SCHOOL MAGAZINE

YSGOL TŶ COCH

LEARNERS AT THE CENTRE

SUMMER 1 EDITION



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Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Summer 1 magazine. This half term has been full of exciting learning, meaningful experiences, and wonderful progress across our school. As the days have become brighter, so too has the confidence, independence, and curiosity shown by our learners.

Many of our pupils have taken their learning beyond the classroom this term. Regular visits to local parks, shops, soft play centres, and Tesco Express have helped learners practise real-life skills such as communication, handling money, following routines, and interacting with others in the community. These experiences are carefully planned and have supported our pupils to grow in confidence, manage change, and take pride in their independence.

Across the school, classes have been exploring engaging topics such as All Around the World and Creature Comforts. Learners have enjoyed creative and hands-on activities including building robots from recycled materials, making bird feeders, gardening, cooking, and creating art inspired by different cultures. We have also seen fantastic use of technology, with pupils producing Earth Day animations and showcasing creativity through digital work.



Welcome

There have been many moments worth celebrating this half term. From planning and running tuck shops, to visiting the Principality Stadium for the Minecraft Finals, to learning to ride a bike for the first time, our learners have shown resilience, teamwork, and determination. We are also proud of the work taking place in our sensory garden and the exciting development of Caffi Cynefin, which continues to grow as a valuable space for learning and community connection.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff and the continued support of our families. Thank you for working in partnership with us and for celebrating every step of progress, big or small. We hope you enjoy reading about the achievements and experiences shared in this magazine and feel as proud of our learners as we do.

With warm wishes,
Cofion cynnes,

Simon Wilson
Headteacher

Highlights from the Explorers

This term, pupils from Dosbarth Pabi Coch, Dosbarth Heulwen, and Dosbarth Carw have been taking part in a wide range of weekly off-site experiences, supporting their development of independence, communication, and real-life skills.

Regular visits to the local park have given learners valuable opportunities to practise using schedules and develop their communication skills in different environments. These sessions have helped pupils become more confident in managing changes in routine and engaging with the world around them.

Trips to the local shops have also been an important part of our learning.









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Highlights from the Explorers

Pupils have been purchasing items for their food sessions, focusing on following instructions, managing transitions, and handling money in a practical and meaningful way. These experiences are helping to build independence and a sense of responsibility.

More recently, the classes have begun weekly visits to a local soft play centre. These sessions support the development of gross motor skills through active play, while also giving pupils the chance to practise paying for their admission and interacting with others in a shared public space.

We are very proud of the progress our pupils have made. Their confidence continues to grow as they apply their skills beyond the classroom and engage with the local community.

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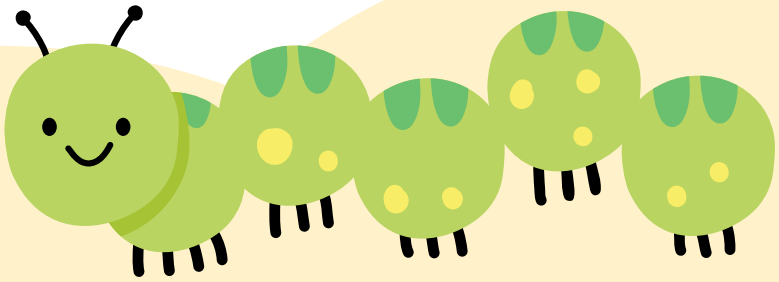






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This half term, Enfys have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the world beyond the classroom. The children have spent time visiting our sensory garden, engaging their senses and developing their curiosity about the environment around them. They have loved discovering new sights, sounds and textures, helping them to build confidence as they explore. Alongside this, we have been learning about The Very Hungry Caterpillar, which has sparked lots of interest and excitement as the children explored the story through a range of engaging, hands-on activities.



