



# Ysgol Maes Y Felin 07.10.22

7th October

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## A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

Yesterday's coffee morning was a great success - thanks so much for coming along and joining us, it was so nice seeing so many of you attend. The Year 3/4 choir performed so well it was a joy to listen to them. Thanks also to those who signed up to Wellies in the Woods. Wellies in the Woods is a free family learning course, run over 8 one and a half hour long sessions.

Activities vary each week and will include bug hunting, natural crafts, games, den building, and more! All activities are practical and engaging, 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 on some of the most popular children's storybooks! These sessions are open to families with children in Years 4 and below. If you want to sign up or would like more details, please contact the office.

This week has seen some of our Year 5/6 pupils travel around Flintshire. On Wednesday two pupils visited Maes Garmon, Mold to practise their Welsh skills and have some fun. They both acquitted themselves very well. Da iawn!

Yesterday saw three pupils visit Caer Nant in Connah's Quay and they had a fun morning improving their Digital skills.

Last week saw Year 3/4 visit St. Winifrede's Well as part of their Holywell and beyond topic. Pupils learnt so much and were able to apply their new found knowledge into producing a poster to encourage visitors.

Today saw us have the second of our class services and Llwyfen children shared with us how important looking after our own Mental Health is. Again, it was lovely to see so many parents/carers stay to join in with lesson and have lunch with their children I hope you all enjoyed it.

Our Play and Stay sessions are proving very popular with our Year 1/2 parents and carers. They are working very hard along with their children and having fun at the same time.

Our extra-curricular clubs are up and running and it is great to see so many children enjoying themselves in a variety of activities being offered.

The link to book a slot with your child's class teacher for Parent's Evening is also now available for October 17th. Spaces are filling up quickly so make sure you sign up.

The Juniors are practising hard for their Harvest Service. The service is taking place at 1:30 on October 21st. Further details about how to get your tickets will be sent out soon.

Please read on for other news, including some fantastic pictures of your children in school.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher



## What have we been up to?

Year 1&2 have thoroughly enjoyed their stay and play sessions over the last two weeks. Children spent time with their parents researching Welsh castles on the iPads. Children and parents then had lots of fun planning and designing a Welsh castle to build using junk modelling. We all look forward to building the castles during the next session!

This is what the children have got to say about the sessions..

***It was good. I enjoyed drawing stuff with my mum and dad, Isaiah***

***I liked colouring in with my mum, Summer***

***I made a castle design with my mum and dad, Eliza***

***I can't wait to make a castle with cardboard and make a flag, Asher***





Today was Llwyfen's class service. They have been working hard in class, learning how to manage and handle their emotions in a healthy way. The children enjoyed sharing what they had learned with the children, staff and their family members.

The children particularly enjoyed spending time with their family in school, and completing a piece of mindfulness artwork using natural resources. It was a shame the weather let us down and we couldn't spend more time in the Eco Area! The children carried out their assembly perfectly, and we are all very proud of them.

Da iawn, Dosbarth Llwyfen!







On Wednesday, Jack and Esther were chosen to represent our school at a special Welsh activity day at Ysgol Maes Garmon (the Welsh High School in Mold). They took part in a Welsh language lesson, a Theatr Clwyd dance workshop and a fun session, where they played games through the medium of Welsh. It was a very enjoyable day and gave the children an opportunity to hear about the immersion (Trochi) class that they can attend in year 7 as Welsh learners.

***I liked the group dance session best, Esther***

***I especially enjoyed the tour around the school, Jack***



Year 3 and 4 classes visited St Winifrede's Well on Wednesday 28th September as part of their 'Holywell and beyond' Topic this term. The children have been looking closely at the story of St Winifrede's and the history behind the well. They really enjoyed visiting the museum and being able to see St Winifrede's Well and the old buildings surrounding it.

This is what the children have got to say about their trip..

***I liked the Well, it was pretty, Harri***

***It was amazing and the clipboards were fun because we got to do a little quiz, Dylan***

***It was fun because we had a little quiz to find different things in St Winifrede's Well and I also like walking to random places that I don't know, Jessica***



A huge thank you to the families who came along to the coffee morning yesterday, it was so lovely to see so many in attendance. The Ciriw Cymraeg members taking orders and communicating using welsh did us really proud and it was fantastic to hear some of the adults having a go and answering in welsh too!



