



Ysgol Maes Y Felin 02.12.22

2nd December

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A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

We start with the sad news of the passing of our Governor Karin Davies, she leaves a big gap in our school.

Well, It wasn't meant to be for Cymru at the World Cup, but we are very proud of our small nation over performing on the global stage.

Christmas preparations are now in full swing with our youngest children practising hard for their Christmas production and the children were very excited today dressing up for Elf Day raising money for the Alzheimer's Society.

Talking about raising money I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all who attended the Fayre last week. We raised an impressive £875.83. Diolch.

This week has seen some of our Year 5/6 pupils carrying out lesson observations throughout the school. Staff were very impressed with how they carried out their visits. I think we may have some future Estyn Inspectors in the making.

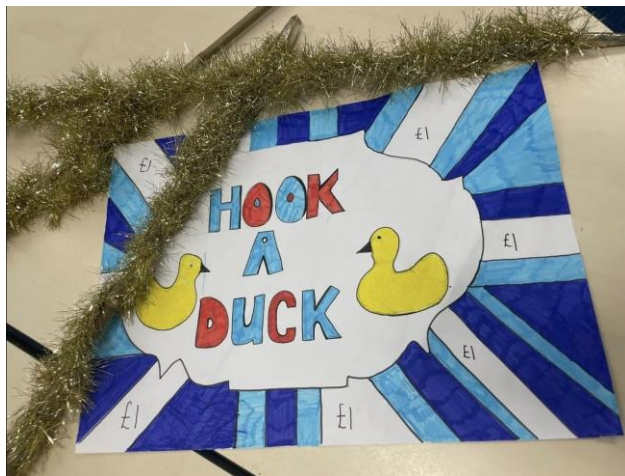
A big thank you to everyone making a big effort with not bringing their cars down past the barriers it has made a difference in making the area safer at pick up and drop off times.

Good luck to the members of choir who are taking part in the Holywell Christmas Light switch on tonight at 5pm. Wrap up warm, I think it is going to be a cold one.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend, see you Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher



On Monday we were all treated with a Pantomime from the Food Safety Agency, and following this, all classes from year 1-6 had workshops from the pantomime.



Children from Enfys visited the church again this week. They took part in the "Bread Of Life service" and socialized through meeting new people and completing their jobs.





Children enjoyed dressing up as elves today to raise money for Alzheimer's. Cakes and other treats were on sale and sold out! Full amount raised to be confirmed but we know we have raised around £200, thank you everyone!





Special Mentions

Dylan, Derwen, has been awarded a trophy in his Philsharmonics Choir for sing star of the week, he also has 5 concerts before Xmas and has solos in a few songs. Well done Dylan!



All of our children here at Ysgol Maes y Felin achieve many amazing things every day, but here are some of our children who have gone that extra mile over the last week.

Dakota, Foxes

Harper, Squirrels

Ella, Badgers

Lucie, Owls

Austin, Celyn

Dylan, Derwen

Arijus, Ceiriosen

Betsan, Masarnen

Lucy, Collen

Cade, Llwyfen

Tomos, Bedwen

Please find below an image of our VIPs enjoying their 'Tea with Mr T' Reward.



Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg



After School Clubs

After School Clubs

After School Clubs are limited to for full time pupils only. Please see the description on each After School Club to see if it is relevant to your child's year. It will also inform you of which day the club will take place and collection time. All after school club collections will take place at the gate at the bottom of the roundabout. The spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

We are providing for this half term only the following clubs:

Tuesdays as from 08.11.22:

- Reading Club for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

- Minecraft Club for Years 5 and 6

Wednesdays as from 09.11.22:

- Christmas Craft for Years 3 and 4
- Lego Club for Years 1 and 2

Thursdays as from 10.11.22:

- Football Club for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Lego Club for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Netball Club for Years 4, 5 and 6

- *If your child is booked onto a club, then they change their mind and do not wish to attend any future sessions, please can you cancel the booking via the SchoolCloud as there are only a small number of spaces for each club, and there are many children who wish to go.*
- *If your child does not attend 2 club sessions in a row, we have the right to cancel the booking on your behalf.*
- *If your child is unable to attend an after school club session for any reason, please could you contact school to let us know as soon as possible.*

Link for After School Clubs -

Please note that next week, ending 09/12/2022, is the last week for clubs and they will not be running for the rest of the half term after that.

