



# Ysgol Maes Y Felin 25.11.22

25th November

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

*Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon*

It is a bit shorter than normal Newsletter this week as we are all busy with the Christmas Fayre. We all hope you have had a fantastic time and that you were able to meet Santa. A big thank you to Mrs Allman and all her elves for working so hard to put on such a spectacular event. We will bring you more details next week.

The last of our Pupil Voice groups presented to us this week. They have come up with some lovely ideas and we look forward to seeing how they progress during the course of the year. It is lovely to see the pupils are so passionate about their areas and meeting the [four core purposes](#).

Another week another sporting tournament. Monday saw our Year 5/6 pupils take part in the 5-side World Cup competition down at Deeside Leisure Centre. They performed so well in shocking conditions winning one match and drawing another.

Monday saw Cymru take on the USA and performed brilliantly to come away with a 1 -1 draw. This morning was wonderful seeing so many of our pupils wearing red and supporting Cymru as they took on Iran, which unfortunately resulted in us losing, 2-0.

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

Kind regards,

*Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher*



## What have we been up to?

On Wednesday, the children from Celyn performed their class assembly in front of the school and their parents. It was based around the theme of Respect and the children all enjoyed finally getting to perform in front of an audience, after weeks of practicing. The children and their parents then worked together on an art activity based around the word 'Respect' and finished off the morning by eating a delicious roast dinner together.





Last week at Ysgol Maes y Felin, we all hopped straight out of bed and stayed in our pyjamas for school in order to raise money for Children In Need. Also we had some helpers from Ysgol Treffynnon who kindly offered to carry out face painting for a donation towards the charity. Please find below most of the school who are all looking fabulous in their pyjamas, and Collen class who are looking great also.



Aoife, Harper and Rylee enjoying the build up to the game singing and dancing to Yma o Hyd. Also more children from the Squirrels class enjoying the game. C'mon Cymru!



Owls class also enjoying the Wales game, and singing the National anthem.





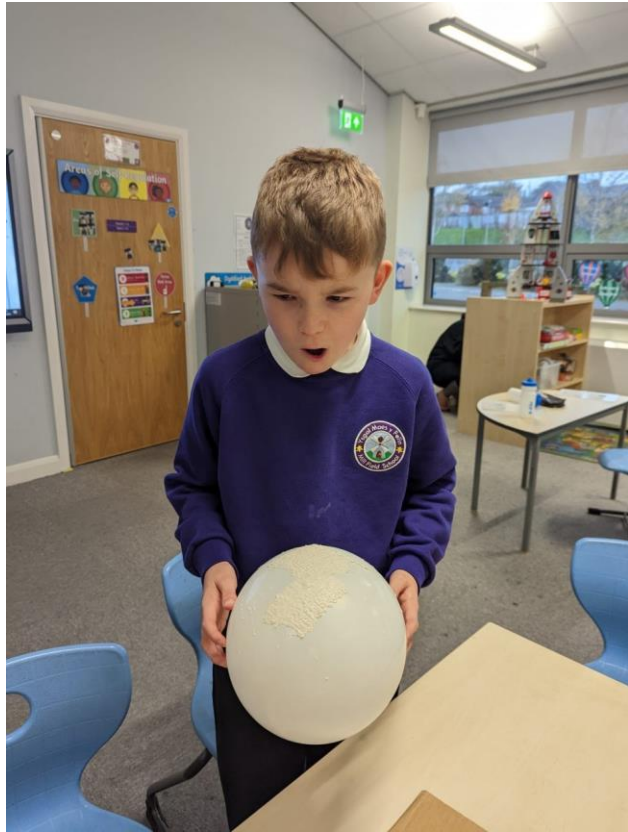


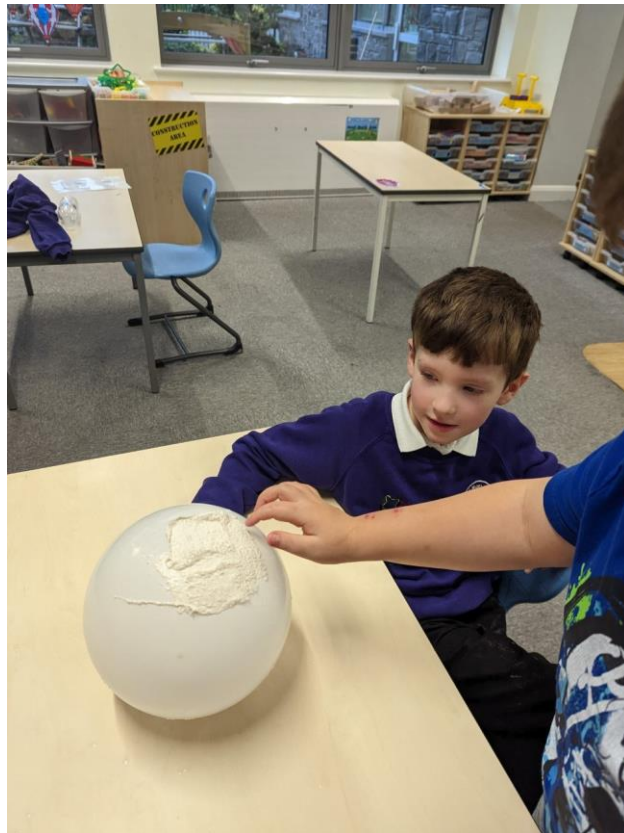
Llwyfen supporting Wales.



Bedwen enjoyed watching the Wales match, we have also been making planets for our solar system







Ceiriosen enjoying the Wales game.





