

Ysgol Maes Y Felin 10.02.23

10th February

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A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

I would like to start by confirming the message you received this morning that the proposed strike action for Tuesday February 14th has been postponed until Thursday March 2nd. We will review our

risk assessment as we get more information and let you know as soon as we can if this will go ahead.

The children have had yet another busy week. They have been completing a number of activities as part of Children's Mental Health Week. We have also been looking after our environment this week with each class taking part in their own litter pick both in school premises and in the local community.

Some of our Year 6 children were lucky enough to go over to the High School on Wednesday and really enjoyed their Music and Humanities lesson.

The week ended with all the children being able to express themselves by wearing bright colours.

Next week may be our last week before half term but we have plenty planned. The children are having a Science and Technology immersion week and there are lots of fun activities already organised as well as visits. Also, we have got the ever-popular Valentine disco on Wednesday.

The first week back after half term we will be holding our school Eisteddfod which we are really looking forward to holding. Last week you would have received information about our family competition (Information in poster section). The standard we have had in previous years has been absolutely amazing and we look forward to seeing this year's entries. The winning entry will receive a family ticket to the Welsh Mountain Zoo in Colwyn Bay. Remember to get the entries in by Tuesday February 28th.

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?

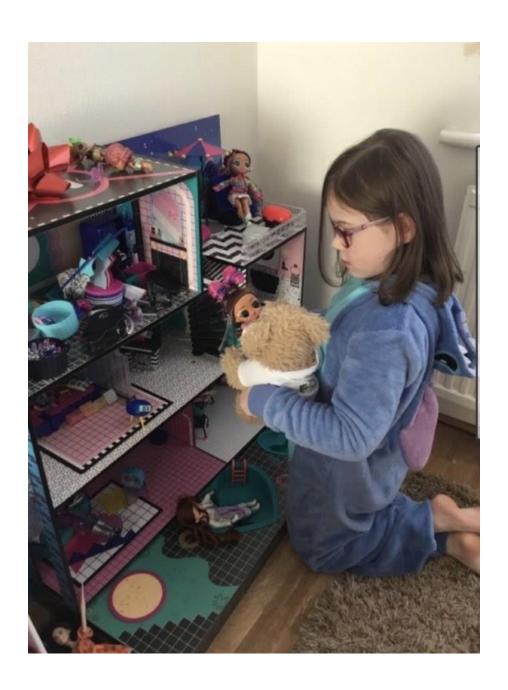
This week was Children's Mental Health week, and this years theme is 'Dress to Express'. On Friday, the children were invited to wear bright and colorful clothing.

Please find below, Ceiriosen and Collen in their 'Dress to Express' outfits.





The children in years 3&4 are really enjoying taking Foster Bear home every weekend, they are having so much fun! #fosterbear



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 - 10/02/2023

Kian, Foxes

Max, Squirrels

Leo, Owls

Ollie, Badgers

Lacey, Ceiriosen

Poppy, Celyn

Cory, Derwen

Zara, Llwyfen

Ethan, Masarnen

Demi, Collen



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 1 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

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.

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

Snapchat - Hwb

Upcoming Events

- Footie Families 14th February
- Valentines Day Disco 15th February Children are invited to wear red or pink for a £1
 donation. All donations will be going towards those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey
 and Syria
- Owls Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch 10th March at 10:00 until 12:00
- Parent Drop-In Session for Year 5 & 6 (More information to follow) Afternoons of 10th, 17th, and 24th March
- 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



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

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:

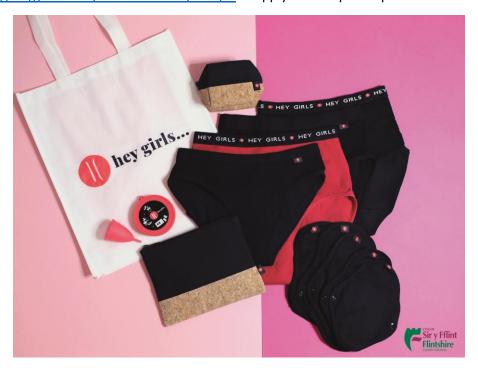
https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-Tax-and-Benefits-and-Grants/Free-School-Meals-and-Uniform-Grants.aspx



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 https://heygirls.co.uk/flintshirehomepacks/... to apply for free period products.











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 childs 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



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



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available in most

What do we offer

- * 30 hours free childcare
- Breakfast Club from 7 45am
- * After school Club until 5 30pm
- year groups for an immediate start. 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

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, mfmail@hwbcymru.net



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











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

Prizes to be



Springtime fun day!

Join us for springtime fun and help us beat cancer!

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!







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.

- 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 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 - 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.

- 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 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 Trefynnon being on the same site, if for any reason either school is closed, both schools will close.

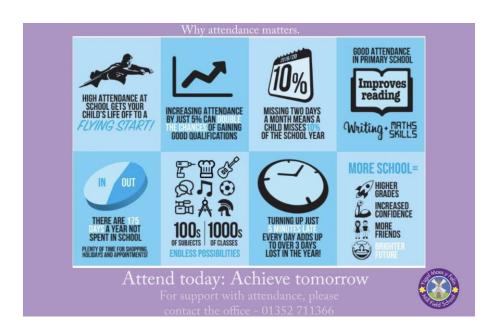
Target School Attendance per week: 93%

Whole School Attendance as of 10/02/2023: 87.24%

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.

- 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.







Percentage	Lost by Year 11
90%	1½ terms
80%	1 YEAR
7 0%	1 ½ YEARS
60%	2 YEARS
50%	2 ½ YEARS

Contact Us

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