

BLOG

12th June - 18th June 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Ambition sits at the heart of everything we do at YBA, and this week has shown just how powerfully our students embody it. From leadership opportunities to creative excellence, our school community continues to aim high and push boundaries. We are delighted to launch our new School Council drop-in sessions. If you have ideas, concerns, or suggestions, this is your moment to have your voice heard. You can also share your thoughts with your form reps, who will bring them forward on your behalf. Together, we can shape the future of our school - TeamYBA striving to make our community the very best it can be.

It has been wonderful to celebrate so many students this week. Our Year 10 nominations have been thoroughly deserved, and we are incredibly proud of those who achieved their Bronze REACH 100 certificates. These milestones reflect dedication, resilience, and ambition in action.

Our students have also been shining in the classroom and beyond. In the kitchen, they have been working tirelessly in preparation for their Food NEA, demonstrating skill and creativity. Meanwhile, our art students took part in inspiring workshops led by local artists, deepening both their understanding and enthusiasm for the subject.

Beyond our walls, we've continued to strengthen our community connections. Our Reading Buddy scheme with Gwersyllt CP is helping younger pupils develop confidence and a love of reading. We also hosted an exciting Numeracy Challenge, welcoming pupils from Black Lane Primary School, Ysgol Penrhyn, St Mary's Brymbo, Brynteg Primary School, and Ysgol Heulfan - each showcasing impressive numeracy skills and teamwork.

This week has been a powerful reminder of what ambition looks like when it's lived out every day: students stepping up, trying new things, supporting others, and striving to be the best version of themselves.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We've got something exciting coming your way - **SCHOOL COUNCIL DROP-IN SESSIONS**

Starting next week, during Monday form times, the School Council will be holding friendly, open drop-in sessions in the library.

Our first session is for Year 7 pupils!

If you've got ideas, questions, concerns, or suggestions about school life, this is your moment to share them. Just speak to your form tutor and ask if you can attend.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Your thoughts can help shape real, positive change in our school community. This is your chance to influence what happens next, to be heard, and to make a difference. Let's build something brilliant together!



YEAR 10 STUDENTS

We are bursting with pride for our incredible Year 10 students - their positivity, determination, and kindness shine brighter every single week. This week's Pupil of the Week celebrations are extra special, as we recognise a group of learners who truly embody what it means to be role models.

Lily - for her consistently positive attitude to learning, always showing enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck into every lesson.

Riley - for meeting expectations every day and setting a strong example through steady, reliable effort.

Thomas - for his impeccable standards, perfect uniform, dedicated revision, and brilliant attitude to learning.

Mason - for his outstanding manners and organisation, always one of the first to line up and showing politeness in everything he does.

Summer - for always being positive, lifting others up, and making people smile with her warm, joyful presence.

Keep shining, keep striving, and keep being the amazing young people you are.



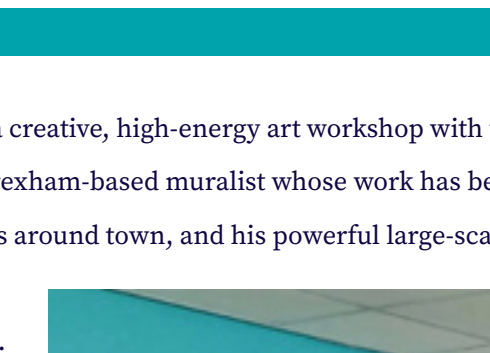
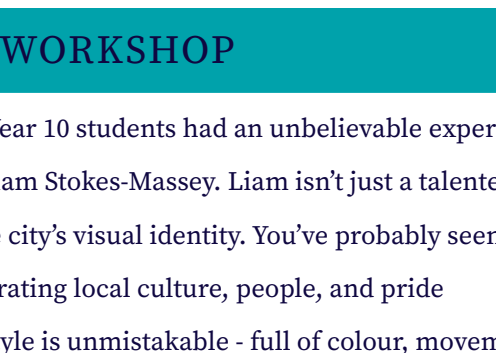
Before diving into their very first NEA, our Year 10 pupils squeezed in a few extra cooking skills so they could absolutely shine in their practical work. And wow... they've risen to the challenge

This week they've mastered:

- Homemade ricotta
- Homemade butter
- Homemade jam

Three incredible skills they can carry into next year to level up their dishes even further.

