



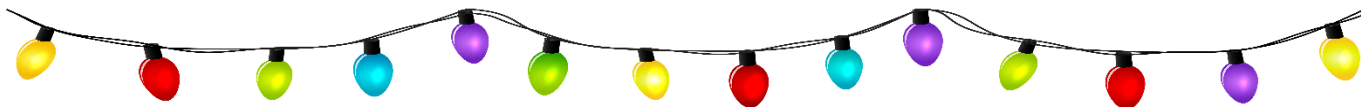
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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome back and what a busy month it's been!!!

I hope all the children have settled well into their new classes and becoming familiar with their new routines. The month has flown and before we know it half term will soon be upon us.

This month, our children took part in our School Senedd elections, and it was fantastic to see so many pupils putting themselves forward for the various Pupil Voice committees. From posters and PowerPoint presentations to carefully prepared speeches, the enthusiasm shown by the children was truly impressive and greater than ever before.



I was especially proud to hear from staff about the thought, research and effort that many children put into preparing their speeches. It was wonderful to see such confidence, commitment and passion for making a difference in our school community. A huge well done to everyone who took part, and llongyfarchiadau (congratulations) to those who were elected. We look forward to seeing the committees begin their work, with their first meetings expected to take place over the next few weeks.



Earlier this month, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in Race Against Hate, an event organised by South Wales Police. This was the first time we have attended, and I am certain it will not be the last! The children had a fantastic day, giving 100% effort and showing incredible courage and

determination throughout. They supported one another every step of the way, encouraging their teammates and pushing themselves to reach the finish line. It was wonderful to see such resilience, teamwork and positive attitudes on display. I would also like to add





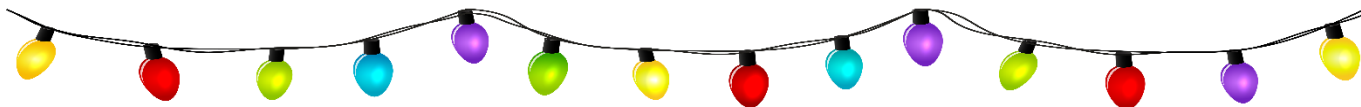
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that, as always, their behaviour was superb. Our pupils were a credit to themselves, their families and our entire school community. To top off an already memorable day, we were delighted to be named the overall winners of the boys' event. This is a fantastic achievement and another accolade to add to the many successes of our school. Well done to everyone involved.

Our children in the Junior Department have been enjoying a unique opportunity to take part in online Spanish lessons, with one of the presenters joining them all the way from Patagonia! Through these engaging sessions, pupils are learning a range of Spanish phrases and developing their confidence in using simple conversational sentence patterns.

The lessons will continue until half term, giving the children plenty of opportunities to practise and build their language skills. We have been delighted to see their enthusiasm and willingness to take part.

¡Muy bien! Well done to all of our budding linguists!



As part of their learning this term, some of our younger learners have been exploring the themes of dreams and bedtime routines. To bring their learning to life, the children enjoyed a special outdoor lesson in our forest area, where they created beautiful dream catchers using a variety of natural materials they found in their surroundings.

The session provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to combine creativity with outdoor learning, encouraging them to use their imagination while developing an appreciation for

the natural world. It was lovely to see the children working together, sharing ideas and taking pride in their unique creations.

The dream catchers looked fantastic, and the outdoor setting made the experience even more memorable. Well done to all of our Area 3 pupils for their enthusiasm, creativity and excellent teamwork!



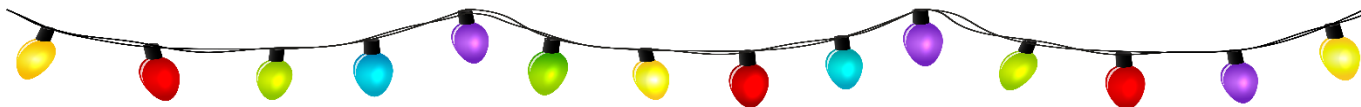
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Everyone's home of cancer care

MAGGIE'S Last week, our children laced up their trainers and took part in a special sponsored run around the school yard to support Maggie's.

The event was organised to cheer on Mr. Roberts as he prepared to take on the Cardiff Half Marathon alongside his daughters, Bethan and Freya. Our pupils showed fantastic



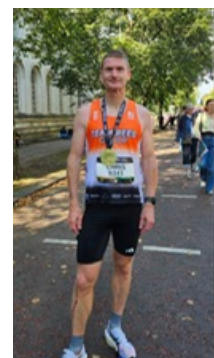
enthusiasm and determination, completing their laps with big smiles and a real sense of purpose. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our families and school community, we raised an amazing £300 in school. Even more impressively,



Mr. Roberts, Bethan and Freya raised a whopping £900 in total for this wonderful cause. We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and would like to thank all those who donated and supported the event. Their efforts will help make a real difference to people and families accessing support through Maggie's.

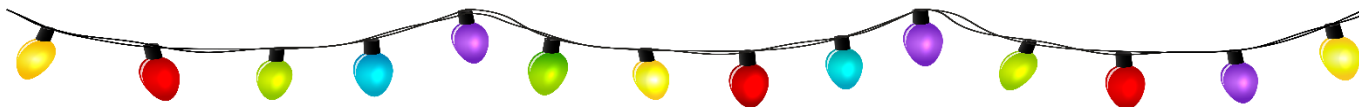


We also have to say a huge well done to one of our school governors, Karl Johnson and our Chair of Governors Chris Wells for also completing the Cardiff Half. Llongyfarchiadau pawb!



