

Ysgol Maes Y Felin 14.07.23

14th July

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A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

Well, we have made it to the end of our last full week and wow haven't we been busy.

Year 5/6 had a lovely trip to Gulliver's World on Tuesday. The children loved going on the rides though from the stories I heard the staff enjoyed them more.

Year 5/6 have also been busy continuing with their STEM and World of Work projects. The children have thoroughly enjoyed all the work they have done this year.

Reception and Nursery children had a great time on Thursday when they participated in a Marvellous Minibeasts live lessons looking at lots of creepy crawly creatures.

Thursday saw the whole of the school take part in the Aura Fun Activity Day everyone had a fantastic time. The children were so excited to be on the inflatables and it was great to see so many smiling faces. A massive thank you to Aura for setting this up for us.

On a serious note, Friday saw us all participate in a Lockdown drill. It is something we hope we never have to do for real, but it is something we have to prepare for.

Finally, what a way to finish the week. The Year 6's Leavers Service was a fantastic occasion and the children performed so well. There was hardly a dry eye in the room. Their celebration continued with a visit to St Peter's Church. The children have been fantastic throughout their time with us and have had to put up with a lot of disruption due to Covid and should be given a lot of credit for being so positive. This group of children were the last children to attend Nursery in Perth y Terfyn so they are part of history.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Monday for the last 4 days.

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher





What have we been up to?

Year 3 and 4 had another successful Play and Stay session last week. They created different types of mythical and crazy creatures using clay.





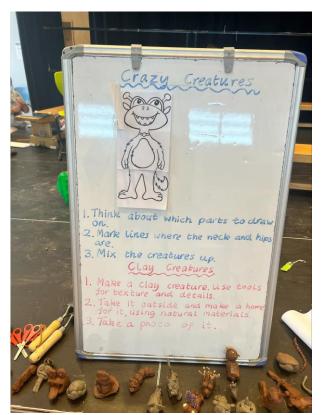














We are very happy to announce that we have won Wales in Bloom this year. All of the children in Maes y Felin have been involved in growing flowers, herbs and vegetables. The children have been caring for their seedlings and planting them outside when they are ready. The Eco children were very happy to talk to Holywell Mayor Linda Carter when she came for judging. She let the children wear her mayoral chains.

We were also visited by a Wales in bloom judge who had travelled all the way up from Monmouthshire. The children were brilliant at talking to the judge and answering his questions. Bendidegig! We are eagerly awaiting the shield which will be awarded to the Eco team on Monday 17th July.







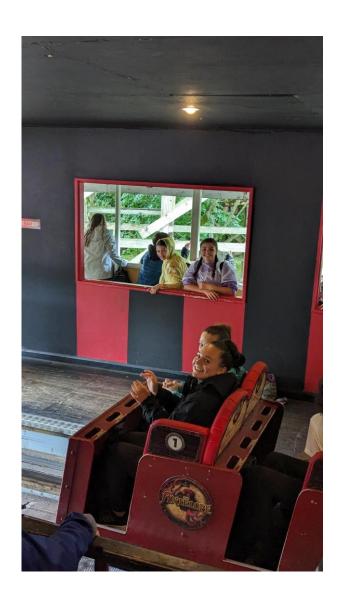
The children in Derwen have picked their first crop of peas, as well as potatoes!







Year 5 and 6 had a fabulous time at Gulliver's World. They all got soaked on the water rides and loved spending time with their friends.























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Year 5 had a science, technology, engineering and math's workshop on Wednesday. Children enjoyed measuring their resting heart rate using the monitors before doing short bursts of exercise and checking again to see if they were elevated. We also measured our lung capacity.

