

Ysgol Maes Y Felin 31.03.23

31st March

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A Message from Mr Thomas, Acting Headteacher

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon

Well, we have made it to the end of another busy term and we finished off with another fun filled week.

On Tuesday our Year 5/6 football team played in the Ron Bishop/Tom Roberts cup which was held at Flint Football club. The children played really well. Big thanks to Miss Joy and Mr Johnson.

Tuesday also saw Mrs Howard take 4 of our children from Criw Cymraeg to work with other groups at Ysgol y Llan. The children had a lot of fun.

Thursday was again a very busy day with pupils in Juniors working with PC Mark, Years 3/4 had a lovely afternoon participating with Technocamp and we finished the day off with Family Easter Bingo. Thank you to all who turned up. Everyone had a *CRACKING* time. Also, a massive thank you to Mrs Allman for organising the event.

The term finished with World Climate Day. This allowed all the children to gain further understanding on how our actions have a direct impact on our planet and it's future.

Thank you for those who have already completed the Parent's Questionnaire. It is extremely important that we have your opinions and contributions to help provide the best education for your children. By completing this <u>FORM</u> we will look to push our school forward.

When we return, we will be into the Summer Term and hopefully the weather will be a lot better so we can do a lot of outside learning.

Some other important dates for the summer term include:

W/C April 24th - Swimming starts for Juniors

2nd May - Year 6 photographs

21st June - Sport's Day

26th June - Moving up day

28th - 30th June - Year 6 children transition residential trip

30th June - Annual Reports to Parents

14th July - Year 6 Leavers Service

Hope you all have a wonderful Easter Holiday and we look forward to having you back on **Tuesday April 18th**.

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Acting Headteacher



What have we been up to?

Thank you to all of the Year 5/6 parents who joined us for the 'Explore Together' sessions. we hope everyone has had a lovely time at the sessions. Last week we did some exploring using microbits, playing board games and researching inspirational women.







On Wednesday afternoon, the children from Ceiriosen had a fun time in Hedgehogs. Miss Revill provided the opportunity for the children to make 'Alien snot' (using cornflour) and develop positive social skills through creative, problem solving tasks and imaginative role play.













A number of pupils were selected to play in the Ron Bishop / Tom Roberts Football Tournament on Tuesday. The team played really well and had an amazing attitude throughout the day. Da lawn.



The children from Ceiriosen took part in a workshop lead by Will, from techno Camp. The children learnt how to create a virtual Orerry using the programme Scratch.







Mrs Stevenson and her recorder club gave us a lovely treat by playing in assembly today.



Please find below what Mrs Allman had to say about last night's bingo;

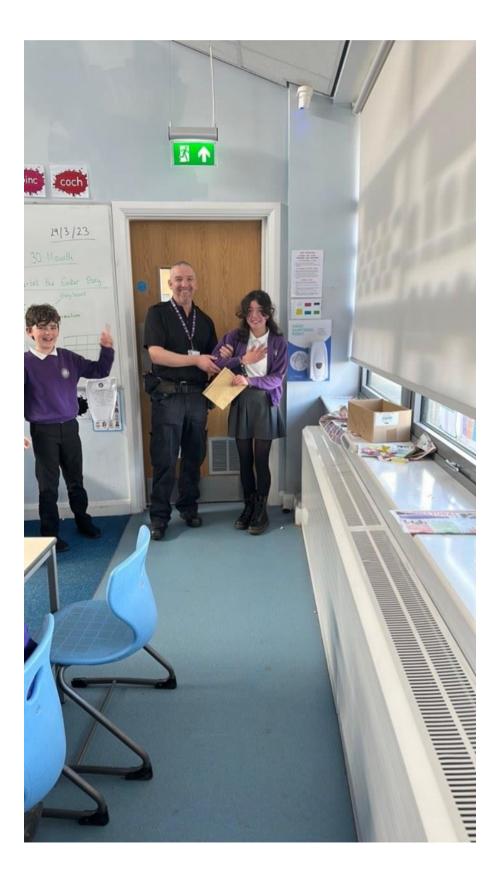
Last night saw our first Easter family bingo at Maes y Felin. The turnout was amazing and everyone had a fantastic time. We raised over £600 towards new books for the library. Many thanks to all who supported the event both on the night and with donations for the non uniform day. Algo a huge thanks to all staff who stay to help especially, Mrs Brown, Mrs Cowans and Mrs Allshorn, and to our bingo caller, Mr Andy Jones. Who knows we may just have another family bingo again soon.

Many Thanks

Mrs Allman



PC Mark came in to talk to Year 5 and 6 about anti social behaviour, Jack and Daniella enjoyed playing the role of police officer and perpetrator.



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.

VIPs - 31/03/2023		
Jack , Foxes		
Lily , Squirrels		
Amelia, Owls		
Lotti, Badgers		
Natan , Derwen		
Caleb , Celyn		
Phoebe , Masarnen		
Charlie P, Collen		
Lucy-Ray , Llwyfen		
Karol , Bedwen		



Aria, Squirrels, was the winner of the '100% Weekly Attendance' Award for the week beginning 27th March.

Atila, Derwen, was the winner of the '100% Attendance during Spring Half Term 2' Award.

Ceiriosen won this week's class award.

Llwyfen won the best attendance during Spring Half Term 2, and as a result have won a class treat.

