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A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon,

Well, we are already halfway through the half term. Where have those four weeks gone?

The week started with a visit from our GwE advisor on Monday. He went on a learning walk around the school and was impressed with all the work that was going on.

Monday saw four classes have a fun week with Aura who delivered a number of physical activities which the children really enjoyed.

Tuesday started with the music service visiting our Year 3 children. The children are extremely lucky to be receiving violin lessons and it was wonderful to be a part of it and seeing them start their musical journey learning about the notes they will be using. I can't wait to see them performing at the end of the year.

Some of our Year 4, 5 & 6 children have started working with the Children's University this week. The children have loved learning about what they'll be getting up to over the coming weeks and months. The idea is to create a love of learning in children by encouraging and celebrating participation in extra-curricular activities in and outside of school. The children will build up their

hours and log them on the online platform. They'll also get to attend a graduation ceremony in February, which they are very excited about!

The week ended with fantastic class service from Masarnen class. These services are so important to us as a school. It gives our children the opportunity to perform to an audience and it is lovely to see them grow in confidence. During the lesson and Badgers stay and play, it was a privilege to watch the children working alongside their parents and how proud they were of their work.

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

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Headteacher

What has been happening in school this week

Squirrels and Foxes

It has been another busy week in Foxes and Squirrels class. We have been continuing with our 'Three Little Pigs' story. The children very much enjoyed all the staff pretending that they were the three little pigs and the big bad wolf when we all did a recount of the story using props. The children worked in small groups to do their own recount, and it was lovely to hear them telling the story in their own words.

In Foxes, we have been learning how to take off and put on our own coats to improve our gross motor skills and independence.

In Squirrels, the children have loved playing with bubbles. We decided to do an experiment to find out what ingredients make the best bubbles. We thought about what we could use. The children decided to use fairy liquid, shampoo, soap, and bubble bath. They very much enjoyed making their own bubble mixtures and experimenting to see which mixture made the best bubbles.

We are very proud of both classes. Ardderchog!



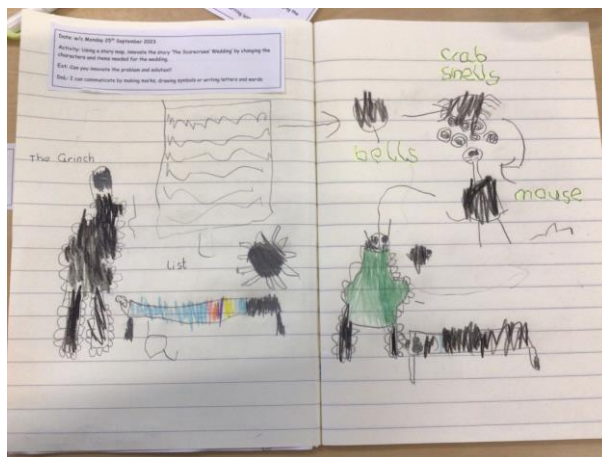


Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

This week in years 1,2 and 3 we have been very busy. We have enjoyed the outdoor area and developing our independent learning. Badgers class have been getting ready for this weeks stay and

play session. Hedgehogs have been learning their times tables. And all classes have been working on innovating out story maps.







Derwen a Ceiriosen

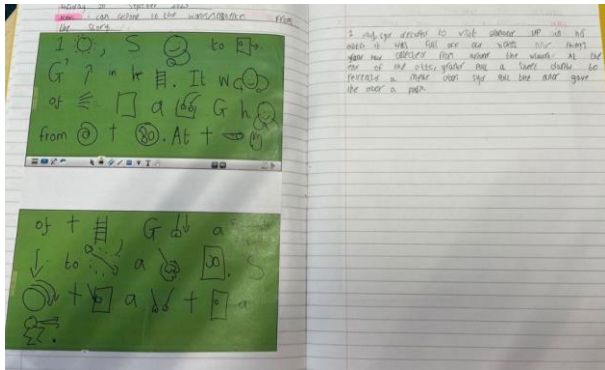
The children in Derwen and Ceiriosen have enjoyed getting to grips with the book 'Grandad's island' by using Pie Corbett to retell the story using pictures, then creating actions to go with those pictures. Mrs Stevenson has been inspiring both classes with her enthusiastic and creative Language lessons that have not only inspired the children but also the staff!