It was great to see the scientific questioning and testing that came from discussion, some of the questions included 'are my lungs smaller because I'm shorter' 'if I do less intense exercise for longer does it have the same impact as more intense exercise for less time' and 'if I hold my breath does it change my blood pressure'







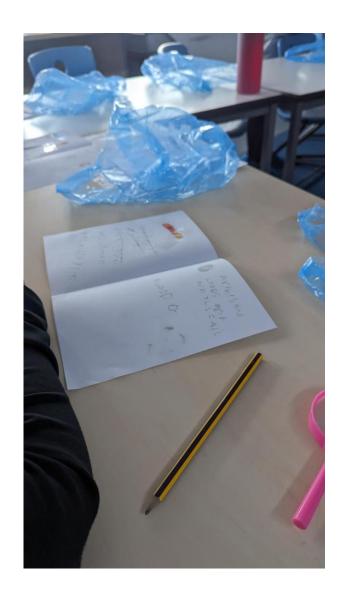


Children who performed in schoolsfest last Friday absolutely blew us away, they were so well behaved all day and considering the heat, were good natured and great company throughout. Their performance was full of fun and had us singing along, it was brilliant to see how they performed with confidence in front of a live audience.



Year 5 have been very busy this week being Crime Scene Investigators. They analysed the evidence from the crime scene to work out what had happened. They enjoted dusting surfaces for fingerprints and using PH strips to see if the liquid was acidic or alkaline.





































The children all had a fun time on the inflatables yesterday. The rain tried to stop half way through the day but we were determined to continue! Below are lots of pictures of the children having a great time, simply click on each 'Stack' to view all of the photos.













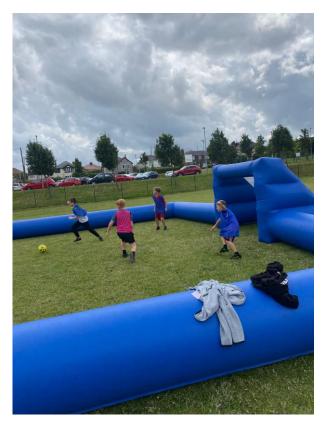




















































































































Year 6 had a lovely time at the Church this afternoon receiving their 'Survival Packs' ready for high school!

















Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg



Special Mentions

Congratulations to Miss Allman on the birth of her baby boy, Arlo



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.

Upcoming Events

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Trip Manor Afon Farm 18th July
- Last Day in school 20th July
- Summer Holiday Food and Fun Club See poster below for more information
- First Day Back after Summer Holidays 4th September
- Big Hopes Big Future September See the below posters for more information 20th
 September for 10 Weeks from 10:00am to 11:15am







Home-Start Flintshire

We are pleased to be launching Home-Start UK's School Readiness Programme - Big Hopes Big Future (BHBF) in Flintshire

What do we mean by readiness for school

Home readiness:

 Availability of stimulating materials in the home. Good bedtime routines/morning routines.

Parental readiness:

- Able to access appropriate early years services.
 Able to establish routines.
- Able to engage with their child's development.

Cope with their child being away from them. Child readiness:

- Arrive at school fed and on time.
- · Dress and put on shoes.
- Play and share with other children.
- · Eat and drink unaided.
- Use the toilet.
- Understand simple hygiene.







Big Hopes Big Future September 2023

Home-Start Flintshire also have the following available for families in Flintshire

- Stay & Play Groups
- Perinatal Peer Support & One-to-One Perinatal Support
- Baby Group
- Pram Walks
- Baby Massage

We also provide home-visiting support & telephone support, provided by our volunteers.

We have a large range of volunteering opportunities available.

Use the QR code below to visit our website or follow us on facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/Home-Start-Flintshire-832226646863103/



Vacancies

We have an exciting opportunity for anybody who wishes to undertake an apprenticeship as a Teaching Assistant, here at Ysgol Maes y Felin. Please click on the link below for more information

Achieve More Training - Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship

Important Notices

Bedwen

A huge part of our school is our fantastic social and communication resource, Bedwen. This is a resource that is accessed by children all over Flintshire but who become the heart of our school community. Miss Haythorne, class teacher is our biggest community champion, she lives locally, her children attended Ysgol Maes y Felin and she is passionate about supporting children to become effective citizens of Wales in the future.

