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A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



Prynhawn da.... Good afternoon,

Good afternoon from an extremely wet Maes Y Felin,

Sorry we had to close early but with the weather deteriorating and the High School already closed we felt it was the safest option.

Well just one week to go until half term. Where has the time gone?

Monday saw our PSO PC Mark come to work with our Junior classes looking at anti-social behaviour. The children worked very well and it is good to see positive relationships being formed.

Ceiriosen and Derwen went into the town centre as part of their topic work.

Thank you to the parents who attended parent's evening whether in person or online. It is so important that you have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and that we can work together to enable your child to reach their full potential.

A big thanks to those who braved the elements and attended our Bingo evening. A big thank you to Mrs Allman for organising the evening.

Next week sees us celebrate Harvest where some of our youngest children are performing to their parents. Where possible we are asking for donations of tins of food for St Peters Harvest Appeal.

On Wednesday we will be holding an open morning where we will be inviting all parents of present and potential nursery children to come in to see what we offer. See further into the newsletter for further details.

Wednesday will also see us hold our annual spooky disco. Pupils are allowed to come into school in costumes if they wish.

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 in the Squirrels and Foxes classes, our focus has been on discovering the essence of Diwali. Our journey began with the viewing of the video 'Let's celebrate Diwali,' which not only sparked a plethora of ideas but also opened doors to engaging discussions. As a result, the children learned that Diwali is a celebration of light, igniting their interest in painting Rangoli patterns, crafting diya pots, and investigating various sources of illumination. This exploration naturally led to discussions about the concepts of light and darkness, as well as day and night, which we plan to delve into further in the coming week.

We have also been busy practising for the Harvest service, we are looking forward to performing to parents on Tuesday afternoon.





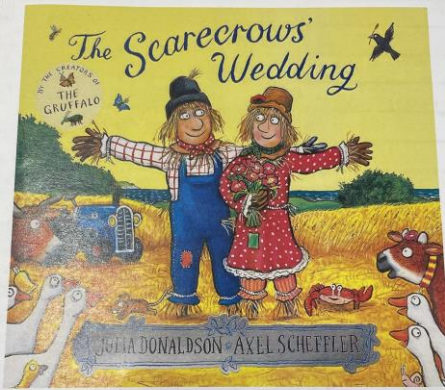
Picture evidence





Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs, Owls, and Badgers have continued their work on the Julia Donaldson story 'The Scarecrows Wedding' this week. They have been using the app Chatterpix to record characters from the story talking. Some children decided to speak in Welsh while recording. They have also been writing the story in their own words; they had to remember to use adjectives in their writing. It has been fantastic to see their amazing stories and witness their writing techniques develop.



Booklet by: Kadinhana

Tim found a nice Goose
he gave them beautiful wings
for them to fly



Next they sown some kind
crops to give them yellow bells
then crows come along with pretty girls.



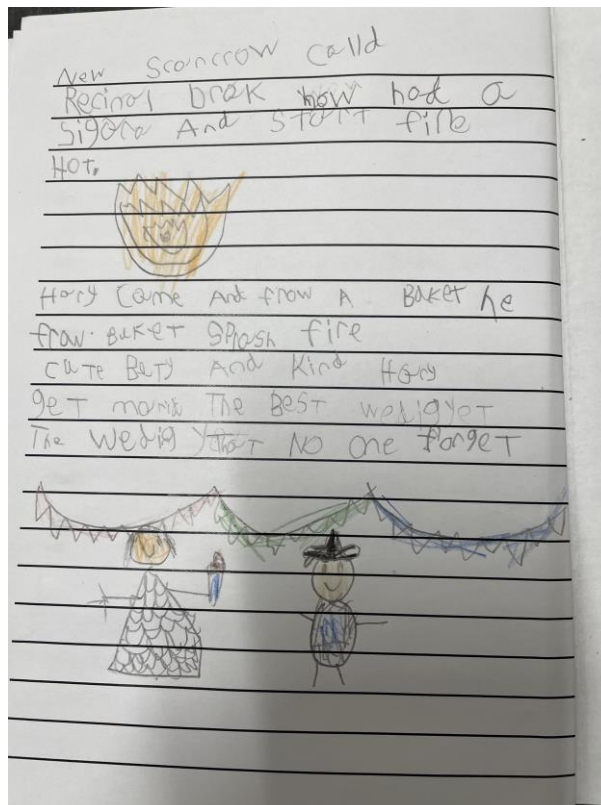
Tim and Mike found some lovely
Rings



Finally Bee told them to
find a house

Harry went
to the garden
to find some
to the pot snail give a bark.





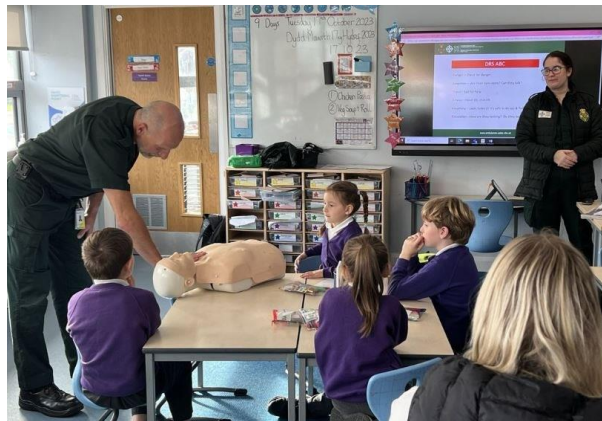
Derwen a Ceiriosen

It may seem early but the children have been designing their own Christmas cards for our annual Hannah Blythin's Christmas Card Competition. The theme this year is representation of kindness/supporting one another at Christmas time. The children have thoroughly enjoyed designing their cards and hope that their design will be the winning one!

