

Ysgol Maes Y Felin 10.03.23

10th March

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A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

Well another strange week. Thank you for your understanding regarding having to close due to the weather. Deciding to close is never an easy decision but the council making such an early call allowed us all time to prepare.

Hope the children were able to take advantage of these extra days off and get out and enjoy the snow? It has been a while since we had so much.

Again it may have only been three days, but the children have still been able to fit in a lot.

All classes have been looking at various countries as part of Eco week and we will look forward to seeing their results when we come back.

Year 5/6 worked with Explore on a bridge building project on Tuesday, I was very impressed with how well they worked together. Da iawn pawb.

Unfortunately, today's Owls service was postponed due to the weather and will now be arranged for next Friday 17th March. If I could ask Owls parents coming in to make sure they have completed the form to attend, if you have not yet done so please do as soon as you can to ensure we prepare the right amount of food. I appreciate you may have done it previously, but I understand that circumstances may have changed.

Next Friday also sees us celebrate Comic Relief day which is always a lot of fun.

Parent's Evening is on Monday 20th March can I please ask those who haven't completed the form yet to do so as times are filling quickly.

The next planned dates for industrial action are March 15th and 16th and unless it is cancelled school will be closed on those dates.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher



What have we been up to?

We had a practical session from Xplore this week. First we talked about bridges, their functions and materials they could be made of. Next we considered the shape and structure of bridges we were familiar with and talked about the strength. We were given some resources (paper, lolly sticks, straws, pipe cleaners and tape) as well as scissors and a ruler and we were set a challenge, in our groups, we had to create a bridge that was 30cms long and could hold as much weight as possible. We embraced the challenge and started to work together to discuss our ideas. Children chatted together well and took on different roles in the group, I think we may have some future leaders, engineers and teacher in our school! Da iawn pawb!













For Global week Llwyfen has been learning about Costa Rica! We have made traditional oxcart wheels, designed dressed and created some beautiful Costa Rican street art. The children have also enjoyed learning from home and having fun in the snow **\$\psi\$**









Cymraeg/P.E lessons with Mrs Jenkins Started in 3/4 (Derwen&Ceiriosen) on Wednesday and the children loved it!! Made learning Welsh so much fun!







Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg



Special Mentions

On Saturday I took part in Delyn gymnastics competition. I came 1st on bar, 2nd on vault, 2nd on floor, 5th on beam and 2nd overall for my age group. - Seren, Llwyfen



Logan, Collen has made this today for his snow art. Da lawn Logan!



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.

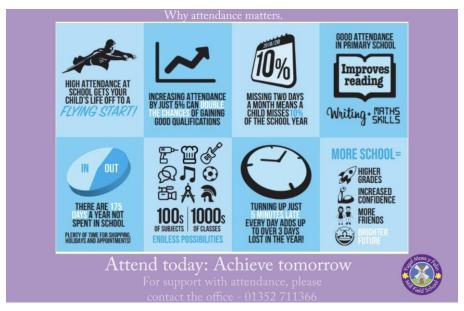
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• Each week, there will be a raffle and 10 children will be invited to tea with Mr T

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- Each week there will be a trophy awarded to the class with the best attendance
- individual circumstances will be taken into account
 - 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.





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

YouTube - Hwb

Upcoming Events

- Fairtrade Coffee Morning Eco children present along with children from different classes who will be showing work from Global Week / Fair Trade 14th March at 9:00
- Owls Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch 17th March at 10:00 until 12:00
- Comic Relief Day (More Information to follow) 17th March
- Explore Together Sessions for Year 5 & 6 10th, 17th, and 24th March at 1:30 until 3:00
- Non Uniform Day Easter Egg Donations for the Family Bingo 24th March
- Uniform Exchange Day (More information to follow) 24th March
- 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
- Year 5/6 Ice Skating at Deeside (More information to follow) 21st, 24th and 28th April and 5th May
- 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.

