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A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



Prynhawn da/Good Afternoon,

We really are now in full flow with our Christmas countdown.

It was lovely to see so many of you attend the Christmas Fayre and raise so much money for our school. A massive thank you to all staff involved in making it all happen.

On Wednesday we were lucky enough to have a visit from Tamsie a guide dog for the blind and her owner Wendy. The children loved seeing the dog and asked some great questions to find out exactly what Tamsie does to help Wendy.

Next week is going to feel even more like Christmas as the Juniors continue practicing for their Christmas performance and also with Christmas Dinner on Wednesday and the Rudolph Run on Friday.

I appreciate there are a lot of bugs and colds around at the moment, but can I remind you about the importance of regular attendance at school. The local authority will be releasing a press statement over the coming weeks on social media highlighting the benefits of regular attendance and the procedures that will be put in place if they aren't followed.

Could I please remind you that next will be the last week for clubs. Details for the new clubs next term will be sent out when we return to school in January.

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

This week in Foxes and Squirrels we are finishing our learning on The gingerbread man. We have very much enjoyed using the Food Technology room to make and bake our gingerbread men. We have been using our maths skills to weigh and measure the ingredients. We have been using our fine motor skills to roll and cut out the gingerbread men. The children have been promoting the sale of the gingerbread men by designing posters as part of our enterprise project. The children have been using their newly found digital skills to upload pictures and use the various tools on the seesaw app. The children decided on the price of the gingerbread men and how many that they were going to sell. We will then work out how much we have spent on ingredients and how much profit we have made. The children will decide what they would like to buy with the remaining money.











Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

In Owls, Badgers, and Hedgehogs, our current class focus revolves around "The Jolly Christmas Postman." We've delved into the elements of an informal letter, and we have created our own personalised letters to characters from the story. Additionally, we're learning how to describe Mr. Wolf's features and attire in Welsh. We are looking forward to further exploration of "The Jolly Christmas Postman"

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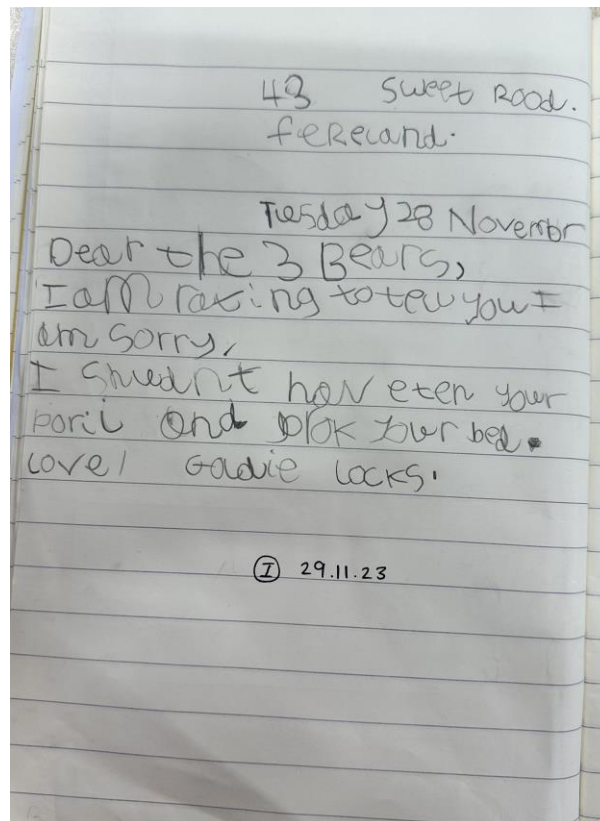
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Ⓢ 29.11.23



Derwen and Ceiriosen

We've had another busy week in Derwen and Ceiriosen, nativity practise is well underway with all the children practising their acting, dancing and songs. They can't wait to show you what they have been learning about!

The children had a very important visitor on Wednesday afternoon, Wendy Jones and her Guide Dog Tamsie. The children had a fantastic time asking Wendy questions all about Tamsie and the training she needed to become a Guide Dog. Wendy has been partially sighted all her life so she depends on Guide Dogs to help her get to places. The children learnt a lot about how dogs can help us in lots of different ways to help people carry out daily tasks. It has definitely made the children realise how lucky they are and not to take their sight for granted.

Despite the cold weather the children have wrapped up warm and have been getting stuck in with their outdoor learning in Maths and other subjects. Both classes have been to the woods to create their tree monsters and have created little stories orally about their tree monster.

