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A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



Prynhawn da/Good Afternoon,

We start the Newsletter with some good news. We have been shortlisted by the judges in the Wellbeing Award of the Year category in the Leader Education Awards 2024.

I am so proud of all the hard work all of our staff put into making our children have the best opportunities every day.

Fingers crossed now that we win the category. More news to follow in March. The children are now fully back into the swing of things and are producing some lovely pieces of work which you will see further into the Newsletter.

Year 5/6 continued their work with Stem on Wednesday and I know the children are really enjoying the project they are working on. Wednesday also saw Mrs. Martin take six of her Eco group up to the hospital where they are working on an intergenerational project. We are very excited about this.

Thursday was another busy day which saw Mrs. Saunders take seven pupils from the school council to visit the Chairperson of the County Council in the Council Chambers in Mold. The children did the school proud and asked some great questions. I think the power of being in charge has got to some of them and they have lots of ideas for school. In the afternoon we celebrated Santes Dwywnwen day

with a disco which they loved. The children were also able to use their tocyn iath that they had earned from speaking Welsh around school to buy some treats.

The week ended with a lovely service from Derwen and I'm sure the parents present would agree with that. I hope you all had an enjoyable time spent with your children. They were so proud to share what they are doing in class with you.

On Wednesday I shared with you some information regarding attendance. It is a series of emails you will receive over the next few weeks highlighting what we are doing as a school to improve attendance, what you as parents can do if your child is absent and the procedures that are in place set by the Welsh Government and the local authority for children whose attendance is less than 92%. The main message is the school is here to support you getting into school. If you haven't managed to read it yet here is the link to access it.

[Attendance Procedures](#)

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

David Thomas

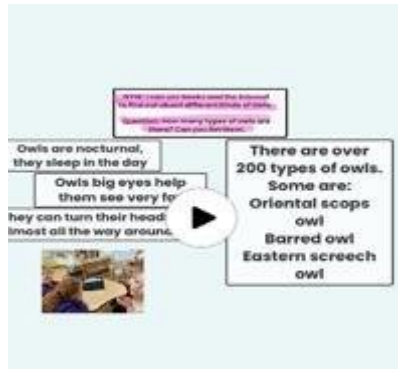
Acting Headteacher.

What's been happening in school this week

Squirrels and Foxes

We have been continuing our learning on owl babies this week by working in groups to identify a breed of owl and then completing a fact file about it. We have been using our digital skills to make our own I movies by creating frames using the owls from the Owl babies' story. We have been moving them and taking a photo each time and using the voice recorder adding a voice note about what is happening in that frame. We have listened to a selection of music and we have chosen one that we think is the most appropriate. The children have loved completing this activity and they are building on their digital competences every day.





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In Maths, we have been trying to beat our previous scores using the RM maths app. We have also been looking at subitising both inside and outside the class.



On Thursday, it was our 'Disgo Santes Dywnwen' where we all had a really good dance and used our well deserved tocyn iaiths to pay for some treats. We made a Santes Dywnwen card to give to someone special.



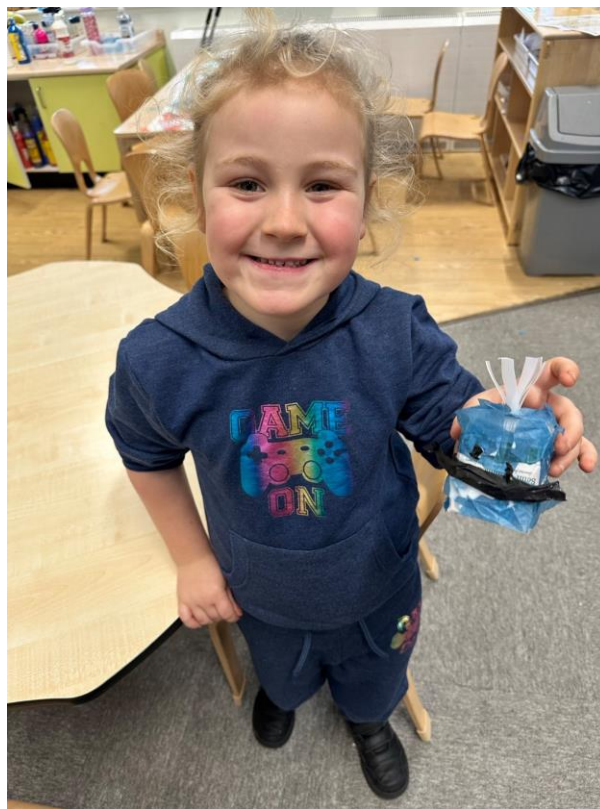
Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

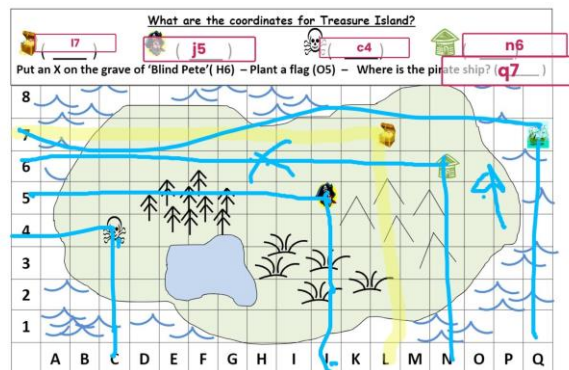
This week the children have been developing their creativity skills, they created digital sea creatures and have made ocean scenes using recycled materials.

