



Ysgol Maes Y Felin 16.12.22

16th December

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A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

It has been fantastic seeing all our children outside enjoying this beautiful crisp weather. As long as we 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 will be out for the appropriate length time. Being outside as much as possible will help stop spreading colds which are more easily transmitted in warm classrooms.

What fantastic Christmas concerts we had yesterday from our Reception to Year 2 pupils. The children were so clear saying their lines and gave a lovely portrayal of the nativity story and a special mention to the children who had to step in at the last moment due to absences. It was great to see so many parents attending too after three very long years. A big thank you to all the staff involved, for events like this to take place takes a lot of hard work. Diolch i bawb.

The children who went to the Panto had a fantastic time on Wednesday. They all came back full of life and singing all the songs from the show. The behaviour as always was excellent.

Next week sees our last week before the big day. There will still be a lot going on including class parties on Wednesday, details have been sent to you on Seesaw.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend, see you Monday. Only one week to go!!!!

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher



What have we been up to?

Masarnen have been busy innovating World Cup items. They designed new trophies, stadiums, logos and a kit





Children from Year 1 to Year 6 were an absolute credit to Ysgol Maes y Felin at the Pantomime on Wednesday. So proud of them all, it was a brilliant show, we all enjoyed it.





Reception children thoroughly enjoyed inviting their parents back for a stay and play session this week. This is week we focused on number, the children showed off their numicon skills and worked alongside their parents to complete a challenge.

The children then set off to challenges around the classroom, they enjoyed baking cakes and making salt dough to make Christmas decorations.

Thank you to all that took the time to attend, we look forward to inviting you back next Wednesday for the final session.



How amazing were our superstar performers today?! Foundation Phase have worked so hard on their words, dances and songs and it paid off! Huge thank you to Mrs Howard and all the staff for giving their time and energy to make sure it was a positive experience for all children! We are all so proud of all of them for performing so well! Please find some photos of the children below.



















Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg



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.

Seren, Llwyfen, has completed her waves in swimming! Da lawn!



Curriculum for Wales

A key part of the curriculum for Wales is collaboration and continuous improvement, this half term we have been working hard on both of these to ensure that teaching at Maes y Felin is of a high standard and that this has a positive impact on learning.

We regularly monitor provision across the learning continuum in a variety of ways, this half term;

- Governors, Teaching Staff, Support Staff and our School Improvement Advisor conducted a learning walk throughout school, this quote from Paul, our SIA sums up the strengths of our school “The school is a bright and welcoming environment which celebrates pupils’ work and reinforces positive attitudes to learning.”
- Support Staff led a learning walk to monitor phonics provision across the learning continuum, there were some key actions including ensuring all classes have suitable resources to deliver the sessions, these have been ordered and we are already seeing a positive impact.
- Children in year 5 and 6 conducted pupil lesson observations, they were a credit to our school and made some mature and considered observations for example; “the children are very creative. They are really responsible and take care of themselves, they made their own snack and they clean up after themselves and are very organised. All children follow the class rules and behave safely and nearly all listen and follow instructions.”
- Headteachers from two local school took part in a learning walk triad with Mr Thomas, they were impressed with the behaviour around school and really enjoyed talking to our learners to find out more about how teaching and learning progresses in our school.

We will be planning additional collaboration in the Spring Term as well as developing action plans and working as a staff team to ensure we are developing our culture of continuous improvement.

Parent Readers

We welcome parents and grandparents into our school to help as a one off or more regularly. If this is something you would like more information on, please speak to individual class teachers or the office. Please note that an enhanced DBS will be required for all volunteers but this will be organised by school.

Reading Competition

There's only one week to go until we choose the winners of our reading competition. Log any reading using 'Boom Reader' (previously known as GoRead) at home or in school to be entered into a prize draw to win £20 book vouchers.



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, Facebook. Please click the link below to view more information.

[Facebook - Hwb](#)

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.
- Christmas Parties (Children can wear Christmas Jumpers or Party Clothes) - 21st December
- Staff Training Day - 9th January
- Wellies in the Woods (Foundation Phase) - Every Tuesday from 10th January until 14th February, at 1:30p.m. until 3:00p.m. (See poster for more details)
- 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

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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 **10.1.23** to **14.2.23** at **1.30pm - 3pm**

If you would like more information email us on training@groundworknorthwales.org.uk or book through the school by emailing mfmail@hwbcymru.net or speaking to **Miss Parkes/Mrs Dickinson/Mrs G. Davies**

www.groundworktraining.org.uk
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Financial Support

Childcare Offer

Do you or someone you know need help with childcare costs? Under the Childcare Offer for Wales, you could claim up to 30 hours of early education and childcare a week, for up to 48 weeks of the year. This government-funded childcare scheme aims to lessen the burden of childcare costs so that you can spend the money you've saved on the things that matter most to your family.

