



Ysgol Maes Y Felin 28.04.2023

28th April

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A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

It has been another fun-filled week with our children having lots of exciting experiences as well as producing some excellent pieces of work.

As promised last week I will go over some of the points raised in the Parental Questionnaire which was completed before Easter.

- Newsletter - *Some of the content is the same every week* - There are some messages we need to repeat regularly such as attendance and diary dates (which I know you find useful) but we agree the newsletter has become too big and therefore the messages we are trying to get across are getting lost and have little impact so we will try to reduce some that have been in for a while.
- Class attendance award - *classes are penalised for having children who are persistently absent* - If a class does have children who are consistently absent, they are taken off the data, so the class aren't penalised.
- Class Service/lesson/lunch - *I work on Friday so I can't attend* - This is a very difficult situation as whichever day we chose someone will be working. We usually choose a Friday for two main reasons: - 1. The majority of those parents who do work part time have a Friday off and those who do work find it easier to take time off on a Friday. 2. Having the service at the end of the week allows the class teacher and the children to have more time to prepare for their performance. However, there are times that these events may be held on a different day in the week to accommodate our part-time staff members.
- Communication - *Not enough notice is given for events* - This is an area we are constantly looking to improve and hopefully with the introduction of the diary dates in the newsletter this has improved. If the event is out of the ordinary (ie having to get/buy something) or asking for parents to take time off for work, we will try our best to always give at least two weeks notice.
- Communication about child's progress - *This was the question that gave us our lowest score, though this still came out with 79% agreeing or strongly agreeing that we communicate effectively their child's progress.* - As a staff, we have already met and we are looking at various ways to communicate progress in between parent evenings to ensure you are well informed and can support with next steps at home.

As you will see in more detail in the newsletter the children have had a variety of activities to enjoy this week including ice skating, visits from the Bright Sparks scientists, visits to Greenfield Valley and helping at the church as well a number of classes making the most of the dry weather and learning outside in the eco area.

This week also saw the return of swimming lessons, which I know the children really enjoyed.

Next week maybe only 4 days but we are cramming an awful lot into it. As well as the normal activities of swimming, ice skating, and working with Alan Downes, we have Year 6 Photos on Tuesday. Also, a new project that Year 5 pupils are working on with Theatre Clwyd, a year 3/4 football tournament and the Kings Coronation picnic on Thursday.

Next week also sees the start of extra-curricular clubs, unfortunately we have had to cancel some due to lack of numbers, the parents of the children affected have been notified. If you have signed

up for a club and have not received any communication from school, then your child's chosen club will be taking place.

Hope you all have a wonderful long weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday.

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher



What have we been up to?

Enfys pupils returned to the church this week for the first time this term. They helped with taking the raffle payments and serving food. Da lawn!







Ceiriosen had a busy day on Tuesday! They spent the morning taking part in swimming, and the afternoon in Greenfield Valley.

























Bright Sparks came in for the second session to work with the Year 4's. They were doing all sorts of science reporting about different things such as climate change, space and deforestation.







We have had a very busy week in Squirrels class. A group of children were extremely happy having watched the Wrexham football match over the weekend, it created lots of discussion. They excitedly decided to build Wrexham stadium- Y Cae Ras. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and teamwork. They used a range of skills throughout this activity and are very proud of their work, they won't let anyone pass by the corridor without telling them all about their Wrexham Stadium!

They began by building the stadium and then went on to create the pitch.

Harper had the idea of using the puppets that they made last week as the crowds in the stands.

Max decided they needed to make the players, together they researched all the players names and wrote their names on the shirts.









Derwen went out to the Eco area yesterday the children were using all sorts of natural materials to make a trap to catch the dragon which is linked to our book 'How To Train Your dragon' as our topic this term is Myths and Legends. The children developed their skills in weaving, knot tying, social skills and many more. They had a fantastic time outside!









Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg



Gair yr Wythnos

1af Mai 2023



Pwy sydd eisiau?

(Who wants....)

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(me)



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Cymraeg yn
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siarad
Cymraeg yn

Special Mentions

Twinkle was the winner of the '100% Weekly Attendance' Award for the week beginning 24th April.

Llywfen won this week's class award again!

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 - 28th April and 5th May
- Year 6 Photographs - 2nd May
- Kings Coronation Menu Theme Day. Please note this will be the only dinner option on this day. (See Menu Below) - 4th May
- Foxes Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch (Reception Pupils only) - 11th May at 10:00 until 12:00
- Closing Date for Leavers Hoodies Orders (Year 6 Pupils only) - Friday 12th May
- Community Litter Pick (Children to be selected) - Wednesday 24th May
- Squirrels Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch (Reception Pupils only) - 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

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 raise funds for this project.