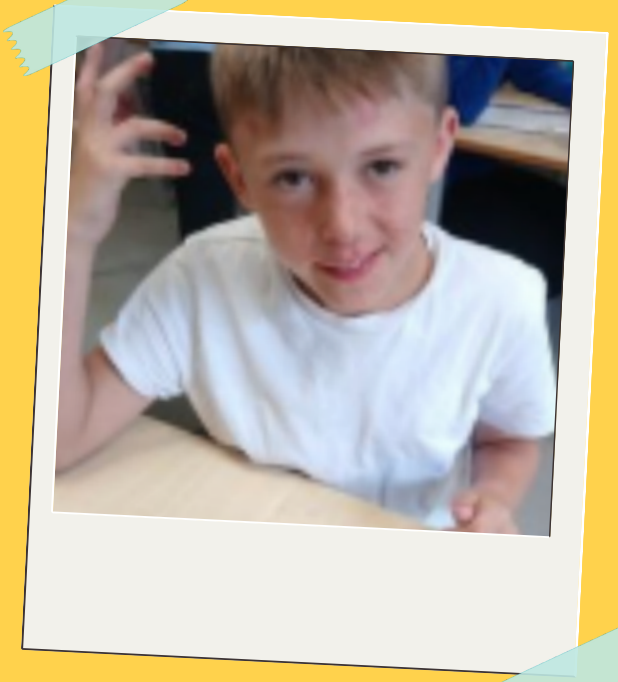


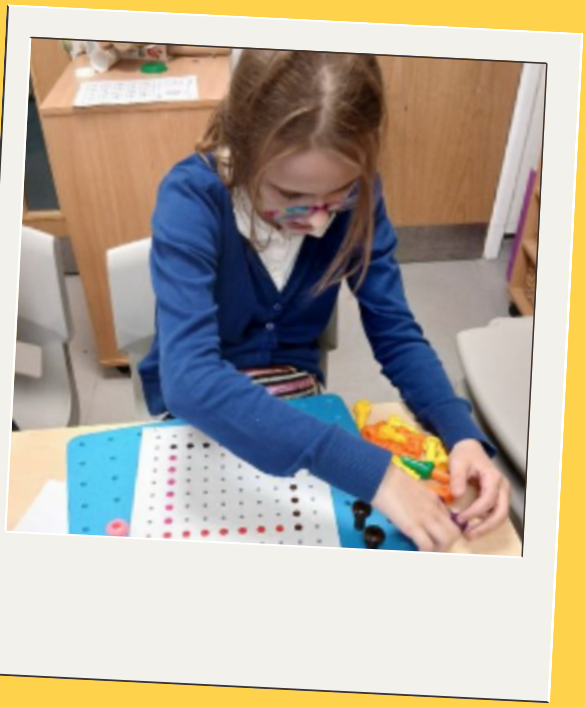




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Highlights from The Navigators





This term, Dosbarth Cadno have been busy exploring and learning. Our class topic is Creature Comforts.

The learners have been developing their writing skills by creating simple poems using familiar words and sentences. This encouraged them to express their ideas creatively while building confidence in speaking, listening, and writing. They also practised writing lists of items needed to complete a task, helping to develop their vocabulary, organisation, and independent writing skills.

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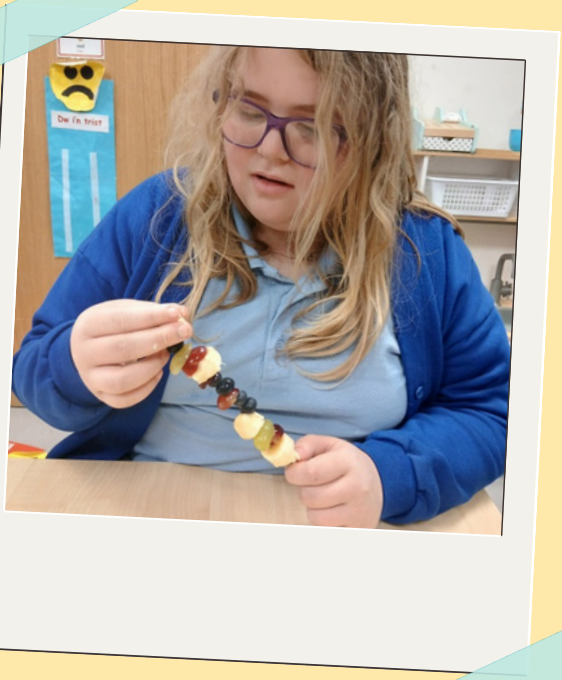


In Science and Technology, the learners enjoyed building robots using recycled materials, developing their creativity, imagination, and fine motor skills. In Humanities, the learners followed instructions to make bird feeders, helping to strengthen their listening, sequencing, and practical skills while learning about caring for wildlife and the environment.



