

# Ysgol Maes Y Felin 26.05.23

## 26th May

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## A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

Another half term completed and the sun is out.

The children continue to work so hard and they have had lots of visitors working with them. Year 5 continue to practice their dance for the Wepre festival and Year 6 pupils moving to Ysgol Treffynnon have met with Mr Chesters to start the transition process.

We finished the week with Squirrels Class service. The pupils were amazing and it was so nice seeing our youngest children on the stage with so much confidence.

The last half term is jammed packed, here are some of the main highlights:

7th June - Year 6 Leavers Photo for The Leader

13th June - Year 5/6 visit to Glyndwr University

19th June -Year 2 Jamboree

21st June - Sports Day - Juniors AM - Infants PM

22nd June - Year 3 & 4 Trip

23rd June - Summer Fayre

26th June - Moving up day

7th July- School Dance Fest Performance

11th July - Year 5/6 Trip

14th July - Year 6 Leavers Service

18th July - Reception, Year 1 & 2 Trip

20th July - Last day in school

Hope you all have a wonderful holiday and let's hope the sun continues to shine.

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher



## What have we been up to?

This is a very busy time of year for us in gardening and Eco club. We would like to share some of the things that we have been doing to enhance our school grounds and the environment.

We have made some bird boxes filled with feathers/coir so that the birds can use them to make their nests. We found a quieter spot on our school grounds to place these to help our birds.

We have planted on our seeds into bigger pots ready for our plant sale. We have been able to grow cucumbers, sunflowers, chilli's and French beans. We look forward to selling them to you on Friday.

We have been planting herbs, fruit trees, flowers and vegetables in our school grounds ready for some Summer crops. If we have an abundance, then we would love to share them with our parents and carers.









Derwen maths group have been outside making simple addition and subtraction sentences using cubes and bears to help them.







Some members of Eco and school council were asked to take part in a community litter pick organised by the town council on Wednesday 24th May. We were working with Martin and Caroline to help clear up the litter "hot spot" near Tesco steps and the entrance to the Greenfield Valley. The children took on this challenge with gusto and very much enjoyed filling their bags with plastics, cans, paper. We even found an old discarded scooter! We would like to thank the Town council for inviting us and for supplying us with hi vis jackets, gloves, litter pickers and bags. Lots of hands really does make light work!



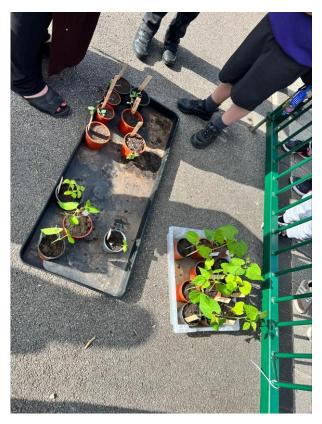




We raised £14.10 today and sold all our plant! Thank you so much to our parents and pupils for coming this morning!











Year 5 and 6 took part in happy mind time this afternoon. The children were able to choose their mindfulness activity.















































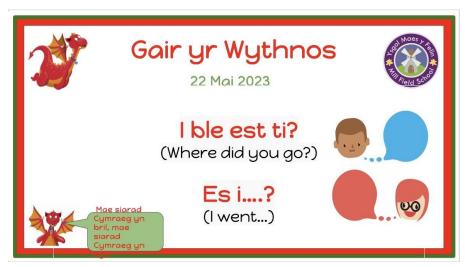








## Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg



## **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.

Caleb, Celyn, was the winner of the '100% Weekly Attendance' Award for the week beginning 22nd May

Darcey-Nell, Llwyfen, was the winner of the '100% Attendance during Summer Half Term 1' Award.

Derwen won this week's class award.

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 6 Leavers photo for Evening Leader 7th June
- Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Summer Fayre Donations Friday 9th June
- Year 5/6 Trip to Glyndwr University 13th June
- Jamboree Trip for Year 2 Pupils 19th June
- Sports Day Juniors AM and Infants PM 21st June
- Year 3/4 Trip to Greenwood Forest- 22nd June
- Summer Fayre (See more details below) 23rd June at 1:30p.m until 3:00p.m
- Moving Up Day 26th 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

This years summer fayre takes place on Friday 23rd June from 1.30 - 3pm. Children can be collected from 1.15pm.Raffle tickets are £1 a strip. Please can you write a name on EACH ticket before sending back to school. We will also be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 9th June in exchange for donations for the tombola. If any parents have any ideas they would like to share please contact me. If any local businesses would like to donate any raffle prizes, we will be very grateful for your support.

Many thanks,

Mrs Allman



#### Ysgol Maes Y Felin

Dros dro Pennaeth/ Acting Headteacher Mr. David Thomas B.Ed (Hons) NPQH



Ysgol Maes Y Felin Pen Y Maes Road Holywell Flintshire CH8 7EN 01352 711366

May, 2023.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school has organised a trip for all of the pupils in Years 5 and 6 to visit Glyndwr University in Wrexham, on 13th June.

There will be no cost on this occasion.

