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A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



Prynhawn da/Good Afternoon,

Well, we've made it to the end of an exceptionally busy term.

We finished on a bang this week with parties and Christmas Sing a long and hopefully all the children are now in the Christmas spirit ready for the main event on Monday. Even Santa managed to find time for a quick Christmas visit to deliver a present to all the children in school on Thursday.

The choir visited the residents at Llys Gwenffrwd care home on Wednesday morning and performed beautifully.

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter please see the form below to complete for you to see how we want to carry on moving forward with our seasonal performances in the future.

Your feedback is invaluable to help us to plan for the future. If you haven't managed to complete the form yet you still can by clicking on the link below.

[Performance](#)
[Feedback](#)

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

All that is left for me is to thank all the staff and governors who as usual have been amazing this year and to you as parents for all your support.

The biggest thanks goes to the pupils who make every day so special hope you have the best time ever.

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn newydd Dda and we will see you all again on January 10th

David Thomas

Acting Headteacher.

What's been happening in school this week

Squirrels and Foxes

The foxes and squirrels have turned the final week of 2023 at school into a truly enchanting experience. The air is filled with excitement, and the eagerly anticipated countdown to Christmas day has begun. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the class Christmas parties and the lively sing-along in the hall.

Looking ahead to the next term, we'll focus on the storybook 'Owl Babies,' exploring day-night differences, time, size, and researching owls. We hope to bring real owls to the school for an enriching experience.

Nadolig Llawen!

Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

Derwen and Ceiriosen

What a busy last week it's been in 3/4! On Monday we had a lovely visit from Ian Hodge one of our School Governors who talked to us about what it was like working in the Merchant Navy. The children found it so interesting and enjoyed asking him all sorts of questions about what it was like sailing the seas. Diolch yn fawr Ian for coming in to share your stories with the children!

On Tuesday the children visited Dosbarth Collen and Masarnen listening to Year 5/6 pupils sharing their powerpoints they made about World war I and World War II.

Our class parties were a huge hit, the children had a fantastic time dancing and eating all the party food. We want to say a huge thank you to all parents/carers for all the delicious food you brought we are really grateful.

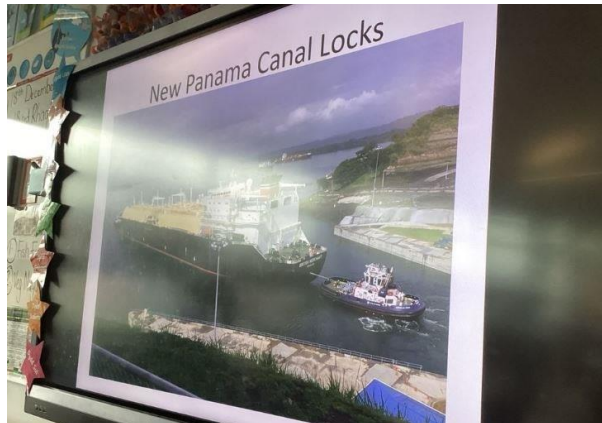
Our Topic next term is 'Animal Kingdom' and we have chosen to look at Animals around the world in different countries. As you can imagine they are very excited about this topic! The Book they will focus on in Language will be 'The Rhythm of the Rain' by Grahame Baker-Smith'.

Nadolig Llawen from everyone in 3/4!









Bedwen

This week Bedwen have been learning the Christmas story. Pupils have enjoyed taking part in Christmas quiz.

Everyone had an amazing time in our class party.

Our topic next term is the 7 wonders, the pupils have chosen to look at planets, mountains, volcanoes and also read the book Wonder for our Language lessons.







Masarnen, Collen a Llwyfen

Year 5 and 6 have had a wonderful time this week making Christmas Card and calendars. We all loved the class party and the Christmas sing along in the hall. We are now ready for a well-deserved break over Christmas. Our topic next term is 'Danger'. We'll be planning the topic in the new year with the children.





Enfys

The children have been SO excited this week, and have really enjoyed continuing with their festive activities. They have loved being creative, making decorations and cards to share with you at home. The children taking part in Children's University have finally collected enough hours to graduate in the New Year and are really looking forward to going to their graduation ceremony. Well done everyone!

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	Additional Daily Option	PLEASE NOTE:	***OUR MENUS COULD BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO NATIONWIDE SUPPLY ISSUES.***

Attendance



Bedwen won class attendance award - da iawn!





Layla and Brooke won the individual attendance awards

Cornel Cymraeg

Gair yr Wythnos



Upcoming events

- 8th and 9th January staff training days
- 10th January - Children return to school
- 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
- 12th February Half term
- 19th February - Children back 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)	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.

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

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
for information on joining our sessions

Contact Us

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