Curriculum for Wales

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, the Curriculum for Wales is changing. The Welsh Government talked to adults involved in education, young people in education and parents and families as well as experts in child development and other professionals.

They found that

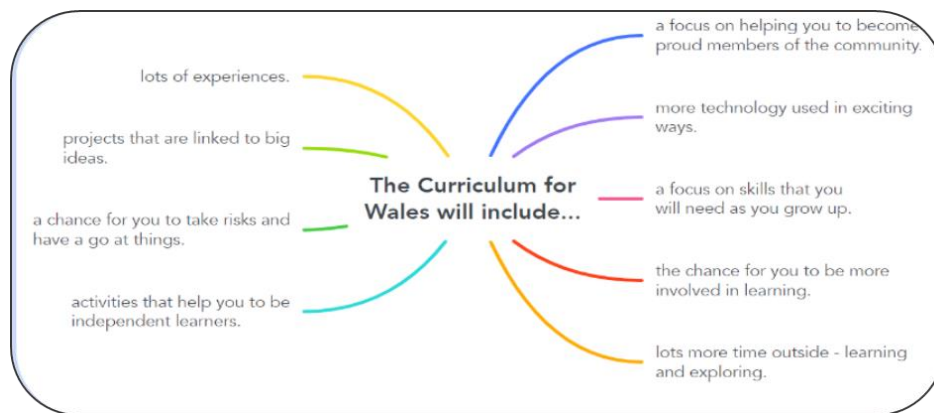
- Adults involved in education wanted to decide what and how they teach.
- Young people in education felt learning was sometimes boring and they were only learning things to pass a test or exam.

- Parents and families wanted learning to be more focussed on skills for the future

Research showed

- Children learn best by doing things.
- Children in different schools needed different experiences.
- Technology and the outdoors need to be used more.
- Young people need to be involved in their learning, planning it, checking it and improving it.

As a result, we have created this visual aid to help children see how the curriculum is changing at Ysgol Maes y Felin.



All of the important things are still in our curriculum, there is just a much bigger focus on developing skills that will help children throughout their lives.

Experts have called these the 'four purposes'.



The four purposes will be at the heart of everything that we teach, learn and experience.

We have created some characters to help us remember each purpose.



We want to help children, parents and staff understand what it looks like when you are ambitious, capable, enterprising, creative, ethical, informed, healthy and confident and embed these values throughout our curriculum.

Here are some examples of how we are achieving the four purposes this week..

Ambitious, Capable Learners

Year 5/6 children have been finding out all about inventors including Thomas Edison and Elon Musk. Year 3/4 have been taking part in a scooter investigation and Bedwen have been applying to NASA to be astronauts.

Year 1/2 have been rehearsing hard for their Christmas Performance and Nursery and Reception have been getting stuck into 'in the moment planning'

Healthy, Confident Individuals

All children from year 1 – 6 took part in an interactive pantomime from the food standards agency. They also completed a class based workshop to help their understanding of healthy eating. Nursery and Reception have been busy preparing their own snack, they are becoming so independent!

Enterprising, Creative Contributors

Year 5/6 have completed a design and technology project designing items around the world cup, they have created items such as new kits and stadiums. Year 3 and 4 have been getting creative by forming a Christmas choir, it's lovely to hear them practising down the corridor. Bedwen have been creatively thinking of their own mnemonics to help remember the order of the planets and using modge podge and paint to create 3D planets!

Year 1 and 2 have been learning about Mehndi patterns and developed their own examples. Nursery and Reception created their own poppies and with support, went round school selling these to staff for charity – da iawn pawb!

Ethical, Informed Citizens

Year 5 and 6 have been thinking about human rights and fairness with a focus on the world cup host country Qatar. They have also been leading lesson observations this week, teams of children have gone into each class to observe behaviour throughout the school day, we are looking forward to receiving their feedback next week.

