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A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon,

We start this week with some fantastic news. We have been nominated and shortlisted for the Apprenticeship Awards Cymru 2024. We are extremely proud of our work with our apprentices over the last 5 years and pride ourselves as being a learning organisation for not just our pupils. It has given us extreme pleasure to be a part of so many apprentices' journeys and watch them flourish and develop. Many of them have stayed with us and have been employed on a permanent basis, whilst others have used the experience gained to go onto study at Higher and Further Education Institutions. Yesterday we were visited by the validation judges who put us through our paces and we are now waiting for their final decision to see if we will be invited down to Cardiff. We will be informed in November if we are one of the finalists, so fingers crossed.

We have received updated information from the LEA on how to deal with headlice. We will now no longer be sending pupils home who have lice. We will inform parents and ask you to treat your child. Please click on this [link](#) for further guidance.

The week ended with a super Class Assembly from the pupils of Llwyfen. It was an extremely thought-provoking service with an important message about equality. The children were amazing and were able to cover a number of pupils who were absent. It was lovely to see so many parents sharing learning with their children. They were so proud to show you all what they have been up to.

On Monday 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. If your child accesses Enfys Mrs. Davies is available on the night and booking a slot can be done the same way. 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 sees the Welsh Ambulance Service coming into school and teaching our pupils about appropriate use of 999 and lifesaving skills.

Year 5/6 pupils will be visiting AMRC Cymru on the premises of Airbus in Broughton where they will be learning about opportunities with STEM industries. We are extremely lucky to be invited and it will inspire our pupils to see what opportunities are available to them in the future.

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

Kind regards,

Mr. David Thomas, Headteacher

Squirrels and Foxes

This week we have been ordering house numbers and working on recognition of number in mathematical development.





Continuing with our three little pigs work, we have been making huff puff paint pictures, which proved to be harder than we thought!



We are whizzing through our Read, Write Inc sounds this week and working on our letter formation. Any help that you can give your child in hearing initial sounds at the beginning of everyday words would be hugely useful to them.



The children in the squirrels class have been overflowing with creativity in their learning this week. At the start of the week, they eagerly chose to set up a toy shop, which not only sparked considerable interest but also provided a platform for them to showcase their understanding of using money, they were able to develop their skills of recognising coins. As the week progressed, their enthusiasm led them to wanting to create a doctor's surgery, it was brilliant to see the children playing co-operatively and taking on different roles.



Continuing from the previous week's activity of constructing a house for the pigs, this week's challenge involved designing a house that would effectively withstand water and maintain warmth. The children explored various materials, deliberating on which ones would be most suitable for the pigs house. They took the pig's temperature before and after it spent five minutes in the newly built house. The sheer delight they expressed upon realising they had succeeded in constructing a warm and waterproof house highlighted the remarkable teamwork they demonstrated.



Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

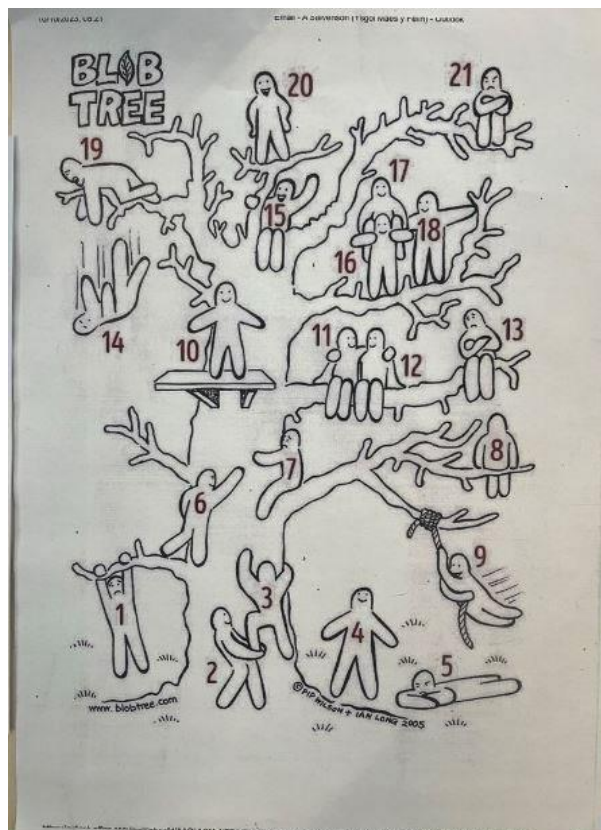
We have been having a lot of fun this week, continuing our work on the Scarecrow's wedding. In Owls' PE, we have been learning how to barn dance with Mrs Harker. We had to find a partner and 'do si do'.

