



Ysgol Maes Y Felin 03.02.23

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A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

I would like to start with thanking you for your understanding regarding the strike action on Wednesday. The next proposed strike action is for Tuesday February 14th . We will review our risk assessment as we get more information and let you know as soon as we can.

It's been another busy week with our netball team being back in action on Tuesday at Deeside. We were able to send two teams down and both teams acquitted themselves very well. Thanks to Mrs Saunders for all her hard work with the team.

It has been wonderful to see our Year 5/6 pupils working on their Creative Arts project with Ben. They have been totally engrossed in what they were doing and this was evident when looking at their final pieces of work which were exceptional.

On Thursday Year 1/2 put on their wellies and wrapped up warm for their visit to Prestatyn beach. Whilst there they explored habitats and looked for creatures that exist on the beach. They also took photographs of the beach to use when creating digital artwork back at school. They all had a great time.

The week ended with a lovely class service from Ceiriosen. It was lovely to have so many parents in to work with their children and to enjoy spending lunch time with them. After half term we look forward to inviting Owls parents in.

Thank you so much for all those who have already completed the form regarding attendance. It is important that we work together to ensure children are in. If you haven't completed the form, you can do so on this link [Attendance form](#).

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and we will see you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher



What have we been up to?

Year 1 and 2 had a wonderful time at the beach. They enjoyed digging and building, taking photographs, searching for habitats and using the nets in the water. The children were brilliantly behaved and a credit to our school.







Early Entitlement have been settling in really well. This week they have been baking cakes.







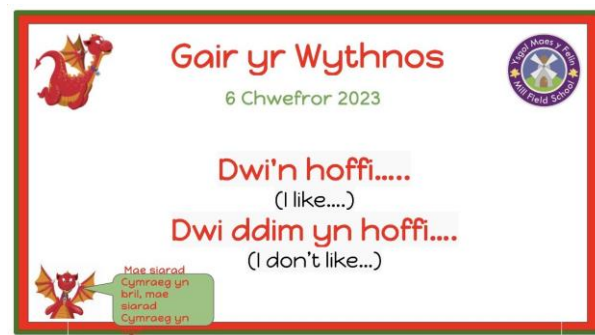
Celyn class visited the Holywell Library. Whilst they were there, they carried out research on animals using different types of books.







Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg



After School Clubs

Please find the clubs for Spring Term 1 only below. Just a reminder for those children who have booked onto the Digital Club, an adult must be present.

If your child no longer wishes to attend an After School Club for the rest of the sessions, please could you cancel the booking in order to give that space to someone who would like it.



Footie Families

This is a session we are running each Tuesday for parents of children in Reception Year or younger, family members are invited to come alongside their children and learn ball skills, drills and have fun together. If you would like to come along, no need to register, just come to main reception each Tuesday for 9 30 - 10 15, there's 2 weeks left this half term.

Curriculum for Wales

Please find below some informative links in regard to the Curriculum for Wales:

[Education in Wales is Changing \(English/Saesneg\) - Youtube](#)

[A guide to the new 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, Monkey Web. Please click the link below to view more information.

[Money Web - Hwb](#)

Upcoming Events

- Footie Families - 7th Feb, and 14th Feb
- Valentines Day Disco (See more information on poster below) - 15th February
- 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



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>

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Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government

Peidiwch â cholli allan

Cymorth gyda chostau ysgol.

Don't miss out

Help with school costs.

- Gwiriwch a ydych yn gymwys i gael Prydau Ysgol Am Ddim a hawliwch yr hyn rydych yn gymwys iddo trwy Hanfodion Ysgol (PDG - Mynediad)
- Check your eligibility for Free School Meals and claim what's yours through School Essentials (PDG Access)
- Dysgwch mwy am gyflwyno Prydau Ysgol am Ddim i bob plentyn ysgol gynradd erbyn 2024
- Find out about the rollout of Free School Meals to all primary school children by 2024

Darllenwch fwy a gwiriwch a ydych chi'n gymwys:
llyw.cymru/hawliwch-help-gyda-chostau-ysgol
Neu siaradwch â staff yr ysgol neu cysylltwch â'ch Awdurdod Lleol am ragor o wybodaeth.