Year 3 and 4 have been watching Newsround and learning about Artemis 1, this is the first in a series of increasingly complex missions that will enable human exploration to the Moon and Mars. Bedwen have also been learning all about the solar system and the attributes needed to be an astronaut.

Year 1 and 2 have been thinking about Hinduism and developing medals for the world cup. Nursery and Reception have been looking at stadiums around the world and recreated these using recycled resources.

Foundation Phase Christmas Concert

Children throughout Foundation Learning are busy practicing for the Christmas concert. We are looking forward to inviting you along on the 15th of December to watch the concert. This year the children will be performing twice to ensure that all families get the chance to view the concert.

These will be at 1.30pm and the second at 5pm (we ask can children please be back in their classes by 4.45). If your child is **unable** to attend the evening concert, please can you let class teachers know, as we may need to change their role in the concert.

You can book tickets to attend this production by using the link below,

[Christmas Concert](#)

Parent Readers

We are pleased to share that we are able to welcome parents and grandparents to come into school on a regular basis to work alongside the children in class e.g. listening to readers etc. We are opening the opportunity to family members of years 1 – 6, if this is something you would like more information on, please speak to individual class teachers.

Please note that an enhanced DBS will be required for all volunteers but this will be organised by school before you begin your regular volunteering.

Reading Competition

This half term we are going to be starting an exciting half termly Reading Competition whereby every child who logs their reading (by an adult or by themselves) using 'Boom Reader' (previously known as GoRead) at home or in school will be entered into a prize draw to win £20 book vouchers. Five pupils will be chosen each half term so let's get reading!



Internet Safety

Following recent reports of unsafe behaviour online, we will be sharing internet safety advice and new information about specific apps each week.

This week the focus is on the popular app, Discord . Please click the link below to view more information.

[Discord - Hwb](#)

Upcoming Events

- Wellies in the woods – Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 until 3:00, on 8th November until 13th December (See below flier for details)
- Nasal Flu Spray for all Full Time Pupils - 6th December
- Wear a Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day - 8th December (Link to order your child a dinner is below)
 - [Christmas Dinner](#)
- Reception Stay and Play - 7th, 14th and 21st December, all sessions will run from 1:00 p.m. until 2:50 p.m. (Link to attend this is below)
 - [Reception Stay and Play](#)
- Panto Trip Year 1 to 6 - 14th December - Morning (Please find a copy of the letter below)
- Christmas Production Foundation Phase - 15th December - 1:30 and 5:00
- Christmas Parties (Children can wear Christmas Jumpers or Party Clothes) - 21st December



October, 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Arrangements have been made for the pupils from Year 1 to 6 to visit the Panto at Theatre Clwyd on Wednesday 14th December, 2022.

In order to make the visit possible, we will require a contribution of £10.00 per child which is the cost of the panto ticket only. School will be paying the cost of the transport on this occasion. The cost of the ticket is to be paid via the School Gateway App.

Pupils will return for their lunch and will therefore not require any pocket money or food / drink for the panto. The coach will leave school at 9.00 a.m.

If you wish for your child to see the panto, please go onto the School Gateway App. Your consent for your child to go on this trip will be asked for on the app. Payment should be made no later than Friday 9th December.

Those children who are not going to the panto will come to school as normal. We reserve the right to cancel this trip if we do not have enough children wishing to go. If payment has been received we will of course give a full refund, should this situation arise.

Yours sincerely,

David Thomas

Acting Headteacher



**GOOGLEDD CYMRU
 NORTH WALES**

**WELLIES
 in the
 WOODS**

Wellies in the Woods is a free family learning course, run over 6 two hour sessions in local communities.

Activities vary each week but include bug hunting, natural crafts, games, den building and more! All activities are suitable for children in Nursery to Year 2, giving parents and children the opportunity to learn and play together in the outdoors.

Sessions involve wildlife exploration, creativity with nature and getting active with each session based around some of the most popular children's story books!