The children have been extremely lucky this week having a visit from the Welsh Ambulance Service where they learnt all about how they help people in our community. They had a fabulous practical lesson where the children learnt all about the recovery position, CPR and defibrillators.

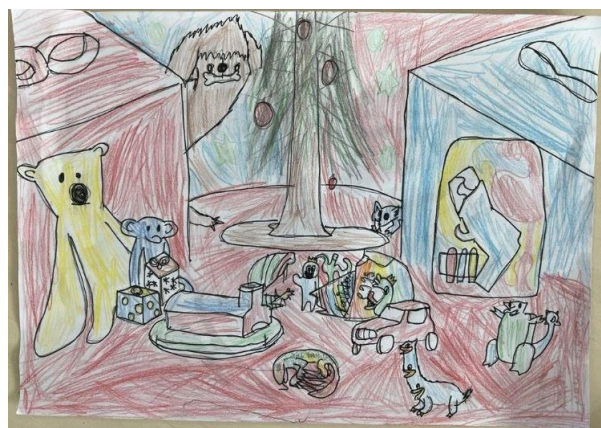
The Year 3 children are continuing to enjoy their violin lessons and are making fantastic progress! Mrs Stevenson is extremely proud of how well they are doing. Da iawn pawb!















Bedwen

This week in our outdoor learning lesson we had a fantastic time doing some leaf printing, we used wet leaves and rocks to transfer the print onto pieces of cloth.



Masarnen, Collen a Llwyfen

Year 5/6 have had a very busy week this week with lots of visitors coming to see us. On Monday, PC Mark came to see us to talk about anti-social behaviour. On Tuesday, the Welsh Ambulance Service came to teach us life-saving skills. We loved practicing our skills on the models. To finish the week off, we went on a trip to AMRC in Broughton to learn about robotics and engineering. We had a fantastic time and we've definitely got future engineers amongst us.









Enfys

This week in Enfys, the children have enjoyed spending time in the Eco Area. They have been rock painting, bug catching and clay modelling. They loved spending time outdoors, but they said the best bit was having a hot chocolate to stay warm in the chilly weather!



Eco committee

Eco met today for the first time to have their photos taken so they can be displayed proudly on our Eco Committee board. We had a little chat about the things we will be focusing on this year such as using our new polytunnel where the children can start to grow their own seeds and watch them grow.



Uniform Exchange

Mayor Lynda Carter and Cllr Danny Thomas presented a cheque to Ysgol Maesglas and Ysgol Maes y Felin for £100 each.

The donations were made as part of Holywell Town Councils Eco Uniform initiative. Mayor Lynda Carter runs the Eco Uniform Hub every Monday from 12pm until 2pm at the Events Hub (opposite Tesco Car Park).

The Eco Uniform initiative not only supports the local community and schools but also supports the environment by reducing the carbon footprint associated with buying new clothes

Welsh Corner - Cornel Cymraeg

Gair Cymraeg yr Wythnos



Attendance



Caleb was the winner of individual attendance award.

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

Upcoming Events

- October 25th - 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.

Open Morning

On 25th October at 9am, we are holding an open day at school. This is aimed at current nursery parents, children starting early entitlement or school in 2024 or families looking to move from another school. We will have forest school activities, the library van, uniform and school meal samples, sports sessions and professionals including school nurse and PC Mark. You will have a school tour, meet the staff and hear about a typical school day. Every child who attends will receive a raffle ticket for the chance to win a full set of branded school uniform, PE kit and book bag. We will also offer raffle tickets to current students who 'refer a friend' as long as they attend on the day and mention your name when booking a space. Please book in via the office 01352 711 366 or message on Facebook. Look forward to seeing you then!

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 aggressively 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)	Howfen (H/F)
Tuesday		Howfen (M/H)	Bedwen (H/M/F)	Bedeshow (M/H)	Celriosen (M/H)
Wednesday	Owls (M/H)	Celriosen (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)	Bedeshow (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

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.

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>

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



Community Litter Pick

Tuesday 24th October

10.00am - 11.00am

- Meet at Greenfield Dock Car Park
- All equipment provided



All Welcome!
Please come and support
your community

Where to get help and advice?

We're bringing advice to you at the Holywell Library. Every Wednesday in October from 10 am to 2 pm
Leisure Centre, 7 Gwenffrwd Rd,
Holywell CH8 7UG

 m.me/Citizens AdviceFlintshire	 Telephone 0808 278 7923
 wa.me/ 447862138273	 Text/SMS 07862 138271

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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

Contact peter.hayes@flintshire.gov.uk

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**FREE EVENT! AIMED ESPECIALLY FOR 5-12
 YEAR OLDS, UNDER 8'S MUST BE
 ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

5-7PM 2ND NOV | **HOLY TRINITY, GREENFIELD**
5-7PM 3RD NOV | **ST PETERS, HOLYWELL**



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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Fflint & Wrexham Multi Sport Camp
 (BL./YR. 3-6)



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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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