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## A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



Prynhawn da/Good Afternoon,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of our Spring Term, though there is nothing spring like about the weather at the moment.

It may have only been a very short week, but it was lovely to have the children back and to hear all about their holidays.

There are a lot of exciting events happening over the next few weeks. Next week Year 5/6 have Airbus and Stem Workshops as well as the netball team taking part in the Hollywell tournament.

The form for school clubs which that are taking place during the Spring Term, 2024 is now up and running. These will take place over six weeks, three weeks during this first half term and three weeks during the second half term. There will be no changes to the after-school clubs until the Summer Term. All clubs are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Please click on the link to sign your children up.

<https://ysgolmaesyfelin.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaires regarding the Fayres and our school productions. Your feedback and that of our staff is invaluable and from this we have listened and we will no longer hold a Christmas Fayre and that every child will take part in a Christmas production every year.

Further details will be sent closer to the date, but we will ensure that we do something in place of the fayre for the children and that they will still get a visit from Santa as well as holding the annual raffle. We will keep the summer fayre as requested by yourselves. Regarding the Christmas production we are looking for each department to perform which will mean that every child will be performing every year which will be lovely to see..

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

David Thomas

Acting Headteacher.

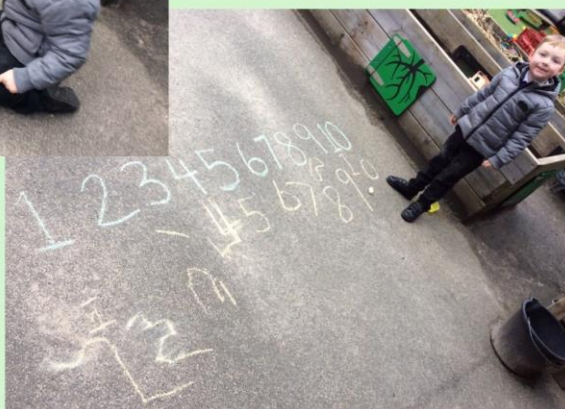
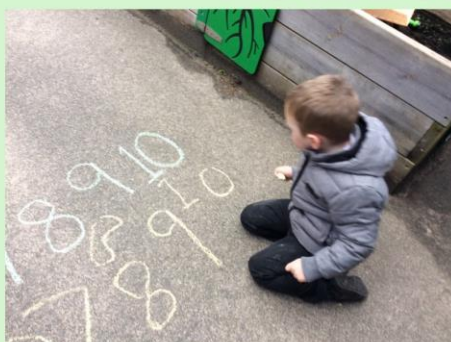
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## What's been happening in school this week

### **Squirrels and Foxes**

Squirrels and foxes classes have had a fantastic few days back in school, showing eagerness to engage in learning. They enjoyed seeing their friends and sharing news from over the Christmas break. This week, they have been setting new year goals for both school and home. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

## Picture evidence



### MY GOALS FOR 2024

I want to try...

Riding my bike  
with no stabiliser

At school...

I want to get  
better at maths

At home...

