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A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



Prynhawn da,

Welcome back and hope you all have had an enjoyable half term break.

The children may have been in only been in for four days, but we have packed a lot into the short week.

Year 3 children are making amazing progress learning to play the violin and we can't wait for their performance to the whole school just before Christmas.

Wednesday was a very hectic morning with all the children having their photos taken.

Year 1/2/3 enjoyed their visit down to St Winefride's Well on Thursday as part of their topic. It was lovely to hear all the positive comments from the staff at the Well on how well they all behaved. Da iawn pawb.

The week ended with the children having their flu immunisation and the reception children visiting the cinema.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the donations we have received for the Christmas Fayre which is now only three weeks away. Without these donations it would make it difficult for us to hold the event. If anyone else has anymore donations please drop them off with either the class teacher or at the office.

Next week sees 25 children from Year 5/6 representing school at indoor athletics at the Indoor Athletics track in Coleg Cambria next Tuesday. Good luck to those who are competing.

Next Friday we invite Collen's parents to spend the morning with their children to watch their service, take part in a lesson and finish off the session with lunch. Can you please let the office know if you are attending so we can prepare the correct number of lunches for you.

For further information about what is happening around school please continue to read on through the newsletter.

Hope you all have a love weekend.

Mr David Thomas

Acting Head Teacher

What's been happening in school this week

Squirrels and Foxes

The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their half term news, it sounds like everyone had a fun filled half term and lots of excitement around Halloween and Bonfire night.

This week we have been immersed in 'Trochi Cymraeg' (Welsh emersion week) with the rest of the school, children in Squirrels and Foxes have been learning about the Cadi Ha. They have shown great enthusiasm in learning about the background of the Cadi Ha and have enjoyed listening to the range of music and learning a variety of Welsh traditional dances.

This led the children's interest into designing and creating musical instruments, creating their own dance costumes and learning about the Welsh dragon. Bendigedig!!

Please find information below regarding stay and play sessions for parents with children in Reception in Squirrels and Foxes.



Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

In Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs we have been learning about the story of St. Winefride. The children really enjoyed learning about their local history and visiting the well. We were complimented on the children's immaculate behaviour whilst at the Well, which we would like to congratulate them on. We are very proud! We have also been learning about our features in Welsh by creating our own Winefride and labelling her features.