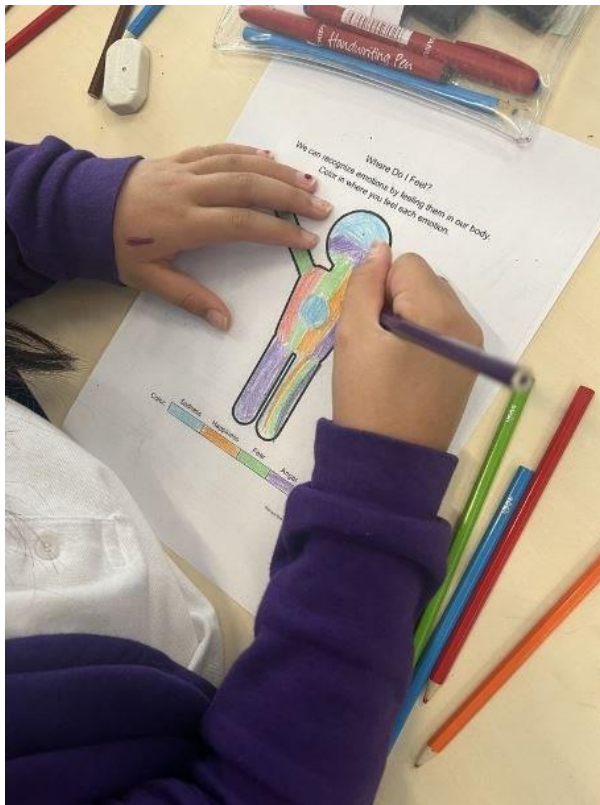


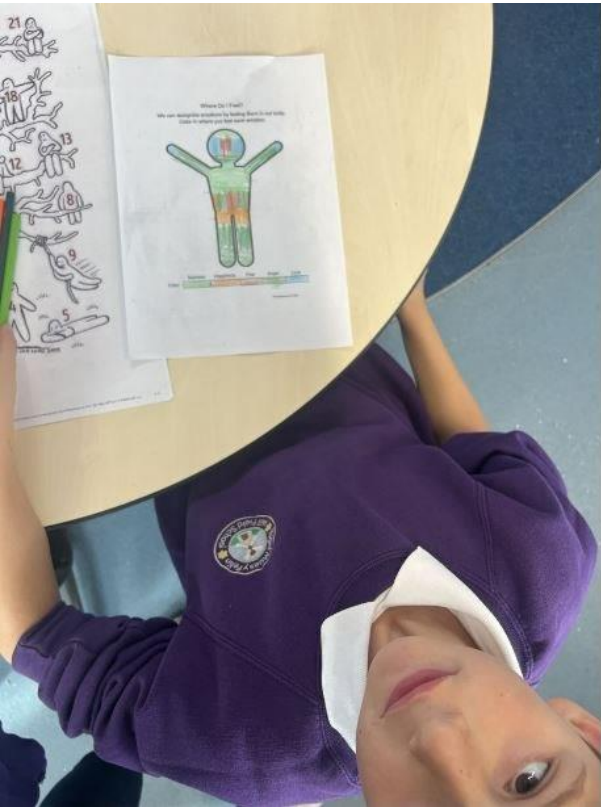


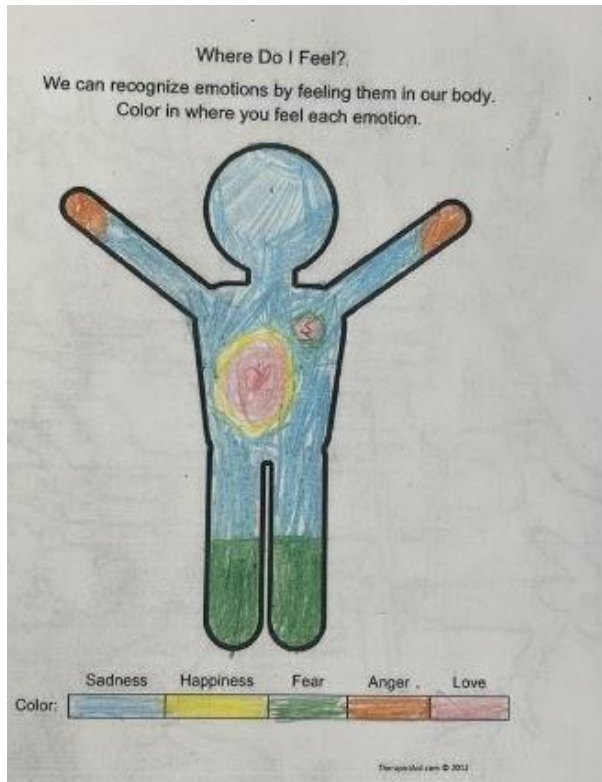
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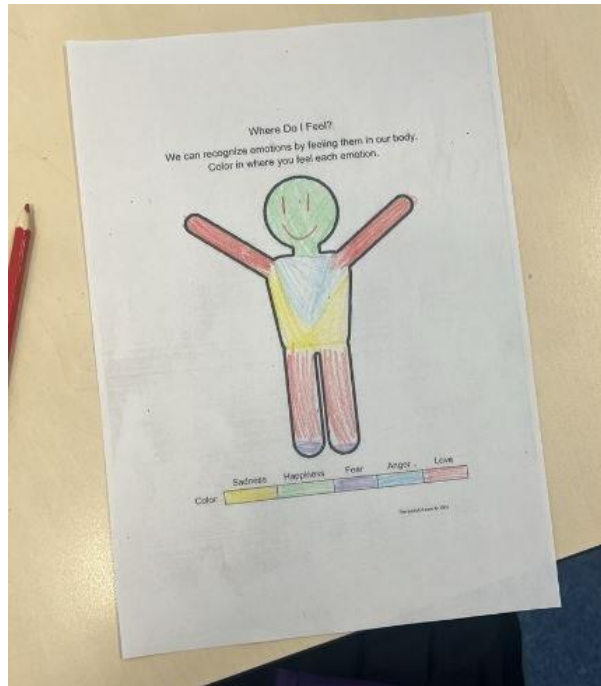
This week in Derwen and Ceiriosen the children have been learning about how psychologists help us manage our feelings and help us to talk about things that are worrying us. The children were lucky enough to have a lesson via Zoom all the way from Hong Kong where they met a psychologist called Suzie who just happens to be Mrs Stevenson's sister! The children looked at the 'Blob Tree' in groups and said where they felt they were on that tree. They realised that everyone feels differently at different times and that no person is the same. The children then went on to colour their different emotions and where they felt these emotions on their body. It was an absolutely fantastic lesson to celebrate World Mental Health Day and the children learnt so much from Suzie. The children have requested a follow up lesson with Suzie so watch this space for more of her lessons all the way from Hong Kong!







