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A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



What has been happening in school this week

Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon,

Another busy week here at Maes Y Felin and the children are now back in the full flow of school life.

Monday and Tuesday saw PC Mark come in and work with year 3/4 and 5/6 regarding unsafe substances. The children worked well and showed excellent maturity when discussing the work.

This week saw each class nominate their representatives for the Pupil Voice Groups. The pupil voice groups are a very strong part of our school and they help organise and run different events during the year. We have six groups Digital Leaders, ECO, School Council, Rights Respecting, Criw Cymraeg and Well-Being Champions. The groups are already busy and Mrs Howard and her Criw Cymraeg team have carried out a learning walk this week. Look out in future Newsletters for what the groups have been up to.

It was lovely to welcome back parents on site this week with Nursery parents having the opportunity to meet their new class teacher and the week ended with Owls' parents enjoying a play and stay session with their children. A big thank you for the staff organising the sessions and the parents who came.

Next week sees the return of our after-school clubs. We are offering the following for the next 5 weeks:

Tuesday - Netball - Years 1 to 3

Tuesday - Recorders - Years 3 to 6

Thursday - Dance - Years 3 to 6

Thursday - Art - Years 3 to 6

Thursday - Football - Years 3 to 6

There are still plenty of places available for these clubs and you must book your child on to attend. Here is the link <https://ysgolmaesyfelin.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your child on.

If there aren't enough children wanting to attend these clubs they will be cancelled.

The first of our class services takes place on Friday as we welcome Marsanen parents in for a morning with their children. Mrs Marsh and her pupils are really looking forward to sharing their work activities with you all.

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

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Headteacher

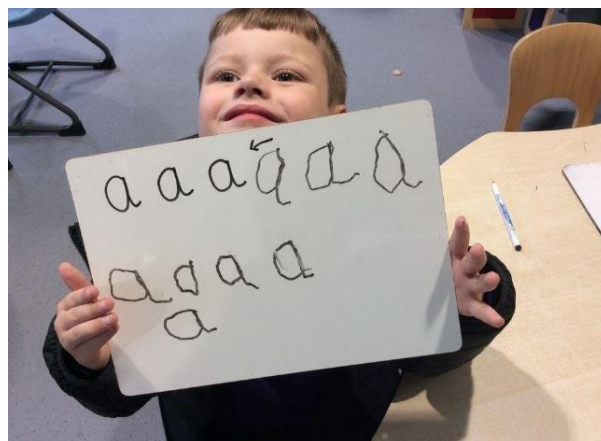
Foundation Learning

Squirrels and Foxes

The children of Squirrels and Foxes had a delightful time visiting the library van this week. They had the opportunity to pick out a book to bring back to the classroom, and they have been thoroughly enjoying sharing and exploring these books with their friends.

In addition, we've introduced the Read Write Inc program to the reception children this week, and we're delighted with their active participation and rapid learning of the sounds. So far, they have learned the sounds 'm,' 'a,' 's,' and 'd.' Please refer to the Read Write Inc sheet that has been sent out if you would like to support your child with their phonics.

The children have been reading and retelling the story of The three little pigs in Language this week. They have very much enjoyed painting The Three little Pigs as well. Bendigedig







Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

This week in Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs have enjoyed collecting leaves from the Eco area and tearing them up to make wedding confetti. The children have enjoyed learning about different wedding cultures & traditions, and using these to design a wedding with traditions from across the world. The children have been doing a fantastic job in maths, focussing on Number and Place Value. Owls class enjoyed making scarecrows in their Stay and Play session with their family members. Badgers and Hedgehogs look forward to their sessions in the coming weeks; please see Seesaw for more information on these sessions.





Derwen and Ceiriosen

Time is whizzing by, we can't believe it's the end of the third week already! Derwen and Ceiriosen have been extremely busy in their learning this week. The children had a visit from PC Mark all about how to keep safe and who to trust around them. They had fun creating their own online word search about all the people who help them in Cymraeg. In Language the children have started the Book 'Grandpa's Island' and are enjoying using pictures as a vehicle for their writing. The quality of writing is such a high standard so keep up the reading at home as this is definitely giving the children lots of ideas when they put pen to paper! Just in case the children haven't mentioned it yet, they get 2 Dojos each time they read at home and bring their book in, just remember to write a comment in their 'Reading Record' and the children will be thrilled to receive their 2 Dojo's! Gwaith da pawb, keep up the fantastic work!