Some of the areas that children who access Bedwen find a challenge include: managing money, social communication within the community and negotiating public transport.

As a result we would like to create a programme of activities through the academic year 2023/24 to develop these skills alongside our learners and empower them to succeed by taking part in enterprise projects including planning, marketing and selling items.

To help raise the capital for this, we have applied for a Tesco blue token place, this application was successful and is currently live in Holywell and Flint Tesco stores.

We would really appreciate any support from the school and wider community so next time you're shopping, please choose our project for your blue token and share with family, friends and others so we can have a positive impact on our learners. Thank you for your continued support.

Holiday Provision - FSM

As you are aware, holiday provision for learners that are eligible for a free school meal was introduced in response to the COVID pandemic as a form of time-limited support to help families. However, this has now ceased as from May half term and there will be no further extension to cover the summer holiday period or beyond. However, we do have two useful resources that you may find useful: Get help with the cost of living / GOV.WALES

This page is regularly updated and provides information on possible sources of financial support, including our Discretionary Assistance Fund for people experiencing extreme financial pressures. Here to help with the cost of living | GOV.WALES This campaign seeks to encourage people to contact Advicelink Cymru for free impartial advice on maximising their incomes, including accessing any financial support.

The School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP) is a school-based scheme that provides healthy meals, food and nutrition education, physical activity and enrichment sessions to children in areas of socio-economic disadvantage during the school holidays.

The programme is managed by WLGA and is promoted to children and families under the 'Food and Fun' brand identity. For further information, please visit Food and Fun' School Holiday Enrichment Programme – WLGA.

Water Bottles

We have School Water Bottles available to purchase. They will be £1.50 each. Please come into the Main Office if you would like to purchase one.



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.

Holiday Form

If you wish to take your children on holiday during term time, can you please fill out the below Holiday Request Form, at least 7 days before the first day of absence.

Holiday Request Form

Weather

Please can we all be reminded that with the upcoming hot weather, please ensure that your child has a water bottle, a hat and is wearing sun cream.

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: 95%

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.



Ysgol Maes y Felin School Holidays & Training Dates 2022 / 23 as at 07.11.2022

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Financial Support

School Essential Grants - Academic Year 23/24

This year we are trying to improve the process for claiming a School Essentials Grant (formerly Uniform Grant). We are hoping to reduce the need for form filling, and speed up the process of issuing the payments, therefore enabling the majority of parents and guardians to receive the payment before the end of July.

These payments will be issued in respect of children where the parent or guardian is able to answer YES to ALL of following questions;

- Are your children in receipt of eFSM?
- Are your children in Year 1 or above?
- Have you been receiving payments in lieu of eFSM during the school holidays?
- Did you receive a School Essentials Grant (formerly known as Uniform Grant) between 1st July 2022 and 30th June 2023?

If you answer YES to ALL of the questions above, then you do not need to apply for a School Essential Grant this year, as the payments will be issued automatically by 30th July 2023. If you have not received the payment by 30th July 2023, please email freeschoolmeals@flintshire.gov.uk to advise the payment has not been received.

If your child is entering reception, is moving from a school outside of Flintshire, or your circumstances have changed meaning you are now eligible for Free School Meals and a School Essential Grant, you will need to complete an application. This form can be found on Flintshire's website by searching for 'Free School Meals' or by typing in the short URL www.flintshire.gov.uk/FSM.

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

Universal Primary Free School Meals (UPFSM)

Whilst families on lower incomes or in receipt of certain benefits may be entitled to support for other school essentials, receiving UPFSM does not automatically qualify them to receive it. To benefit from this additional support parents/carers will need to apply. Applications can be made at www.flintshire.gov.uk/eFSM-E

Families on lower incomes or in receipt of certain benefits, whose children are in year 3 and above, or in secondary school, can still apply for a free school meal and help with other school essentials. For more information go to: www.flintshire.gov.uk/eFSM-E



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

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Posters















Charity Cricket Match – Flintshire Teachers v Pontblyddyn!

