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A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon,

The nights are drawing in quickly as winter approaches but the days in school are full of fun and hard work.

I hope you enjoy seeing what your children have been up to in their classes. This includes Badgers class inviting their parents in this afternoon to take part in Play and Stay session.

On October 16th you are invited to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher on Parents Evening. It is an extremely important opportunity for you to see how your child has settled down and how they are progressing. As in previous years and in response to parental feedback the evening will be a mixture of face to face or online. The staff are looking forward to talking to you about all the exciting things your children have been up to. Collen's parents' evening will take place the week after on the 23rd .

Next week will end with Llwyfen's class service and we look forward to seeing the children working with their parents in exciting activities.

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

In Foxes and Squirrels this week we have been looking at the properties of materials to see if they were waterproof or not. We wanted to make sure that if we built a new house for the Three little pigs that it would be waterproof and that they would be protected. We made some predictions first and then tested them out to see if we were right. The children loved doing this activity! Next, they had to think about what material they would use for their roof and they had to test it using a watering can and see if they were right. Have a look at some of their wonderful houses.

In Read Write Inc this week we have learnt the sounds g, o, c and k. We have learnt to recognise and form the letters, we also went on a letter hunt around the school looking for these letters.

The children have been practising using scissors to cut minibeasts, look at what an amazing job that they have done. The children all know that they must only handle scissors when they are sitting on a chair facing a table to keep themselves and others safe.



cutting
skills



Picture working together building the house



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NYW: I can design a new house for the 3 Little Pigs. I compare different materials and decide which material is best to use.

House Design



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House Design



	Waterproof	Not waterproof	Not sure
Kitchen roll	2	16	6
Foil	1	16	8
Paper	6	18	0
Plastic	5	16	3
Tea towel	13	11	0
Wood	9	11	3



Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

This week Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs have thoroughly enjoyed learning some map reading skills; they read and followed a map which led them around the school grounds collecting all the items needed for the Scarecrow's Wedding. The children have been practising their acting skills, using the puppets they made last week to act out their stories. They have been using their digital skills to make invitations to an event of their choice, as well as learning new sounds in Read Write Inc. and continuing their number work in Maths. Hedgehogs class thoroughly enjoyed their Stay and Play session; thank you to all those who attended.









