

# Ysgol Maes Y Felin 23.06.23

#### 23rd June

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### A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

Well, we've come to the end of another busy and full filled week.

Monday saw Year 2 children travel to Connah's Quay to take part in the Jambori where everyone had a fantastic time. Monday also saw Year 3/4 working on their creative projects.

Wednesday saw our Sports Day and a wonderful day was had by all. The weather was perfect and we were treated to some excellent performances by all the children. Thank you to all parents who came to watch.

Thursday was the first of our school trips with year 3/4 going to Greenwood Amusement Park. They had a fantastic time and it was nice to hear their stories about how much they enjoyed themselves.

Today is our Summer Fayre which you will hear more about in next week's Newsletter.

Monday is our moving up day which is always an exciting time for all of our children as they find out who their new teachers and classmates are. In the morning can all children please go to their normal classes and they then will be put into their new classes. Current Reception children you will go to Hedgehogs to be registered before moving up. There will be plenty of staff on the gate to help and answer any questions. The children will go back to existing classes at the end of day to be delivered back to parents.

We have some staffing changes for next year and you can find out more details further into the newsletter. We also wish our Year 6s all the best as they move up to High School for two days of transition and hope they enjoy their residential trip to Glan Llyn.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend?

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher



## What have we been up to?

Last week, Year 5 and 6 went to Glyndwr University to learn about different careers and to see the campus. We loved seeing all of the students taking part in lots of fun activities.













Thank you to everyone to came to watch both Foundation Phase, and Juniors' Sports Day on Wednesday. It was an amazing day, in the middle of National Sports week, with an outstanding effort from all of the children.

Da lawn to Mynydd house in the Juniors who won overrall!























































































































Da lawn to Coeden house in the Infants who won overrall!























































































































































Year 3 and 4 had a great time at Greenwood Forest yesterday!





















































Year 2 had a fantastic time at the Welsh Jambori in Connah's Quay. They enjoyed singing and dancing along to Welsh songs and loved getting sprayed with water!







## Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg



### 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**

- Moving Up Day 26th June
- Year 6 Leaver's Photo in the Leader Live 30th June
- Year 6 Children Residential Trip 28th to 30th June
- Annual Reports to Parents 30th June
- Year 5/6 Gallery Thursday 6th July at either 2:30p.m or 3:15p.m

- Schoolsfest at Wepre Park for a selection of Year 5 pupils 7th July
- Year 5/6 Trip (More details to follow) 11th July
- Year 6 Leavers Service 14th July at 9:30
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Trip 18th July
- Last Day in school 20th July

## 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: www.flintshire.gov.uk/eFSM-E

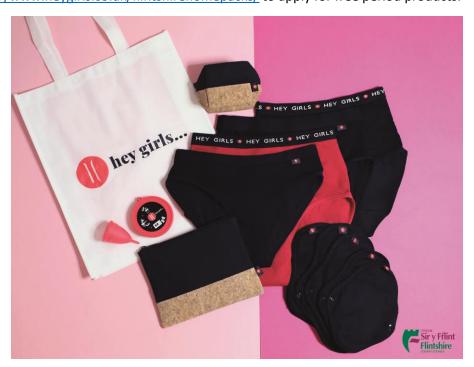


Help with the cost of the school day. Did you know? The latest Microsoft Office tools including Word, Excel and PowerPoint are available for FREE to learners and teachers in Wales:

### Microsoft - Hwb

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.



### **ORDERING YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM**

#### How the service works

- To order, visit the home page of our website at <a href="www.stitchdesign.co.uk">www.stitchdesign.co.uk</a> 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

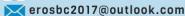


# **EVERY SUNDAY** 10 - 11:30am

- @ Mold Leisure Centre
- Suitable for ages 5-17
- No experience necessary All equipment provided

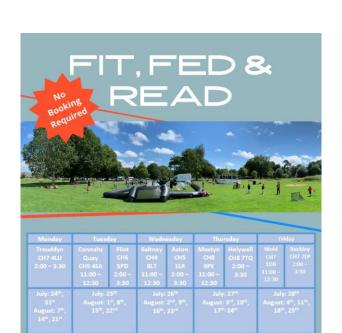
For more information or to book a place, please contact Heather:





**EROS Badminton Club** 





- activity for all ages.
   Summer Reading Challenge & Crafts.
   Food, snacks and drinks provided.
   Contact: josh.mcewan@aura.wales.











### (ome and join our School







we make spaces 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 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

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 gunning 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

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

FIRST AID FOR

CHILDREN

AGED 5-10

STAY HEALTHY

LEARN ABOUT HELPING THEIR LOCAL
COMMUNITY

DEVELOP LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION
SKILLS, AND MUCH MORE!

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

## **Important Notices**

#### Staffing update for September 23.

Some staffing news next. We start by wishing both Miss Allman and Mrs Jenkins (Miss Sandham) good luck as they both start their maternity leave. We hope to hear some good news in the coming weeks. Mrs. Jenkins' position will continue to be covered by Mrs. Stevenson.

We welcome back Miss Moffatt who will be returning as Mrs Bricknell and wish her all the best for her forthcoming wedding. She will be replacing Miss Joy who has done a fantastic job in Llwyfen. We don't say bye for long though as we welcome her back after October half term. She will be replacing Mrs Saunders in Collen who will be replacing Miss Minton as head of department who will be starting her maternity leave.

We also say farewell to Miss Megan Wilde who has been with us for the past two years and has done a wonderful job. She is off travelling before returning to this country to continue with the next step on her journey. Mrs Chloe Davies will be replacing Miss Wilde in Enfys to work alongside Mrs Duffy.

Miss Leah Wild is also off to pastures new as she starts her new role working for AchieveMore. It is lovely to see that she started with us as an apprentice and will now be working for the company where it all started.

Miss Cave also ends her apprenticeship with us and will be starting a college course in the Autumn, we thank her for all hard work while she's been here.

We wish all the staff much success in their new roles.

We held our induction afternoon for new nursery pupils and their families on Monday this week, it was well attended and the feedback was extremely positive from those attending. We do still have spaces for nursery 2023-24. If you, or someone you know would like to arrange a visit to the school, please contact the office on 01352 711 366.

In the run-up to Summer, 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 Swimming Lessons**

On the day where your child has a swimming lesson, we would like them to come into school wearing their their school uniform, unless it is also a PE day. They should bring with them anything they require for swimming e.g. towel and swim wear.

Please find below list of which days each class have swimming lessons.

- Every Tuesday up to and including, 27th June:
  - Celyn, Ceiriosen and Derwen
- Every Thursday up to and including, 29th June:
  - Collen, Llwyfen and Masarnen

### 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.

**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 <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 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 <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 informationregarding 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.



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

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