Children will need to bring with them a packed lunch (no glass bottles). Pupils who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch on the day. Please order this with the class teacher by  $6^{th}$  June.

The coach will leave school at 9:15 a.m. and will return in time for the end of the school day.

Would you please ensure that your child is wearing school uniform, has a hat and sun cream, if it is sunny, and has a coat if it is cold and raining.

If you wish for your child to take part in the visit, would you please complete the attached Form 4, and the 'Reaching Wider Projects' consent form by no later than Monday  $12^{\rm th}$  June. 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.

Yours Sincerely,

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Mr. D. Thomas Acting Headteacher



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#### Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school has organised a trip for all of the pupils in Year 2 to attend the Jamboree in Connah's Quay on Monday  $19^{\rm th}$  June.

There will be no cost on this occasion.

Children will have their lunch in school before they leave, and therefore will not need a packed lunch.

The coach will leave school at 12:00p.m. and will return in time for the end of the school day.

Would you please ensure that your child is wearing school uniform, has a hat and sun cream, if it is sunny, and has a coat if it is cold and raining.

If you wish for your child to take part in the visit, would you please complete the below slip by no later than Friday  $16^{\rm th}$  June. 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.

Yours Sincerely,

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Mr. D. Thomas

Acting Headteacher

Name of Child:	
Class:	
Does your child have any medical issues that	may affect them on the visit? YES / NO
If YES, please specify:	
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Sgol Maes Y Felin Pen Y Maes Road Holywell Flintshire CH8 7EN 01352 711366

May, 2023.

#### Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school has organised a trip for all pupils in Years 3 and 4 to visit Greenwood Forest on, Thursday  $22^{\text{nd}}\,\text{June}.$ 

In order to make the visit possible, we will require a contribution of £15.00 per child which is the cost of the entry and transport. If you wish for your child to purchase a souvenir, they can bring with them, on the day of the trip, a maximum of £5 in cash. They will be responsible to look after this.

Children will need to bring with them a packed lunch (no glass bottles). Pupils who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch on the day. Please order this with the class teacher by 6<sup>th</sup> June.

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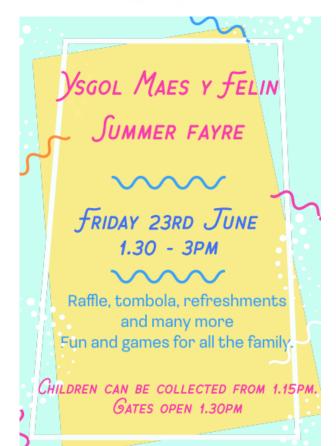












### **Financial Support**

#### **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 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: <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.

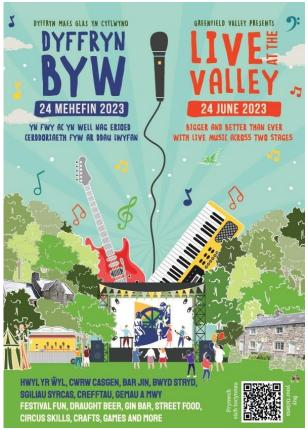


## Posters

There are some fantastic FREE half term activities available across Flintshire and Wrexham this half term. Please follow the link below for more information.

#### **FREE Half Term Activities**







\* Offsite trips and experiences including residential visits.

their children.

\* Expert staff who work with children to plan engaging and authentic learning experiences

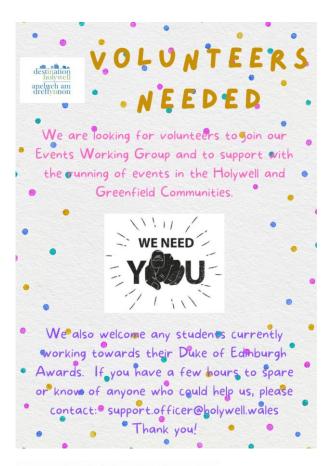
I really like the communication from school, it's great seeing what my child has been up to on a daily basis. - Parent

I love coming to school, we do lots of fun things - Pupil in year 4

\* Opportunities for families to come in to school and work alongside

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



## JOIN THE HOLYWELL ST JOHN BADGER SETT

FUN. ADVENTURE

& LEARNING FIRST AID FOR

CHILDREN

AGED 5-10

STAY HEALTHY

LEARN ABOUT HELPING THEIR LOCAL

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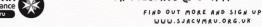
DEVELOP LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

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





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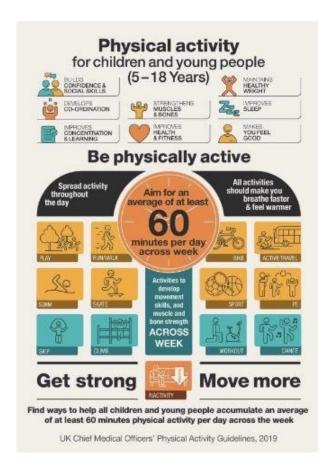
Claim what's yours here: gov.wales/heretohelp

or call free on

0808 250 5700







## **Important Notices**

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, 20th 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.

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