

# Ysgol Maes Y Felin 21.04.2023

# 21st April

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# A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

Welcome back I hope you all had a good Easter holiday.

I can't believe we are starting our final term. Let's hope the weather is kind to us so we can be outside as much as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who completed the Parent's Questionnaire and for your comments. It is extremely important we have your views to help us as a school to move

forward. It was nice to see how positive the majority of replies were regarding the school and its new initiatives and how they could be improved. In next week's newsletter I will address some of the points you have brought up.

Could I also use this opportunity to remind you that pupils should be in school uniform every day except PE days. The PE days are listed further down the newsletter.

Again, we have crammed a lot into a very short week. It was lovely to have Badgers class service and the parents working with their children and then having time to enjoy lunch with each other.

Various classes have been busy working down at Greenfield Valley on resources that some of our pupils have helped create and which will be available to pupils from other classes.

Year 4 have had a great time and enjoyed working with Bright Sparks and Techno Camp taking part in Science Investigations.

The school netball team took part in the county netball competition yesterday and the children gave a good account of themselves. A massive thank you to Mrs Saunders for training the team and for organising the whole tournament. It was lovely to see so many children from all over the county using our fantastic facilities.

We finished the week with children from Year 5/6 having the opportunity to go down to Deeside to have ice skating lessons. All the children (and staff) were so excited as they left.

Next week doesn't ease up at all as more pupils take part in activities with Bright Sparks and Greenfield Valley. Also Tuesday sees Year 3/4 starting their swimming lessons and Year 5/6 on Thursday. This is always an exciting time for the children and can we remind you to pack a towel on these days.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher



# What have we been up to?

Celyn and Ceiriosen took part in a debate regarding "Did man really land on the moon?". They looked for facts outside and conversed with each other as to whether they thought certain aspects were real or fake.



















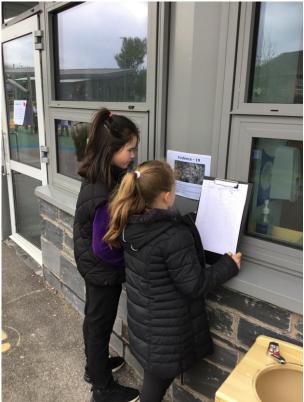


















Year 5 and 6 took part in a Technocamp workshop this week. They learnt how to make block games using coding.



We took part in Flintshire primary schools county cup. We had two teams represent school. They helped host the event by looking after other school as well as giving a great performance in their matches.



Badgers class enjoyed their class service today and the children enjoyed the lesson and lunch after with their families. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Brown, Mrs Lefley and especially the children who managed to put a wonderful performance together in just 3 days!!We can't wait for the next opportunity to work with families again soon.

Diolch, Mrs Allman











Year 5 and 6 had their first ice skating session today, and they all had so much fun!















# 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.

Eathan, Masarnen, was the winner of the '100% Weekly Attendance' Award for the week beginning 17th April.

Llwyfen won this week's class award.

Da lawn pawb!





Betsan (Masarnen), Lotti (Badgers), and Miss Reynolds all took part in a horse show last weekend. Lotti won a Red Ribbon at the show! Da lawn pawb!







# **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**

- Year 5/6 Ice Skating at Deeside 21st, 24th and 28th April and 5th May
- Year 6 Photographs Tuesday 2nd May
- Foxes Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch 11th May at 10:00 until 12:00
- Year 6 Sleepover (More information to follow) Thursday 25th May
- Squirrels Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch 26th May at 10:00 until 12:00
- Year 5/6 Gallery Thursday 6th July at either 2:30p.m or 3:15p.m
- Year 6 Leavers Service 14th July at 9:30

# **Future Plans**

# Wellbeing Award

Next week sees our Wellbeing award inspection. I have been working hard behind the scenes evidencing all the fantastic work pupils and staff do to ensure we are in a safe and happy environment. As parents, if you have any positive comments that can be used in the inspection can you please email to Debbie who will pass to me. I will keep you posted on the outcome of the inspection. Diolch, Mrs Allman

# **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.

# **HomeStart Flintshire**

HomeStart are looking to offer more groups and support to the community but need help from the community as to what they think would be beneficial to them and other ways we can extend their services. They are conducting some market research around the area and would kindly ask if you could fill in the form below with your opinions. There are no intrusive questions or anything that goes against data protection, and all require a very general response.

