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A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



What's been happening in school this week

Squirrels and Foxes

In Foxes and Squirrels this week we have been listening to instructions and giving instructions using prepositions in mathematical development. The children were great at listening where to put the block/teddy. They were even able to give instructions to adult. Gwaith Bendigedig plant.

In language and communication this week we have been thinking about ingredients that we will need to make Gingerbread men. The children have been busy writing shopping lists so we know exactly what to buy. Our Reception children have been using their phonic knowledge to sound out words and listen for initial sounds. Our Nursery children have been practising holding a pencil correctly and emergent writing.

Next week, when we have all the ingredients we will be making Gingerbread men to sell. We are going to design posters and we will be taking turns to measure out the ingredients to make the Gingerbread. We will be selling them for £1, keep your eye on seesaw for more Gingerbread news!

In Foxes, we have been creating artwork for a new display 'A Gruffalo's Child' making animals and snowy trees. In Squirrels we have been looking at space and we have been setting up a new area exploring space.

A big thank you to all of the parents who attended Squirrels stay and play, the children thoroughly enjoyed having you in class it was great to see such a positive turn out.



Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

In addition to our learning about Rama and Sita, the students in Owls, Hedgehogs, and Badgers have been exploring the concept of light as we continue to celebrate Diwali, the festival of light. We have been discussing different sources of light, including both natural and man-made types.

To further our understanding, we conducted an outdoor activity where we examined various materials to see if any of them were reflective to light. This hands-on experience allowed the children to engage with the topic and discover how different surfaces can interact with light.

The students in the Owls class had the opportunity to visit the library this week. During their visit, they were able to create their own bookmarks and select a book to bring back to school. It was a

delightful experience for the children, as they eagerly searched the shelves to find books about their favourite subjects.

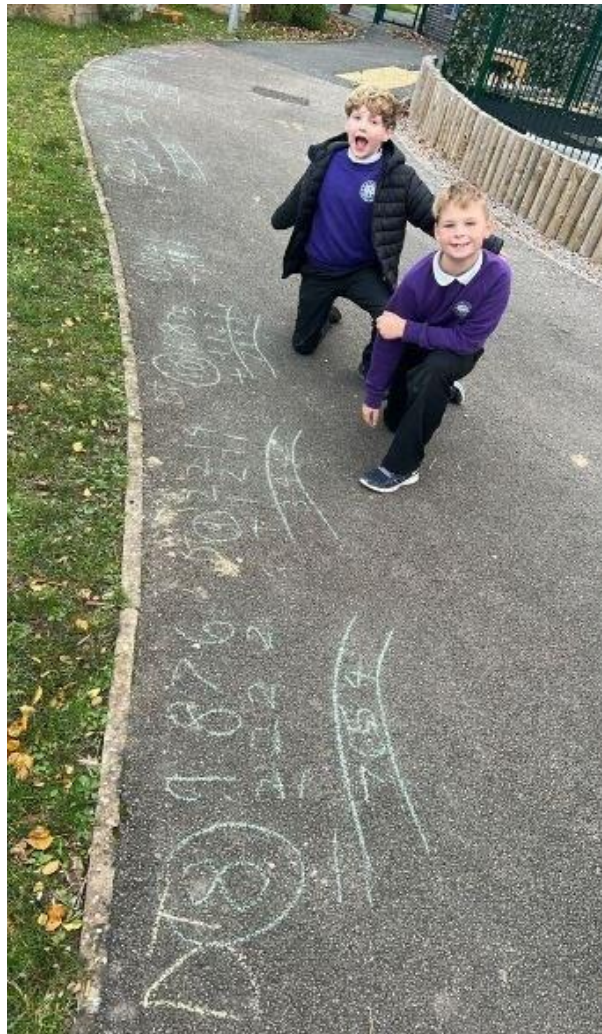
Derwen and Ceiriosen

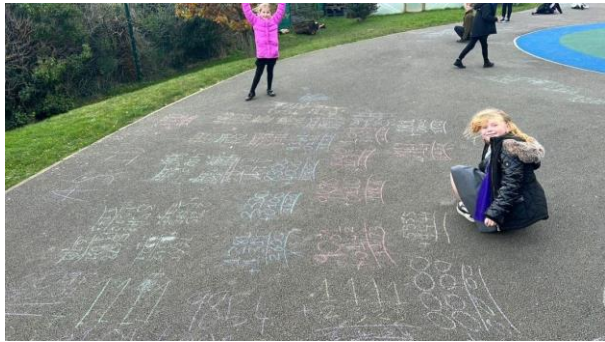
Wow these weeks are flying by so fast, before we know it the festive period will be upon us! The children in Derwen and Ceiriosen have been busy creating their adventure stories and continue to enjoy adding their own ideas to the structured paragraphs. Wait till they've finished, we're sure there will be lots of fantastic stories that everyone would love to read!

