



# Ysgol Maes Y Felin 20.01.23

20th January

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## A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

*Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon*

Well, that was a fun week. I hope you all have defrosted. We apologise for closing yesterday and thank you for your understanding. We had managed to keep open earlier in the week but the weather and driving conditions were horrendous yesterday and trying to get into Holywell was proving very difficult. A number of our staff were stuck in traffic and a few accidents. We will always try our best to open the

school but as you can appreciate, we will always put the health and safety of both our pupils and staff first. Having a snow day did give the children the opportunity to go out and have fun in the snow and it is lovely to see all the photos you sent.

It may have been another short week, but again the children have been very busy.

Pupils in Derwen have been busy preparing for their class service next Friday. They are really looking forward to their parents coming in to watch them and to take part in some fun activities.

Pupils around the school continue to be busy working with Ben on our creative projects with our youngest pupils learning to use tools safely.

Our 5/6 pupils are really getting a lot out of working with Alan Downes and their IT skills are improving so much.

Next week is looking busy with Netball tournaments, RSPB workshops, visits to the library and finishing it off with our Numbers Rocks Day on Friday.

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?

We have been very lucky to work with Ben who is an artist/maker on Monday of this week. He has been showing us safe tools to use to attach cardboard together to enhance our model making. We were able to make a large structure and use different fastenings to attach pieces together. It was really fun to learn new skills, we can't wait to have another go! Thanks Ben for all of your help.





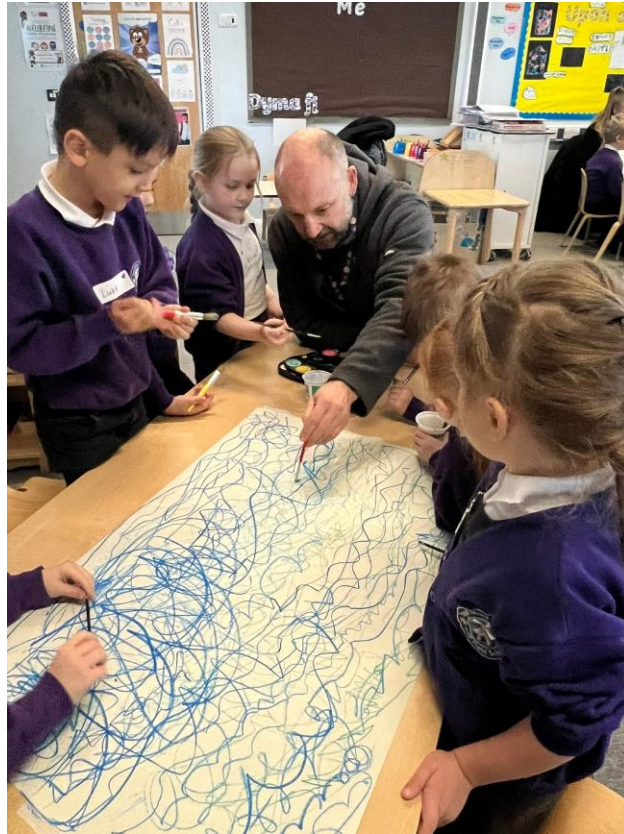
Our Foundation phase Eco children were very keen to do a litter pick at the front of our school. We found mainly plastics that had been blown in the wind onto our school grounds. It now looks amazing Gwaith da iawn pawb!



Children in years 1 and 2 took part in the Lead Creative Schools. They have drawn different types of animals, as well as experimenting with watercolour.









Thank you for your understanding following the school closure on Thursday, this is never an easy decision to make but we have to consider the safety of our children, families and staff.

It was lovely to see so many photos of the children exploring the snow and making memories, thank you for sharing them with us.

















































## 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 20/01/2023:

Jenson, Foxes

Rylee, Squirrels

Grace, Badgers

Lennie-Eric, Owls

Layla-Grace, Celyn

Tabitha, Derwen

Lacey, Ceiriosen

Liam, Masarnen

Millie, Collen

Ieuan, Llwyfen

Leo, Bedwen

Please find below an image of our VIPs enjoying their 'Tea with Mr T' Reward.



Poppy in Celyn has had 14 inches of her hair cut off to donate to the Little Princess Trust. You can donate via the link below.