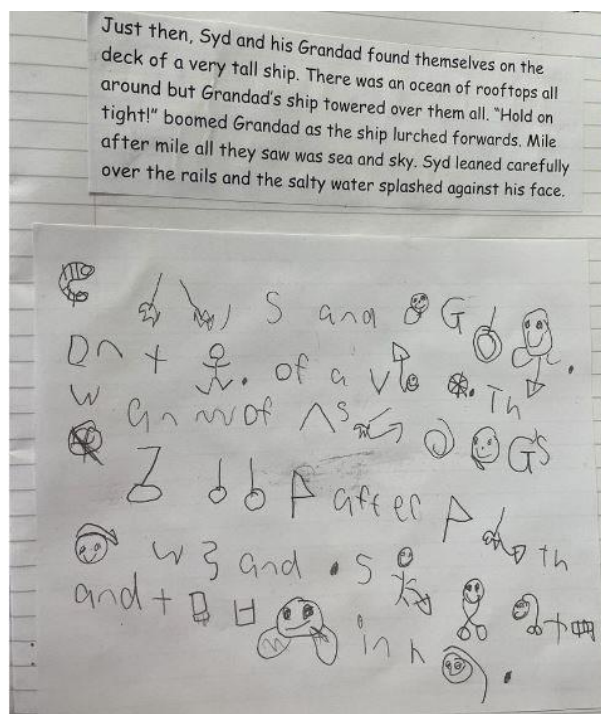
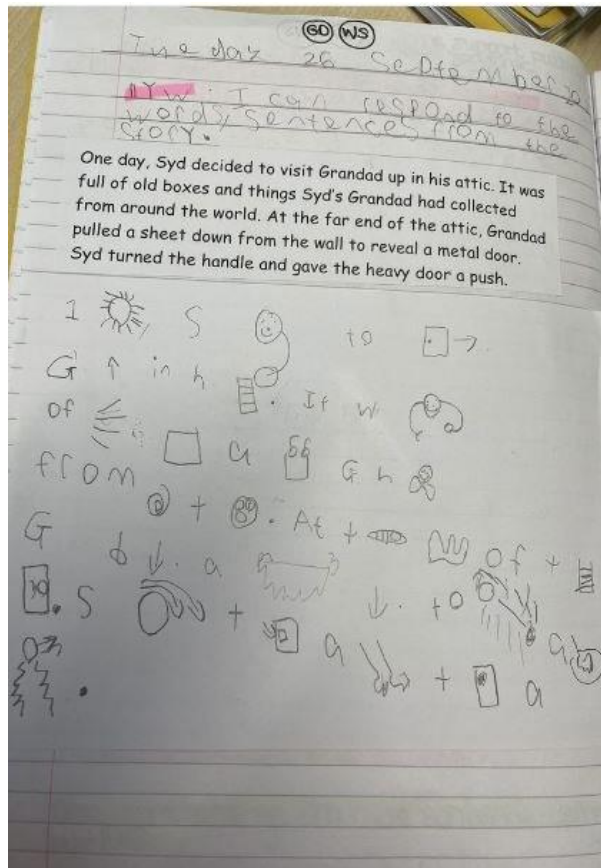
Following on from PC Marks visit the children have been researching all the logos of services in North Wales that help us and creating a piece of modern art work to reflect their findings. They really enjoyed working collaboratively in groups using a shared document to add the logos that they found. They then printed off two copies, added a wash of paint to one and tore the other one in strips to create a 3D model.