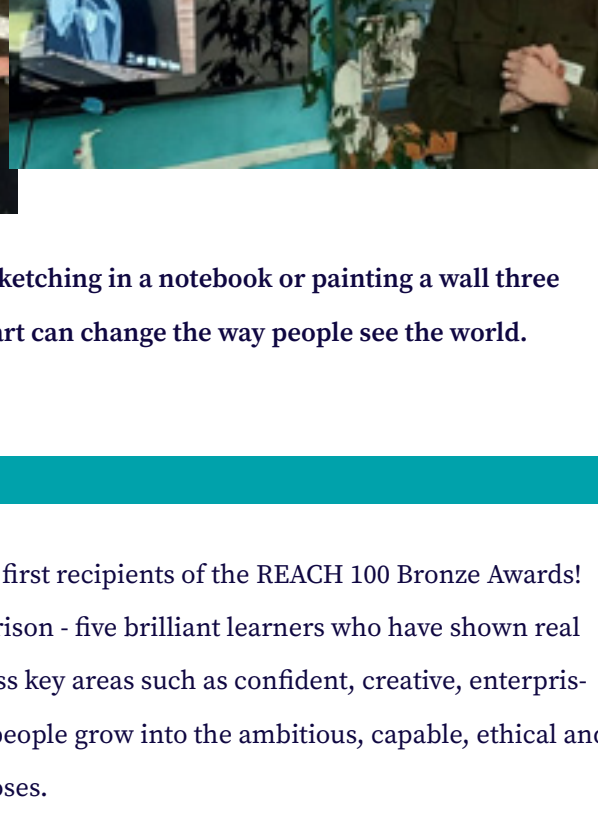
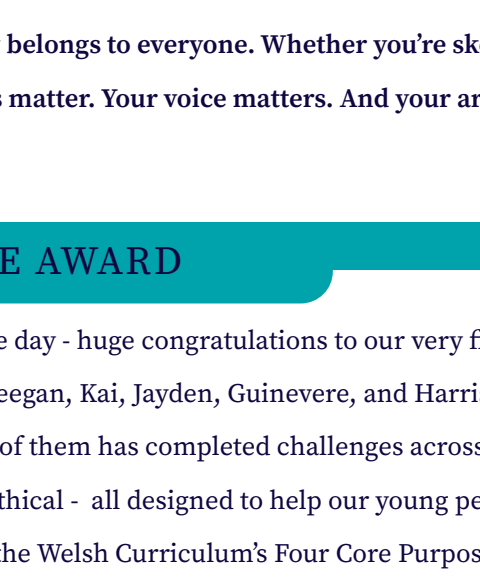
Mrs Evans has been genuinely blown away by their hard work, determination and creativity this year.



ART WORKSHOP

Our Year 10 students had an unbelievable experience this week - a creative, high-energy art workshop with the amazing Liam Stokes-Massey. Liam isn't just a talented artist - he's a Wrexham-based muralist whose work has become part of the city's visual identity. You've probably seen his vibrant pieces around town, and his powerful large-scale pieces celebrating local culture, people, and pride

His style is unmistakable - full of colour, movement, and emotion. Students were fascinated hearing how he brings huge murals to life, layer by layer, and how each piece tells a story about the community it lives in.

