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A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



Prynhawn da/Good Afternoon,

This week is always a special one in our school calendar as we celebrate the uniqueness of our Welsh culture. The children enjoyed a week where they learnt about our history, performed Welsh songs and made Welsh cakes. On Thursday Mrs. Howard and 12 children took part in the Cymraeg Celebrations in Tower Gardens. The children were a credit to our school and had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

The celebrations finished off today when we had our annual Dydd Gwyl Dewi Eisteddfod. The children performed so well and judging the various competitions was extremely difficult. The family competition was as usual completed to a very high standard. This year's winner was Natan. A massive thank you to Mrs Howard for all her hard work in organising the event.

You will have received earlier this week the link to the Parents Evening which has been arranged for your child / children.

As you will see, there are a few options. For those pupils in Foxes and Squirrels have separate dates and times available for nursery and reception pupils. For pupils in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, the dates and times are all together.

[Parents Evening - March, 2024](#)

If you are struggling to make appointments, please do contact the office who will be happy to help.

Next week our pupils are taking part in a number of fun activities including a visit to the library, the Tall Poppies Project, World Book Day and Owls class service. So, there is plenty for them to look forward to.

For further information about what your children have been up to this week continue reading our newsletter.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

David Thomas

Acting Headteacher.

What's been happening in school this week

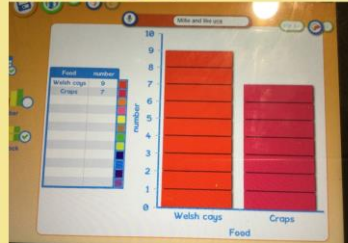
Squirrels and Foxes

This week in Foxes and Squirrels, we've continued exploring our theme of "Wales and Beyond." We have been learning more about both Wales and France, with the children comparing famous landmarks from each country. They've enthusiastically taken on the challenge of constructing replica buildings, resulting in impressive creations such as Conwy Castle, the towering Eiffel Tower, the Menai Bridge, and the iconic Louvre Museum in Paris. We definitely have some young architects, structural engineers and builders!

Additionally, we've discovered more about St. David's Day, discussing Welsh symbols and annual traditions like the Eisteddfod. The children have been preparing for our Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Eisteddfod, where they'll be showcasing their musical talents.

We have also been busy in the kitchen, the children were given the option to either whip up some French crêpes or traditional Welsh cakes. Each group had the opportunity to use the food technology room to create their chosen sweet treat. They followed simple pictorial instructions. This activity also provided a chance for them to demonstrate their numeracy skills, particularly in relation to measuring and weighing, which we've been focusing on recently.

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NYW: I can compare famous landmarks in Wales and France. I can replicate one of the landmarks.



The Eiffel tower.

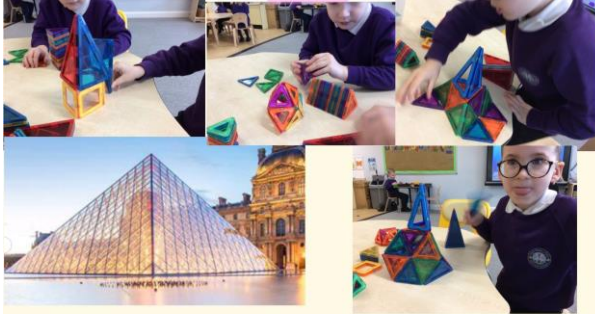
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The Eiffel Tower

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We have made the Eiffle Tower





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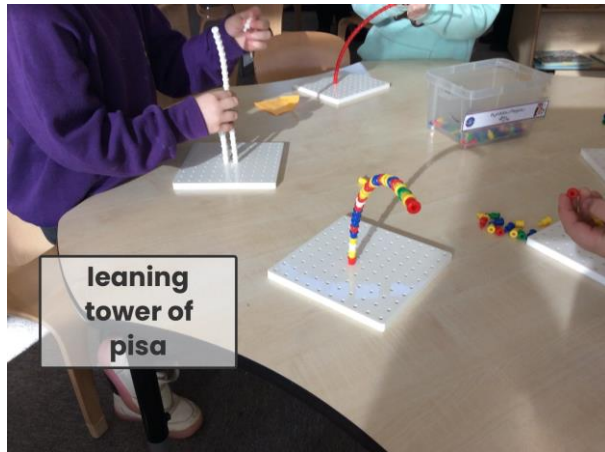
Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