**HomeStart Questionnaire** 

# 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

# **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 <a href="https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/eFSM-E">www.flintshire.gov.uk/eFSM-E</a>

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: <a href="https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/eFSM-E">www.flintshire.gov.uk/eFSM-E</a>



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

Young people can choose from either a free reusable products (e.g. period pants) or a disposable products (e.g period pads) or BOTH! This is free of charge and delivered to your home address ordered using the form on the Hey Girls webpage below:

If you are aged 8-18 years and attend a school in Flintshire, please visit <a href="https://www.heygirls.co.uk/flintshirehomepacks/">https://www.heygirls.co.uk/flintshirehomepacks/</a> to apply for free period products.



# **Posters**





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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
- \* 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

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



We are looking for volunteers to goin our Events Working Group and to support with the running of events in the Holywell and Greenfield Communities.



We also welcome any students currently working towards their Duke of Edmburgh

· Awards. If you have a few bours to spare or know of anyone who could help us, please contact: support.officer@bolywell.wales

Thank you!

# JOIN THE HOLYWELL ST JOHN BADGER SETT

FUN. ADVENTURE & LEARNING

FIRST AID FOR

CHILDREN

AGED 5-10

STAY HEALTHY

LEARN ABOUT HELPING THEIR LOCAL
COMMUNITY

DEVELOP LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION
SKILLS, AND MUCH MORE! AGED 5-10



BADGERS WILL:

LEARN FIRST AID

GET CREATIVE WITH ARTS AND CRAFTS

FIND OUT HOW THE BODY WORKS AND HOW TO

STAY HEALTHY

WE MEET IN ST PETER'S CHURCH, HOLYWELL

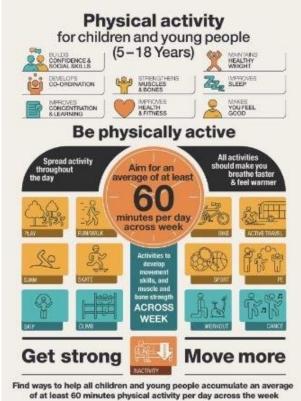
ON TUESDAYS @ 6-7PM



FIND OUT MORE AND SIGN UP WWW.SJACYMRU.ORG.UK







UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines, 2019



- 11am -6pm Artisan Market
- 2pm Coronation Service with Father Dominic
- 2pm 3pm Tea Party
   & Entertainment for Local
   Care Home Residents
- 3pm 4pm Local Schools Performances
- 4pm 5pm Coronation Show
- 5pm 6pm Tina Turner Tribute Act featuring Nigi Brown

A Range of Activities for Children including: Fairground Rides, Crown and Flag Making, Facepainting, a Stilt Walker & Free Cupcakes!



All Welcome





# WHAT'S ON IN HOLYWELL & GREENFIELD?

**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 Bakehouse Café/next to Basingwerk Abbey)
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 Abbey
30.03.23	Weekly Market	Holywell Town Centre

When?	What's On?	Where?
01.04.23	Bike Bonanza!	Greenfield Valley
11am - 3pm		
06.04.23	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community
10am - 1.30pm		Garden (behind the Bakehouse
05.04.22	144lili-14li-1	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	Easter Egg Trail	Greenfield Valley
All Day		
09.04.23	Easter Egg Trail	Greenfield Valley
All Day		
10.04.23	Easter Egg Trail	Greenfield Valley
All Day		
12.04.23	Bowl Carving for the	Greenfield Valley
10am	Younger Generation	
13.04.23	Bowl Carving for Adults	Greenfield Valley
10am		
13.04.23	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community
10am - 1.30pm		Garden (behind the Bakehouse
147 Access (400 person)	-	Café/next to Basingwerk Abbey
13.04.23	Weekly Market	Holywell Town Centre
20.04.23	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community
10am - 1.30pm		Garden (behind the Bakehouse
20.04.22		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
10am - 1.30pm		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	Railway and Steam Open	Greenfield Valley
30.04.23 12pm – 3pm	Day	Greenneid valley

# **Important Notices**

# **Emergency Alert**

There will be a national test of the UK's new Emergency Alerts system on Sunday 23 April at 15:00. The broadcast may be active until 16:00 (phones will only receive the alert once).

The test alert will be sent to most mobile phones across the UK. Devices will make a distinct, sirenlike sound for up to 10 seconds, including on phones switched to silent mode.

Phones will also vibrate and display a message about the test. You can hear an example of what the test will look and sound like in this <u>video</u> (English only).

Emergency Alerts is a UK government service that will warn you if there's a danger to life nearby.

In an emergency, your mobile phone or tablet will receive an alert with advice about how to stay safe.

About Emergency Alerts - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

# 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 <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: 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 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%

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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