Read more and check if you're eligible:
gov.wales/get-help-school-costs Or talk to school staff or contact your Local Authority for more information.

Help with the cost of the school day. Did you know? The latest Microsoft Office tools including Word, Excel and PowerPoint are available for FREE to learners and teachers in Wales:

[Microsoft - Hwb](#)

Posters

THE HUB CLUB!

A brand new church holiday club for 5-12 year olds

FOOD-GAMES-STORY-CRAFT

St Peters Church
Wednesday 22nd Feb 9.30-12
Holy Trinity Church
Thursday 23rd Feb 9.30-12

LIMITED spaces - **FREE** event but booking is **ESSENTIAL** - book with jonathanandrews@cinw.org.uk

Jesus in the Desert



YMA I HELPU GYDA CHOSTAU BYW

Hawliwch eich arian yma:
llyw.cymru/ymaihelpu

neu ffoniwch am ddim ar
0808 250 5700

**HERE TO HELP
WITH THE COST OF LIVING**

Claim what's yours here:
gov.wales/heretohelp

or call free on
0808 250 5700



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Being a Parent Group

Do you have at least one child between the ages of 2-7 years and live in Flintshire?

Would you like ideas on how to support your children?

Would you like help understanding your child's behaviour?



We may have the group for you....

Join our free groups run by fully trained local parents

An opportunity to meet other parents going through similar experiences

Practical support for the day to day challenges of being a parent

Share ideas with other parents

Some of the topics we cover over 8 sessions

- Play
- Feelings
- Being a parent
- Understanding children's behaviour

HOLYWELL FLYING
START CENTRE
STARTING ON 26TH
JANUARY
12:30 TILL 2:30PM
8 WEEKS
CRECHE AVAILABLE

CONTACT EMMA FOR MORE INFORMATION
07584 533111
FLINTSHIRE.EPEC@FLINTSHIRE.GOV.UK



Come and join our School Family



What do we offer?

- * 30 hours free childcare
- * Breakfast Club from 7 45am
- * After school Club until 5 30pm
- * Extensive grounds and excellent outdoor facilities
- * A full programme of after school clubs
- * A focussed Nurture Provision
- * An on site family liaison officer
- * Opportunities for families to come in to school and work alongside their children.
- * Offsite trips and experiences including residential visits.
- * Expert staff who work with children to plan engaging and authentic learning experiences

We have spaces available in most year groups for an immediate start.

I really like the communication from school, it's great seeing what my child has been up to on a daily basis. - Parent

I love coming to school, we do lots of fun things - Pupil in year 4

The school nurtures a calm learning environment where the relationship between staff and pupils supports learning effectively. - Estyn 2019

For admission enquires and to arrange a visit to the school, please contact the main office - 01352 711366, mfm@mail@hwbcymru.net



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to join our Events Working Group and to support with the running of events in the Holywell and Greenfield Communities.



We also welcome any students currently working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. If you have a few hours to spare or know of anyone who could help us, please contact: support.officer@holywell.wales
Thank you!

Cystadleuaeth Dydd Gwyl Dewi Dydd Gwyl Dewi Competition

WHAT DOES WALES MEAN TO YOU?

As a family produce an art work that represents Wales. It could be a sculpture, model, painting, collage, photographs, and textiles, whatever you wish.



**Prizes
to be
won**



Entries need to be in school by Tuesday 28th February so that they can be judged for our school eisteddfod.

Important Notices

Class PE Lessons

On the day where your child has a PE lesson, we would like them to come into school wearing their PE Kit. The kit should consist of black joggers or leggings, plain white t-shirt (school t-shirt is fine), school jumper and trainers.

Please find below list of which days each class have PE.

- *Monday:*
 - Celyn, Collen, Derwen, Foxes, Squirrels
- *Tuesday:*
 - Badgers, Bedwen, Ceiriosen, Celyn, Llwyfen
- *Wednesday:*
 - Collen, Derwen, Masarnen, Owls, Squirrels
- *Thursday:*
 - Bedwen, Ceiriosen, Owls, Llwyfen
- *Friday:*
 - Badgers, Foxes, Masarnen

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 or the office.