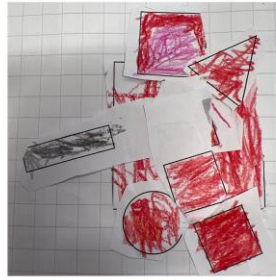
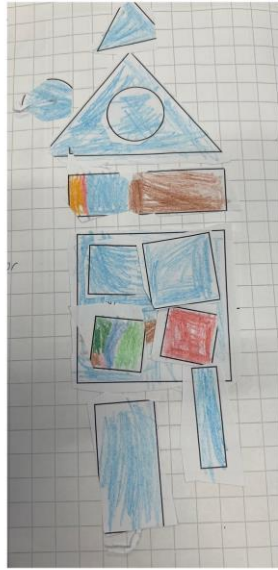
In Math's they have been learning about coordinates, they used these skills within their topic work to create a map and to determine the coordinates located on the maps.

In language, they've been discovering rhyming words and patterns related to the ocean. They will be using this skill next week to write their own poems.

Badgers class have been designing a well-being box to promote positive engagement, emphasising the importance of well-being in our learning space.









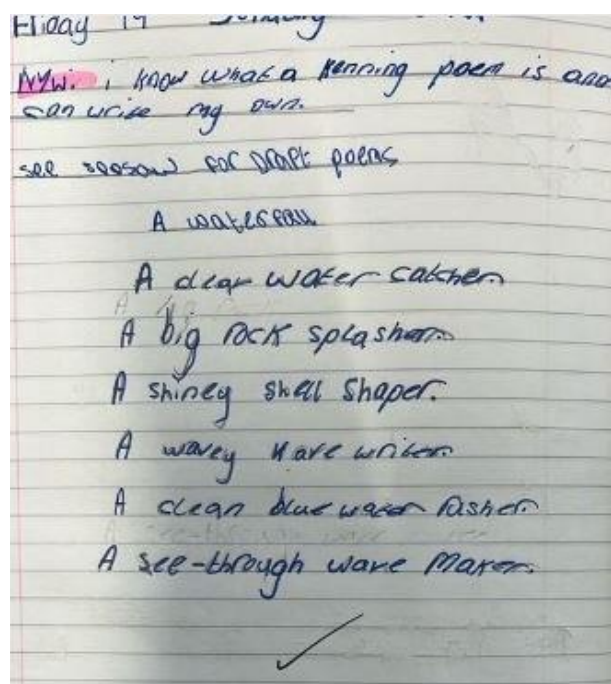
Derwen and Ceiriosen

Derwen and Ceiriosen have made fantastic Kenning poems in response to pictures. They have loved working collaboratively by writing their ideas on the desks and then writing them up in their language books.

In Maths we have been looking at different ways to represent data other than bar graphs so they have been learning about Pictograms and Venn Diagrams.

On Thursday it was our 'Disgo Santes Dywnwen' and as always it was a massive hit with the children. School Council did a brilliant job organising it all. They had a fantastic time eating, dancing and catching all the bubbles!

Derwen have been busy all week practicing their assembly for today and they all did absolutely amazing so da iawn Derwen! Thank you parents for coming in to support your children we really are so grateful. Ceiriosen have been busy too starting their assembly preparations for a few weeks time so we look forward to seeing theirs!





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Bedwen

This week Bedwen have been busy making boats as part of our Science experiment, we are curious to see if they will float on our school pond. We have also enjoyed making biscuits and using our mathematical skills when visiting our local Tesco to buy the ingredients. Bedwen pupils also made love spoons for St Dwynwen's day.



Masarnen, Collen a Llwyfen

Year 5/6 have had a wonderful week this week learning about dangerous animals. We went outside to measure the size of different animals. They were shocked at how big the whale was at 30meters! We created windmills in our STEM workshops. We celebrated 'Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen Day' with a school disco where we could buy some treats with our tocyn iaith.

