



Ysgol Maes Y Felin 09.12.22

9th December

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[A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher](#)

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

We want to start by thanking you again for not bringing your cars down into school. There has been such a difference in the last week or two. The area outside the double green gates is much less congested which makes our school safer for all our children.

Well, the weather has certainly got quite a bit colder. Please can you make sure your child is sent to school with a warm coat, hat, gloves and scarf and they are labelled with their full name. The children are still spending a lot of time learning outside as well as their PE lessons.

The Year 3/4 school choir were in fine voice last Friday at the Holywell Christmas Light switch on. We as a school were very proud of them and a big thank you to Mrs Stevenson for all her hard work and to Mrs Nellist for going with them.

Life continues to be very busy as we come to the end of the first term. Our Nursery and Reception children have been taking part in family football sessions which they have really enjoyed.

It was lovely having our Christmas dinner yesterday. A massive thank you to Sam and all her staff for putting on such a fantastic spread.

We have a busy week ahead with the Panto for Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday and the Christmas Concert for Reception to Year 2. Please contact the office if you still need tickets for either event

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

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher



What have we been up to?

We were pleased to welcome parents in to our coffee morning this Thursday, we had some uniform for sale and the choir performed, it was a lovely session. We will continue to sell uniform at school, if you have any donations, these would be gratefully received.

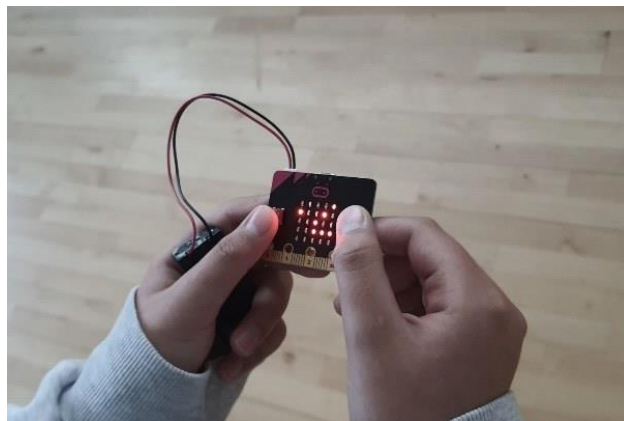


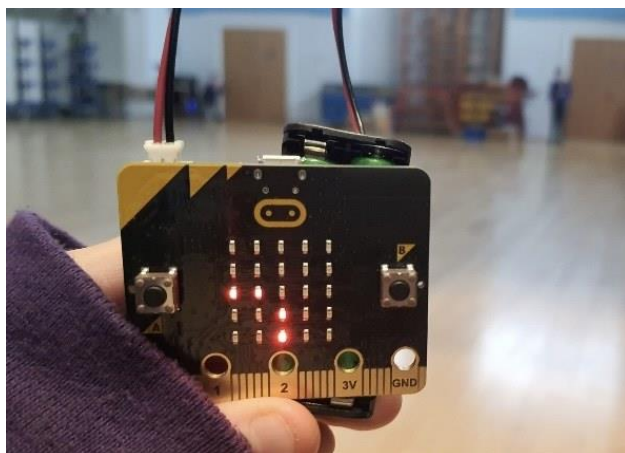
We are very lucky to have a fantastic teacher Mr Downes come to work with year 5/6 this half term. This week he tweeted

'Fab lesson with Masarnen from @ysgolmaesyfelin, we've coded the micro:bit to find where North is using the compass feature, transmitted secret messages via Bluetooth from device to device, made step counters and more.

We've also learnt about hacking & anti-static bags'

It's been brilliant to see the children gain so many skills each week in such a purposeful and engaging way, Mr Downes will be back in the new year with more exciting activities.





Isla P, Owls, switched on the Holywell Christmas Lights on Friday, she was chosen by staff in school for being a fantastic role model and ambassador for Ysgol Maes y Felin. She was joined by the Maes y Felin Choir who performed 3 songs on stage, they were confident and clear and represented the school beautifully - da iawn pawb



A huge thank you to Sam and the Newydd Team for a fantastic Christmas Dinner today, all the children and staff loved it! 🎄







Choir visited St. Peters church to sing at their coffee morning.







Jon from Youth and Children's worker for the Holywell Mission Hub St Peters' Church has been with us on Thursday to do some work on prayer and prayer stations. He talked to the children about the importance of talking about feelings and then set up 7 sensory prayer stations around the room, the children accessed these in groups of 3 and were able to spend some time reflecting and considering together. Jon was available during lunch time and the queue of children was large, the children responded very sensitively to the activities.









On Wednesday Squirrels and Foxes children were very excited to welcome parents and grandparents into school for a stay and play session. The children showed off their Read Write Inc skills and then took part in a variety of activities around the classroom and the outdoor area.

We look forward to welcoming you back next Wednesday afternoon. If you missed this week but would like to attend the next two, please fill out the form linked below.

[Reception Stay and Play](#)

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 week.

Dylan, Derwen, has won the Best In School Prize in the Christmas Card Competition. Da lawn Dylan!



Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg



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

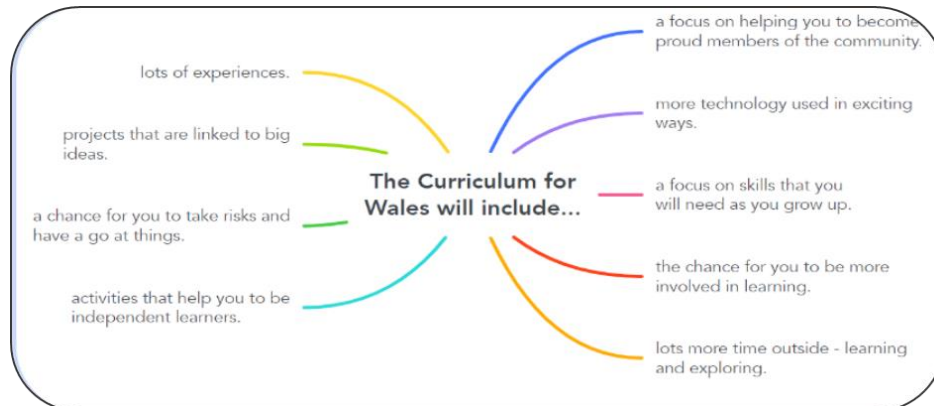
- Adults involved in education wanted to decide what and how they teach.
- Young people in education felt learning was sometimes boring and they were only learning things to pass a test or exam.
- Parents and families wanted learning to be more focussed on skills for the future

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!



Upcoming Events

- Reception Stay and Play - 7th, 14th and 21st December, all sessions will run from 1:00 p.m. until 2:50 p.m.
- 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
- Staff Training Day - 9th January
- Derwen Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch - 20th January at 10:00 until 12:00
- Ceiriosen Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch - 3rd February at 10:00 until 12:00
- Owls Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch - 10th March at 10:00 until 12:00
- Bedwen Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch - 24th March at 10:00 until 12:00
- Badgers Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch - 21st April at 10:00 until 12:00
- Foxes Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch - 11th May at 10:00 until 12:00

- Squirrels Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch - 26th May at 10:00 until 12:00



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



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.

The Week Ahead

Sunday 27th November (Advent Sunday)

9.30am	Sung Eucharist in St Peter's with Sunday School followed by refreshments.
11.15am	Sung Eucharist in Holy Trinity with Sunday School followed by refreshments.
6pm	Mosaic Service in St Peter's

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!

Morning Prayer is said **Monday - Thursday** this week in St Peter's @ 8am, lasting about 20 mins

Monday 28th October

11.30am	The Bread of Life Service
12.1.30pm	The Table in St Peter's

Tuesday 29th November

10.30am	Eucharist in Holy Trinity
7.30pm	Bible Study in Noddfa

Wednesday 30th November (St Andrew)

9-11.30am	Coffee Morning in Holy Trinity
7pm	Whist Drive in St Peter's

Thursday 1st December (St Nicholas Ferrar, Patron of OGS)

9.30am	Eucharist in Holy Trinity (Traditional Language)
6pm	Christmas Light Switch on and Party in Holy Trinity

Friday 2nd December

8am	Eucharist in St Peter's
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Sunday 4th November (Advent II)

9.30am	Sung Eucharist in St Peter's with Sunday School followed by refreshments.
11.15am	Holywell Town Civic Service in Holy Trinity with Sunday School followed by refreshments.

Holy Trinity Sunday Hymns | 128, 43 & 405

Sunday 27th November 2022

Advent Sunday

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 welcomeers. You can like us on Facebook or sign up to our mailing list to hear more about what's going on.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022

ST PETER'S	HOLY TRINITY
Christmas Eve Crib Service @ 4pm	Saturday 17th December Candlelit Carol Service @ 6pm
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass @ 11.30pm	Friday 23rd December Crib Service @ 4pm
Christmas Day Family Eucharist @ 9.30am	Christmas Eve Midnight Mass @ 10pm
	Christmas Day Family Eucharist @ 11am

ST JAMES'
 Sunday 11th December
 Candlelit Advent Carol Service @ 6.30pm

HOLWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE
 Friday 16th December
 Carols and Refreshments @ 5pm




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!

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.

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!

Next Sunday's Readings (St Peter's only) | Isaiah 11.1-10 & Matthew 3.1-12 (Holy Trinity will host the Civic Service)

Fr Dominic Cawdell OGS (Vicar) dominiccawdell@clnw.org.uk 01352 712872 07530518851	The Rev'd Gareth Williams (Curate) garethwilliams@clnw.org.uk Jon Andrews (Youth & Children's Worker) jonathanandrews@clnw.org.uk
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Find our churches on    hollywellchurches.co.uk



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%

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.

Attendance - what are we doing to improve this?

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- *Increased parental engagement through stay and play sessions for each year group.*

- Increased family engagement through inviting all classes to a child led assembly, to stay for lunch and attend a school session alongside their child.
- Free school meal roll out
- A new childcare provision to ensure wrap around care as part of the childcare offer.
- Identifying children at risk of persistent absenteeism and supporting them in school
- A school-based family liaison officer and additional need co-ordinator
- Inclusion welfare team based in school

If you have any other ideas, please let us know via Mrs Dickinson in the office.

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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