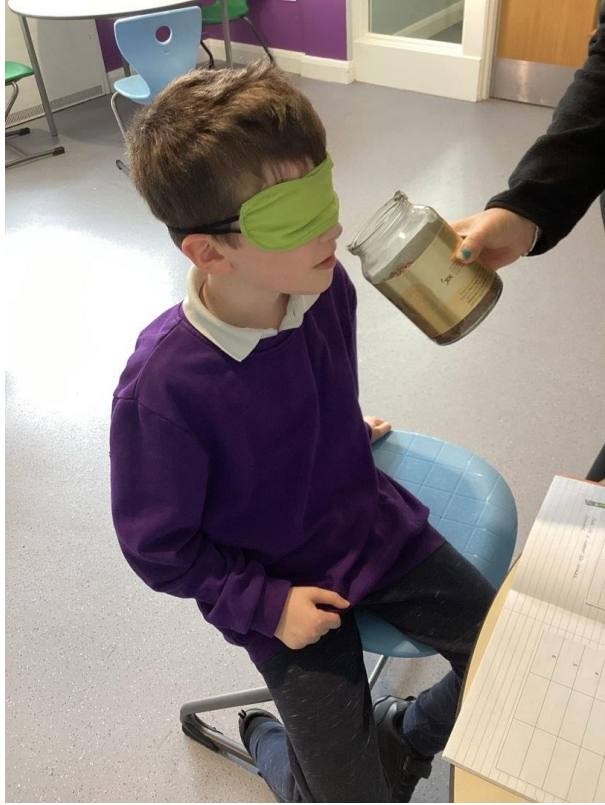




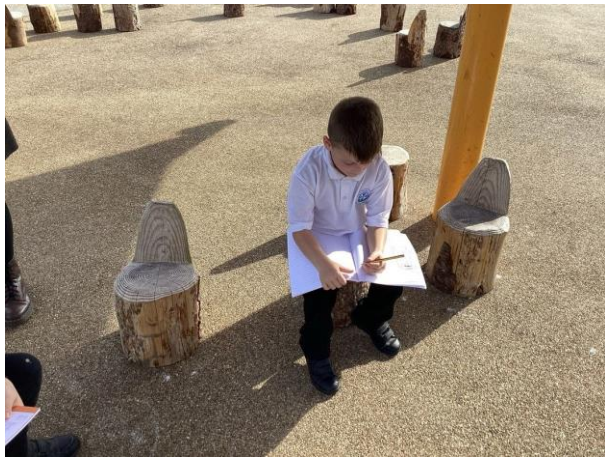
Bedwen

This week some of the pupils in Bedwen have been learning about their senses, as part of their topic Marvellous Me. The pupils have enjoyed taking part in a sense of smell test to see if they could predict the smell whilst being blindfolded. The pupils then engaged with a sensory walk around school.









Masarnen, Collen a Llwyfen

This week in Masarnen we've made a WW2 time capsule that included lots of facts. We hid the time capsule and wrote a set of directions for our friends to find them and to learn information about WW2. We enjoyed working together as a team and applying our numeracy skills.





Enfys

The children in Enfys enjoyed making use of the outdoor area this week. Some of our Year 6 children have been helping the younger children use a map to find different feelings cards around the school.

They have also enjoyed using the characters from 'Inside Out' to help them think about and discuss their emotions.

Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg

Gair Cymraeg yr Wythnos



Dosbarth yr wythnos

Ceriosen

Arthrawes yr wythnos

Mrs G Davies (Derwen)

Jacob says "I chose Mrs. Davies because I always hear her speaking Welsh in the corridor and when I go into her class."

Siarawdr Cymraeg yr Wythnos

Lukas, Harper, Isla, Scarlett, Katlina, Freddie a Oliver- Da iawn am siarad Cymraeg!

Attendance



Ari was the winner of individual attendance award.



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

Overall attendance 90.21%

Upcoming Events

- October 16th - Parents Evening for Reception - Year 6 (Except for Collen)
- October 18th - Big Hopes Big Future. More information below.
- 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 concert 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 6 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.

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/>

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

Opportunity for 1/2 Term

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


October Half Term Programme

**Monday 30 October -
Sunday 5 November 2023**

View our fantastic online
October Half Term activity programme

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Dydd Llun 30 Hydref -
Dydd Sul 5 Tachwedd 2023

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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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