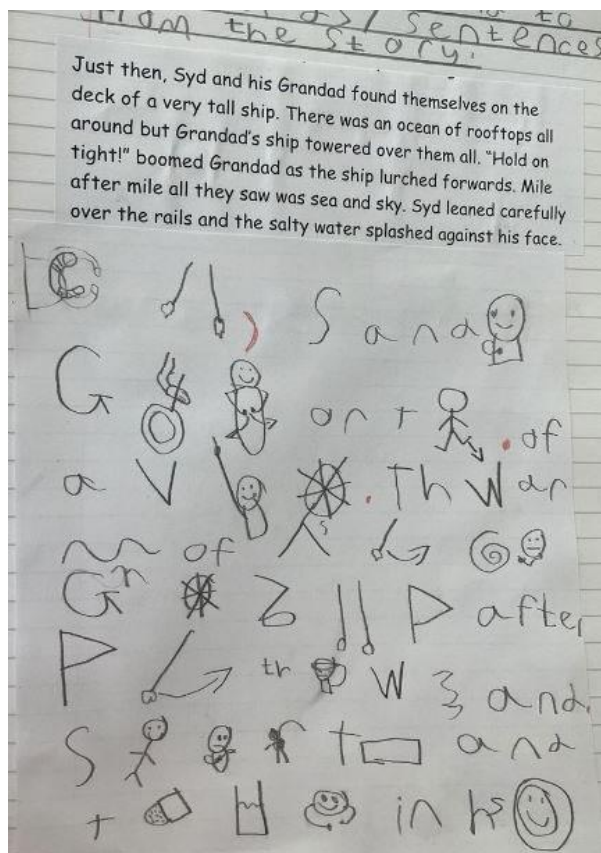
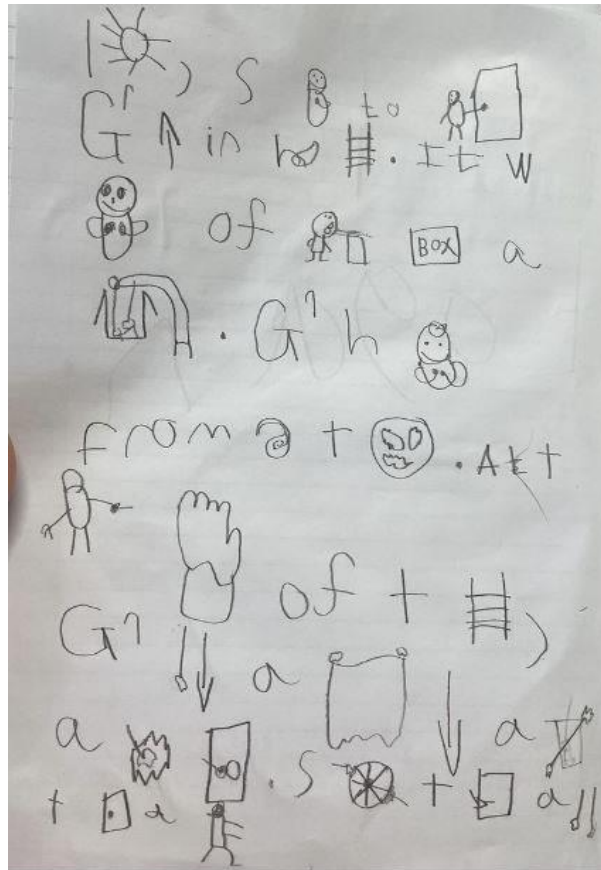
Thank you to all our parents for your ongoing support at home to hear your child read and write comments in their 'Reading Records' it really is making such a huge difference already and is creating such a love for reading! The children are also enjoying earning their two dojos each time they read!

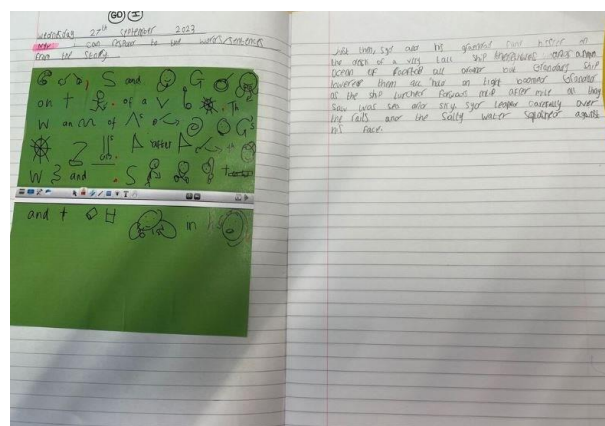
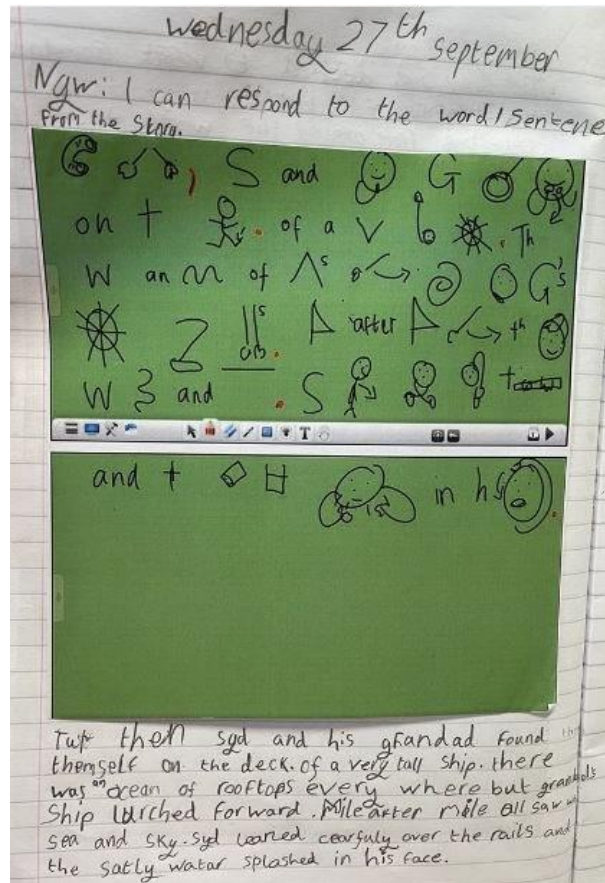