- 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**



IMPORTANT PARENT/CARER/PUPIL INFORMATION



EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Parents/carers and pupils who are able to access the internet from home.

Flintshire County Council reviewed the procedure for notifying parents/carers and pupils when schools need to close at short notice due to adverse weather conditions or other emergencies. This procedure enables head teachers or nominated back up staff to enter emergency/unplanned school closure details directly onto the Flintshire Website at their earliest convenience via internet access. This ensures speed and accuracy of information, by having all emergency school closure notices in the one place. Parents etc. can then check the one source for all schools closed, especially where siblings are attending different schools. **(Please note schools may still use their own method also for supplying closure information i.e. School Website, Schools Call Voice mail service etc.)**

In order to find the Flintshire County Council webpage in times of severe weather emergencies etc. that could affect schools opening, please visit the website Home page www.flintshire.gov.uk. A link will direct you straight to the webpage with the full information details entered by the head teacher or the nominated back up staff.

www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures

NB This will also automatically update the Council's Twitter to help provide another channel for notification of school closures.

www.twitter.com/flintshirecc

Please Note: At 5.00PM each day the information on the school closure website page will be deleted automatically. Head teachers from 5.30PM onwards, can then enter the next day's information regarding closure, if known in advance. Otherwise any new closure information will be entered early the following morning.

Parents/carers and pupils who are unable to access the internet at home.

- Local radio stations are advised to check the Flintshire web site for the latest information and they can then broadcast it accordingly. So those without internet access should listen to Radio Wales or Heart FM to find out the latest information.
- Or alternatively refer to schools own procedures for notifying parents without internet access.

Email notification to parents/carers/pupils

Flintshire County Council has set up additional assistance to parents/carers/pupils who may wish to be notified by email of any school closures as soon as they are logged by the school on the Flintshire County Council website. To receive school closure email notification you will need to register your details and which schools you wish to be notified of on:-

www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolclosuresregistration

At the end of each school year an email containing a link will be sent to all parents/carers etc who have registered to ask if wish to remain registered to receive emails for the following school year for the same schools. All parents/carers who do not respond via the link (by the confirmed date) will have their details automatically removed.

School Transport – Bad Weather

If your child/children are entitled to Free School Transport please refer to the School Transport webpage for information regarding bad weather conditions. Please visit www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooltransport or phone Flintshire's School Transport Team on 01352 702511/704543.

Please note

Due to both Ysgol Maes y Felin and Ysgol Treffynnon being on the same site, if for any reason either school is closed, both schools will close.

Target School Attendance per week: 93%

Whole School Attendance as of 03/02/2023: 87.22%

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.

Why attendance matters.

 <p>HIGH ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL GETS YOUR CHILD'S LIFE OFF TO A FLYING START!</p>	 <p>INCREASING ATTENDANCE BY JUST 5% CAN DOUBLE THE CHANCES OF GAINING GOOD QUALIFICATIONS</p>	 <p>MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR</p>	<p>GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL</p> <p>Improves reading</p> <p>Writing + MATHS SKILLS</p>
 <p>THERE ARE 176 DAYS A YEAR NOT SPENT IN SCHOOL</p> <p>PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHOPPING, HOLIDAYS AND APPOINTMENTS!</p>	 <p>100s OF SUBJECTS 1000s OF CLASSES</p> <p>ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES</p>	 <p>TURNING UP JUST 15 MINUTES EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO OVER 3 DAYS LOST IN THE YEAR!</p>	<p>MORE SCHOOL=</p> <p>HIGHER GRADES INCREASED CONFIDENCE MORE FRIENDS BRIGHTER FUTURE</p>

Attend today: Achieve tomorrow

For support with attendance, please contact the office - 01352 711366



Why come to school?



Attend today: Achieve tomorrow

For more information about early entitlement, nursery provision and wrap around sessions, contact the office - 01352 711366



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

Contact Us

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