A big thank you to the children who performed two songs beautifully for us and the staff who gave up their time and facilitated the morning, it's so lovely to be able to welcome families back in to school for these things again, we hope you had an enjoyable time too.



## Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg

This week's phrase is..

Pwy wyt ti? \_\_\_\_\_ Ydw i

Who are you? I am \_\_\_\_\_



## School Council

Our school council pupil voice group held their first meeting on 27th September. During the meeting the children elected their representatives for the 2022/2023 school year. Our elected representatives are:

***Chair Person - Blaine***

***Vice Chair - Maks***

***Secretary - Demi-Rose***

***Treasurer - April***

Our school council members are looking forward to organising many events throughout the school year and will try their best to making positive changes in our school. The first event being a spooky disco, please find the information for this below. Please note that this will be during school hours.



## 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.

## Special Mentions

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 fortnight.

### VIPs - 30th September, 2022

Layla, Foxes

Olwen, Squirrels

Brooke, Badgers

Asher, Owls

Keelan, Ceiriosen

Benjamin, Derwen

Macey, Celyn

Ella, Masarnen

Esther, Collen

Laney, Llwyfen

Please find below photos of our VIPs enjoying their 'Tea with Mr T' reward.



Lois, Llwyfen, took part in her first league game for Holywell Netball Club.

Well Done Everyone!



## After School Clubs and Parents' Evening

### 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 27.09.22:

- Dance Club for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Netball Club for Years 4, 5 and 6

Wednesdays as from 28.09.22:

- Lego Club for Year 1 and 2
- Choir Club for Years 4, 5 and 6
- Drama Club for Years 3, 4, 5, and 6



Thursdays as from 29.09.22:

- Board Games for Year 3 and 4
- Art Club for Years 1 and 2
- Art Club for Years 3 and 4
- Football Club for Years 3, 4, 5, and 6.

### **Parents' Evening**

We would appreciate if you have any feedback on this new process. We did have some teething issues previously, but are hoping to have resolved these.

Due to teacher regulations on work/ life balance, only one appointment can be made per family for the Open Evening. The situation will be the same for April. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Link for After School Clubs and Parents' Evening** - <https://ysgolmaesyfelin.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

### Upcoming Events

- Stay and Play (Years 1 and 2) - 23rd September, 30th September, 7th October and 14th October
- Parents' Evening - 17th October (Please find the link below to book for this)
- Spooky Disco - 19th October 1pm - 3pm (Parent volunteers required to help please)
- School Nurse Drop in Session - 19th October (Please find more information below)
- Harvest Junior Class Service - 21st October at 1:30 p.m. (More information to follow)
- PTA meeting – 25th October 2 30pm – 3pm – All welcome
- Wellies in the woods – Tuesday afternoons 12:45 – 2:45 from 8th November – 13th December (See below flier for details)
- Collen Class Service , Parent Lesson and Parent Lunch - 11th November
- Celyn Class Service , Parent Lesson and Parent Lunch - 23rd November
- Panto Year 1 to 6 - 14th December



## Dates for your Diary

- Staff Training Day - 7th November
- Applications open for Early Entitlement - 14th November
- Applications open for Nursery/Reception - 26th September
- Tempest Photographs - 17th November
- Christmas Fayre - 25th November
- Nasal Flu Spray for Full Time Pupils - 6th December
- Infants Christmas Production - 15th December



## Ysgol Maes y Felin

### School Holidays & Training Dates 2022 / 23

As at 29.06.2022

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	Staff Training Day		Holidays (closed to pupils)		Bank Holidays (school closed)
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## School Nurse

We have a new school nurse allocated to Ysgol Maes y Felin, Gemma Hall. She is available on the 19th October at school from 9am – 12pm. This will be a drop in session where families can call in and see an NHS school nurser without an appointment to discuss any health issues that may be worrying them. This may be a health worry such as toileting, information about procedures like immunisations or support around keeping safe and relationships.

## Important Information

- Polite Reminder that Snack Money for Infants is due each half term, the cost is £9 per half term. If you are having trouble accessing the gateway please contact us.
- 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](mailto:school.transport@flintshire.gov.uk)**

Target School Attendance per week: 93%

Our School Attendance up to the week ending 07/10/22: 91.17%

Percentage	Lost by Year 11
90%	1 ½ terms
80%	1 YEAR
70%	1 ½ YEARS
60%	2 YEARS
50%	2 ½ YEARS

## Contact Us

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