

# Ysgol Maes Y Felin 27.01.23

### 27th January

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# A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

We start with the news regarding the proposed strike action for Wednesday February 1st. As it stands the school is closed to all pupils. If the unions do come to an agreement with the Welsh Government before then we will let you know and look to open. We appreciate this isn't an easy

situation and thank you for your understanding. We will review our risk assessment before the proposed next date (February 14th ) and let you know as soon as we can.

Back in school the children are in full swing. Our netball team were in action on Wednesday putting up a great performance to come second in the Holywell tournament. They only lost one match and that was by one point. Well done to Maes Glas who will go onto represent the area in the next. The team are back in action next week in Deeside.

Members of our school council were lucky to visit the Council Chambers in Mold on Thursday. They were met by the Chair of the Council who took them on a tour and explained how the council worked.

Year 1/2 enjoyed their trip to the library.

The week ended with a lovely class service from Derwen. It was lovely to have so many parents in to work with their children and to enjoy spending lunch time with them. Next week we look forward to inviting Ceiriosen parents in. Could we please ask parents to confirm that they wish to attend their children's service and lunch this ensures enough food is made.

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?

Pupils enjoying the first session of the Gymnastics Extra Curriculum After School Club





Ysgol Maes y Felin recently hosted a netball tournament for some local schools, here is what Jack, Collen and Demi, Collen had to say about the tournament;

On the 25th of January at 1pm, we competed in the Holywell Area Tournament. Our school hosted the tournament on this occasion, so we didn't have to travel for this event. The first school we faced was Maes Glas, who unfortunately beat us 1-0. After that we had a few minutes to gather together and take a deep breath. Once we have had our break, we went on to play Gwenffrwd, which we beat 5-1. Their teacher came over to tell us how kind we all were to their team, especially Phoebe. Next, we went on to face St. Winefred's which we won 8-2. Overall, we came 2nd and were very happy with that, we had a fun time playing in all the game.





Year 1 and 2 have been measuring trees this week using a clever method of walking away from the tree and looking through their legs. Once they could see the top of the tree through their legs, they measured the distance between themselves and the tree. This gave the approximate height of the tree! They recorded their results in a table and marked off the tree on a map of the school.









Ysgol Maes y Felin were one of 5 Flintshire schools who were recently introduced to the 'Foster Bear' this term.



Owls had a brilliant time at the library on Monday. They did some research about animals using non-fiction books which they thoroughly enjoyed. The children then chose a book to loan. They have enjoyed reading those books back at school this week.







As part of our monitoring and improvement cycle, two teachers went to do some observations at Ysgol Rhos Helig with a view to developing our outdoor learning provision. The staff have come back full of excitement and enthusiasm and we're really excited to use some of the ideas they've seen in our setting!









School Council representatives visited the Council Chambers this week. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school, they were shown around by the Chairperson of the Council, had tea and biscuits and sat in the same chair as Queen Elizabeth has sat in! The children learnt lots about the role of the council and how they support our local community. The children asked thoughtful questions and got so much out of the tour. We even got to wear the Chain and bang the gavel in the Chambers. Da iawn Pawb









https://sway.office.com/5QcyxvK93BGYrOPC#content=Zu4ToAS4HrkopS

Year 1 and 2 also took part in a session with the RSPB for the Big Bird Watch. They learnt about different birds and how to tell them apart. We will send home the bird watching survey sheets home today so that you and your child can take part in the Big Bird Watch at home.



## 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 3 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**

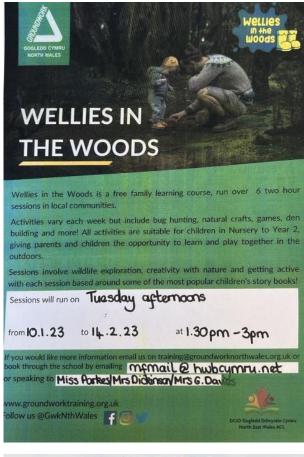
Following recent reports of unsafe behaviour online, we will be sharing internet safety advice and new information about specific apps each week.

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

Minecraft - 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)
- Footie Families 31st Jan, 7th Feb, and 14th Feb
- Year 1 and 2 Trip to Prestatyn Beach (See more information on letter below) 2nd February
- Ceiriosen Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch 3rd February at 10:00 until 12:00
- Valentines Day Disco (See more information on poster below) 14th 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



Ysgol Maes Y Felin Dros dro Pennaeth/ Acting Headteacher Mr. David Thomas B.Ed (Hons) NPQH 01352711366

January, 2023.

Dear Parents/Guardians.

The school has organised a trip for all of the pupils in Years 1 and 2 to visit Prestatyn Beach on  $2^{\rm nd}\,\text{February}.$ 

There will be no cost on this occasion.

Children will not need to bring with them a packed lunch as we will be back in time for them to have lunch in school.

The coach will leave school at 9:15 a.m. and will be leaving Prestatyn at 10:45 a.m.

Would you please ensure that your child is wearing school uniform, and has a coat if it is cold and raining. If your child has wellies, could you please ensure they bring them in a separate bag.

If you wish for your child to take part in the visit, would you please complete the attached Form 4 by no later than Tuesday  $31^{\rm st}$  January. We have sufficient supervision for this activity to take place.

Those children who are not going on the trip will come to school as normal. We will have the right to cancel this trip if we do not have enough children wishing to go.

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Mr. D. Thomas

Acting Headteacher



### 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



### **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









To take part please register at www.nhhc.co.uk/academy

Queries: please email nhha2022@gmail.com

All skill levels welcome. Learn something new!





# 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



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### What do we offer

- \* 30 hours free childcare
- Breakfast Club from 7 45am
- \* After school Club until 5 30pm
- year groups of 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

### **Important Notices**

### **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 <a href="https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Admissions.aspx">https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Admissions.aspx</a>
- 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 taff 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 <a href="www.flintshire.gov.uk">www.flintshire.gov.uk</a>. 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 <a href="www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooltransport">www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooltransport</a> 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 27/01/2023: 86.96%

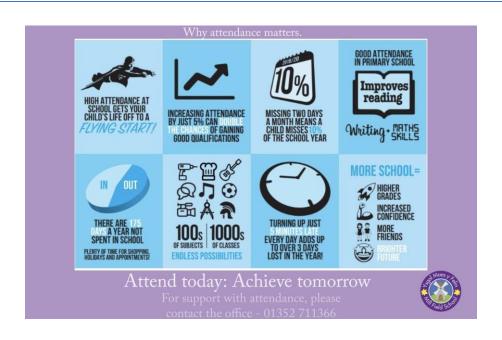
Please can I remind parents / carers how important it is, that if your child is not going to be in school, please can you contact the office on 01352 711366 as soon as possible, otherwise this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

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.







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

### Contact Us

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