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

- Training Day 17th April
- Year 5/6 Ice Skating at Deeside 21st, 24th and 28th April and 5th May
- Badgers Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch 21st April at 10:00 until 12:00
- Year 6 Photographs This date has been changed to Tuesday 2nd May
- Foxes Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch 11th May at 10:00 until 12:00
- Squirrels Class Service, Parent Lesson and Lunch 26th May at 10:00 until 12:00
- Year 6 Leavers Service (More information to follow) Morning of 14th July

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 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-Mealsand-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: <u>www.flintshire.gov.uk/eFSM-E</u>



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

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



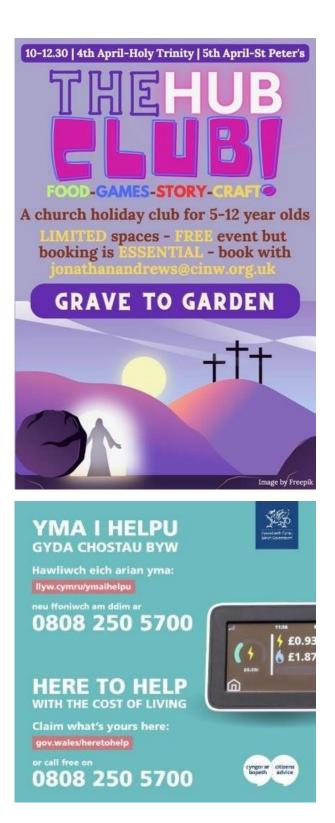
Posters





Thank you!

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Welsh Water

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.



your options: 0800 052 0145

Visit us online for

dwrcymru.com/supportwithbill

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





Aura Libraries Spring Newsletter



Keep the World Book Day 2023 celebrations going!

On 2 March we celebrated World Book Day 2023: the perfect day to celebrate reading, share your love of books and inspire someone else to pick one up.

Keep the celebration going with us- why not bring your pupils in to your nearest library for a special visit. Our staff will give them a warm welcome. They will introduce them to all the library has to offer and deliver some fun activities to orient them to the books and the space. The visits can be tailored to individual class requirements and we can enable all the children to become library members.

To arrange a visit just call your nearest library or email <u>libraries@aura.wales</u> Broughton (01552) 703760 Buckley (01352) 703860 Connah's Quay (01352) 703730 Deeside (01352) 703770 Filnt (01352) 703737 Holywell (01352) 703850 Moid (01352) 703780

Did you know?

Aura Library members can download e-books and audiobooks free of charge from Borrowbox and Libby to a PC, Laptop or Mac. Alternatively, you can download the Borrowbox and Libby apps directly to a smartphone or tablet.

Explore Borrowbox's fantastic selection of the very best new eAudiobooks and eBooks for children, including fun new stories from Tom Fletcher, Ross Welford and Patience Agbabi.

Dive into a world of magic in bestselling author Patrice Lawrence's The Elemental Detectives - a stunningly imagined, action-packed fantasy adventure. Described by internationally bestselling author Cressida Cowell as 'a beautifully written book, bristling with magic... I loved it.'

Aura Libraries Spring Newsletter



For more thrills, look no further than award winning author Vashti Hardy, suce joyful Harley Hitch series with the latest time-twisting adventure ful of weight and wonderful inventions!

What's more, we have the perfect listen for reluctant readers - the exciting first instalment in author Adam Blade's Beast Quest series is here! Brought to life by award winning narrators Barnaby Edwards and Jason Forbes. We also have copies of the series in English and Welsh.

We also have e-magazines with a whole load of titles suitable for your pupils-All for FREE.

To access most online library resources you will need to enter your library membership number and pin. If you do not have this then you can join up as a member online via the Aura website for instant access.

All links and further details about our digital library resources can be found on our website: www.aura.wales/libraries

Easter Holiday Activities with Aura Libraries

Looking for something to do with the family over the Easter holidays? Why not pop in to your local library and join one of our many free activities? Plus all our libraries are Warm Welcome spaces so you can relax together with a hot drink and have some fun. All our libraries have games that you can play together.

Over the holidays there will be Lego club in every library on a Saturday morning for you to create fantastic structures or why not pop in to one of our craft sessions? Broughton Library are running special craft sessions each Thursday at 2pm. Our rhymetimes will be continuing throughout the holidays for younger children too.

If you want to create something really special there is a fully funded Family Sea Glass Art Workshop at Mold Library on Wednesday 12th April at 2pm. Places are limited so call 01352 703780 to book your place now.

Or you can join our partners from Menter laith Fflint a Wrecsam for special stories and crafts with Magi Ann on Tuesday 4th April. Magi Ann will be at Connah's Quay Library at 10.30am and Buckley Library at 1.30pm.

For all details of our Easter holiday activities please visit

https://aura.wales/holiday-activities/



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

APRIL 2023

When?	What's On?	Where?
01.04.23 11am – 3pm	Bike Bonanza!	Greenfield Valley
06.04.23 10am – 1.30pm	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community Garden (behind the Bakehouse 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 All Day	Easter Egg Trail	Greenfield Valley
09.04.23 All Day	Easter Egg Trail	Greenfield Valley
10.04.23 All Day	Easter Egg Trail	Greenfield Valley
12.04.23 10am	Bowl Carving for the Younger Generation	Greenfield Valley
13.04.23 10am	Bowl Carving for Adults	Greenfield Valley
13.04.23 10am – 1.30pm	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community Garden (behind the Bakehouse Café/next to Basingwerk Abbey
13.04.23	Weekly Market	Holywell Town Centre
20.04.23 10am – 1.30pm	Weekly Gardening Group	Greenfield Valley Community Garden (behind the Bakehouse 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 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 12pm – 3pm	Railway and Steam Open Day	Greenfield Valley

Important Notices

Library Books

We have had a sort out in our school library, and as a result, we have surplus of some books. If your children would like one to take home, could they please bring in 20p next week and this will be organised with the school librarians.

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 - <u>https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Admissions.aspx</u>

- 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 <u>www.flintshire.gov.uk</u>. 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 <u>www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooltransport</u> 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.



Contact Us

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