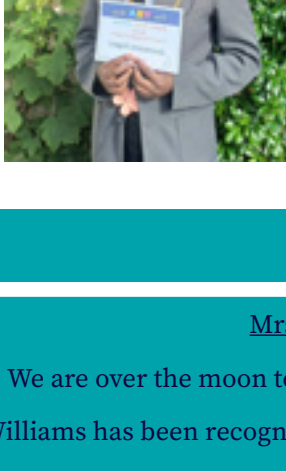
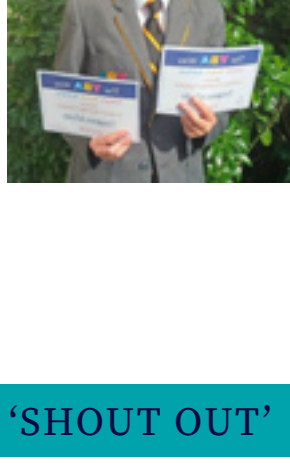


Liam's message: creativity belongs to everyone. Whether you're sketching in a notebook or painting a wall three metres high, your ideas matter. Your voice matters. And your art can change the way people see the world.

REACH 100 BRONZE AWARD

What a fantastic way to start the day - huge congratulations to our very first recipients of the REACH 100 Bronze Awards! On Wednesday we celebrated Teegan, Kai, Jayden, Guinevere, and Harrison - five brilliant learners who have shown real determination and heart. Each of them has completed challenges across key areas such as confident, creative, enterprising, cooperation, healthy and ethical - all designed to help our young people grow into the ambitious, capable, ethical and healthy citizens at the heart of the Welsh Curriculum's Four Core Purposes.

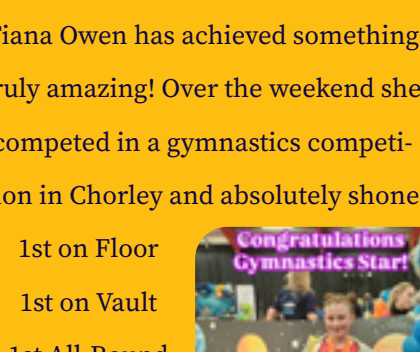
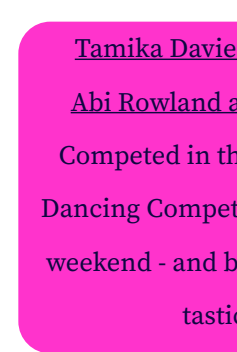
Their hard work shows what's possible when you push yourself, support others, and embrace new challenges. They're not just earning awards - you're building the skills and character that will shape their future. Da iawn chi!



'SHOUT OUT'

Mrs Williams

We are over the moon to share that our incredible Mrs Williams has been recognised by The Pearson National Teaching Awards as an 'Unsung Hero' She inspires us with your kindness, commitment and heart. We are unbelievably proud of you



Tiana Owen

Tiana Owen has achieved something truly amazing! Over the weekend she competed in a gymnastics competition in Chorley and absolutely shone

- 1st on Floor
- 1st on Vault
- 1st All-Round



Tamika Davies, Tianna Davies, Abi Rowland and Evie Williams. Competed in the Regional Morris Dancing Competition in Chester last weekend - and brought home a fantastic 3rd place!



Miss Roberts

For giving up her precious Saturday to support the Y11 leavers' trip

Miss Phillips

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Amelie Perry

For having a difficult few weeks and still turning up to form everyday with a smile on her face (and her blazer on!)

Ryan Williams.10CM

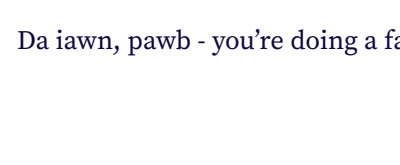
For always being on time, always engaged and always doing everything we ask.