Masarnen, Collen a Llwyfen

This week Year 5 and 6 have been very busy learning about refugees and calculated the distances they've had to travel to get to the UK. In maths, Masarnen have been placing 6 and 7 digit number on a number line. We've also used natural resources to create our spirit animals.







Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg

Siaradwyr Cymraeg yr Wythnos

Athro/Athrawes yr Wythnos

Mrs Allman

Siaradwyr Cymraeg yr Wythnos

Lacey, Jacob, Millana, Lexi-Mae, Max, Enid,

Gair Cymraeg yr Wythnos



Attendance

Attendance 91.27%

Upcoming Events

- October 4th - Big Hopes Big Future. More information below.
- October 5th - Theme Day in the Kitchen - see below for details
- October 6th - Hedgehogs Stay and Play - see below for details
- 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.
- 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 8th - Rudolph Run

- 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>

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 after school club by a member of staff. Junior children will walk from the classroom by themselves . 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 3 and 4 year olds



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

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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/H)	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.



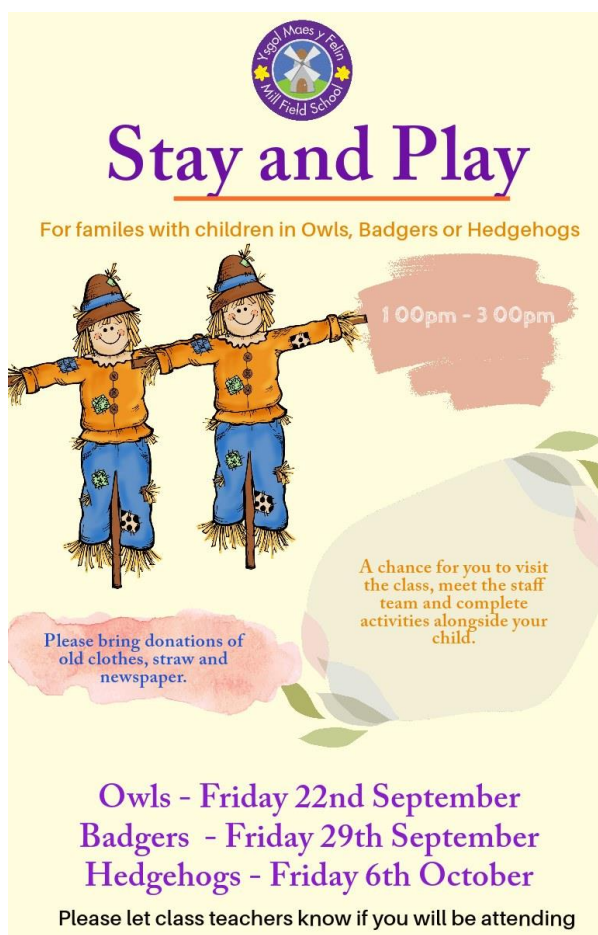
Parental Engagement Opportunities

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 8 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.

Hedgehogs Families

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



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.




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: clwbwtsh@meithrin.cymru



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"!



Take the pledge today - you and your pal!


SCAN TO SIGN UP!



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>

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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

Ty Calon
Deeside Community Trust

Gogledd-ddwyrain Cymru
Dysgu Cymunedol i Oedolion
Adult Community Learning
North East Wales

Free to attend for adults age 19+ living in Flintshire and Wrexham. Funded by ACL North East Wales
Ty Calon, Queensferry Campus CH6 1SA

Family sports for children with ALN
Every Tuesday 4-5pm
Starting 5th September


GIRLS RUGBY
Come give it a TRY!

6-16 years

FREE
Every Monday 5-6pm

Ty Calon 3G Pitch

Make Friends
Keep Fit
Have Fun
No Experience needed

 **Ty Calon**
DEESIDE Community Trust

✉ kroberts@deesidecommunitytrust.co.uk


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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