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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A very warm welcome back to a new school year!

It has been wonderful to see the children returning with excitement and enthusiasm, ready to reconnect with friends and make new ones. The school is already buzzing with energy and positivity.

I would also like to extend a special welcome to all families who are new to Ysgol Gymraeg Tonyrefail this year. We look forward to getting to know you over the coming months.

At Ysgol Gymraeg Tonyrefail, we are proud of our caring, inclusive and Welsh ethos. We firmly believe that working together with families helps us provide the very best experiences and opportunities for every child.

 **Reminder:** We operate an open-door policy. If you ever have any questions, concerns or information you would like to share, please do not hesitate to contact us.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your continued support. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to creating many special memories with our children.

Warm regards,
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Arrival and Collection from School

We would like to remind parents and carers that pupils may enter the school from **8:50am**, with the school day officially beginning at **9:00am**. Arriving on time is very important as it gives children the opportunity to settle in, prepare for the day ahead, and begin their learning in a calm and positive way.

The school gates will be locked at **9:10am**. If a pupil arrives after this time, they will need to report to the school reception to register before joining their class.

Thank you for your support in helping to ensure that every child has the best possible start to their school day.

We would also like to emphasise the importance of avoiding collecting children early from school **on a regular basis** unless it is absolutely necessary. Leaving school before the end of the day results in lost learning time and can often affect pupils' ability to complete important classroom tasks and activities.

This does not apply to pupils with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) where specific arrangements have already been agreed between the family and the school.

As a reminder, the school day ends at **3:10pm** for Reception Class pupils and at **3:30pm** for the rest of the school.

★ Important

🎯 School Clubs

📅 Restarting next week!

- ✅ All clubs will start at the end of the school day and run until 4:30 pm
- ✅ Please arrange transport/collection for your child at 4:30 pm
- ✅ Clubs will be capped at 25 pupils and will operate on a first come first serve basis with registration on the form.



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✓ A Microsoft Forms will be sent out to you to complete which clubs you'd like your child to attend. Please complete this as soon as possible.

! We'll only be able to allow pupils to stay for the club that have permission to do so.

📋 Please see the menu of clubs available below:

Club	Who can attend	Day	Staff responsible for the club
Urdd Club	Years 1-6	Tuesday	Mrs Lancaster / Mrs Ritchie-Lewis
Sports club	Years 3 and 4	Wednesday	Mrs Samuel / Miss Thomas
Sports club	Years 5 and 6	Wednesday	Miss John / Mr Lewis
Games Club	Years 4, 5 a 6	Thursday	Mr Phillips / Miss Hughes

👩🏫👨🏫 Meet the Teacher Event in School

📅 Monday the 28th of September

We would like to invite you to come and meet your child's class teacher.

The session will include:

- ✓ An overview of the academic year
- ✓ Ideas for supporting learning at home
- ✓ Class routines and timetable information
- ✓ Homework expectations

Session Times

Session 1: 4:00yh / pm



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Session 2: 4:30yh / pm

To support families with more than one child in the school, each teacher will deliver two sessions, allowing you to attend more than one presentation if required. The sessions will be hosted as follows:

Nursery/Reception – Miss Hughes and Miss John

Year 1/Year 2 – Mrs Lancaster and Mrs Ritchie-Lewis

Year 3/4 – Mrs Samuel (Miss Doyle)

Year 4/5 – Mr Phillips

Year 5/6 – Miss Thomas

💙 We look forward to welcoming you to the school.

This term's important events		
Date	Event	Who
Week commencing 14/9	Clubs to restart	Years 1-6
25/9	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon	
28/9	Meet the Teacher sessions	Nursery-Year 6
12/10	Whole School INSET day	Nursery-Year 6
15/10	Diwrnod Shwmae/Su'mae	
16/10	Wear red to school day for Show Racism the Red Card	Nursery-Year 6
22/10	Flu nasal spray	Nursery-Year 6
26/10 – 30/10	Half Term	
9/11 and 10/11	Parents Evenings – information to follow	Reception-Year 6
20/11	Children in Need Day – children to wear their own clothes.	Nursery-Year 6
10/12	Christmas Jumper Day	Nursery-Year 6
15/12	Christmas Concert in school	Years 1 and 2
16/12	Christmas Concert – St David's Church	Years 3-6
17/12	Christmas Concert in school	Nursery and Reception
18/12	Last day of term	Nursery-Year 6



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☀ **Gwnewch y Pethau Bychain** (Do the small things)

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