Sessions will run on **Tuesday afternoons**

from **8.11.22** to **13.12.22** at **12.45pm - 14.45pm**

Posters



DONATION REQUEST



Foodbank

Following the success of our Harvest collection, we will have a trolley available daily for donations to be added. Children will take these to Holywell Foodbank on a weekly basis.

Christmas Jumpers

We are accepting donations of Christmas jumpers that no longer fit - we will then offer these free of charge to other families. Please pass to class teachers.





From November 7th, we will be offering a healthy snack for all children free of charge



You can still provide your own snacks but these need to be fruit or vegetables.

HOLYWELL

*Christmas lights switch-on
plus fun fair and stalls and lots more*

FRIDAY, 2nd DECEMBER, 2022

- 12.00p.m. - 3.30p.m. **Radio Deeside / DJ Phil playing Christmas music.**
- 3.30p.m. - 4.50p.m. **Festive Songs with local Schools.**
- 5.00p.m. - 5.10p.m. **Switching on of the Christmas lights with the Mayor of Holywell, Schoolchildren and local Community Representative.**
- 5.00p.m. - 7.00p.m. **Santa's Float (Rotary Club of Flint & Holywell)**
- 5.10 p.m. - 5.45p.m. **Philharmonics**
- 5.45p.m. - 6.15p.m. **Fire and LED lights show.**
- 6.15p.m. - 7.15p.m. **'Yu Baba' - 7 piece local group.**

Also don't miss the chance of meeting Santa on his Float and Christmas Elves, Speedy and Marmalade on their Walkabout in Town

Other Christmas Entertainment during December:-

HOLYWELL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sunday, 11th December, 2022 - 11.00a.m. - 6.00p.m.

Festive Crafts and Gifts, Seasonal Food and Drinks, Music and Entertainment,
Santa Dash, Santa Christmas Float., Step inside a
Winter Wonderland Giant Snow Globe,





MEET THE REINDEER - 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.



Holywell
Town Council



Please visit and support our local town's shops and businesses during these events and over the Christmas period.
Programme and timings subject to change.