Our Junior Department pupils recently had the exciting opportunity to take part in a live CPR lesson. During this engaging session, the children learned how to check for a response and normal breathing, understood the importance of calling 999 quickly, and practised the basic steps of hands-only CPR using cushions, folded jackets and even their favourite teddy bears! The lesson was designed especially for primary-aged children and proved to be both fun and interactive. Pupils enthusiastically joined in with the presenters, following each step and demonstrating great focus and participation throughout.

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This was a fantastic opportunity for our children to develop an important life skill that they will carry with them for years to come. We were incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and maturity they showed, and we hope the knowledge and confidence they gained will stay with them long into the future.

Saying goodbye to Mr. Hole has been a truly emotional occasion for our school community. After 33 years of dedicated service as our Site Manager, we came together on his official last day, 30th September, for a special morning of celebration.



It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces from across his years at Maesybryn joining us to share memories, laughter and a few tears. While there was sadness at the thought of saying farewell, there was also great joy in celebrating the incredible contribution he has made to our school. Mr. Hole has been far more than a Site Manager; his kindness, care and unwavering commitment have made him a huge daily presence and the beating heart of Maesybryn. He will be greatly

missed by pupils, staff and families alike.

In true Mr. Hole fashion, he has kindly agreed to stay on until half term while we continue our search for his successor.

Mr. Hole would also like to pass on his heartfelt thanks to everyone for the lovely gifts, cards and kind messages he received. Mr. Hole was truly touched by the warmth and appreciation shown to him, and it was a fitting tribute to a much-loved member of our school family.





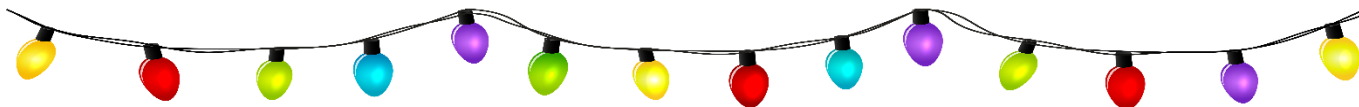
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If you know of anyone interested in the Site Manager's position the advert goes live on the RCT website and Eteach on Friday October 9th 2026. Job details can be found in the advert.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

At Maesybryn, we want every child to have the best opportunity to succeed, and regular attendance is key to this. **Daily attendance helps children build confidence, strengthen friendships and make the most of their learning.** While we understand that illness is sometimes unavoidable, we encourage children to attend whenever possible.

Attendance percentages can sometimes be misleading. For example, 95% attendance means a child has missed around 10 days of learning across the year, while 90% attendance means almost four weeks of learning have been missed.

ATTENDANCE TARGET - 94%

ATTENDANCE TO DATE - 93% (inclusive of nursery and both Learning Support Classes)

I look forward to your support this year in helping to improve attendance across the school. By working together, we can ensure that every child has the best chance to thrive, achieve their full potential, and enjoy all that school has to offer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2026	
12 th	Parents' Evenings 3:30-5:30pm
13 th	Urdd Football Festival Year 5/6
	Parents' Evenings 3:30-5:30pm
14 th	Parents' Evenings 3:30-5:30pm
16 th	Diwrnod Shw'mae / Show Racism the Red Card (Wear Red)
19 th	Area 1 Science Workshops
20 th	Harvest Assembly
21 st	PTA Nursery Halloween Disco 9:20-10:30am
	PTA FP Halloween Disco 3:30pm -5pm
22 nd	PTA KS2 Halloween Disco 3:30pm -5pm



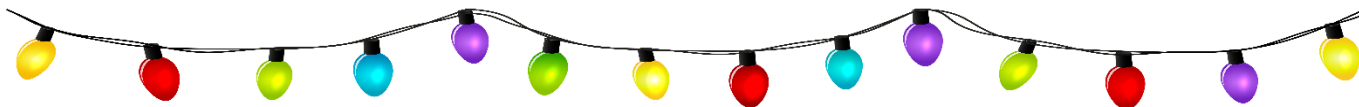
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23/10/2026	Inset
NOVEMBER 2026	
12 th	Urdd Girls Football Year 5/6 - Urdd Mixed Football Year 3/4
13 th	PTA Rags to Riches
19 th	PTA Christmas Fayre
DECEMBER 2026	
4 th	Christmas Concert Nursery
8 th	Christmas Concert Infants 9:30am
	Christmas Carol Service Juniors 1:30pm
9 th	Christmas Concert Infants 9:30am
	Christmas Carol Service Juniors 1:30pm
10 th	Christmas Carol Service Juniors (Grandparents) 9:30am
14 th	Christmas Craft Market - Enterprise Project.
15 th	Panto Trip Infants - 8:30-12:30
16 th	Panto Trip Juniors - 8:30-12:30
17 th	Christmas Dinner - Christmas Jumpers
18 th	PTA Event - Santa's Helpers Spread Christmas Cheer! 



As we come to the end of another busy and successful month at Maesybryn, I would like to thank our pupils, staff, families and wider community for their continued support.

This newsletter highlights just a few of the many experiences, achievements and memorable moments that make our school such a special place. From fundraising efforts and enriching learning opportunities to celebrating the remarkable contribution of valued members of our school family, there is much to be proud of.

As always, it is the strength of our community and the care we show one another that makes Maesybryn such a happy and nurturing environment for our children to learn and grow. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to sharing more exciting news with you in the weeks ahead.

Warm regards



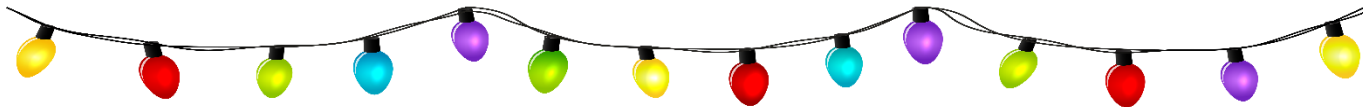
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