In aid of Hope House

Sunday 23rd July

Pontblyddyn Cricket Club

Match starts at 1.30pm

Bar open, BBQ, raffle and auction



Pontblyddyn Cricket Club







Community Litter Pick Thursday 20th July 2023 10.00am - 11.00am

- Meet at Holywell Town Council offices on Tesco Car Park at 10.00am.
- · All equipment provided.



All Welcome!
Please come and support
your community





Football lab Summer football camp. join us at football lab for action packed football camp, learning new skills, meeting new friends & chance to win a trophy []

- Strategy & teamwork exercises

FULL 6 WEEKS

Uefa standard pitch (Indoor) Uefa A license coach

9am till 3pm (early & Late pick up available) Age - 5 - 12

£15 PER DAY

Booking details www.footballlab.co.uk





ORDERING YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

- To order, visit the home page of our website at www.stitchdesign.co.uk and click on the large 'order your school uniform' button.

 Use the search options to find your school. Please only enter information in one box. If
- you are having difficulty, it may be easiest to click on the first letter of your school's name and scroll down until you find it.
- Place and pay for your order online. All products shown are as approved by your school.
- Further guidance and information can be found on the 'FOR PARENTS' page.
 Please check your confirmation email to ensure that everything on your order is correct and make a note of the order reference in case you have any queries.

 You will receive an email when your order is being despatched.

When do I need to order?

 Stitch Design analyse your school's uniform requirements each year and aim to fulfil orders as quickly as possible, however supply chains continue to be problematic and will be put under strain by the large volume of orders we process during the Summer so, in order to receive your order in time for the start of term, we advise you place your orders as early as possible, ideally

PLEASE PLACE ALL ORDERS BY THE END OF JULY

If you have any problems

 In the first instance please email our dedicated Customer Service Team at online@stitchdesign.co.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



June 2023





Head Coach: Rich Morrissey

EVERY SUNDAY 10 - 11:30am

- @ Mold Leisure Centre
- Suitable for ages 5-17
- No experience necessary All equipment provided
- For more information or to book a place,

please contact Heather:

- 07515177159
- erosbc2017@outlook.com
- **EROS Badminton Club**





| Monday | Tueso | lay | Wedn | esday | Thu | rsday | Friday | | |
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| | Connahs Quay CH5 4SA 11:00 – 12:30 | | | Aston CH5 1LR 2:00 – 3:30 | Mostyn CH8 9PE 11:00 – 12:30 | Holywell CH8 7TQ 2:00 - 3:30 | Mold CH7 1DR 11:00 – 12:30 | Buckley CH7 2LP 2:00 – 3:30 | |
| July: 24 th , 31 st August: 7 th , 14 th , 21 st | July: 25 th August: 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd | | July: August: 16 th , | | | : 27 th : 3 rd , 10 th , - 24 th | July: 28 th August: 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th | | |

- activity for all ages.

 Summer Reading Challenge & Crafts.

 Food, snacks and drinks provided.

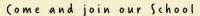
 Contact: josh.mcewan@aura.wale















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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 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 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



This Summer the team at Groundwork North Wales and their partner organisations Wild Ground and Refurbs are running their largest ever programme of free, fun, outdoor focused family-friendly events.

The summer programme will take place at a variety of different locations across the 3 counties of Wrexham, Flintshire and Denbighshire featuring locations such as Minera Lead Mines, Kings Mill, Brymbo Heritage Centre, Alyn Waters Country Park, Wepre Park and Wild Ground nature reserves across North East Wales.

You can read all about the different projects hosting the events on our website <u>HERE</u> and you can find the listings of the events on our events pages

Groundwork North Wales

Wild Ground

Refurbs

This individual event listings are also available on our Facebook pages.

Facebook.com/gwknorthwales/events

Facebook.com/WildGroundTirGwyllt/events



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