<p>ST PETER'S HOLY TRINITY ST JAMES'</p> <p>HOLYWELL & GREENFIELD CHURCHES</p> <p>BRINGING THE HEART OF GOD TO THE HEART OF HOLYWELL</p>	
<p>Sunday 27th November 2022</p> <p>Advent Sunday</p> <p>Welcome to our services today! If this is your first time, why not fill in one of our Welcome to Church postcards and hand it to one of the welcomers. You can like us on Facebook or sign up to our mailing list to hear more about what's going on.</p>	
<p>CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022</p>	
<p>ST PETER'S</p> <p>Christmas Eve Crib Service @ 4pm</p> <p>Christmas Eve Midnight Mass @ 11.30pm</p> <p>Christmas Day Family Eucharist @ 9.30am</p>	<p>HOLY TRINITY</p> <p>Saturday 17th December Candlelit Carol Service @ 6pm</p> <p>Friday 23rd December Crib Service @ 4pm</p> <p>Christmas Eve Midnight Mass @ 10pm</p> <p>Christmas Day Family Eucharist @ 11am</p>
<p>ST JAMES'</p> <p>Sunday 11th December Candlelit Advent Carol Service @ 6.30pm</p>	
<p>HOLWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE</p> <p>Friday 16th December Carols and Refreshments @ 5pm</p>	
<p>ADVENTURE All-Age Celebration Service! Next Sunday at 3pm We have our Advent All-Age celebration in St Peter's. We'll be making Christingles and getting excited about the coming of Jesus, the light of the world. There'll be festive food and refreshments. All are welcome and do pass on this invitation to others!</p>	
<p>Friday Eucharist in St Peter's in Advent In Advent, Morning Prayer in St Peter's every Friday will be replaced with a simple celebration of the Eucharist, lasting about 20 minutes.</p>	
<p>Greenfield Christmas Light Switch on Event! On Thursday 1st December, we will gather for a community event to sing carols, switch on the Christmas lights and enjoy some festive refreshments! There'll also be some Christmas crafts for children. All are welcome!</p>	
<p>Next Sunday's Readings (St Peter's only) Isaiah 11.1-10 & Matthew 3.1-12 (Holy Trinity will host the Civic Service)</p>	
<p>Fr Dominic Cawdell OGS (Vicar) dominiccawdell@cinw.org.uk 01352 712872 07530518851</p>	<p>The Rev'd Gareth Williams (Curate) garethwilliams@cinw.org.uk Jon Andrews (Youth & Children's Worker) jonathanandrews@cinw.org.uk</p>
<p>Find our churches on    hollywellchurches.co.uk</p>	
<p>The Week Ahead</p> <p>Sunday 27th November (Advent Sunday)</p> <p>9.30am Sung Eucharist in St Peter's with Sunday School followed by refreshments.</p> <p>11.15am Sung Eucharist in Holy Trinity with Sunday School followed by refreshments.</p> <p>6pm Mosaic Service in St Peter's</p> <p> A creative, informal service which begins with food together. We'll be reflecting on the simple question: Who are we waiting for? Come along and invite others!</p> <p>Morning Prayer is said Monday - Thursday this week in St Peter's @ 8am, lasting about 20 mins</p> <p>Monday 28th October</p> <p>11.30am The Bread of Life Service 12.1.30pm The Table in St Peter's</p> <p>Tuesday 29th November</p> <p>10.30am Eucharist in Holy Trinity 7.30pm Bible Study in Noddfa</p> <p>Wednesday 30th November (St Andrew)</p> <p>9-11.30am Coffee Morning in Holy Trinity 7pm Whist Drive in St Peter's</p> <p>Thursday 1st December (St Nicholas Ferrar, Patron of OGS)</p> <p>9.30am Eucharist in Holy Trinity (Traditional Language) Christmas Light Switch on and Party in Holy Trinity</p> <p>6pm</p> <p>Friday 2nd December</p> <p>8am Eucharist in St Peter's</p> <p>Sunday 4th November (Advent II)</p> <p>9.30am Sung Eucharist in St Peter's with Sunday School followed by refreshments.</p> <p>11.15am Holywell Town Civic Service in Holy Trinity with Sunday School followed by refreshments.</p> <p>Holy Trinity Sunday Hymns 128, 43 & 405</p>	

Important Notices

We were extremely saddened to learn of the death of Karin Davies, last week, a key member of our Governing Body and Friend of the School. Over the many years that Karin has been involved in our school family, she has consistently displayed commitment to principle, care and wisdom to all. Karin was admired by all and will be missed in our school and local community. We send our sincere condolences to her family and all who knew her.

Parking

The area outside the green gate is becoming increasingly dangerous at the start and end of the school day. We have to ensure there is parking for those with a blue badge or children who are allocated transport. All other cars will be stopped at the barrier and asked to park in the visitor car park. There have been two very near misses where children have narrowly avoided being hit by cars. We ask for your co-operation with this to ensure we are keeping everyone safe.

Nuts

We are a nut free school, please ensure there are no nut based foods brought on to the premises.

Collection

Please let us know if someone different is collecting your children, we have had several instances recently where we have had to ask a family member or friend to wait outside while we contact parents to ensure they have approved the collection. We will continue to do this if we have not been informed of a change, this remains the case even if we know the person collecting, unless they are named on our system as a contact for the child, we need consent please.

- Flintshire Schools Admissions - <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Admissions.aspx>
- For any enquiries in regard to School Transport, Streetscene & Transportation;
 - **Tel: 01352 701234**
 - **Email: school.transport@flintshire.gov.uk**

Target School Attendance per week: 93%

Our whole school attendance week ending 02/12/2022:

Please can I remind parents / carers how important it is, that if your child is not going to be in school, please can you contact the office on 01352 711366 as soon as possible, otherwise this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.



Ysgol Maes y Felin

School Holidays & Training Dates 2022 / 23

as at 07.11.2022

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	Staff Training Day	Holidays (closed to pupils)	Bank Holidays (school closed)
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Percentage	Lost by Year 11
90%	1 ½ terms
80%	1 YEAR
70%	1 ½ YEARS
60%	2 YEARS
50%	2 ½ YEARS

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