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A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



Prynhawn da/Good Afternoon,

Another busy week here at Maes Y Felin,

Monday saw our Nurture group keep up their sterling work in helping out at the Open Table at St. Peter's Church.

Year 5/6 welcomed staff from Airbus as they continued on their project learning all about aviation.

The indoors athletics team took part in the area competition at Coleg Cambria on Tuesday. Mrs. Saunders was so proud of how well the team competed and never gave in.

On Wednesday Mrs. Allman passed her middle leaders' qualifications. It is so well deserved from all the hard work she has put in. Da iawn!

Thank you to the parents who attended the Reading Cafe on Thursday. Reading is such an important skill for our children to learn and it is the gateway to all learning.

We ended our week celebrating Children in Need Day, it was lovely to see all the children dressed up and their wacky hair styles whilst raising money for such a worthy and important cause. We managed to raise £143.35 so a big thank you for that.

Collen's class service reminded us all about all the good work this charity does for children in this country as well as abroad. The children were amazing how they signed along to the song.

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter to find out more details about what the pupils have been up to.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr David Thomas

Acting Head Teacher

What's been happening in school this week

Squirrels and Foxes

Squirrels and Foxes started the week by looking at pictures of the Remembrance Parade in Holywell. We talked about what we could see in the pictures and why we have a special parade on Remembrance Day. The children enjoyed painting and creating their own remembrance poppies.

Our focus story of the week was 'The Gingerbread Man,' which the children thoroughly enjoyed. They have been busy sequencing and acting out the story using key phrases that they could remember. We certainly have some fantastic actors and actresses in the making!

We had the library bus visit this week, the children thoroughly enjoy going on the library bus once a fortnight to choose their own story books. It is great to see the excitement on the children's faces as they look at a new story book.

This week, Reception children will be bringing a reading book home. They are excited about sharing a book with their family at home. We ask that you take time to read with your child at home and ensure that you return the book each week.

Squirrels stay-and-play sessions are scheduled for next Friday afternoon at 1:30. Please inform a member of the Squirrels staff if you plan to attend this session.



NYW: I can sequence the story. I can retell the story from beginning, middle to end.





Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

In Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs we have been learning about Diwali. We have been learning how to do a Diwali dance, making Rangoli patterns using a range of resources, making ceramic hand Diwali dishes and the story of Rama and Sita.





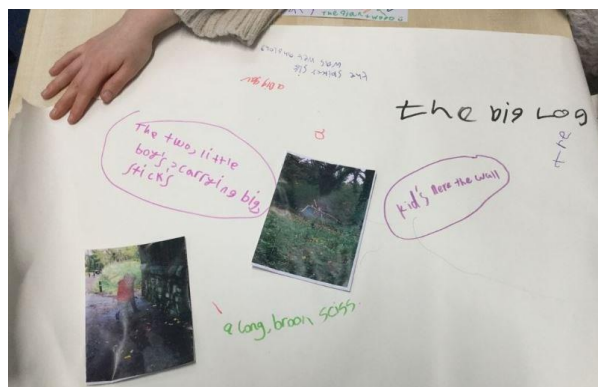
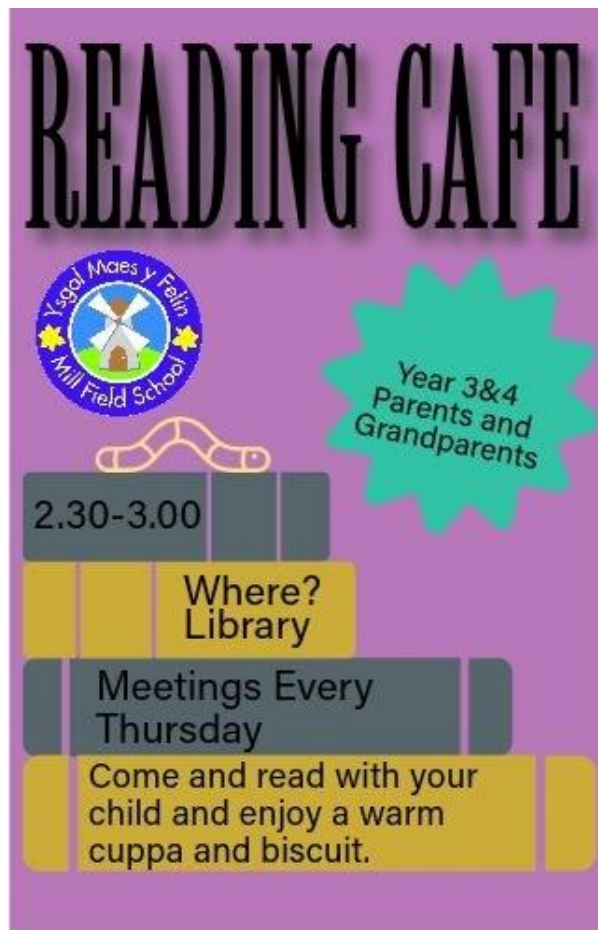
Derwen and Ceiriosen