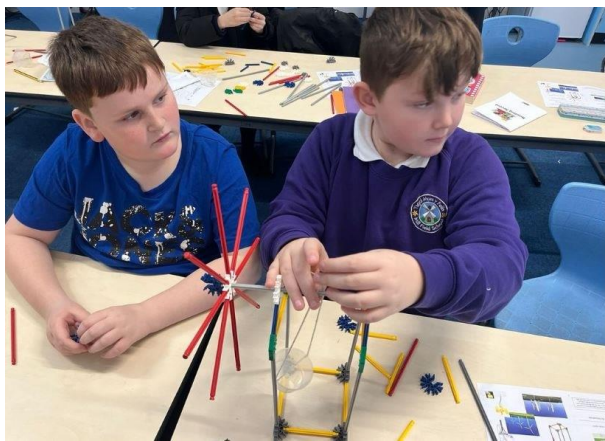
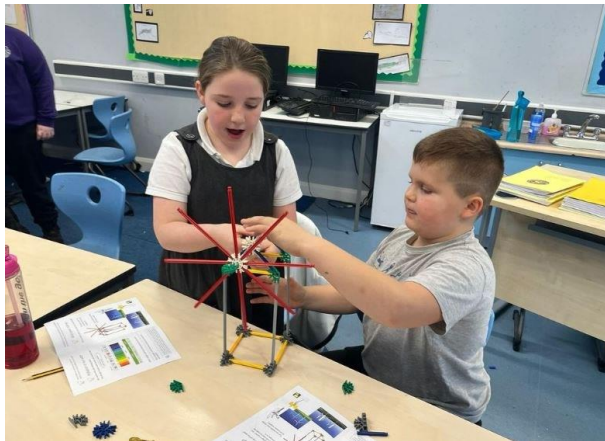
















Tall poppies project linked with Holywell Hospital

We are lucky to be able to attend a weekly session at the hospital working with patients with dementia. Six of our year 5 Eco children have been chosen to attend these sessions every Monday. The aim of the project is for the children to work closely with the patients on Art and Wildlife projects building relationships and increasing their self-esteem. The sessions are run by Katie who works at the hospital and Isa Lamb who facilitates workshops based on the environment. The session on Wednesday was all about the Robin Red breast. It was fascinating to hear that robins across the world are different colours depending on their environment. We were played the robins bird song as the children and patients made their own interpretations on paper. It is safe to say that the children really got stuck in and it wasn't long before there was glitter and feathers everywhere! We are very excited to be returning next week where I believe we are looking at Owls. Please take a look at the work that we did.









Council Visit

Mrs Saunders and Mr Thomas took seven children from the School Council to visit Councillor Healy in the County Chambers in County Hall in Mold on Thursday.

Councillor Healy is currently the Chair of Flintshire County Council and she took the children on a tour of the building and explained how the council worked.

We were lucky enough to visit her private office and the children were very impressed that the old Queen and Prince Phillip had visited there.

The children were a credit to the school and asked some excellent questions.

I definitely can see a couple of them having a future career in politics.









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



Derwen and Hedgehogs shared the class attendance award.



Alice won the individual attendance award.

Our current attendance is 88.33%

Cornel Cymraeg

Gair yr Wythnos



Newyddion Criw Cymraeg

The Criw Cymraeg collaborated with the school council to organise this year's Santes Dwynwen disco. They managed a shop where children could use their "tocyn iaith" to buy refreshments for the disco, showcasing excellent use of Welsh by everyone in the shop. The disco turned out to be a tremendous success and was enjoyed by all. Da iawn!

Upcoming events

- 8th February - Reading cafe 2.30-3pm
- 9th February Ceiriosen class service and lunch
- 9th February - Children's mental health week
- 12th February Half term
- 19th February - Children back to school
- 22nd February - Reading Cafe
- 1st March. School Eisteddfod. Dydd Gŵyl Dewi
- 7th March - Reading cafe
- 7th March - World book day. More information to follow
- 8th March- Owls class service and lunch.
- 8th March. stay and play years 5 and 6
- 11th March - Commonwealth service Westminster Abbey. Representatives from school to attend.
- 15th March - stay and play year 5 and 6
- 18th March - Parents evening
- 20th March. Hedgehogs class service and lunch for parents

- 22nd March - Stay and play years 5 and 6
- 25th March - Easter Holidays
- 8th April - staff training day
- 9th April - children return 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>



**Ysgol Maes y Felyn
Mill Field School**

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@hwbcmru.net

1 - 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. \(achievemoretraining.com\)](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/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

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





SNAP Cymru Presents:

From SEN to ALN

A unique event for parents and carers of any child or young person (0-25) who requires Additional Learning Needs support in School or College.

Join us online:
10:00am to 12:00pm on Friday 23rd February



Meet other families of children and young people with Additional Learning Needs and Disabilities



Share your thoughts and opinions to help shape the future of ALN support in Wales



Learn all about the new ALN System in Wales

Book your **FREE** space via this link or the QR code:



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-from-sen-to-aln-ar-lein-o-aaa-i-ady-tickets-652945235777>

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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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