In Mathematics and Numeracy, the learners used playdough to add spots to ladybirds, supporting their counting and number recognition skills through fun, hands-on activities. They also explored circuits by copying simple sequences and patterns, helping to develop their problem-solving skills and early mathematical unders

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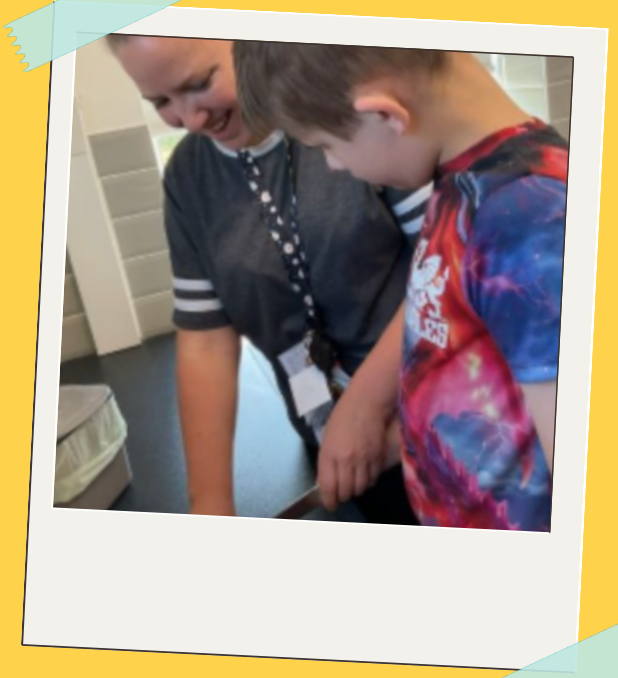






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This term, Dosbarth Blodau have been busy exploring and learning across a wide range of Areas of Learning and Experience. Our class topic is All Around the World.

The learners developed their communication, numeracy, and research skills by planning a fruit tuck shop. They collected and presented data on fruit choices from across the school, researched prices, and created shopping lists in preparation for visiting local shops. These activities also supported teamwork, organisation, and problem-solving skills. The learners also made passports as part of their “All Around the World” topic, encouraging imaginative play and learning about different countries.

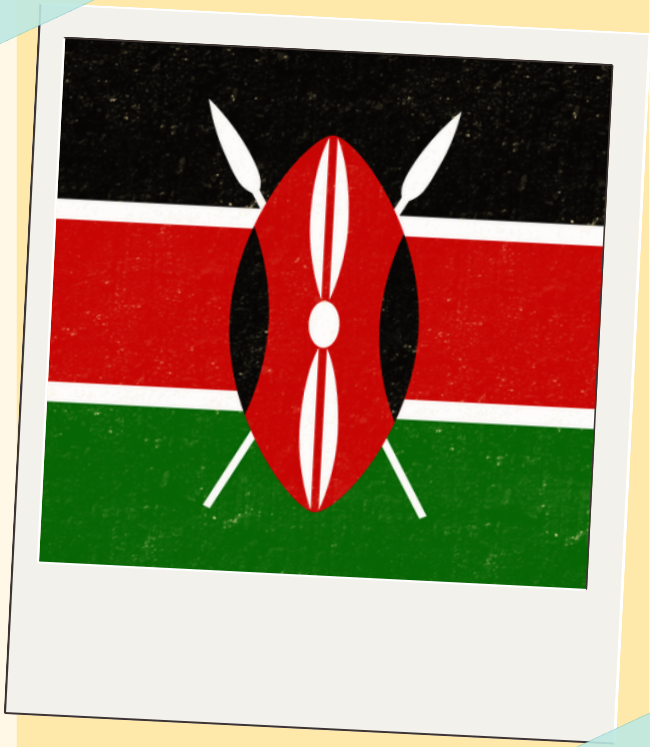


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The learners explored Greece and Kenya, developing their comparing skills by identifying similarities and differences between Kenya and Wales. They also created a fact file about Kenya to present their research. In Expressive Arts, the learners made a Greek salad, developing their practical skills while learning about Greek food and culture.

The learners practiced safe and respectful behaviour during local walks and visits to Tesco. These experiences helped to develop their social skills, independence, confidence in public places, and awareness of road safety and healthy choices. The learners have also started gardening, helping to develop responsibility and an understanding of caring for plants.





