

Ysgol Maes Y Felin 03.03.23

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A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

I hope you all had a great holiday and are ready for a very busy half-term.

We may have only been back for three days, but we have fitted a lot into our short week.

On Wednesday we held our Dydd Gwyl Dewi Eisteddfod. It was wonderful to have everyone back in the hall to celebrate St David's Day. It was lovely to see everyone dressed in Welsh costumes singing and dancing and being proud of our culture and heritage.

Friday was another dressing up day and the children looked a picture all dressed up as their favourite characters for World Book Day.

Today saw us start our new attendance initiatives. Congratulations to Bedwen who won this week's class award with 100% attendance, but they were very closely followed by Ceiriosen and Derwen. Also well done to Aria in squirrels for being the first recipient of the £10 Amazon gift voucher for full attendance this week. It was amazing to see that we had 241 children with full attendance. I wonder who will win next week.

Next week sees Year 5/6 working with Xplore on a bridge building project and the week will end with Owls' parents coming in to see their children up on stage, work with them and share lunch with their children. If you haven't completed the form to attend please do as soon as you can to ensure we prepare the right amount of food.

The next dates for industrial action are March 15th and 16th. As usual we carry out a risk assessment to see if we can open and let you know as soon as we can.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher



What have we been up to?

Early Entitlement have been busy baking Welsh cakes this week







We had a great time celebrating St David's Day on the 1st of March, it was wonderful seeing all the children in the hall taking part in the school Eisteddfod.

The children put so much effort into the handwriting and artwork competitions, Mrs Jenkins found it very difficult to judge as the work was at such a high standard.

Each year group decided on a theme for the artwork:

Reception: Dragons and Daffodils

Year 1/2: Wales on my doorstep

Year 3/4: Amazing views and landscapes

Year 5/6: Magnificent views of Wales

Pictures will follow in next week's newsletter.

A very big thank you to everyone who entered the family competition. We had amazing entries! These will be placed around the school for everyone to view. The winners of this competition were:

1st - Amelia P

2nd- Natan D

3rd Dylan C

Diolch yn fawr to all the children and teachers, you made it a very special day!













Today we celebrated World Book Day. All of the children looked great!

















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.

VIPs - 03/03/2023

Hira, Foxes

Freddie, Squirrels

Reegan, Owls

Nathan, Badgers

Oscar, Ceiriosen

Thomas, Celyn

Ella, Derwen

Jacob, Llwyfen

Megan, Masarnen

Zach, Collen

Noel, Bedwen



Da lawn to Bedwen who won this week's class award!



Aria, Squirrels was the winner of the '100% Weekly Attendance' Award. Da lawn!



Lois, Llwyfen and Phoebe, Masarnen have been busy playing Netball for their Holywell Club. Holywell took the win. Lois achieved coach's player of the match and Phoebe scored some cracking goals. Well done girls!



Attendance

First of all a huge thank you for taking the time to complete the form about attendance initiatives. As you know, good attendance is really important to ensure success at school and future careers, alongside this it ensures your children develop friendships, social skills and a positive attitude to learning. We are really keen to improve attendance throughout school to ensure every child meets their potential and exceeds expectations. We have collated the views of children, staff, governor and families and have come up with several new initiatives to excite children and encourage good attendance, these are outlined below.

• Each week there will be a raffle and one child will be awarded a £10 amazon gift card.

Children will be entered into the raffle if they have 100% attendance that week – individual circumstances will be taken into account

• Each half term, there will be a raffle and one child will be awarded a £25 amazon gift card.

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• Each week, there will be a raffle and 10 children will be invited to tea with Mr T

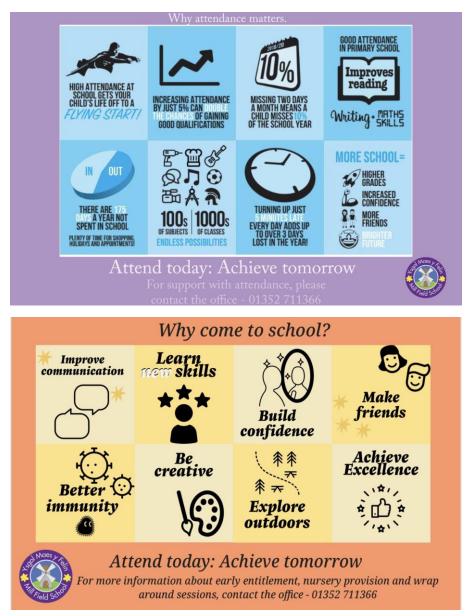
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• Each week there will be a trophy awarded to the class with the best attendance

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- Each half term the class with the best attendance will be rewarded with a trip.
- Each term, children with 100% attendance will receive a certificate.

These initiatives will be regularly reviewed, if you have any other ideas, please let us know via the school office.



Percentage	Lost by Year 11
90%	1 ½ terms
80%	1 YEAR
7 0%	1 ½ YEARS
60%	2 YEARS
50%	2 ½ YEARS

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

The Curriculum for Wales is the national curriculum that sets out what children and young people should be taught in schools in Wales. It was introduced in September 2021 and replaces the previous curriculum that was in place.