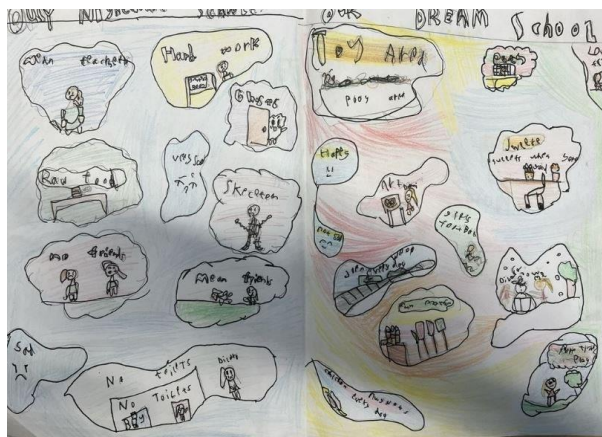


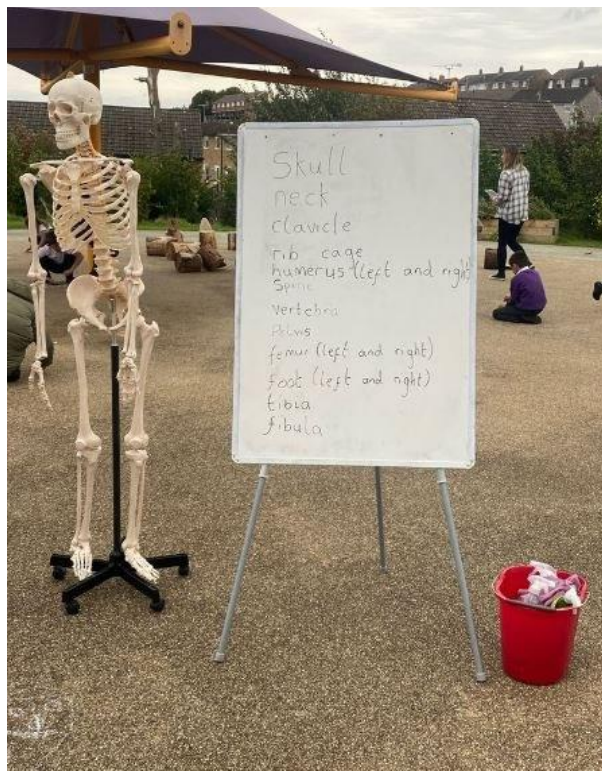
Derwen a Ceiriosen

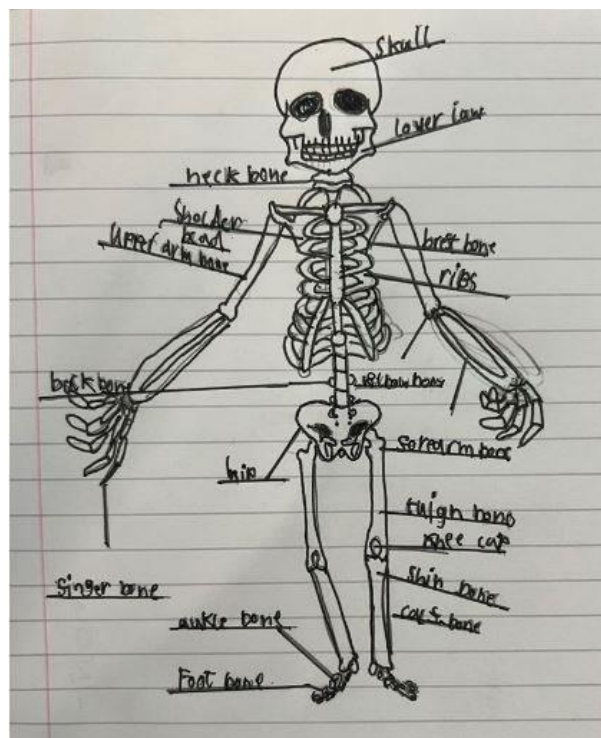
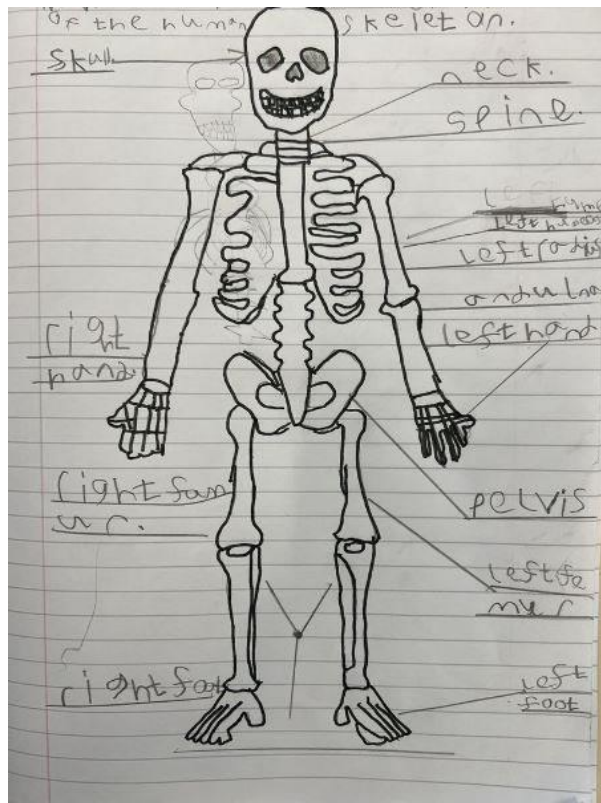
We've had another busy week in Derwen and Ceiriosen. The children had a fantastic time at the end of last week working practically outside with Rhys the skeleton who we borrowed from the high school. The children thoroughly enjoyed using chalk to draw and label their skeleton. This week they have been consolidating their knowledge of the human skeleton and drawing their own version in their books and labelling them.

In our Jigsaw lesson the children have been looking at what their dream school and nightmare school would look like and have drawn some fantastic ideas! They have been working collaboratively and independently to create their fantastic pictures.

Both classes have been learning all about map drawing skills and have used Google Earth to find Holywell and draw key features of the high street using a key.









Masarnen, Collen a Llwyfen

This week Masarnen went to the library to choose a book. We were all excited to get a new book to read. On the way back from the library we looked at the roll of honour which had the names of local soldiers who died in WW1 and WW2. We'll be learning lots about them in the upcoming weeks.





Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg

Gair Cymraeg yr Wythnos



Attendance

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Lukas and Oliver were the winners of individual attendance award.



Derwen were the winners of the class attendance - da iawn!

Overall attendance 90.82%

Upcoming Events

- October 11th - Big Hopes Big Future. More information below.
- October 13th - Llwyfen's class service, lesson and lunch
- October 16th - Parents Evening for Reception - Year 6 (Except for Collen)
- October 19th - Family Bingo at 3.30pm
- October 23rd - Parent's Evening Collen
- October 24th - Harvest Service - Foundation Learning
- October 25th open day for current and new nursery
- November 8th - Tempest photos in school
- November 10th - Cinema Trip for Reception
- 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 13th Chester Zoo for Year 1 to 6
- December 14th Christmas play juniors

School Information

Harvest Festival

Our younger learners are taking the stage to showcase their harvest celebrations this half term. As we have such strong links to St Peters Church, we would like to invite you to bring items in to support their Harvest Appeal. They are particularly looking for long life milk, coffee, tinned meat and tuna, nappies and toiletries but any items are appreciated. Please pass these to class teachers and we will organise a delivery to the church following the assembly.

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>

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)	Llwyfen (M/F)
Tuesday		Llwyfen (M/H)	Redwen (H/M/F)	Hedgehogs (M/H)	Ceiriosch (M/H)
Wednesday	Owls (M/H)	Ceiriosch (M/F)	Derwen (M/F)	Squirrels (H/M/F)	Collen (F/H)
Thursday		Redwen (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

1 - 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



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, mfmmail@hwbcymru.net

2 - 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 7 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.

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.

Learning, training and employment opportunities

FREE training

from Achieve More Training for those who live or work in Wales

[Achieve More Apprenticeships Ltd. \(achievemoretraining.com\)](https://www.achievemoretraining.com)

Coleg Cambria

We are hosting a variety of open events throughout November

Don't forget to book on using the link: <https://buff.ly/3Zlj8Gs>

In our community

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!

Children's University

Are you a parent in North Wales why not use our link to find activities you can do on your doorstep

<https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/activity-search/>

FREE! Weekly Activities at Holywell Library...

Holywell Library

These activities take place at Holywell Library every week, for further information please contact the Library on: 01352 703850 or holywell.library@aura.wales

Lego Club - Monday 10.00 - 11.00 & 3.30 - 4.30

Rhyme time- Tuesday 10.00 – 10.30

Drawing / Games Club - Tuesday 4.30 – 5.30

Learn my Way (Basic IT course) - Thursday 11.00 – 12.00 noon

Sport and Recreation

**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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