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Highlights from The Navigators

In Dosbarth Draenog this term, our class has begun an exciting new project that brings real-life learning right into the heart of our community. The children are now taking regular visits to our local Tesco Express, where they are encouraged to take the lead in planning, shopping, and cooking.

The process begins in the classroom, where pupils worked together to decide what they would like to cook. They choose the recipe, list the ingredients, and prepare for their shopping trip. This early stage already builds teamwork, decision-making, and communication skills.

When it's their turn to visit Tesco Express, the children go in small groups so they can support one another. Once inside the shop, they are encouraged to be as independent as possible, finding the items they need and paying at the till. These moments give them valuable experience in using money, navigating a shop, and interacting confidently within the community.

While some children are out shopping, those waiting their turn take part in role-play activities back in class. They practise being shopkeepers, customers, and cashiers, helping them build confidence before their real-world visit.

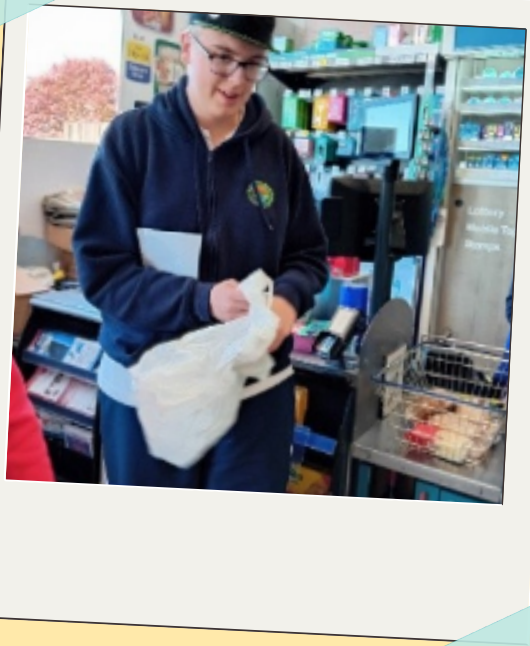
Back at school, the children use the ingredients they purchased to cook their chosen dish, again taking the lead wherever possible. This hands-on experience helps them develop practical life skills, independence, and pride in their achievements.

This project has already brought so much enthusiasm and joy to the classroom. Most importantly, it gives every child the chance to learn in a meaningful, authentic way—preparing them for life beyond the school gates.