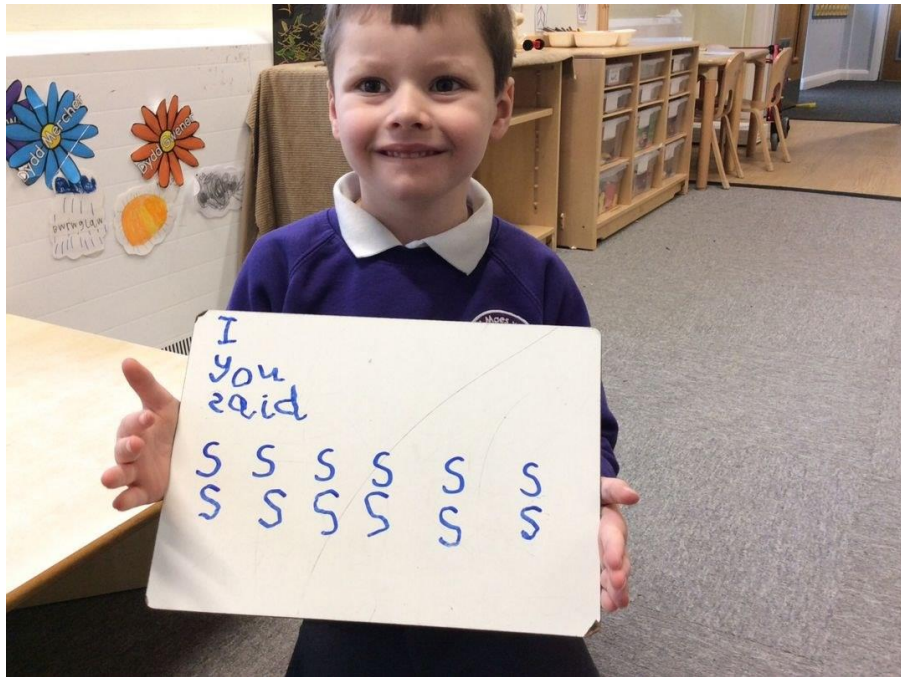
Building with my  
magnetic tiles



## Picture evidence







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### Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

We are excited to be back and planning our new topic 'Explorers and exciting expeditions'. The children have been sharing their ideas with us and we have been impressed by all their fantastic suggestions. We look forward to exploring these ideas across the term and sharing what we have done with you all.

### Derwen and Ceiriosen

Derwen and Ceiriosen have had a busy few days getting back into the swing of things. The children have enjoyed starting their topic on the Animal Kingdom and sharing ideas of things they already know about the topic and discussing with their peers what they would like to learn about. They have

all been working hard to plan and record their podcasts which they are really proud of and you will be able to listen to them on Seesaw.

Reading Café starts next Thursday 18th this time it will be every two weeks and open to both Derwen and Ceiriosen Parents and Grandparents.

### **Bedwen**

This week some of the pupils have been recognising coins and learning all about what change to give in the shop. Our new topic is Wonder and we have began looking at the seven wonders of Holywell. Pupils have enjoyed engaging with Google Earth. This term we are reading the novel Wonder and we have enjoyed reading the first few chapters this week.



### **Masarnen, Collen a Llwyfen**

We've had a fantastic few days back in school. We've been busy acting out graphs on Maths and trying to solve Rebus puzzles. We've been very excited planning our new topic 'Danger' and can't wait to share what we're doing with you.

### **Enfys**

This week in Enfys, the children have enjoyed sharing their news from the Christmas Holidays, it sounds like they've all had a lovely time over the past few weeks. They've also enjoyed using sensory objects that they have found around the school grounds to start group discussions and help build confidence and social skills.

### **Special Achievements**

Congratulation to Josh who won 5 medals in his recent swimming gala. We're really proud of you!



## Menu

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



## Attendance

Our current attendance is 88.51%

## Cornel Cymraeg

### Gair yr Wythnos



## Upcoming events

- 15th January - Netball tournament PM
- 18th January- Reading cafe 2.30-3pm
- 22nd January -Netball tournament pm
- 25th January - santes dwynwen. Disco in school.
- 26th January - Derwen class service and lunch
- 8th February - Reading cafe 2.30-3pm
- 9th February Ceiriosen class service and lunch
- 9th February - Children's mental Health week
- 12th February Half term
- 19th February - Children back to school
- 22nd February - Reading Cafe
- 1st March. School Eisteddfod. Dydd Gŵyl Dewi
- 7th March - Reading cafe
- 7th March - World book day. More information to follow
- 8th March- Owls class service and lunch.
- 8th March. stay and play years 5 and 6
- 11th March - Commonwealth service Westminster Abbey. Representatives from school to attend.

- 15th March - stay and play year 5 and 6
- 18th March - Parents evening
- 20th March. Hedgehogs class service and lunch for parents
- 22nd March - Stay and play years 5 and 6
- 25th March - Easter Holidays
- 8th April - staff training day
- 9th April - children return to school

## 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)	Llwyfen (M/F)
Tuesday		Llwyfen (M/H)	Bedwen (H/M/F)	Hedgehogs (M/H)	Ceiriogeh (M/H)
Wednesday	Owls (M/H)	Ceiriogeh (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

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, mfmfmail@hwbcymru.net

2 - Our school information.

## 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/3Zli8Gs>



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:holywellnetballclub@gmail.com)**  
**for information on joining our sessions**

## Contact Us

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