

HENDREFOILAN NEWS

LEARN, HAVE FUN AND REACH FOR THE STARS

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WELCOME TO OUR PUPIL VOICE NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM 2026

POWERFUL PUPIL VOICE!

We have been up to a lot this term. All the pupil voice groups have been studying different ways to make the school a better place. We have eight pupil voice groups in total made up of pupils from different year groups, so we have a proper understanding of the school! Every pupil voice group has a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary and we record minutes of every meeting. We meet every fortnight and we take pupil voice very seriously.



These are our pupil voice group logos, designed by pupils in each group!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School council have been working on things to improve the way that we learn in school, including making questionnaires about independence in school for everyone to fill out. These questionnaires will tell us if pupils know what to do if they get stuck on their work and what the marking codes in their book mean, and if they feel confident enough to self and peer assess.



We have also held interviews with the catering supervisors and talked about a balanced meal and asked if we could have a new salad cart, so we made a survey to find out which veggies the pupils would like in the cart. We tallied up the votes and added the most popular ones!



ECO COMMITTEE



Eco Committee have been very busy - we have planted some daffodils this term and we have had someone in to talk to us about rainforests from the Size of Wales charity. We have also been checking the school's recycling and any dripping taps. We are also hoping to have a planting day next term. We have also completed the Eco Audit for 2026!



CRIW CYMRAEG



We had a great time on St David's Day, holding an Eisteddfod and Criw picked the winners.

We have also introduced Welsh games on the yard and Mrs Barrar (one of the governors) comes once a week to assist Criw Cymraeg outside.



DIGITAL LEADERS

We have organised an assembly to inform pupils about internet safety and AI. We also gathered information on these topics so that we could be experts and use this information in weekly meetings and in our important role as digital leaders.



HEALTHY HEROES

Healthy Heroes have been busy trying to encourage pupils to have healthier snacks in school, containing less sugar. Also, we organised a Danceathon for Red Nose Day this year, and we asked every class to perform a dance and a panel of judges chose the winning dance - Year 6! Even the teachers had a go (cringe!).



PLAY PALS

We created a survey and asked pupils across the school what play equipment they would like on the yard. We looked at what we already had and then priced up items that pupils voted on. After this, we installed three new play sheds filled with boxes full of play equipment that children use daily. We asked Mrs Wisby if we could spend some money on kitting out the boxes, and we were lucky to have some money left over from the Hendrefest so we were able to use some to make playtimes more fun!



WORLD VOICES



Our language of the term has been Portuguese and we plan to teach everyone some key phrases that they could use. We have decided to have a language focus every term so we can increase our skills and the number of languages that we speak. We have experts in lots of languages across the school! There are 17 different languages spoken in our school!



SAFETY SQUAD

The pupils in Safety Squad have carried out safety walks around the school to ensure that the school is a safe place for all the pupils. We noticed that many of our cloakrooms were not being carefully looked after by pupils and lots of bags and coats were on the floor- being a tripping hazard for children of all ages. Safety Squad to the rescue!

MAGIC MOMENTS

Magic moment

Pupil name:

Date:

Magic moment:

Our teachers give us these special mini certificates for things that they notice we have done well. Pupils love getting these and we feel very proud to take home a 'Magic Moment'. This means our teachers are looking out for special behaviour or special work all week, and not just for certificate assembly!

ZONES OF REGULATION

Every morning pupils in every class check in their feelings in the zone of regulation in class. We have learned about how to express our feelings and what we can do if we are in different zones at different times in the day.



SELF HELP STATIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE



Every class now has a self-help station where we can get resources to help us work independently and check our work in different ways.



OUR BIG QUESTION!

Every few weeks we are asked a BIG QUESTION! Every class has to discuss the question and use hand signals to show their thoughts. Working as a team, we answer the question and explore different points of view.

Our most recent big question has been: Should we always tell the truth, even if it might hurt someone's feelings? Is a lie ever acceptable? What do you think?

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(Ethics, Empathy, Integrity)

Hand Signals

<p>Closed fist – I'm thinking</p>	<p>Two closed fists – I agree with your point, I would like to extend your answer</p>
<p>Thumbs up – I have thought of what I want to say</p>	<p>Hand up (close to chest) – I disagree with your point, I would like to counter your answer</p>

SNOW AND ICE!

We started the year under a blanket of white- lots and lots of... SNOW!! (AND ICE)...



WORLD BOOK DAY FUN!



World Book Day was awesome! Older pupils went down to read with younger pupils and we had great fun dressing up too!

We played a whole school Where's Wally game and the teachers all dressed up as Wally!



VISITORS AND TRIPS

We have had lots of visitors to the school, including PC Chris and PC Dix, who came to speak to Y6 about social media. Technocamps have been in to work alongside many of our classes. The Size of Wales Charity has also worked with junior pupils.

Phil Davies from Dunvant Gospel Hall has also been in to teach us songs in assembly!



We have also enjoyed trips to the library and we loved singing for the Wicked Singalong in the Brangwyn Hall. Year 4 also enjoyed a trip to the Gower this week!

SPORTS

Our football teams recently entered a tournament and came 3rd! We narrowly missed out on getting through the semi-finals. An excellent day of football and fun!

Our Y5/6 netball teams played against Crwys and we won both matches. Again, another great show of sportsmanship and talent!