In Maths this week the children have enjoyed consolidating their knowledge of column addition and subtraction by looking at word problems and they have been outside using chalk to demonstrate their ability of regrouping with 4-digit numbers before they move on to the next unit of work.

The Reading Café has had a very successful 2nd week and we are so grateful to the Parents/Grandparents/Carers who came and supported their children with their reading in Derwen. We can't thank you enough for getting involved and really appreciate the time you are giving by coming in. Everyone is more than welcome and we would love to see more of you next week. Just a reminder next Thursday is Ceiriosen's class so we look forward to seeing you all next week!









READING CAFE

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Year3&4
Parentsand
Grandparents



2.30-3.00

Where?

Library Meetings Every

Thursday

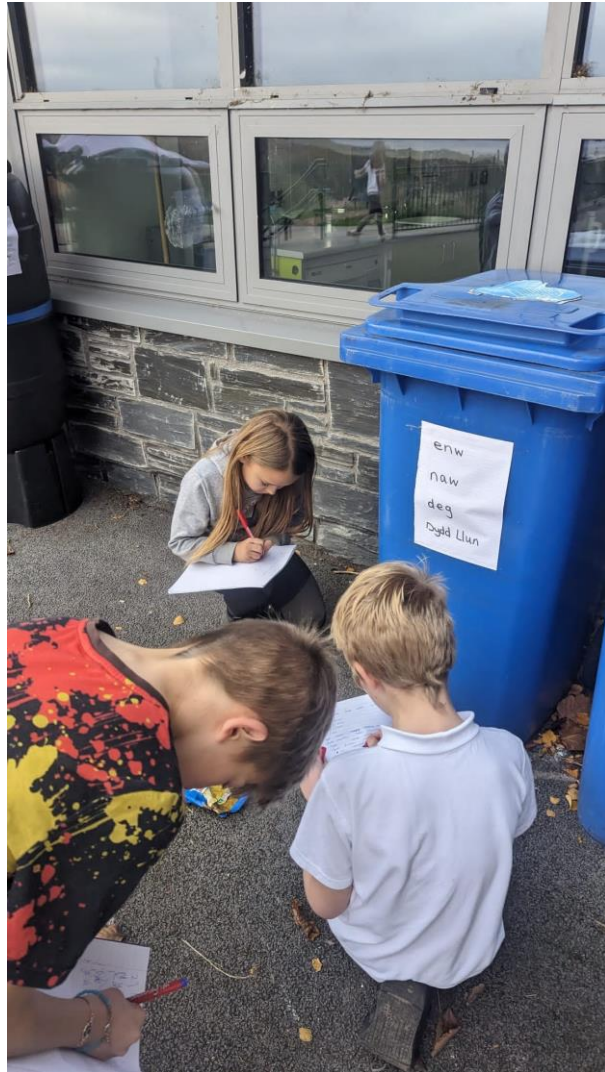
Come and read with your child and enjoy a warm cuppa and biscuit.

Bedwen

This week pupils in Bedwen have enjoyed continuing to learn about how we keep our teeth healthy, pupils enjoyed engaging with a Science experiment and were surprised by the results. Bedwen pupils have also been very busy helping decorate their class Christmas tree and making snow flakes. In Cymraeg this week the pupils have been learning how to say what they like and don't like and enjoyed talking with their partners in Welsh.

Masarnen, Collen a Llwyfen

Another busy week this week for 5/6! We've been using our data skills to analyse the population in Wales. As well as this, we've enjoyed working together in teams to make games that help us to develop our team work skills. We loved exploring the outside to find Welsh key words. Lots of us could translate them to English.





Enfys

This week in Enfys, the children have been working on building their resilience to help them adapt to different situations and overcome challenges. They've worked super hard to solve problems independently, role play different scenarios, and build friendships. Da iawn pawb.

New Arrival



Miss Minton and her partner have welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Sofia. We're sure you will join us in congratulating them, llongyfarchiadau!

Menu

<div>  <div> Our school kitchen Menu </div> <div> October 2023 - April 2024 </div> <div>  </div> </div>					
	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



Ceiriosen were the winners yet again of the class attendance award with an amazing 100%.



Liv was the winner of the individual attendance award.

Current attendance %



We enjoyed tea with Mr T today.

Cornel Cymraeg

Gair yr Wythnos



Upcoming Events

- December 1st Christmas Fair PM
- 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)	Collen (M/F)	Foxes (H/M/F)	Ilwydd (M/F)
Tuesday		Ilwydd (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/F)	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, mfmmail@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. \(achievemoretraining.com\)](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>

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



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

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£20.00 for 20ft

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YEAR 4, 5 & 6
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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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