A massive thank you again to all our parents and carers for supporting our Reading Café, we are so grateful for you helping to create a positive ethos for reading in our school. Watch this space as next Thursday 7th December (Derwen's class) and 21st December (Ceiriosen's class) will be selling Krispie cakes to raise money for Guide Dogs like Tamsie. If we have some left we will be selling them at home time so don't miss out!

Where does Tamsie sleep at night? (Dara - Derwen)	How many years has Tamsie been with Wendy? (Pippa - Derwen)	Is Tamsie allowed in shops? (Ewan - Carlsson)	Where do the Guide dogs get trained? (Coryn - Derwen)	What breed of dog is Tamsie? (Thom - Derwen)	How old was Tamsie when she started being a Guide dog? (Oliver - Derwen)	Is Tamsie allowed to sleep anywhere? (Dara - Derwen)	How does Tamsie know how to go left or right? (Imogen - Derwen)	Do you have to use specific language for Tamsie? (Mrs J - Derwen)
Does she ever get distracted? (Saphie - Derwen)	Is Tamsie allowed to play with other dogs? (Isabelle - Hedgehog)	Does your dog help you with other things? (Lottie - Carlsson)	How does Tamsie show you there is a corner on the path? (Grace - Carlsson)	Does Tamsie help you rest? (Isabelle - Carlsson)	How does Tamsie know when your house is? (Lucie - Carlsson)	How did you get to 'Ysgol Maes y Ffari'? (Joni - Carlsson)	Where does your dog go when you are asleep? (Deryn - Carlsson)	What sort of activities can you do with a guide dog? (Mrs J - Derwen)
How many years does it take to train a Guide dog? (Diana - Derwen)	Are you allowed to pet a guide dog? (Alfie - Hedgehog)	How does Tamsie know where and when to cross the road? (Dara - Derwen)	What sort of training has your dog had? (Alex - Carlsson)	Does your dog help you make a drink? (Lottie - Carlsson)	Does your dog understand commands? (Lottie - Carlsson)	How do you get into your house, does Tamsie help you? (Liam - Carlsson)	Does Tamsie help you get dressed? (Jyla - Carlsson)	Who pays for the dog? (Mrs J - Derwen)
How old is Tamsie? (Tabitha - Derwen)	How did Tamsie learn what to do? (Amelia - Hedgehog)	Does Tamsie help you cook? (Henry - Carlsson)	What sort of help does your dog give you? (All of - Carlsson)	How long have you been visually impaired? (Cathie - Carlsson)	How old is Tamsie? (Amelia - Carlsson)	Where does Tamsie go when you go out? (Mason - Carlsson)	Did you give her the name Tamsie? (Dara - Derwen)	What does Tamsie do in her spare time? (Mrs J - Derwen)
What Christmas presents has Tamsie had? (Dara - Derwen)	Does Tamsie have a favourite toy? (Mrs J - Derwen)	How many Guide dogs has Wendy owned? (Ewan - Derwen)	Is Tamsie play with other animals? (Dara - Derwen)	Does Tamsie have to wear a harness? (Dara - Derwen)	How many times does Wendy take Tamsie for walks? (Dara - Derwen)	How does the dog help you? (Mae - Hedgehog)	How does Tamsie protect you? (Jackson - Hedgehog)	Is Tamsie allowed to play with other dogs? (Cathie - Derwen)