Daniel Oyeniyi

For gaining the most achievement points during the last week

Patty

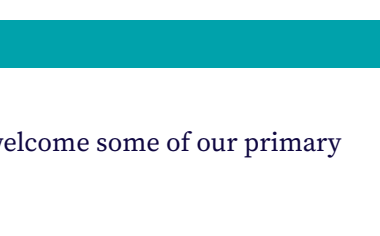
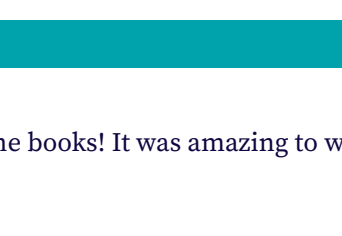
for his engagement in form time maths



READING BUDDIES

Our reading buddies, continue their wonderful reciprocal reading programme. This is such an uplifting part of our Wellbeing Wednesday activities - a moment where kindness, confidence, and connection shine through every page we turn. It's inspiring to see our amazing school community at Gwersyllt Community Primary School coming together - younger and older learners side by side - all supporting one another and growing through reading. Moments like these remind us how powerful teamwork and encouragement can be.

Da iawn, pawb - you're doing a fantastic job!



NUMERACY CHALLENGE

What an incredible day at YBA on Thursday - truly one for the books! It was amazing to welcome some of our primary clusters into school for our **Annual Numeracy Challenge**.

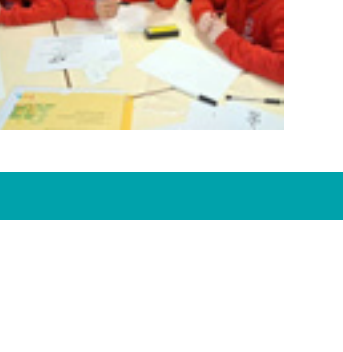
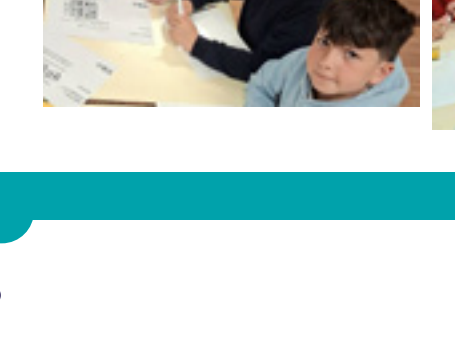
Our brilliant teams from Black Lane Primary School, Ysgol Penrhyn, St Mary's Brymbo, Brynteg Primary School, and Ysgol Heulfan battled it out through a series of tough, fast-paced, number-crunching challenges. Each team showed resilience, creativity, and serious mathematical talent — true budding mathematicians in the making!

Huge congratulations to our winners:

- * 3rd - Penrhyn Penguins
- * 2nd - Subtract Superheroes (Brynteg)
- * 1st - Black Lane

They all shone - not just because of their scores, but because of their attitude, teamwork, and willingness to push themselves. That's what champions are made of.

The future is bright... and full of brilliant mathematicians!



UPCOMING NEWS/EVENTS

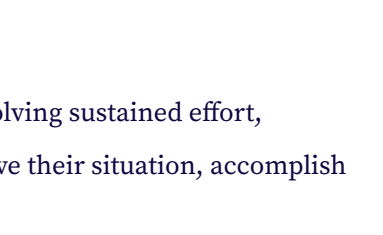
Week Commencing 22nd June 2026

- 22/6/26 - WELLBEING ENHANCED TRANSITION DAY
- 23/6/26 - DRAGON'S DEN YEAR 10
- 23/6/26 - ENHANCED TRANSITION
- 25/6/26 - MICROBIT SESSION 1 SELECTED YEAR 9 STUDENTS.
- 26/6/26 - MICROBIT SESSION 2 SELECTED YEAR 9 STUDENTS.
- 26/6/26 - ASSEMBLY WITH SAMANTHA MAXWELL Y7 AND Y8

WELSH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Beth ydy dy hoff gerddoriaeth? - What is your favourite music?

Dw i'n hoffi... - I like....



Ambition

A strong desire and determination to achieve success or reach a particular goal, often involving sustained effort, motivation, and a willingness to overcome challenges. It reflects a person's drive to improve their situation, accomplish something meaningful, or attain a higher level of achievement in life.