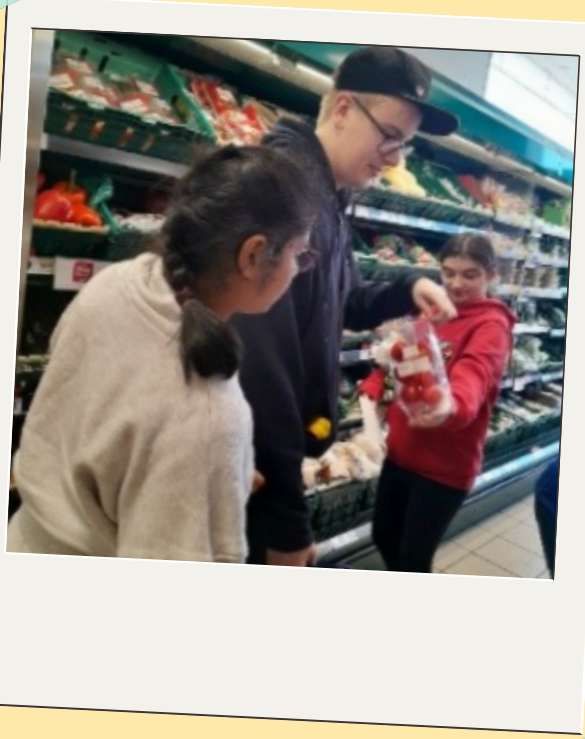


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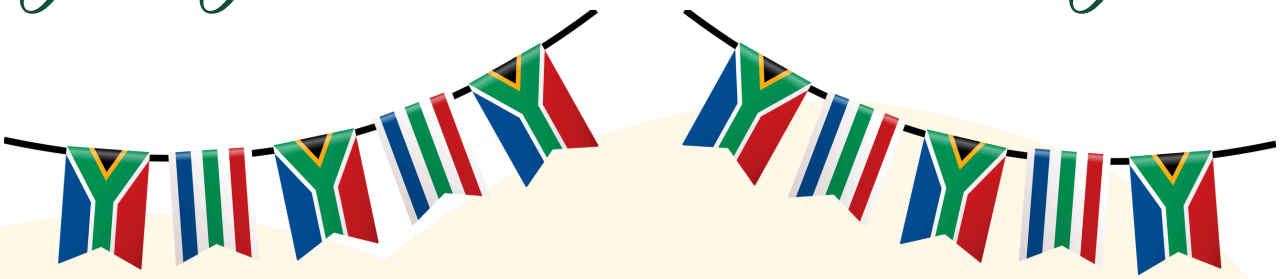
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Highlights from The Navigators



Dosbarth Glyderau have been thoroughly enjoying their exciting “All Around the World” topic this term. So far, we have explored Europe and Africa, learning about different cultures, traditions and ways of life through a range of engaging activities.

We have particularly enjoyed taking part in creative and hands-on experiences, including making our own Greek urns, learning how to play the djembe drums, and experimenting with creating a water filter. These activities have helped bring our learning to life and deepen our understanding of the world around us.

A real highlight of the term has been our bike skills sessions. We are incredibly proud of one of our pupils, who has learned to ride a two-wheeled bike for the very first time—an amazing achievement and a wonderful moment to celebrate!

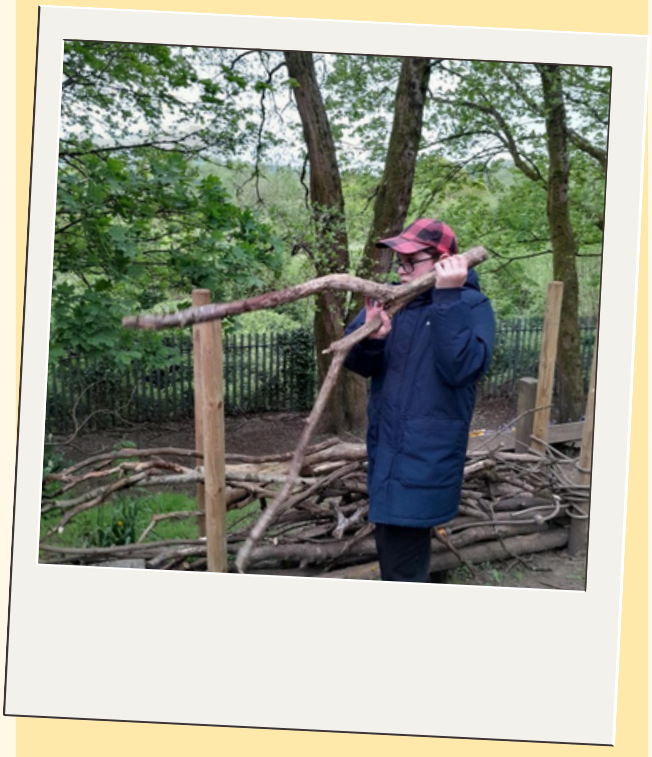
We are looking forward to continuing our journey around the world and discovering even more in the weeks ahead.



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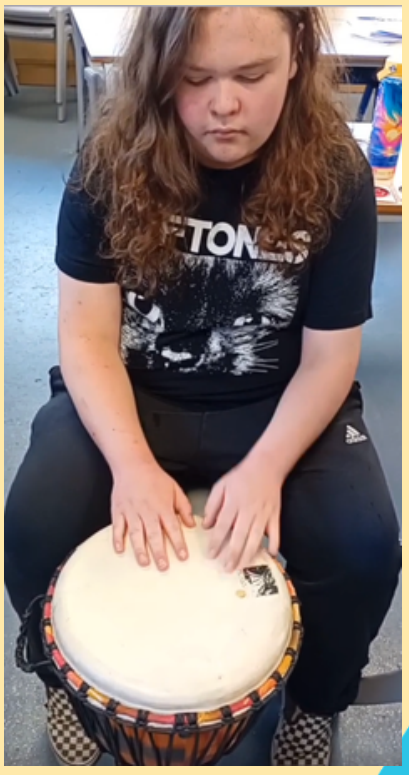
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Our learners have begun the dead hedge project in the sensory garden; Learners collected a range of fallen branches from around the grounds and worked together to position the pieces.
They added a range of branches to start shaping the structure, learning how the hedge will be gradually built up over time to create shelter for insects, birds, and small animals.
The activity also introduced students to sustainable practices, showing how natural materials can be reused to support biodiversity.