This week in Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs we have been learning all about Italy. We have created an Italian cafe in our role play area, we have made pizza ovens out of blocks. We learnt about volcanoes, the leaning tower of Pisa and the Colosseum and tried to make them in the different areas. We created an Italy fact file using our handprints, listing 5 facts about Italy that we could remember.

Owls linked with Llwyfen this week, the children chose a reading book each and then paired up with a child from the opposite class. Each child read or talked about their book and all children thoroughly enjoyed it. We look forward to doing this again soon!

Hedgehogs Litter Pick

The Hedgehogs participated in a community litter pick aimed at addressing litter concerns in our local area. They visited Pen Y Maes Woods and found the experience thoroughly enjoyable but couldn't believe the amount of litter they found. They came back with a sense of pride of helping out local community and will be spreading the message of no littering to friends and family.



Our Roman road.






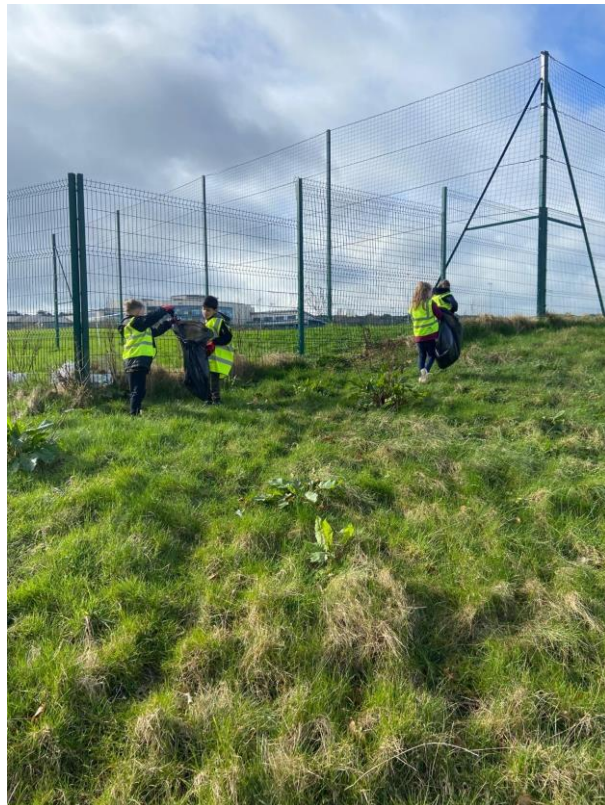
It had 80 entrances.

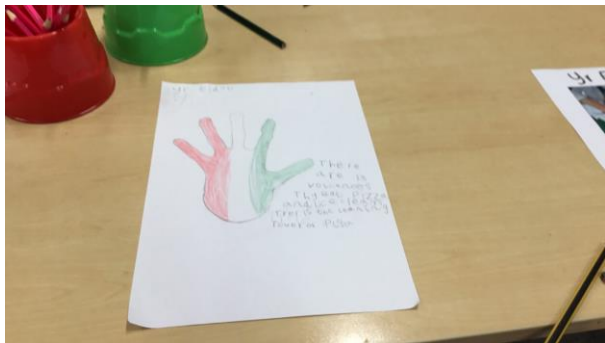
The Colosseum

It was used for to have shows of people fighting.

It is one of the 7 wonders of the world.

A photograph of a wooden model of the Colosseum, showing its iconic elliptical shape and tiered arches. The model is built from wooden blocks and is placed on a light-colored surface.