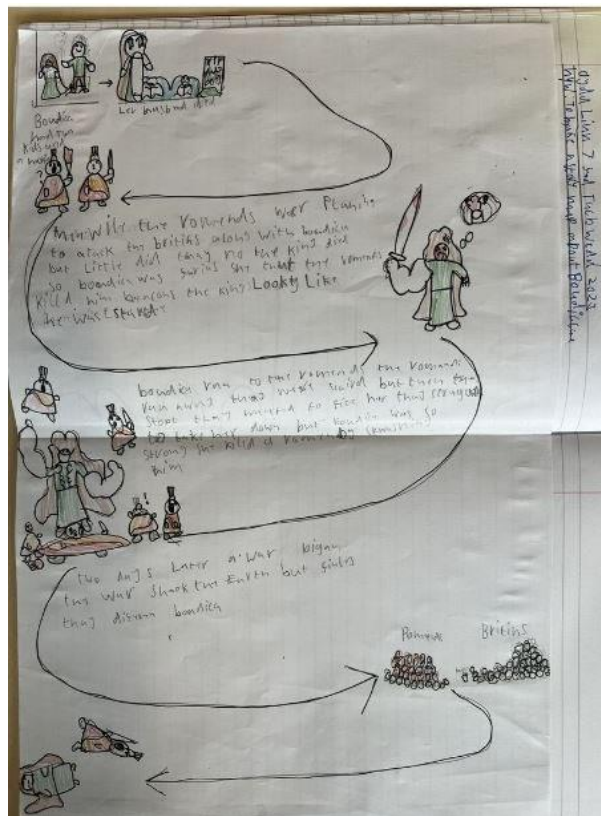


Derwen and Ceiriosen

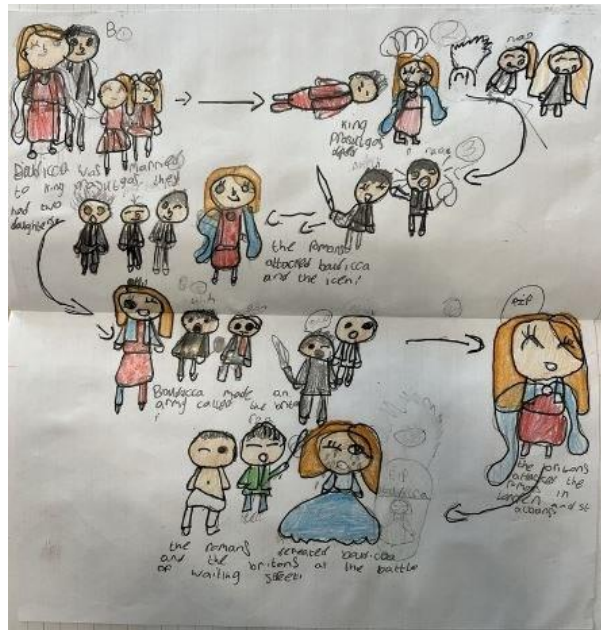
Derwen and Ceiriosen have had a fantastic week back after the holidays as they have been fully immersed in 'Trochi Cymraeg'! They have been focusing on Boudicca the Celtic Warrior and have been learning all about her life and that of the Celtic period. The children enjoyed designing their 'Trochi Cymraeg' posters and have produced some fantastic story maps all about Boudicca's life. They have been very creative designing beautiful Celtic shields, Celtic stone patterns as well as taking on the role of Boudicca in Cymraeg. Fantastic efforts from all the children, da iawn pawb!

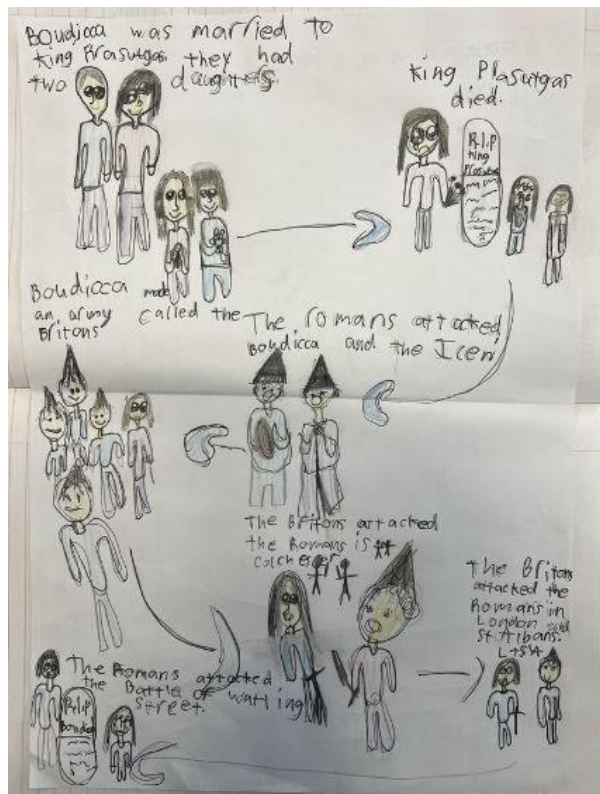
NYW: I can ask questions and give answers yn Cymraeg.

Beth ydy dy new di? Boudicca ydw i.	Oes gen ti plant? Mae gen i dwy merchod.	Sut wyt ti? Dw i'n blin.
Ble wyt ti'n byw? Dw i'n byw yn Norfolk.	Beth wyt ti'n hoffi? Dw i'n hoffi my merchod a fy cartref.	Pam? Achos yr Romans cymerodd Icenii tribe.
Faint ydy dy oed di?? Dw i'n 30 oed.	Beth ti ddim yn hoffi? Dydde i ddim yn hoffi. The Romans	Beth wyt ti eisiau? Dw i eisiau fy Icenii tribe i fod yn rhydd.
Oes gen ti gwr? Nac oes, achos ef farw.		