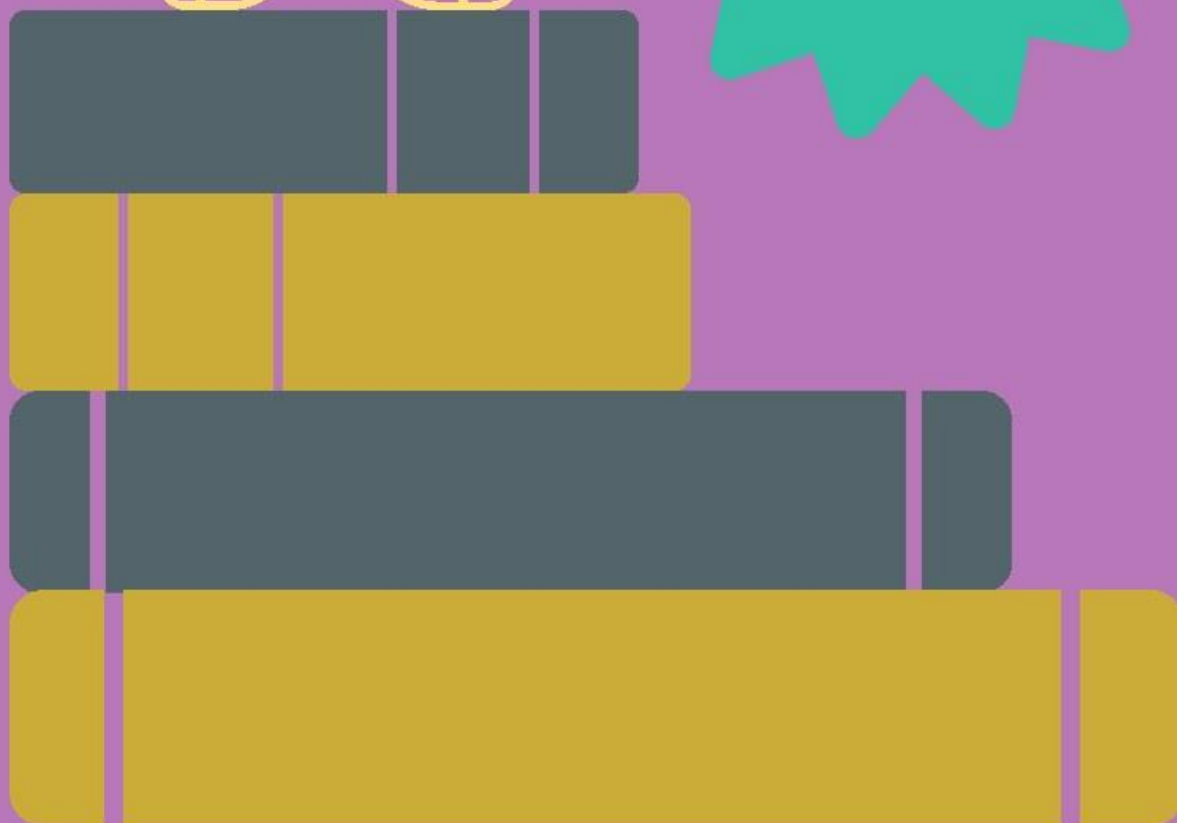


READING CAFE

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Year3&4
Parentsand
Grandparents



2.30-3.00

Where?

Library Meetings Every

Thursday

Come and read with your child and enjoy a warm cuppa and biscuit.

Bedwen

This week Bedwen have been researching wonderful Wales, exploring castles and the history of Wales. The pupils have also enjoyed making pumpkin pie and also learning a Christmas mash up dance!

Masarnen, Collen a Llwyfen

This week we've been busy learning about forces. We've enjoyed taking part in activities that helped us learn about air resistance, gravity and magnetic forces. We loved exploring using the magnets and can't wait to learn more about them.





Enfys

This week in Enfys, the children have been practising using their growth mindset and training their brain to think positively. The children have also enjoyed making and playing different board games to encourage them to think and talk about their feelings.

Menu

 Our school kitchen Menu October 2023 - April 2024 					
	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	DAILY Additional Daily Option	PLEASE NOTE: ***OUR MENUS COULD BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO NATIONWIDE SUPPLY ISSUES.***	

Attendance

We have a new winner, Masarnen won the class attendance award with an 95.22%.

Current attendance 89.69%

Cornel Cymraeg

Gair yr Wythnos



Upcoming Events

- December 6th - Christmas lunch. Christmas jumpers can be worn

- December 8th stay and play reception
- 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)	Colleen (M/F)	Foxes (H/M/F)	Llwyfan (M/F)
Tuesday		Llwyfan (M/H)	Redwen (H/M/F)	Hedgehogs (M/H)	Ceiriogwen (M/H)
Wednesday	Owls (M/H)	Ceiriogwen (M/F)	Derwen (M/F)	Squirrels (H/M/F)	Colleen (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@hwbcymru.net

2 - Our school information.

Parental Engagement Opportunities

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.

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

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

For more information please contact Sam:
Samantha@standnw.org
07570 583 842

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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



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Parent & Toddler
**Sensory Room
& Soft Play**



Jade Jones Pavilion, Flint
Fridays 9:30-11:30am
Session includes songs, time in the sensory room and time in the Pirate Ship soft play.

£5
per child

Book online at:
www.aura.wales/sports-development/children-0-7-years

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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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