Derwen and Ceiriosen have been busy this week with their story writing. After focusing on 'Grandad's Island' story last half term the children are using the structure of that story to plan and create their own adventure stories.

The children have been practising their Cymraeg y Dafod daily and trying to use these language patterns independently throughout the week.

Both classes have enjoyed going to the woods to create descriptive language using their previous work to support them. The children absolutely love being outdoors and enjoy working with their friends to create their work together. They can't wait to create their clay tree monsters next week!

Our 3&4 Reading Café has opened its doors in our school library every Thursday 2.30-3 where you can come and enjoy a warm cuppa and biscuit while reading with your child and learn some helpful reading tips along the way. It will be alternating weeks, this week it has been Ceiriosen's turn so next week will be Derwen's. If you can, please come along and support your child with their reading we know the children would really love to see you there!







Who are my characters and how do they know each other?	Where will my characters first meet?	How will they get to my setting?
What fun activities will they do in my setting?	Why will one of them stay?	How will the one who stays behind get in touch with the other one?

It was a rainy Wednesday afternoon and Jennifer was bored. She had nothing to do so thought she would go and visit her Aunty Jane. When she got to Aunty Jane's house she found her at the bottom of the garden in a dilapidated shed. The shed was full of all sorts of unusual plant pots and tools, and it smelt of warm soil. Aunty Jane gave Jennifer a huge hug and then showed her a hidden door at the back of the shed. "Shall we go through?" said Aunty Jane. Jennifer nodded enthusiastically.

Bedwen

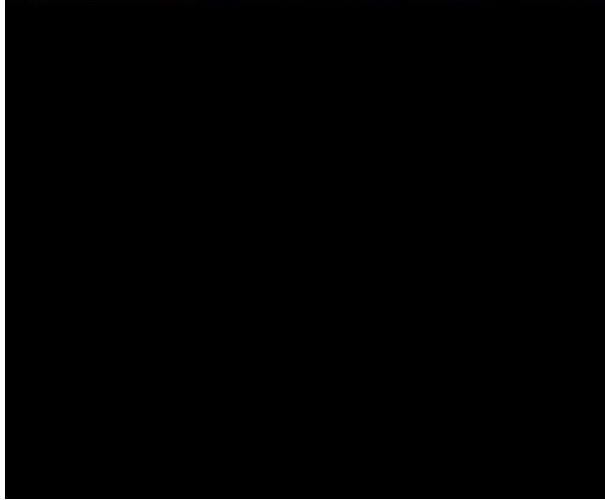
This week Bedwen have been reading George's Marvellous Medicine, we are really enjoyed reading the story so far. We have also been looking at how we can keep our teeth healthy, this involved looking at how much sugar contents were in drinks. In Mathematics and Numeracy we have been learning column addition and subtraction.

Masarnen, Collen a Llwyfen

What a busy week we've had this week in 5/6! Airbus came to teach us about what they do and showed us how to make paper planes. We loved racing them to see which ones went the furthest! As well as that, we've been busy weighing rationed WW2 food so that we can compare it to how much we eat.

Well done to all of the children who took part in the athletics competition!