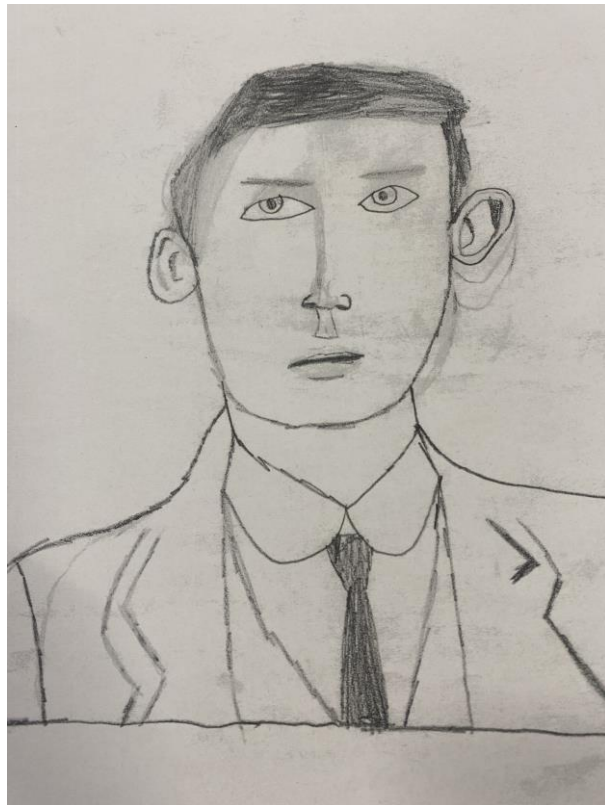
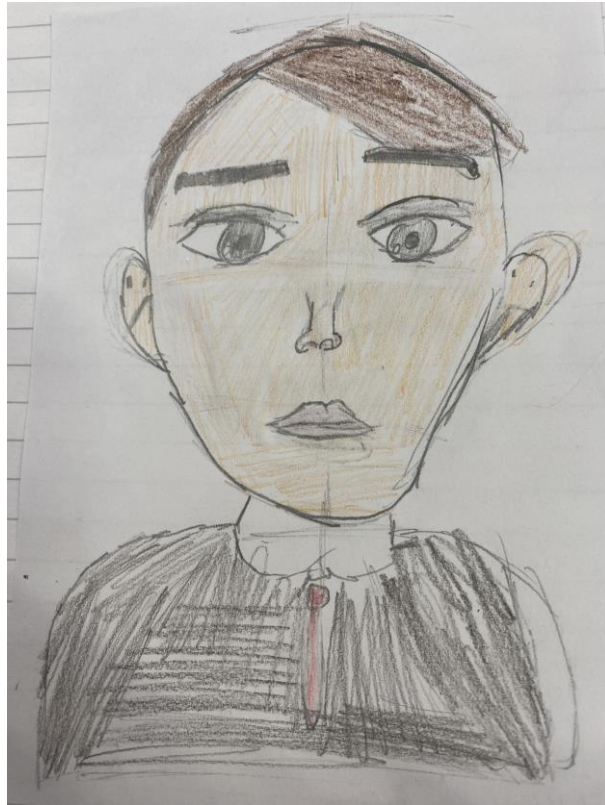


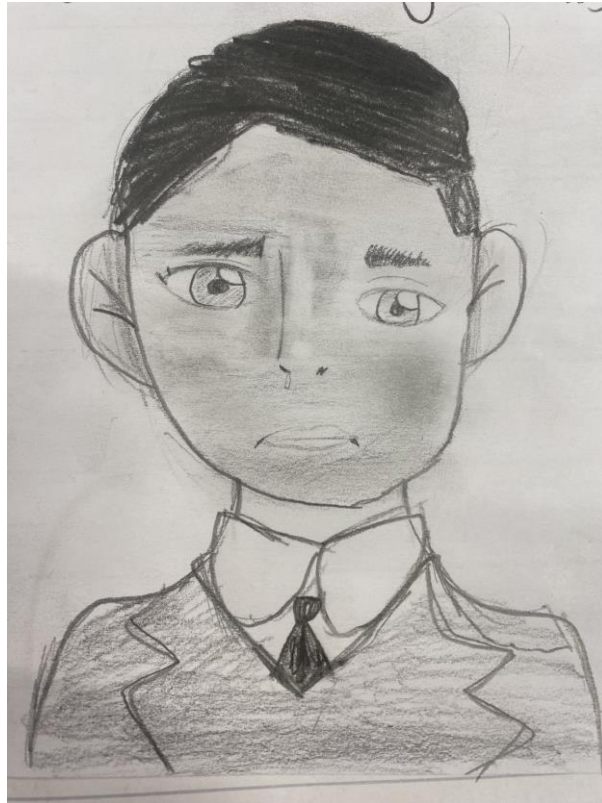
Masarnen, Collen a Llwyfen

This week, Year 5/6 have been learning about Hedd Wyn as part of our 'Trochi Cymraeg'. We've been on a fact hunt, used our artistic skills to draw a portrait of him and played lots of Welsh games. As well as this, we've read some of Hedd Wyn's poems which has inspired us to write our own.









