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## A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



Prynhawn da/Good Afternoon,

Welcome back and I hope you all have had a lovely break.

It may be the start of another short half term but we have plenty planned for it including a trip to Wrexham University, class services, school Eisteddfod, World Book Day, parent evening, trip to Westminster Abbey as well as the ongoing projects with the hospital, church and care home.

It hasn't taken long for the pupils to get back into the swing of things producing some excellent pieces of work.

Tuesday saw 12 of our pupils attend their School University Graduation Day at Wrexham University. This is the first time we have taken part in this and hopefully it is something we can build on going forward.

On Wednesday Ceiriosen and Derwen pupils worked with Progressive Energy and had a good insight into how energy in the future and how companies in our area are working on it.

The week finished with a wonderful class service from Ceiriosen. It was inspirational to watch the children perform and the responses from the parents showed how worth while it all is.

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.

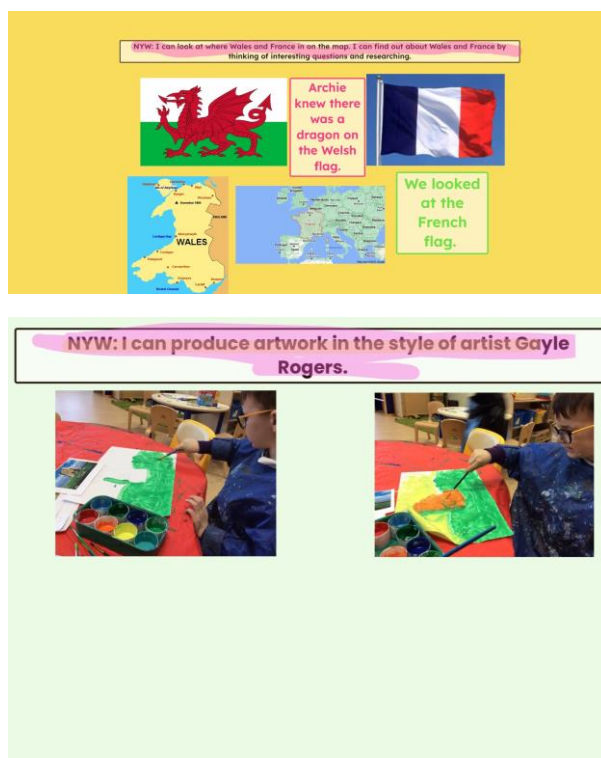
## What's been happening in school this week

### Squirrels and Foxes

This week in Foxes and Squirrels, we have been learning all about 'Wales and Beyond'. The children decided to focus on Wales and France, we have been comparing them through fun activities.

We have sung Welsh and French songs, danced traditional dances, and listened to stories in both languages. To get ready for St. David's Day, we've been busy making art inspired by Welsh artist Gayle Roger's style.

Next week, we're excited to keep exploring these countries. We'll be making and tasting traditional food to learn even more about their cultures.





NYW: I can produce artwork in the style of artist Gayle Rogers.



### Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

In Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs class this week we have been preparing for the Eisteddfod. We have been learning about Wales, our traditions and famous Welsh people.

We have been writing poems about Wales and learning our Welsh songs. We have been looking at Kyffin Williams' landscape artwork and creating our own artwork using his techniques.

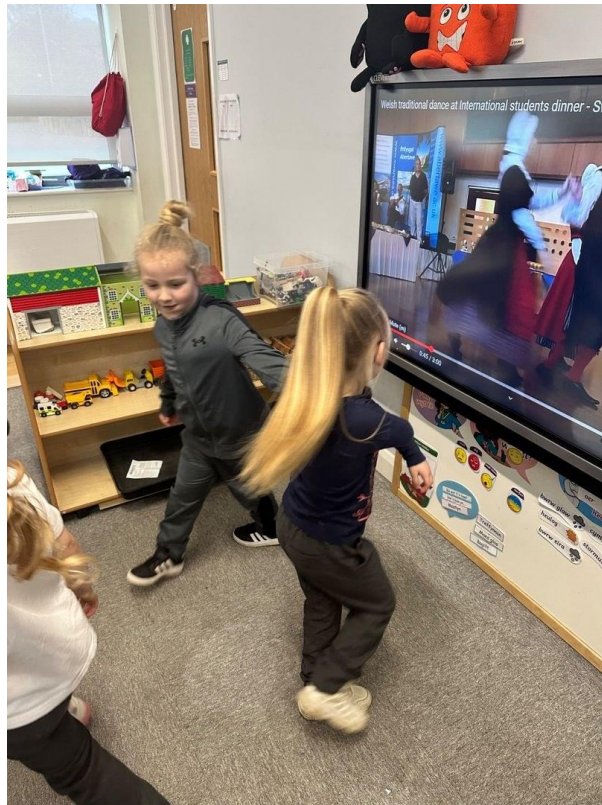
In PE, we have been practicing traditional Welsh dancing and learning about tag rugby.