Llwyfen, Collen and Masarnen

Year 5 and 6 have loved reading our new class book, 'The Boy At The Back of the Class', which is all about a Syrian refugee. We've used our research skills to find out information about Syria. We've also located Syria on the map and calculated the distance to Holywell. Some of the 5/6 shared their learning experiences with the rest of the class from last week when Will from Technocamp came in to do a cryptology workshop. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn about Caesar and pigpen ciphers, crack codes and develop their own. At the end we used our new skills to decrypt several messages and open a locked box. Great teamwork from all!





Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg

Siaradwyr Cymraeg yr Wythnos

Rydym yn falch iawn o weld bod llawer o blant yn rhoi ymdrech ganolog i siarad Cymraeg yn gyson yn yr ysgol. Da iawn!

We are delighted to see that many children are putting in a commendable effort to speak Welsh consistently while at school. Da iawn!



Celebrations

Attendance awards



Individual winner of the attendance award this week was Mya-Rae - da iawn!



Class winner of the attendance award this week was Ceiriosen

Our overall attendance now stands at 91.89%



Tea with Mr T

The children enjoyed tea with Mr T as a reward for being VIPs this week.

Upcoming Events

- September 27th - Big Hopes Big Future. More information below.
- September 29th and October 6th - Years 1,2 and 3 stay and play. More information below
- September 29th - Masarnen class service, lesson and lunch
- October 13th - Llwyfen's class service, lesson and lunch
- October 16th - Parents Evening
- October 19th - Family Bingo at 3.30pm
- October 25th open day for current and new nursery. more details to follow.
- October 27th - Harvest Service - Foundation Learning
- November 8th - Tempest photos in school
- November 17th Collen's class service, lesson and lunch
- November 24th stay and play reception. More information to follow
- December 1st Christmas Fair
- December 8th stay and play reception. More information to follow
- December 12th panto for years 1 to 6
- December 14th Christmas play juniors

School Information

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 from School

From September 2023 ONLY children in year 5 and 6 can walk home without an adult and this will only be allowed once we have had written permission from parents/carers. All other children must be collected by an adult. 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, at least 7 days before the first day of absence.

[Holiday Request Form](#)

Clubs

After school clubs for Autumn are available to book on school cloud.

Uniform Expectation

We are having increasing amounts of children attending school with dangly earrings, make up and false nails.

We would like to remind you about our School Uniform Policy.

1. Earrings – small stud earrings are permitted – please avoid oversized or dangly earrings.
2. No make up is permitted, children attending school wearing make up, will be asked to remove this.
3. False nails are not permitted at school.

School Essentials Grant

Children whose families are on lower incomes and [qualify for certain benefits](#) can apply for a grant of:

- £125 per learner

- £200 for learners entering year 7 (to help with increased costs associated with starting secondary school)

All compulsory school years from reception to year 11 are now eligible.

All looked after children qualify for the grant, whether they receive free school meals or not. Learners who receive free school meals due to transitional protection arrangements do not qualify.

Families are only entitled to claim once per child, per school year.

The 2023 to 2024 scheme is now open and will close on 31 May 2024.

To apply for this grant please contact your local authority.