The Offer has already helped parents from all over Wales to return to work, increase their hours or work more flexibly. If you're looking for a job, or thinking about going back into education or training, but are worried about childcare costs, this support could make all the difference.

Whatever the Offer means for you and your family, don't miss out on your share of this childcare funding.



All parents wishing to receive Childcare Offer for Wales funded childcare from January 2023 will need to apply through the [new national digital service](#). The online service is bilingual and can be accessed via a laptop, mobile phone or tablet.

When applying, you will need:

- Your child's birth certificate
- Proof of address
- Proof of household income or enrolment on a higher or further education course

Free School Meals (eFSM)

Some families who meet certain criteria, for example those on lower incomes or in receipt of certain benefits, are entitled to receive a free school meal (eFSM).

On a successful application for eFSM families are then eligible for other benefits to cover the cost of school essentials such as school uniform grants (PDG).

Even though the roll out of UPFSM will begin in September 2022, and eligible year groups will begin to receive free school meals, families who are eligible for eFSM should continue to use the eFSM application process to ensure they don't lose out on other benefits.

For more information on eFSM and uniform grants go to:

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-Tax-and-Benefits-and-Grants/Free-School-Meals-and-Uniform-Grants.aspx>

The Table @ St Peter's, Holywell is here to support everyone in our community. There are no barriers to coming along.



For two years, the £2 Food Club in St Peter's has provided much needed practical, spiritual and emotional support to our community and now we are re-launching as 'The Table', which hopes to make this project sustainable for the long-term.

What is the table?

The Table is run by St Peter's Church in Holywell to support all in our community. There are no barriers to attending and we are open to all. There are a number of aspects to the Table and you can read about them here.

Eating Together

At the heart of the Table is the chance to enjoy a free lunch together, to meet with friends old and new and support each other. You can drop in anytime between 12 and 1.30 for lunch and a chance to chat.

The Pantry

The Table will always have a supply of food and other essentials for all those who come. There will be no barriers to using the Pantry.

While we're open for lunch (12 - 1.30), you'll be able to go into the Pantry and get a selection of things to stock up your cupboards. The exact amount will depend on what we have received.

We suggest a £2 donation, if you are able, so that this part of the Table can continue.



Sign-Posting and Support

At the Table, we'll always have someone to lend a listening ear and provide pastoral care and support - which is open to people of all faiths and none. As well as a listening ear, we can signpost you to a range of other sources of help. We work in close partnership with:

- Kidsbank Chester
- KIM Inspire
- Communities for Work
- Flintshire Foodbank
- Fare Share

and other organisations...!

Bread of Life

The Table always begins with a gathering at the Lord's Table to share worship in a reflective service, to which all are welcome. Whether you've been to church all your life or you're not sure about any of it, you're welcome to come and enjoy the service.

The service starts at 11.30am and lasts for 30 mins.

The Table is based in St Peter's Church, Rose Hill, Holywell (the church behind Lidl) each Monday

Posters



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.*

Christmas Eve Carol Service

24 December 7:30pm



You are invited to join us for this
special Christmas Eve Carol Service
where we will sing traditional carols.
Free coffee and tea reception to follow.



Bethel Baptist Chapel

Pen-Y-Bal Street
Holywell CH8 7LW
contact: 0753 045 7744
bethelbaptistofholywell.org.uk

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0808 250 5700

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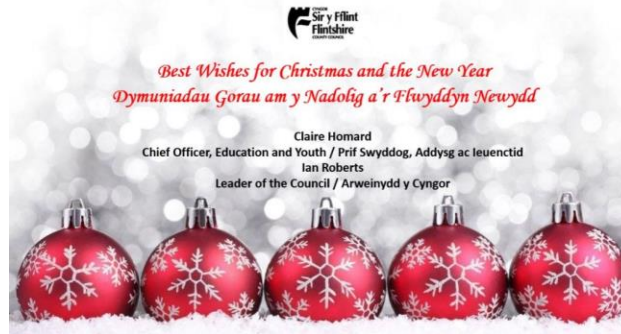
Claim what's yours here:

gov.wales/heretohelp

or call free on

0808 250 5700





Important Notices

Parking

Thank you for your co-operation with this. The area outside the green gate is much less congested and safer for all. Diolch

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, if you would like a password system set up, please speak to class teachers.

- 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*
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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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