Enfys

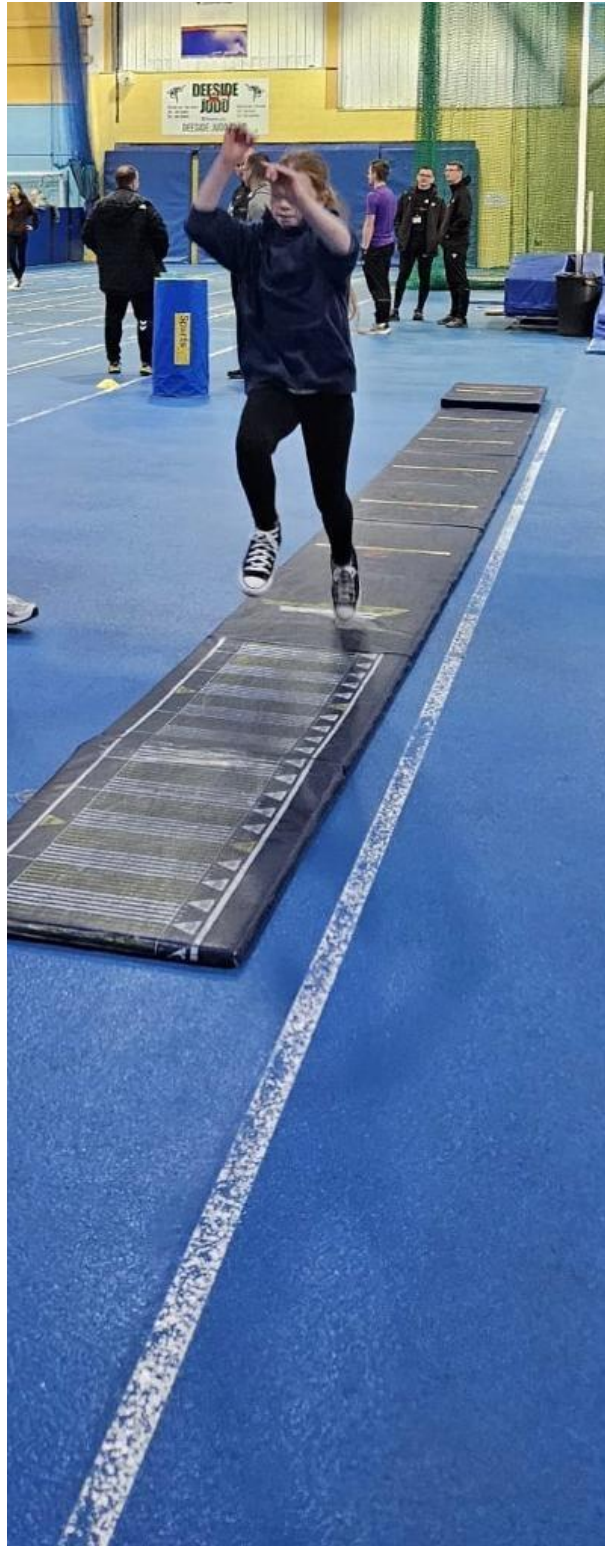
This week the children in Enfys have enjoyed spending time in the Eco Area, some of the older children have helped the younger to children to build structures and make dens using different resources. The children have also been very creative, using their artistic skills to design their own Feelings Monsters, da iawn pawb.

Indoor Athletics Competition

Diolch to Mrs Saunders and Mrs Jenkins for taking the children to the indoor athletics competition this week. The children represented the school well and were excellent ambassadors, da iawn pawb!