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Highlights from The Pathfinders

Dosbarth Llanwynno have been using Adobe to create their own Earth Day animations. The learners used symbols to choose what they wanted to say and bring their ideas to life through animation. It was wonderful to see their creativity, communication skills and confidence grow as they shared their messages in such an engaging way.

Well done, Dosbarth Llanwynno – we are so proud of you!







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Minecraft Crew



Our Learners had an incredible experience attending the Minecraft Finals at the Principality Stadium, where they competed against other ALN schools from across Wales.

Although we didn't come away with the win, our learners had a fantastic day. They enjoyed a tour of the stadium and showcased some truly amazing Minecraft builds, demonstrating creativity, teamwork and resilience throughout the event.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Esports Wales for hosting such a well-organised and inspiring event.

It was a day our learners will remember for a long time!









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Caffi Cynefin

We were delighted to welcome members of staff and our school governors to a preview of Cafe Cynefin. The feedback has been very positive, and it has been wonderful to see the space coming to life.







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Reporting a pupil absence

STEP 1

Telephone the school on 01443 203471



STEP 2

Select option 1 on the automated list

STEP 3



Leave the following information;
Pupils name
Pupils class
Your name
Reason for pupil absence

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School Diary Dates 2025 – 2026

Inset Days

~~Monday 1st September 2025~~	~~Monday 5th January 2026~~
~~Tuesday 2nd September 2025~~	~~Monday 23rd February 2026~~
~~Friday 24th October 2025~~	Monday 20th July 2026

Summer Term Diary Dates

Calendar Event	Date	Where?
Move Week (please send children to school in suitable clothing)	w/o 18th May	Tonteg Site Buarth y Capel Site
Buarth y Capel Site Pathfinders Sports Day 1	26/06/2026	University of South Wales
Tonteg Sites Sports Days Explorers Sports Day Navigators Sports Day	30/06/2026 25/06/2026	Tonteg Site University of South Wales
Summer Fete	27/6/26	Tonteg Site
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	6/7/26	Tonteg Site
Parents Evening	8/7/26	Tonteg Site Buarth y Capel Site
Buarth y Capel Leavers Assembly	9/7/26	Buarth y Capel Site
Tonteg Leavers Assembly	10/7/26	Tonteg Site

Internal Transition Days **(Pupils meet new teacher, spend time in new class if moving).**	**17th June 2026** **24th June 2026** **1st July 2026**

Key

w/o = Week of / TBA = To Be Announced / TBC = To Be Confirmed

SPORTS DAY 2026

Department	Classes	Date and Time	Location
Pathfinders	Graig Ddu, Llanwynno, Barcud Coch	Friday 26th June 10:30am	University of South Wales, Sport Park CF37 5UP
Pathfinders	Broga, Aderyn, Afon, Pili Pala	Friday 26th June 1:30pm	Ysgol Ty Coch
Explorers	Carw, Heulwen, Pabi Coch, Glan Yr Afon, Enfys, Seren Fach	Tuesday 30th June 1.30pm	Ysgol Ty Coch
Navigators	Cwningen, Blodau, Cadno, Lindysyn	Thursday 25th June, 10:30am	University of South Wales, Sport Park CF37 5UP
Navigators	Glyderau, Draenog, Tryfan, Penyfan	Thursday 25th June, 1:00pm	University of South Wales, Sport Park CF37 5UP

Parking Reminder

We kindly encourage all visitors to Ysgol Ty Coch to be considerate of our local residents, refrain from parking on double yellow lines when visiting the school, and ensure all parking complies with the Highway Code.

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GIVE AND GAIN DAY

ALL WELCOME

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for our Give and Gain Day on Friday 3rd July at our Tonteg site. On this day, we will be working together to build a gravel path at the bottom of our sensory garden. This will create a full forest loop around the garden and ensure pupils can access the garden all year round for lessons linked to Forest School.

Please let your class teacher know if you can attend.