Enfys

This week In Enfys, the children have loved practising Mindful Meditation, this has helped them to be calm, focussed and ready for their session. We've completed lots of work around our worries this week. The children enjoyed making their own Worry Dolls/Animals that they can share small worries with at home and in school.

New Menu

<div>  <div> Our school kitchen Menu </div> <div> October 2023 - April 2024 </div> <div>  </div> </div>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	Jumbo Fish Finger *OR* Baked Veggie Nuggets  Served with creamed mashed potato & baked beans ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  PASTA POTS 	Welsh Beef Bolognaise *OR* Veggie Pasta Bolognaise  Served with pasta in tomato sauce, peas & garlic bread ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Fruit Sponge & Custard & Fresh Fruit  JACKET POTATO 	Roast Chicken Dinner of the Day *OR* Veggie Roast Dinner of the Day  Served with roast potato, carrots, broccoli & Yorkshire pudding ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  SANDWICHES 	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread *OR* Vegetable Jalfrezi  Served with rice, peas & naan bread ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  JACKET POTATO 	Beef Burger or Vegan Burger  in a Bun *OR* Salmon Fillet Served with chips & veg sticks ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Cocoa Cookie & Fresh Fruit  PASTA POTS 
WEEK 2	Sticky BBQ Baked Sausage *OR* Sticky BBQ Baked Vegan Sausage  Served with creamed mashed potato & baked beans ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  PASTA POTS 	Tuscan Chicken & Pasta Served with pasta, sweetcorn & garlic bread *OR* Cream of Tomato Soup & Roll ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Marble Sponge & Custard & Fresh Fruit  SANDWICHES 	Roast Turkey Dinner of the Day *OR* Veggie Roast Dinner of the Day  Served with roast potatoes, carrots, green beans & Yorkshire pudding ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  PASTA POTS 	Baked Fish Fillet Served with creamed mashed potato & baked beans *OR* Chilli Non Carne  Vegetarian mince chilli served with rice & peas ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  PASTA POTS 	Chicken Nuggets Served with chips & veg sticks *OR* Vegetable Tortilla Stack  Served with chips & veg sticks ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Shortbread Biscuit & Fresh Fruit  JACKET POTATO 
WEEK 3	Big Breakfast Bacon, free range omelet & baked beans *OR* Veggie Big Breakfast  Vegan sausage, free range omelet & baked beans ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  PASTA POTS 	Meatballs & Pasta *OR* Veggie Meatballs & Pasta  Vegetarian meatballs in a tomato sauce, peas & garlic bread ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Cocoa Sponge & Custard & Fresh Fruit  JACKET POTATO 	Roast Chicken Dinner of the Day *OR* Veggie Roast Dinner of the Day  Served with mashed potatoes & garden peas, carrots & Yorkshire pudding ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  SANDWICHES 	Ham & Cheese Calzone Pocket *OR* Cheese & Tomato Calzone Pocket  Served with baked wedges & peas ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  JACKET POTATO 	Chicken Burger in a Bun *OR* Baked Cod Goujons Served with chips & veg sticks ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Cocoa Krispie Cake & Fresh Fruit  PASTA POT 
<div> <div> NEW SALAD BAR To help children reach their 5 a day every school now has a new help yourself salad bar. Children can fill up on a choice of at least 6 fresh salad items every day. Available with every meal choice. </div>  <div> NEW DESSERT BARS Our aim is to get children to eat more fruit based desserts at lunchtime. Each school now has a new help yourself dessert bar where children can choose Llaeth Y Llan yogurts and top with a wide choice of fresh seasonal fruits. </div>  <div>  APPROVED This menu has been nutritionally analysed in line with Welsh Government Guidance to meet pupils needs for protein, carbohydrates, fat, sugar and salt. </div> <div> ALLERGENS & INTOLERANCES Many of our dishes are available to accommodate special dietary requirements - please contact our Cook to discuss these options </div> </div>					
KEY:	 Suitable for Vegetarians	 Vegan Option Available	 Additional Daily Option	PLEASE NOTE:	***OUR MENUS COULD BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO NATIONWIDE SUPPLY ISSUES.***

Attendance



Lucie was the winner of individual attendance award.