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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:

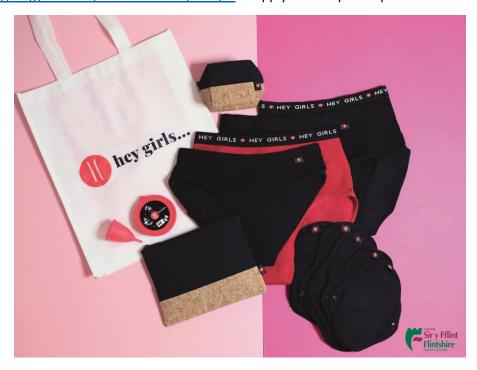
https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-Tax-and-Benefits-and-Grants/Free-School-Meals-and-Uniform-Grants.aspx



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



Posters



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



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0808 250 5700



HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING

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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?





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



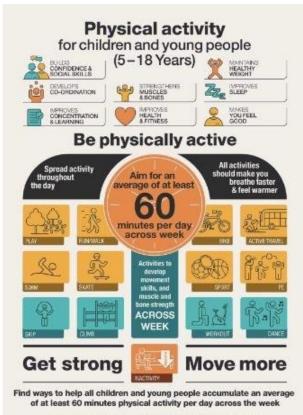
HOLYWELL FLYING START CENTRE JANUARY 12:30 TILL 2:30PM 8 WEEKS CRECHE AVAILABLE

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









UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines, 2019





MARCH 2023

When?	What's On?	Where?						
02.03.23 10am – 1.30pm	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community Garden (behind the Bakehouse Café/next to Basingwerk Abbey						
02.03.23	Weekly Market	Holywell Town Centre						
09.03.23 10am – 1.30pm	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community Garden (behind the Bakehous Café/next to Basingwerk Abbe						
09.03.23	Weekly Market	Holywell Town Centre						
16.03.23 10am – 1.30pm	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community Garden (behind the Bakehouse Café/next to Basingwerk Abbey)						
16.03.23	Weekly Market	Holywell Town Centre						
23.03.23 10am – 1.30pm	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community Garden (behind the Bakehouse Café/next to Basingwerk Abbey						
23.03.23	Weekly Market	Holywell Town Centre						
30.03.23 10am – 1.30pm	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community Garden (behind the Bakehouse Café/next to Basingwerk Abbe						
30.03.23	Weekly Market	Holywell Town Centre						

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01.04.23 11am – 3pm	Bike Bonanza!	Greenfield Valley
06.04.23 10am – 1.30pm	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community Garden (behind the Bakehouse Café/next to Basingwerk Abbey
06.04.23	Weekly Market	Holywell Town Centre
07.04.23 All Day	Easter Egg Trail	Greenfield Valley
08.04.23	Car Boot Sale	Tower Gardens, Holywell
08.04.23 All Day	Easter Egg Trail	Greenfield Valley
09.04.23 All Day	Easter Egg Trail	Greenfield Valley
10.04.23 All Day	Easter Egg Trail	Greenfield Valley
12.04.23 10am	Bowl Carving for the Younger Generation	Greenfield Valley
13.04.23 10am	Bowl Carving for Adults	Greenfield Valley
13.04.23 10am – 1.30pm	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community Garden (behind the Bakehouse Café/next to Basingwerk Abbey
13.04.23	Weekly Market	Holywell Town Centre
20.04.23 10am – 1.30pm	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community Garden (behind the Bakehouse Café/next to Basingwerk Abbey
20.04.23	Weekly Market	Holywell Town Centre
27.04.23 10am – 1.30pm	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community Garden (behind the Bakehouse Café/next to Basingwerk Abbey)
27.04.23	Weekly Market	Holywell Town Centre
29.04.23	Cadi Ha (Dawnswyr Delyn)	Holywell Town Centre
30.04.23 12pm – 3pm	Railway and Steam Open Day	Greenfield Valley

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 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: <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 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%

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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Contact Us

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