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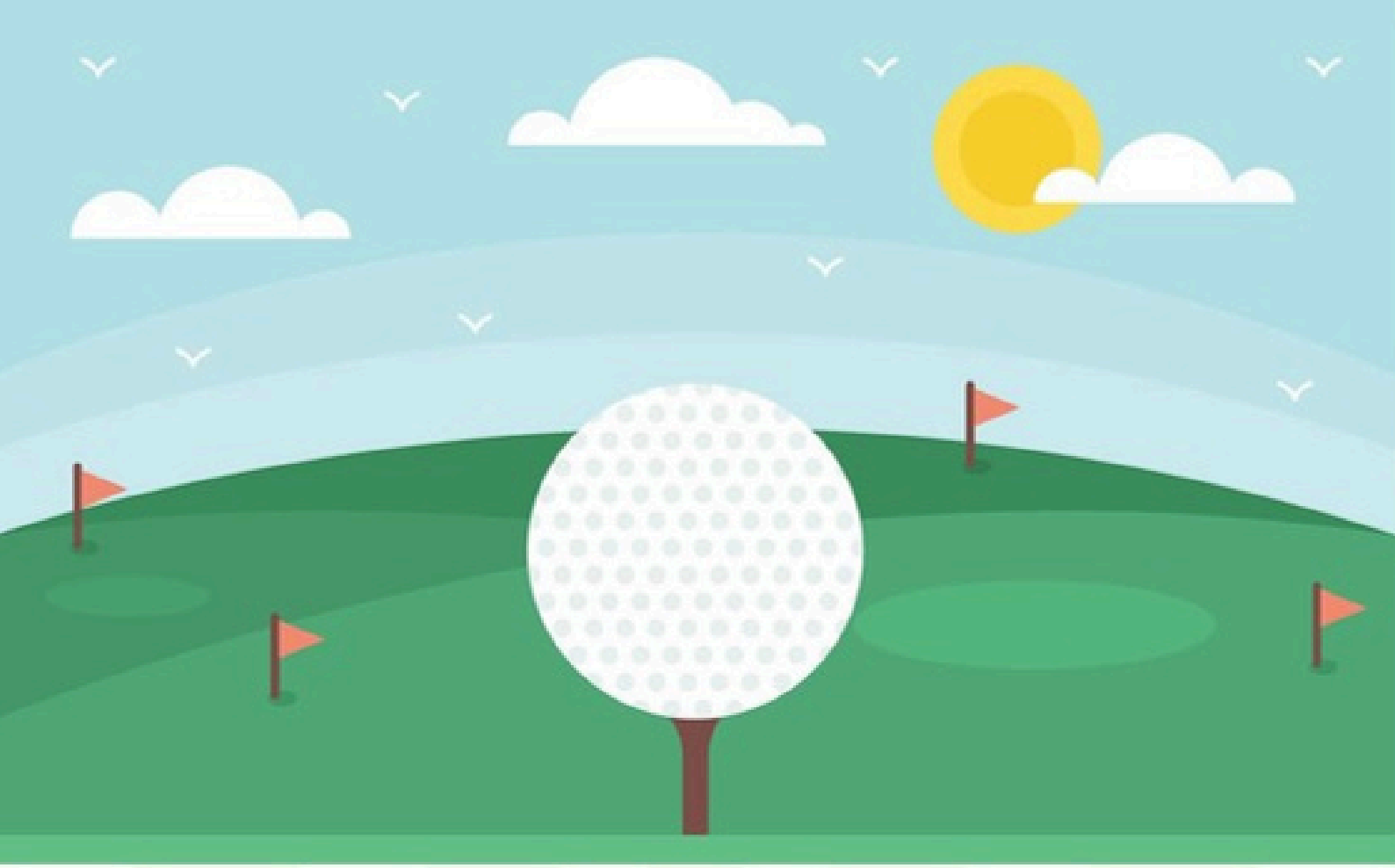
Saturday 27TH June

Starting at 10.30a.m -1.00p.m

Tonteg Site

All Welcome

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ANNUAL GOLF DAY

4th June 2026

18 HOLES OF GOLF ON THE NATIONAL COURSE | 2 COURSE MEAL

COURSE SURVIVAL BAG | DRINK BUGGY | RAFFLE, SILENT AUCTION AND AWARDS

£100 PER PLAYER & £380 PER TEAM

£40.00 BUGGY HIRE

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