<https://www.gov.wales/school-essentials-grant>

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| Contact Details Phone: 07871 068462 (11 am – 5.30 pm) email: thefunclub1@outlook.com address: The Fun Club at Ysgol Maes y Felin Pen y Maes Road Holywell CH8 7EN | Opening Times Wraparound Care 11.00 am – 3.00 pm After School Club 3.00 pm – 5.30 pm Holiday Club 7.45 am – 5.45 pm  |
| <u>After School Club</u> We look after the children from 3.00 p.m. until 5.30 p.m. Infant children are brought to the <u>after school club</u> by a member of staff. Junior children will walk from the classroom by <u>themselves</u> . We offer a range of activities for the children to enjoy. | We are taking bookings for Wraparound Care/After School club and Holiday Club Please contact us to reserve your place. Mobile 07871068462 Email thefunclub1@outlook.com |
| <u>Holiday Club</u> We operate holiday club for the following holidays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter • Half term (beginning June) • Summer • Half term (End October) • Half term (February) We offer half or full days childcare. | <u>Wraparound Care</u> Children are picked up from the Nursery and we provide fun activities for them to enjoy until end of the school day at 3.00 p.m. We are registered with the Child Care offer and able to offer the 30 hours free childcare for <u>3 and 4 year olds</u> |



Ysgol Maes y Felin School Holidays & Training Dates 2023 / 24 as at 17.05.2023

| September 2023 | | | | | | | October 2023 | | | | | | | November 2023 | | | | | | |
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| June 2024 | | | | | | | July 2024 | | | | | | | August 2024 | | | | | | |
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| | Staff Training Day | Holidays (closed to pupils) | Bank Holidays (school closed) |
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1 - School holiday dates for 2023/24

PE Timetable

| | 9 am | 10 am | 11 am | 1 pm | 2 pm |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Monday | Squirrels (M/H) | Derwen (M/H) | Collen (M/F) | Foxes (H/M/F) | Llanfawr (M/F) |
| Tuesday | | Llanfawr (M/H) | Bedwen (H/M/F) | Hedgehogs (M/F) | Ceiriosen (M/H) |
| Wednesday | Owls (M/H) | Ceiriosen (M/F) | Derwen (M/F) | Squirrels (H/M/F) | Collen (F/H) |
| Thursday | | Bedwen (M/H) | Badgers (H/M/F) | Owls (H/M/F) | Masarnen (M/H) |
| Friday | Foxes (M/H) | Hedgehogs (M/F) | Badgers (M/H) | Masarnen (F/H) | Golden Time |

M = Muga F = Field H=Hall

2 - PE timetable for whole school - for individual timetables, please see class seesaw.



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

3 - Our school information.

Parental Engagement Opportunities

Nursery Parents - come and see our learning in action

There are very limited spaces for an exciting project aimed at nursery parents, you are invited to 9 sessions with your children, it is an opportunity to meet with other parents, see how your child has settled into school and watch them playing alongside their friends. The sessions started on 20th September 9 30 am- 11am but it's not too late to come along - for further information, please contact the office on 01352 711 366 or speak to Mrs Nellist, Mrs Evans or class teachers.

Badgers and Hedgehog Families

You are invited to a stay and play session - see poster for details.



Masarnen Parents (September 29th), Llwyfen Parents (October 13th) Collen Parents (November 17th)

You are invited to see our class service, take part in activities alongside your child and stay for a school lunch. A booking form will be sent out by the office two weeks before each classes session to ensure we have the correct numbers for meals.

Open Morning for current nursery parents and prospective parents of our school

We are holding an Open Morning for Nursery Parents (September 2023) and Prospective Parents for September 2024 or mid year transfers. Come along on Wednesday 25th October for the opportunity to have a tour of the school and our facilities, meet the staff and take part in some fun activities. There will be a raffle held with the top prize being a Maes y Felin uniform for your child.


Ysgol Maes y Felin
OPEN MORNING
 For current nursery and prospective parents in 2023/24



Meet the staff & have a tour!
Wednesday October 25th
9am - 10 30am



All attendees will receive a raffle ticket with the chance to win a set of branded uniform for their child.

Contact us
 01352 711 366

Where to find us
 Pen y Maes Road,
 Holywell

Learning, training and employment opportunities

Free Welsh Classes to help parents, carers, grandparents and friends to learn Welsh.


Clwb Cwtsh
 meithrin.cymru/clwbctsh

ONLINE NORTH WALES
WEDNESDAY
13:00-14:00
27/09/23 - 08/11/23

Clwb Cwtsh is a fun-filled and informal programme focusing on speaking Welsh with young children.
 To register, email: clwbctsh@meithrin.cymru




Come and work at Maes y Felin - closing dates Monday 25th September

Teaching Assistant Vacancy - [School and teaching jobs in Holywell, UK - Eteach](#)

Cleaner - [School and teaching jobs in Holywell, UK - Eteach](#)

In our community






Green Dog Walkers

What's the Green Bandana for?