The Curriculum for Wales is designed to be broad and balanced, providing learners with the knowledge, skills, and experiences they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world. It is based on six Areas of Learning and Experience (AoLEs):

- 1. Expressive Arts
- 2. Health and Well-being
- 3. Humanities
- 4. Languages, Literacy and Communication
- 5. Mathematics and Numeracy
- 6. Science and Technology

The curriculum also includes a set of four Purposes, which outline the aims and values of education in Wales. These Purposes are:

- 1. To develop confident individuals who are able to think critically and creatively, and who have a strong sense of Welsh and global citizenship.
- 2. To develop successful learners who are able to work independently and in collaboration with others, and who have a love of learning that will stay with them throughout their lives.

- 3. To develop responsible citizens who are able to make informed decisions and contribute to the well-being of their communities, both locally and globally.
- 4. To develop effective contributors who are able to use their skills and knowledge in the workplace, and who have the ability to adapt to change and new challenges.

The Curriculum for Wales emphasizes experiential learning, critical thinking, and digital literacy, and encourages learners to apply their learning in real-world contexts.

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.

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

Upcoming Events

- Owls Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch 10th March at 10:00 until 12:00
- Fairtrade Coffee Morning (More details to follow) 15th March at 9:00
- Parent Drop-In Session for Year 5 & 6 (More information to follow) Afternoons of 10th, 17th, and 24th March
- Non Uniform Day Easter Egg Donations for the Family Bingo
- Bedwen Class Parent Lesson and Lunch 24th March at 10:00 until 12:00
- Easter Family Prize Bingo 30th March 3:30p.m until 5:30p.m
- 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



Future Plans

Community Engagement

Isa Lamb, a lady who is very keen to develop community engagement has been working hard to get funding for a project based in Holywell. This will be a project linking Holywell Hospital and Ysgol Maes y Felin with a view to developing the outdoor space as community gardens. As part of the bid for funding, Isa has been asked to get the views of the local community. We would really appreciate it if you could fill out the form below in order to help her rasie funds for this project.

Diolch

Community Gardens Project

Fundraisers

We would really appreciate your help with different fundraising ideas. In order to do this, please could we ask you to fill out the form below. We are looking to fundraise some money for some new and more relevant books for the library.

Fundraising Ideas

Sponsorships

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our sports department is thriving under the leadership of Mrs Saunders and we are involved in an increasing amount of tournaments and competitions. In order to represent Ysgol Maes y Felin effectively, we are asking for a local business to sponsor our football, netball and athletics teams. If you can help please contact the office.

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 <u>new national digital service</u>. 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



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

If you are aged 8-18 years and attend a school in Flintshire, please visit <u>https://heygirls.co.uk/flintshirehomepacks/...</u> to apply for free period products.



Posters





Springtime fun day!

Join us for springtime fun and help us beat cancert At the Clocktower, Mostyn, CH8 9DZ.

Admission free! Join us on the 25th of March at 12:00 pm

till 15:30 pm. . Craft fair with lots of amazing stalls.

- · Cosplay characters to meet.
- · Beautiful mermaid face painter.
- · Mermaid show. Raffle with amazing prizes.
- » Name the Easter Bunny to win a special
- prize.
- . And more fun things to take part in.

Help us raise funds for Cancer Research U.K.

Come along for lots of fun!

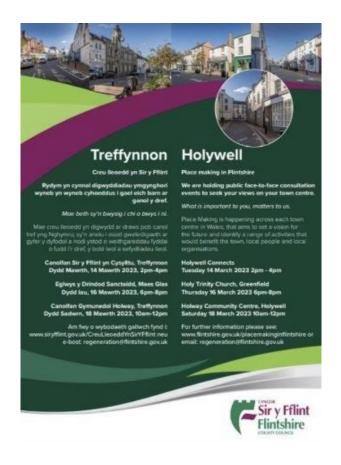


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Important Notices

Library Books

We have had a sort out in our school library, and as a result, we have surplus of some books. If your children would like one to take home, could they please bring in 20p next week and this will be organised with the school librarians.

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. Please note, there have been some changes which will be implemented after half term, please find these changes below.

- Monday:
 - Celyn, Collen, Derwen, Foxes, Squirrels
- Tuesday:
 - Badgers, Ceiriosen, Celyn, Llwyfen
- Wednesday:

- Ceiriosen, Collen, Derwen, Owls, Squirrels
- Thursday:
 - Bedwen, Foxes, Llwyfen, Masarnen, Owls
- Friday:
 - Badgers, Bedwen, Masarnen

Parking

Thank you for you 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 <u>https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-</u> <u>Admissions.aspx</u>
- For any enquiries in regard to School Transport, Streetscene & Transportation;
 - Tel: 01352 701234
 - Email: <u>school.transport@flintshire.gov.uk</u>



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 <u>www.flintshire.gov.uk</u>. 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.

a) 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.

b) 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/schoolclosureregistration

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 <u>www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooltransport</u> or phone Flintshire's School Transport Team on 01352 702511/704543.

Please note

Due to both Ysgoi Maes y Felin and Ysgol Trefynnon 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 03/03/23: 87.30%

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.



Contact Us

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