



# Ysgol Maes Y Felin 23.12.22

23rd December

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## A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

*Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon*

Well, we have made it. September 5th seems an eternity ago. It has been an extremely busy and long term and all the children and staff are looking forward to a well-earned rest.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you all and the children for supporting all our new initiatives. It has been wonderful seeing so many parents engaging with us and working alongside their children. Please let us know what you have enjoyed, what we could improve or any

ideas for new initiatives that we could look at. Next term is already looking fun filled and groups of learners will be working with Theatre Clwyd, World of Work, Alan Downes (Minecraft), class services and much more.

Also, a massive thank you to all our amazing staff. We are all very lucky to have our staff who constantly go way beyond what is expected of them to ensure all the children have access to so many fantastic opportunities. Diolch i bawb.

It may be our last week but there is still plenty going on.

Wednesday saw our Year 3/4 choir go to perform at Llys Gwenffrwd and the residents were thrilled to have a medley of Christmas songs. The children sang beautifully and a lovely time was had by all.

Wednesday also saw all classes have their class parties and it was so nice to see all the children dress up and have a thoroughly lovely time.

Yesterday saw the last event of the year with our Year 5/6 pupils performing their carol service. For those there I'm sure you agree it was a fitting way to close the term.

Just a reminder that January 9th is a training day and the children will be expected back in on Tuesday January 10th .

All that is left to say is to wish you all an enjoyable and restful Christmas break and we will look forward to finding out what the big man has brought you all.

Nadolig Llawen!

*Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher*



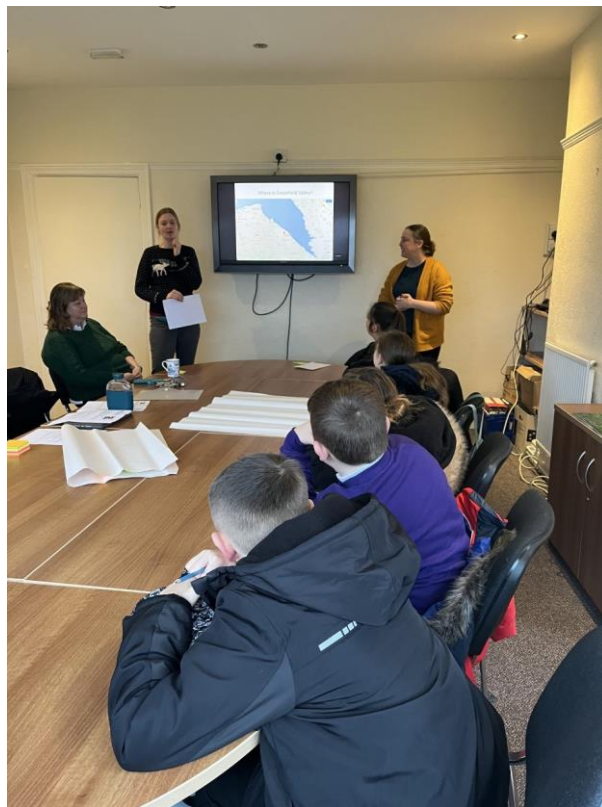
### What have we been up to?

Children from year 5/6 went to greenfield valley to learn about its history and discuss ideas and improvements that could be put into place. Children had the opportunity to look around the museum and ask questions, they then had to think about what could be put into place to make it more appealing to children on visits. The children came up with many creative ideas and asked for more interactive experiences. We look forward to returning in the new year to try out the new features.









The choir from year 3/4 sang at llys Gwernfred this week, the residents loved joining in with the festive songs.



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A huge well done to our Year 5/6 pupils who were fantastic yesterday at their Christmas Carol Concert. They have got us all feeling festive and ready for Christmas now 🎄 Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Marsh for organising the wonderful afternoon, and to all of those who attended.







On Wednesday, we welcomed parents in for Stay and Play with Reception children. They had lots of fun doing Christmas themed activities.









## 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.

This week we revealed the winners for the Reading Competition;

Dilara, Celyn

Atila, Celyn

Natan D, Derwen

Thomas K, Celyn

Austin, Celyn

Children were presented with a book voucher in yesterday's service. Da iawn Pawb!

Joshua had his first day at swimming club this week, we're all really proud of him. Da iawn!





We have a different but very exciting additional special mention for the final newsletter of the year. Mrs Davies had her gorgeous baby, Parker, he was born on 7th December weighing 9lb 4oz.



## Curriculum for Wales

Please click this link below for the most up to date information about the curriculum for wales. This is a document developed by the welsh government for parents in Wales.

[Curriculum for Wales](#)

## 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.

## 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, FIFA Mobile . Please click the link below to view more information.

[FIFA Mobile - Hwb](#)

## Upcoming Events

- 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 **1.30 pm - 3pm**

If you would like more information email us on [training@groundworknorthwales.org.uk](mailto:training@groundworknorthwales.org.uk) or book through the school by emailing [msmail@hwb.cymru.net](mailto:msmail@hwb.cymru.net) or speaking to **Miss Parkes/Mrs Dickinson/Mrs G. Davies**

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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](http://bethelbaptistofholywell.org.uk)

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*Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year  
Dymuniadau Gorau am y Nadolig a'r Flwyddyn Newydd*

Claire Homard  
Chief Officer, Education and Youth / Prif Swyddog, Addysg ac Ieuencid  
Ian Roberts  
Leader of the Council / Arweinydd y Cyngor



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## 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](mailto: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?

- 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.

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## School Holidays & Training Dates 2022 / 23

as at 07.11.2022

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<div>Staff Training Day</div>	<div>Holidays (closed to pupils)</div>	<div>Bank Holidays (school closed)</div>
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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

## Contact Us

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