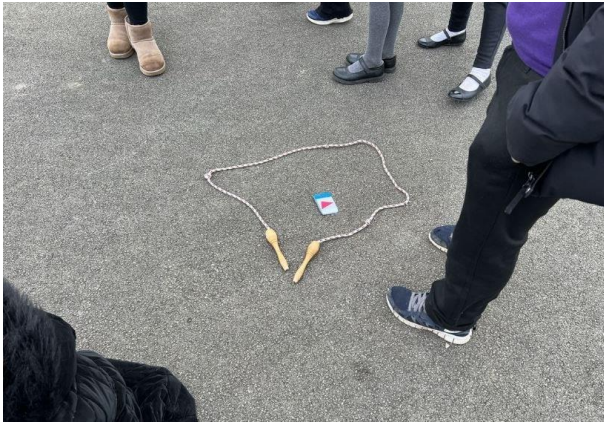


Derwen and Ceiriosen

Derwen and Ceiriosen have had a lovely creative week practising dancing, singing and acting for our Dydd Dewi Sant. Each class have been learning a song and those children who wanted to have learned the Jac y do dance. We have loved seeing the smiles and hearing the laughs from the children learning this dance. In Maths and Language the children have been outside learning collaboratively, solving problems and using their creative skills to respond to different activities.









Bedwen

This week the pupils in Bedwen have been learning about equal groups and how to measure in cm and mm. We have really enjoyed doing some Mathematics and Numeracy outside. This week we have also began looking at the Seven Continents of the World, we have been busy gathering

information about Asia and Europe and making our own fact files. Pupils have also been learning about pollution and climate change. In our Language and Literacy lessons we have designed our own climate monsters, ready to write a story. During our PE lesson we took some time out to do some meditation and practice our breathing exercises.



Masarnen, Collen a Llwyfen

This week we've been learning lots outside! We've used our geography skills to do some orienteering and our creative skills to make some environmental art. In Topic, we've created our own mixed up animal and have been busy creating a habitat for it out of a shoe box.





Enfys

This week in Enfys the children have been working through their Unearthing Boxes, they have enjoyed taking them home for an adult to get involved and complete their part of the box. The Lego

Therapy groups are doing an excellent job, and have been working really well with their team mates to complete their builds. Well done everyone.

Celebrations

Harper and Mya-Rae were excellent role models this week showing kindness and consideration to a classmate, da iawn!



Menu

<div>Refresh</div>		Our school kitchen Menu			<div><div></div><div>Arhysgo & Glanhafu NEWYDD Catering & Cleaning</div></div>	
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	<div>1</div>	<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 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>2</div>	<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>3</div>	<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></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></div>		<div><div>APPROVED</div></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>		<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>
KEY:	<div><div></div> Suitable for Vegetarians</div> <div><div></div> Vegan Option Available</div>	<div><div></div> Additional Daily Option</div>	PLEASE NOTE: ***OUR MENUS COULD BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO NATIONWIDE SUPPLY ISSUES.***			

Attendance

Leigh won the individual weekly attendance award.



Masarnen won the class attendance award.



Our current attendance is 87.88%

Cornel Cymraeg

Gair yr Wythnos



Newyddion Criw Cymraeg

We have had a brilliant time celebrating Dydd Gwyl Dewi. Fantastic effort from all classes in our eisteddfod today, it was lovely to see so many children participating. Each class took it in turns to share a song, we saw Welsh traditional dancing from each year group and enjoyed congratulating children on their achievements in a craft and writing competition.

Family Competition



Celf- Artwork

Each department focused on a Welsh artist:

Foxes and Squirrels- Gayle Rogers

Badgers, Owls and Hedgehogs- Kyffin Williams

Ceriosen and Derwen- Rhiannon Roberts

Masarnen, Llwyfen and Collen- Lisa Reeve







Poem

Year groups 1-6 wrote their own poems about Wales.







Upcoming events

- 7th March - Reading café Ceiriosen a Derwen
- 7th March - World book day. Information about what each class are doing have been sent on Seesaw and see below.
- 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
- 18th April - Wellies in the woods returns for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents and your children. Please contact Mrs Dickinson in the office to sign up.

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 Felin
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, mfmmail@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. \(achievemoretraining.com\)](http://achievemoretraining.com)

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/>

Contact Us

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