Ceiriosen were the winners of the class attendance with 97.1 %.

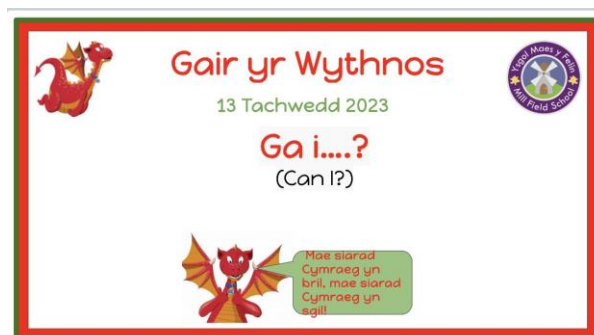
Current attendance 89.73%



The VIP's enjoyed tea with Mr T.

Cornel Cymraeg

Gair yr Wythnos



Upcoming Events

- November 14th - indoor athletics competition - juniors
- November 17th - children in need. Information on seesaw
- November 17th Collen's class service, lesson and lunch
- November 24th stay and play reception. More information to follow
- December 1st Christmas Fair PM
- December 6th - Christmas lunch. Christmas jumpers can be worn
- 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 concert juniors, afternoon and 5pm performances
- December 20th - Class parties, more information to follow

School Information

Access

The gate from the bus bay on the high school site will now remain closed until 2 45pm (previously 2 30pm)

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.

Zero Tolerance

Aggressive, violent and threatening behaviour towards school staff will not be tolerated. Individuals behaving aggressive or violently towards school staff will be asked to leave the premises and reported to the police.

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)	Lleylen (M/F)
Tuesday		Lleylen (M/H)	Redwen (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		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

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@hwbcmru.net

2 - Our school information.

Parental Engagement Opportunities

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.

Squirrels and Foxes Stay and Play

We are excited to invite Reception parents to a "Stay and Play" session in the Squirrels and Foxes class. This event will provide a wonderful opportunity for you to experience the classroom environment alongside your children, engage in fun activities and gain an insight into how we help your child learn.

Squirrels: 24th November at 1.30pm

Foxes: 8th December at 1.30pm

During this interactive afternoon, you can look forward to:

- Quality Time: Spend quality time with your child in their classroom, exploring their world and gaining insight into their daily routines.
- Engage in Learning: Participate in educational activities that encourage hands-on learning and foster your child's development.
- Meet the staff: Meet and connect with our dedicated teachers, who will be available to discuss initiatives we use in school such as Read Write Inc, Numicon and answer any questions you may have.
- Socialise: Get to know other parents in the class, fostering a sense of community and support among families.

We look forward to seeing you at this event, information regarding registering will be sent out via parent mail over the next week.

We will be offering a similar stay and play session for parents of Nursery children during the summer term.

Learning, training and employment opportunities

FREE training

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

[Achieve More Apprenticeships Ltd. \(achievemoretraining.com\)](http://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>

North Wales Disability Information Sharing Event 2023

- Where: Venue Cymru, Llandudno
- When: Thursday 2nd November 2023
- Time: 10:00 am until 3:00 pm

Free entry for all

Join us for ...

- Information stalls from over 50 organisations, charities and specialist companies
- Sensory room, quiet room and under 5's room
- Activities for all ages and abilities
- Lego cafe
- The Autism Reality Experience bus
- Workshops and demonstrations throughout the day (Limited spaces at the workshops; booking required)
- ... and more



No booking necessary to attend the main exhibition of information stalls

This event welcomes parents, carers, families and professionals to attend

For more information please contact Sam:

Samantha@standnw.org

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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/>

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



HOLYWELL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sunday
26 November 2023
Opens 10am - Closes 5pm

HOLYWELL HIGH STREET

- Santa in the Snow Globe
- Santa Dash
- Christmas music
- Christmas Characters
- Music and entertainment
- Festive Crafts and Gifts
- Seasonal food and drink

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£20.00 for 20ft

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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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