Diolch

[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 [new national digital service](#). 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

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ADDYSG CYMRU EDUCATION WALES

Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government

Peidiwch â cholli allan

Cymorth gyda chostau ysgol.

Don't miss out

Help with school costs.

- Gwiriwch a ydych yn gymwys i gael Prydau Ysgol Am Ddim a hawliwch yr hyn rydych yn gymwys iddo trwy Hanfodion Ysgol (PDG - Mynediad)
- Check your eligibility for Free School Meals and claim what's yours through School Essentials (PDG Access)
- Dysgwch mwy am gyflwyno Prydau Ysgol am Ddim i bob plentyn ysgol gynradd erbyn 2024
- Find out about the rollout of Free School Meals to all primary school children by 2024

Darllenwch fwy a gwiriwch a ydych chi'n gymwys: llyw.cymru/hawliwch-help-gyda-chostau-ysgol Neu siaradwch â staff yr ysgol neu cysylltwch â'ch Awdurdod Lleol am ragor a wybodaeth.

Read more and check if you're eligible: gov.wales/get-help-school-costs Or talk to school staff or contact your Local Authority for more information.

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



Posters


UK Government Wales
Llywodraeth y DU Cymru

Mae'r system Rhybuddion Argyfwng bellach yn fyw a chaiff ei defnyddio i rybuddio pobl pan fydd bywydau mewn perygl.
Dysgwch ragor yn gov.uk/alerts

The Emergency Alerts system is now live and it will be used to warn people when lives are in danger.
Find out more at gov.uk/alerts





Come and join our School Family



What do we offer?

- * 30 hours free childcare
- * Breakfast Club from 7 45am
- * After school Club until 5 30pm
- * 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

We have spaces available in most year groups for an immediate start.

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 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, mfmil@hwbcymru.net



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to join 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 Edinburgh Awards. If you have a few hours to spare or know of anyone who could help us, please contact: support.officer@holywell.wales

Thank you!

JOIN THE HOLYWELL
**ST JOHN
BADGER SETT**

**FUN,
ADVENTURE
& LEARNING
FIRST AID FOR
CHILDREN
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
- 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

**YMA I HELPU
GYDA CHOSTAU BYW**

Hawliwch eich arian yma:

llyw.cymru/ymaihelpu

neu ffoniwch am ddim ar

0808 250 5700

**HERE TO HELP
WITH THE COST OF LIVING**

Claim what's yours here:

gov.wales/heretohelp

or call free on

0808 250 5700



You could
save up to £230
on your annual
water bill.

Support for families

With half term approaching, we know some families may be worried how they will afford daily essentials, as well as providing meals for their children who are off school.

Did you know?

Families who receive the pupil development grant and are in receipt of a means tested or disability benefit may also be entitled to help towards their water bills.



We're here
to help

Call us to talk through
your options:

0800 052 0145

Visit us online for
more information:

dwrcymru.com/supportwithbills



Physical activity for children and young people (5–18 Years)



BUILDS
CONFIDENCE &
SOCIAL SKILLS



DEVELOPS
CO-ORDINATION



IMPROVES
CONCENTRATION
& LEARNING



STRENGTHENS
MUSCLES
& BONES



IMPROVES
HEALTH
& FITNESS



MAINTAINS
HEALTHY
WEIGHT



IMPROVES
SLEEP



MAKES
YOU FEEL
GOOD

Be physically active

Spread activity
throughout
the day

Aim for an
average of at least
60
minutes per day
across week

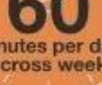
All activities
should make you
breathe faster
& feel warmer



PLAY



FUN/WALK



BIKE



ACTIVE TRAVEL



SWIM



SKATE



SPORT



PE



SKIP



CLIMB



WORKOUT



DANCE



INACTIVITY

Get strong

Move more

Find ways to help all children and young people accumulate an average of at least 60 minutes physical activity per day across the week

UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines, 2019



Important Notices

Class Swimming Lessons

On the day where your child has a swimming lesson, we would like them to come into school wearing 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, 22nd 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 your 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 - <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/schoolclosuresregistration

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 Treffynnon 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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Staff

Training Day

Holidays

(closed to pupils)

Bank Holidays

(school closed)

Ysgol Maes y Felin Website