[Just Giving Fundraiser](#)





## 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.



## Extra Curricular Clubs Spring 2023

### Tuesday

**MINECRAFT**  
YEAR 5 & 6



**SINGING**  
YEAR R - 2



**GAMES**  
RECEPTION

**GYMNASTICS**  
YEAR 1 TO 4



### Wednesday

**DIGITAL FAMILY LEARNING**

YEAR 4 TO 6



**RUGBY**  
YEAR 3 TO 6

### Thursday



**NETBALL**  
YEAR 4 TO 6

To book, please visit  
<https://ysgolmaesyfelin.schoolcloud.co.uk>

## 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.

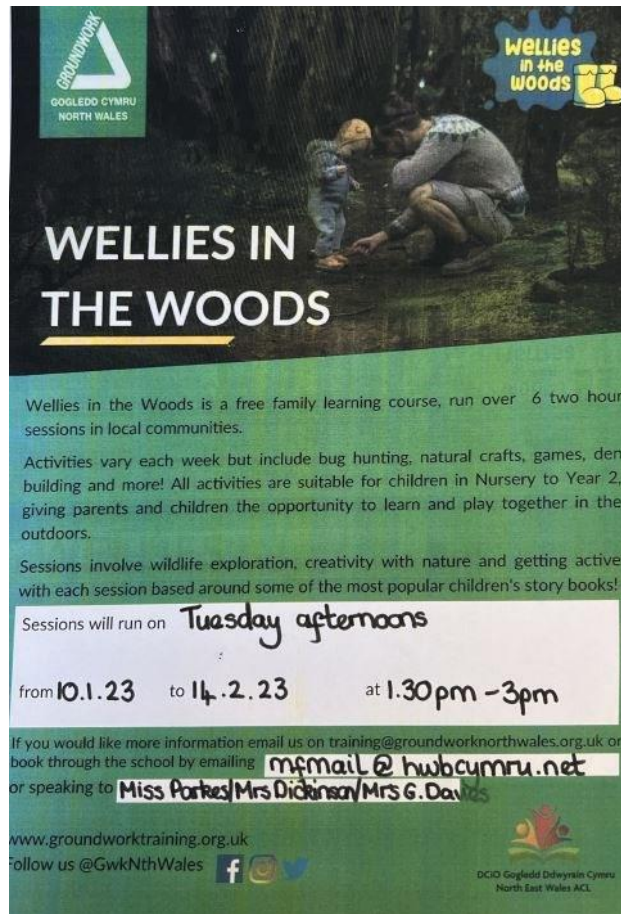
This week the focus is on the popular app, Messenger . Please click the link below to view more information.

[Messenger - Hwb](#)

## Upcoming Events

- 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)
- 'Dress up for Digits' Day, (Children are encouraged to come to school in digit inspired clothes for a small donation) - Friday 27th January
- Derwen Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch - 27th 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





**GROUNDWORK**  
GOGLEDDO CYMRU  
NORTH WALES

**Wellies in the Woods**

# 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 **1.30pm - 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 [mfmail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:mfmail@hwbcymru.net) or speaking to **Miss Parkes/Mrs Dickinson/Mrs G. Davies**

[www.groundworktraining.org.uk](http://www.groundworktraining.org.uk)  
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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>

### **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

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](mailto:jonathanandrews@cinw.org.uk)

Jesus  
in the Desert



**YMA I HELPŲ**  
GYDA CHOSTAU BYW

Hawliwch eich arian yma:  
[llyw.cymru/ymaihelfu](http://llyw.cymru/ymaihelfu)

neu ffoniwch am ddim ar  
**0808 250 5700**

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

Claim what's yours here:  
[gov.wales/heretohelp](http://gov.wales/heretohelp)

or call free on  
**0808 250 5700**





**FLINTSHIRE SKILLS BLITZ!**

Join us for a half-day of  
hockey coaching for  
Years 5 to 13  
on Sunday 29th January  
09:30 to 14:00

Professional hockey coaches  
Fun training exercises  
7-a-side tournament  
Venue: Hawarden High School



Northop Hall  
Hockey  
Academy

**£10**  
per player

Please bring:  
packed lunch & snacks, drinks,  
waterproof coat, warm clothes,  
mouthguard and shinguards

To take part please register at  
[www.nhhc.co.uk/academy](http://www.nhhc.co.uk/academy)

Queries: please email [nhha2022@gmail.com](mailto:nhha2022@gmail.com)

**All skill levels welcome.  
Learn something new!**

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 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](https://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/schoolclousureregistration](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolclousureregistration)

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](http://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 20/01/2023: 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.

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*Attendance - what are we doing to improve this?*

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- *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*
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*If you have any other ideas, please let us know via Mrs Dickinson in the office.*

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# 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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