a freak. And what about Julie? I was looking forward to being normal again but no, all because of you.

So Marlon, how am I supposed to forgive you? Best friends are supposed to keep secrets and trust each other, but look at you. Our friendship was supposed to be strong, like a rope that could never snap, but now it is frayed and broken and can never be put back together. You have ruined everything between us. This operation is the most important thing in my life and you have just destroyed my family. I hope the money was worth it.



Pupils in Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful end of term treat on Thursday morning where they had the opportunity to use a range of equipment in their final P.E. session. As you can see from the expression on their faces, much fun was had by all!



Whole School News and Events:

Please see important information below regarding flu immunisations which are due to take place in school on Wednesday 4th November 2026 – please note that consent is now required electronically. A separate School Comms message has been sent with the link however the site can also be accessed using the QR Code below – diolch.

The school immunisation team will visit school **04/11/2026** to offer children vaccination against influenza (**flu**).

The NHS recommends that your child has a **flu** vaccination every year.

Please follow the link below to complete the consent form by.....28/10/2026.....

Please take time to **read** this information. **Fill in** the consent form to help us make sure your child doesn't miss out. You can complete the form online – go to bcuhb.nhs.wales/SchoolFlu or **scan the QR code**. Or you can request a paper consent form to **complete and return**.



Achievements:

On Thursday I was delighted to award Emily (Class 13) with this year's 'Shining Star Award'. This award was donated to school several years ago in memory of Mr. K Booth, a former parent of Mountain Lane School who read with the children on a regular basis. The award is presented annually to a pupil in Year 6 who epitomises our Core Values; da iawn ti Emily.

Community:

We would like to thank a pupil from Year 3 for representing Mountain Lane School in Tuesday's Buckley Jubilee Parade. Jemima has been a super class representative on our Owl Parliament this year, we are very grateful to her for taking part in the parade on our behalf #Community #Respect #Kindness.



Next year, St Matthew's Church is likely to undergo some major restoration to the Clerestory (the section between the lower and upper roof). We would like to apply for grants to pay for some or all of this. Your answers to a survey will help the Church to show how much St Matthew's is valued by the local community. The survey is also available in paper form from the Church or Church Hall.

Alternatively, you are welcome to send the Church a few words by email, using the following email address:

webmaster@stmatthewsbuckley.church

St Matthew's Church, Buckley Community Survey:

<https://forms.gle/mLf4Vh65M2Meh4um9>

Diolch yn fawr – Reverend Jenny Clarke.

Please see below community events which may be of interest to you:



 August 2026 Timetable All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long £24 each or FREE with School Membership Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours	
School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm

 September Timetable All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long £24 each or FREE with School Membership Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours	
Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm



Important Dates:

Wednesday 2nd September

School re-opens to pupils

The term dates, including next year's training days, can be found on the School Website calendar using the following link:

<https://www.mountainlane.co.uk/gwbodaethinformation/parentone/calendar1>

Attendance and Punctuality.

At the end of this week our whole school attendance is 91.64%

Week commencing 06.07.26 was 92.97%

Year to date is: 94.49%



'Believe, Achieve, Succeed'