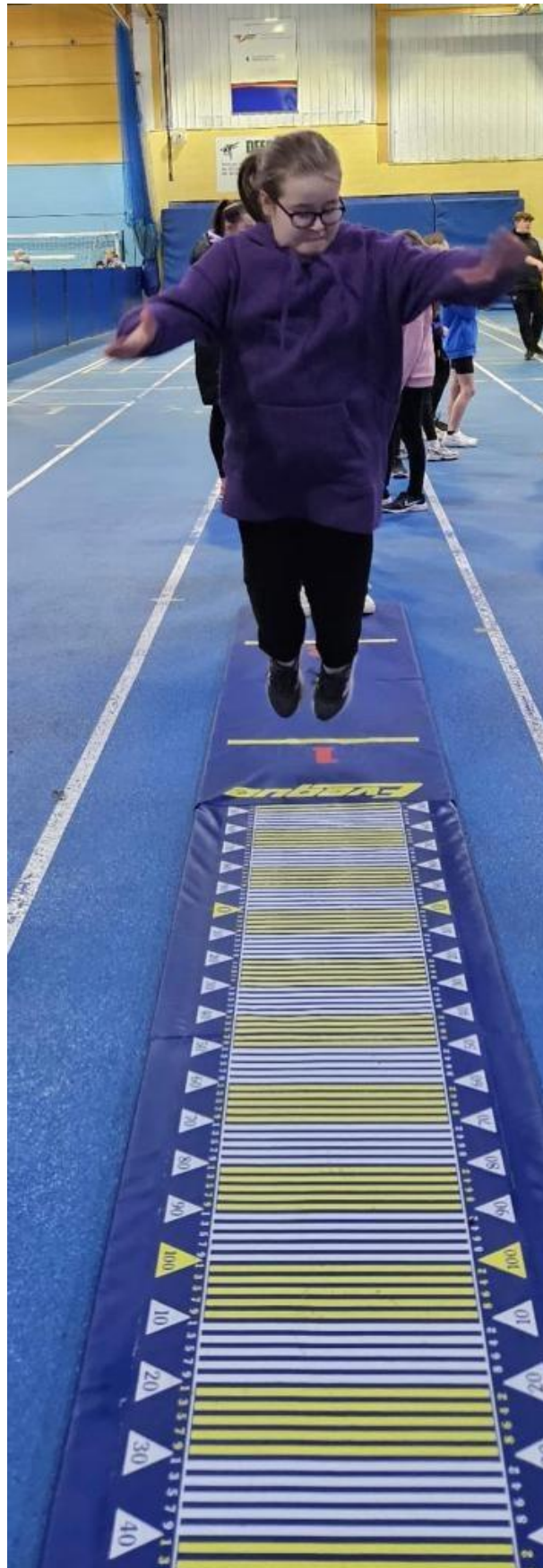
























Cooking Club

We are really enjoying cooking club, so far children have made fairy cakes and pizza, it's a fantastic way to practically use our measuring skills, communication and turn taking in authentic context, we love developing skills for life!







New 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 & baked beans</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & 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 & garlic bread</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Fruit Sponge & Custard & 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 & Yorkshire pudding</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit</div> <div> SANDWICHES </div>	<div>Chicken Curry & Naan Bread</div> <div>*OR*</div> <div>Vegetable Jalfrezi</div> <div>Served with rice, peas & naan bread</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & 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 & veg sticks</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Cocoa Cookie & 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 & baked beans</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit</div> <div> PASTA POTS </div>	<div>Tuscan Chicken & Pasta</div> <div>Served with pasta, sweetcorn & garlic bread</div> <div>*OR*</div> <div>Cream of Tomato Soup & Roll</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Marble Sponge & Custard & 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 & Yorkshire pudding</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit</div> <div> PASTA POTS </div>	<div>Baked Fish Fillet</div> <div>Served with creamed mashed potato & baked beans</div> <div>*OR*</div> <div>Chilli Non Carne</div> <div>Vegetarian mince chilli served with rice & peas</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit</div> <div> PASTA POTS </div>	<div>Chicken Nuggets</div> <div>Served with chips & veg sticks</div> <div>*OR*</div> <div>Vegetable Tortilla Stack</div> <div>Served with chips & veg sticks</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Shortbread Biscuit & Fresh Fruit</div> <div> JACKET POTATO </div>
WEEK 3	<div>Big Breakfast</div> <div>Bacon, free range omelet & baked beans</div> <div>*OR*</div> <div>Veggie Big Breakfast</div> <div>Vegan sausage, free range omelet & baked beans</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit</div> <div> PASTA POTS </div>	<div>Meatballs & Pasta</div> <div>*OR*</div> <div>Veggie Meatballs & Pasta</div> <div>Vegetarian meatballs in a tomato sauce, peas & garlic bread</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Cocoa Sponge & Custard & 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 & garden peas, carrots & Yorkshire pudding</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit</div> <div> SANDWICHES </div>	<div>Ham & Cheese Calzone Pocket</div> <div>*OR*</div> <div>Cheese & Tomato Calzone Pocket</div> <div>Served with baked wedges & peas</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & 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 & veg sticks</div> <div>Fresh Baked Bread</div> <div>Cocoa Krispie Cake & 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> APPROVED</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 & INTOLERANCES</div> <div>Many of our dishes are available to accommodate special dietary requirements - please contact our Cook to discuss these options</div>					

Attendance



Eliza was the winner of individual attendance award.

Ceiriosen were the winners of the class attendance with 97.39%.

Current attendance 89.81%

The VIP's enjoyed tea with Mr T.

Cornel Cymraeg

Gair yr Wythnos



Dosbarth yr Wythnos

Derwen



Athrawes yr Wythnos

Miss Rose

Upcoming Events

- November 24th stay and play reception. More information below.
- 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)	Llwyfen (M/F)
Tuesday		Llwyfen (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@hwbccymru.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:

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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

FREE ADMISSION

TRADERS £10.00 for 10ft
£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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