In Masarnen, we've been exploring using VR Headsets to support our learning. We can't wait to use them in our lessons!





## Special Mentions

Unfortunately this week there are no special mentions & service this week as we are having our Christmas Fayre. This doesn't mean that the children here at Ysgol Maes y Felin are not being their usual superstar-selves!

Keep up the good work everyone and we will be back next week with VIPs & more 😊



## Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg



### World Cup

To show our support for Cymru players going to the 2022 FIFA World Cup for the first time in 64 years, we are allowing children to come into school wearing red on the days that Wales are playing to show that they are part of the Red Wall! Please find the dates below.

November 29th- Wales v England at 7pm

**C'mon Cymru!**





## 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 - <https://ysgolmaesyfelin.schoolcloud.co.uk/>**

## Curriculum for Wales

Curriculum for Wales is an exciting new way of delivering the curriculum in schools across Wales. There are lots of different elements to the curriculum that ensure that learning experiences are rich, engaging and tailored to each school and their unique features. In our weekly newsletter, we will share how we are embedding the curriculum for Wales to ensure that you are involved and included in Maes y Felin.

This week, we would like to tell you about our pupil voice groups. Pupil voice is a key feature of the curriculum for Wales and helps to make sure that children have a real and authentic voice in how and what they learn. We achieve this at Maes y Felin by involving children in planning, marking and assessment and ensuring activities and experiences are child led.

We also have six pupil voice groups.

They are school council, eco committee, digital leaders, criw cymraeg, wellbeing champions and rights respecting committee. Children are elected by others in their class to be in each group. The children in the group are the 'voice' for the rest of the class.

School Council have done lots of activities. They help to make the school a better place. Last year they asked for more equipment on the yard. They also help to raise money for school funds and charity. They have planned cake sales and discos too.

Eco Committee focus on making sure we are taking care of our planet. Some of the activities they have done include planting colourful flowers around school, litter picks, teaching us about reduce-reuse-recycle and introducing global week.

Digital Leaders are a group of children who are experts in computers, ipads and other devices. They have recently hosted two meetings for local schools to attend and work together.

Criw Cymaeg are welsh champions, they lead by example to help us speak lots of welsh around school. They are working hard this year to achieve 'siarter iaith bronze award.'

Our wellbeing champions is a new group, they strive to make sure everyone is healthy and happy when they are at school.

The Rights Respecting Committee is a group set up to make sure all children in our school are respected and their rights are met. They have set up links with other countries to work together.

All of the pupil voice groups have met with the leadership team this year to outline their plans for 2022-23 and there is lots to look forward to - we'll keep you updated as things are planned!

We are the new Eco Committee for Ysgol Maes y Felin 2022/2023



We would like to share with you one of our ideas that we are going to be setting up this year. As part of our on-going commitment to Eco issues within the school and the local community we would like to set up a uniform shop. As an Eco team we feel that this will reduce the amount of uniform that may be thrown away and parents and children will benefit from being able to buy uniform at a discount price.

What uniform will be at the shop?

Anything that you wear for school. Coats, Fleece, jumpers, cardigans, skirts, trousers, dresses, shirts, t-shirts, PE shorts, shoes, pumps etc

How much will it cost?

Every item of uniform sold will be either £1.00 or 50 pence.

What will we do with the money collected?

All money that is collected will be given to the Eco Committee to decide what they would like to buy for the school to make it a better place. We will let you know what we have decided to buy via our school newsletter.

Dates for your diary

We will be selling the clothes on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. 9:00-10:30am

Thank you for reading,

Oscar, Corey, Grace, Alfie, Mason, Devyn, Sara, Ethan L, Caleb, Darcel, Liam, Connagh, Natan, Seren, Tomos B, Blaine, Ben, Caleb, Alice



## 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 game, Clash of Clans . Please click the link below to view more information.

[Clash of Clans - 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)
- Elf Day - 2nd December (See below posters for more details)
- Nasal Flu Spray for all Full Time Pupils - 6th December
- Wear a Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day - 8th December



- 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 (More information to follow)
- Christmas Parties (Children can wear Christmas Jumpers or Party Clothes) - 21st December

## Join us for Elf Day

**When** 02.12.2022

**Where** Ysgol Maes Y Felin

**Contact** Enfys



**£15**

could provide a family affected by dementia one hour with a Community Dementia Advisor. Community Dementia Advisors provide face-to-face support for families affected by dementia. Whether they're supporting someone living with dementia, a carer, or an entire family, this support is invaluable in ensuring people feel supported.

**£50**

could enable 43 issues of our Dementia Together magazine to be printed. No experience of dementia is the same, but hearing stories from different people empowers others to live well. Dementia Together shines a spotlight on the many and diverse aspects of dementia – helping people to feel less alone.

**£100**

could enable 8 companion calls to be made. Loneliness can be a devastating part of someone's experience with dementia, but a friendly chat with a Companion Call volunteer can help keep the loneliness at bay.

**Elf Day**



# Elf Day!!



**When:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**What:** To raise money for the Alzheimer's society



Children can come into school dressed as an Elf or in green clothing.  
Donations welcome 😊





A variety of cakes will be on sale to raise money for the charity so bring in your pennies!

AND ... guess how many sweets in the jar!!!!





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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.*



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**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.**

**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.

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## Important Information

### 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](mailto:school.transport@flintshire.gov.uk)**

Target School Attendance per week: 93%

Our whole school attendance week ending 25/11/2022: 89.52%

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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