If you see someone and their dog is wearing the Green Dog Walkers® bandana, it means they have **"Taken the Pledge"**.

- to always clean up after their dog
- to carry extra doggie bags
- to gladly give you a bag for your dog - just ask!



A friendly Reminder...

Green Dog Walkers® is a non-confrontational, friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling.


Would you like to take part in the project?

Just read follow the link or scan the code to access and sign The Pledge Acceptance Form. We will send you Green Dog Walkers® bandana. If your dog isn't keen to wear it, you can still demonstrate you've signed up e.g. just wrap it around your wrist or tie it to your dog's lead.

The Facts...

- 52% of UK households have a pet!
- There are 10.2 million UK dog owners!

Did you know that primary school children and footballers are most at risk from diseases from dog fouling? After it has lain on the ground for two weeks, worms develop and these diseases and others can cause: toxocara canis, roundworm, salmonella, E-coli, resulting in pneumonia, asthma and blindness.




However, it IS SAFE to clean it up "on the spot"!


If you would like to promote this campaign, you are dog related business or need more information, please contact keepflintshiretidy@flintshire.gov.uk and find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/KeepFlintshireTidy/

SIGN UP AT:
<https://flintshire.gov.uk/greendogwalkers>

SCAN TO SIGN UP!



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Tesco Bags of Help

There's only just over a week to vote for Dosbarth Bedwen in the Tesco Token Race! Unfortunately, it doesn't look like we're in the lead in Tesco in Holywell so please encourage your friends, families (and fellow customers when you're shopping) to vote for us by putting the blue tokens into our box!

The Table

The Table is open Monday from 12-2 in St Peter's Church (behind Lidl)

Free delicious lunch in our warm church

Shop for a basket of shopping (we only ask for a donation, if you can afford it)

A listening ear and access to other sources of support

Creche, so small children can be kept safe and have fun while we're open!

And we always begin with the Bread of Life Service @ 11.30!

All are welcome and there are no barriers to coming along!

Active Travel

Flintshire County Council is seeking your views on proposals to implement Active Travel (walking and cycling) infrastructure on two routes within Holywell. Route 2 serves Ysgol Maes Y Felin.

The proposals are informed by a study undertaken by consultants during 2022 which identified key routes to each school based on where pupils live as well as site visits, observations of issues faced by people walking and cycling, and discussions with some of the schools. To take part in the public consultation, please click on the link below. The closing date for responses is 2 October 2023.

[Active Travel - Holywell Safe Routes to Schools \(flintshire.gov.uk\)](https://flintshire.gov.uk/active-travel-holywell-safe-routes-to-schools)

Sport and Recreation

Insport event

This will be held on Saturday 30th September 10am till 3pm at Jade Jones Pavilion. This event is about providing inclusive sport and physical activity opportunities for disabled young people aged 0-7. Activities include Little Paddlers for ages 0-4, multi-sport for ages 4-7, soft play 0-4 alongside a sensory room as well.

<https://www.insportseries.co.uk/events/aura-0-7-sept-23>



GIRLS RUGBY

Come give it a TRY!

FREE

Every
Monday
5-6pm

**6-16
years**

**Ty Calon
3G Pitch**

**Make Friends
Keep Fit
Have Fun
No Experience needed**

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HOLYWELL NETBALL CLUB

JUNIOR TRAINING SESSIONS

YEAR 4, 5 & 6

WEDNESDAY 5.30 til 6.30pm

HOLYWELL HIGH SCHOOL

COSTS

Training sessions £3.50 weekly payable via SPOND app
Wales Netball annual membership £10

Year 4/5/6 sessions enter teams in a netball league
on Sundays at Deeside Leisure Centre
*additional fee payable

Please email
holywellnetballclub@gmail.com
for information on joining our sessions

Contact Us

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