In our outdoor learning sessions we have been going on Scavenger hunts around the school grounds and creating a class tapestry of all the things we love about Wales.









### **Derwen and Ceiriosen**

Derwen and Ceiriosen have thoroughly enjoyed their first week back after half term. They have been busy learning all about the Welsh artist Rhiannon Roberts and have been creating wonderful pieces

of art work mirroring her style. The children decided to learn all about the former Wales Rugby player Richard Parks and they enjoyed creating posters, presentations and animations.

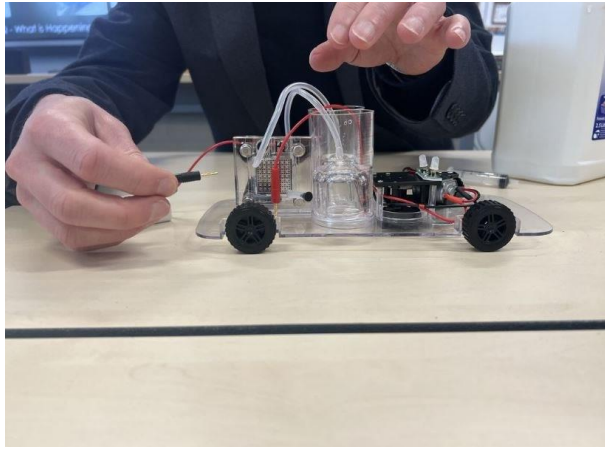
Both classes were extremely lucky to have a visit from the '4wardfutures' workshop where they met Mark, John and Dave who are involved in an exciting innovative energy project in our area. The company 'HyNet' are developing a cleaner way of producing energy from the use of Hydrogen as an alternative fuel to cut carbon emissions. The children had a fantastic workshop learning all about wind turbines, solar panels and hydrogen fuelled cars. The Engineers John and Dave have given the children a little project of their own, they have to think of ways we as a school could start using more clean/renewable energy to reduce the impact on our environment locally. The children are so excited and can't wait to show you their ideas so watch this space!

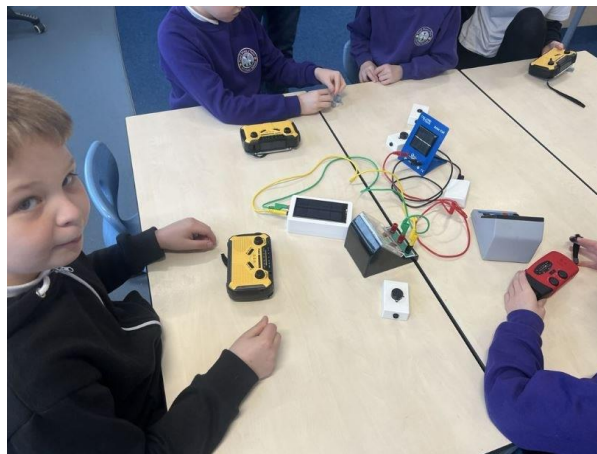
We had a visit from 'Don't Touch Tell' on Thursday where the children all engaged in a talk about the effects of energy drinks and alcohol.

Friday was Ceiriosen's assembly about Chinese New year and how it is celebrated. The children did absolutely fantastic, da iawn pawb!!

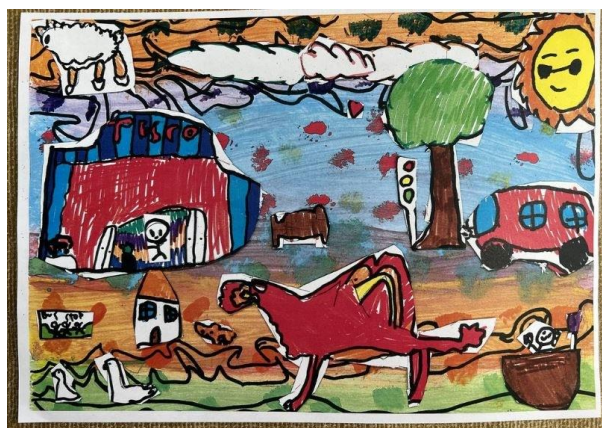
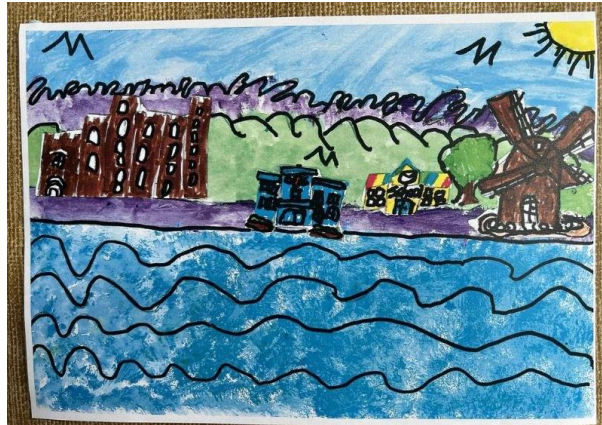


















## Bedwen

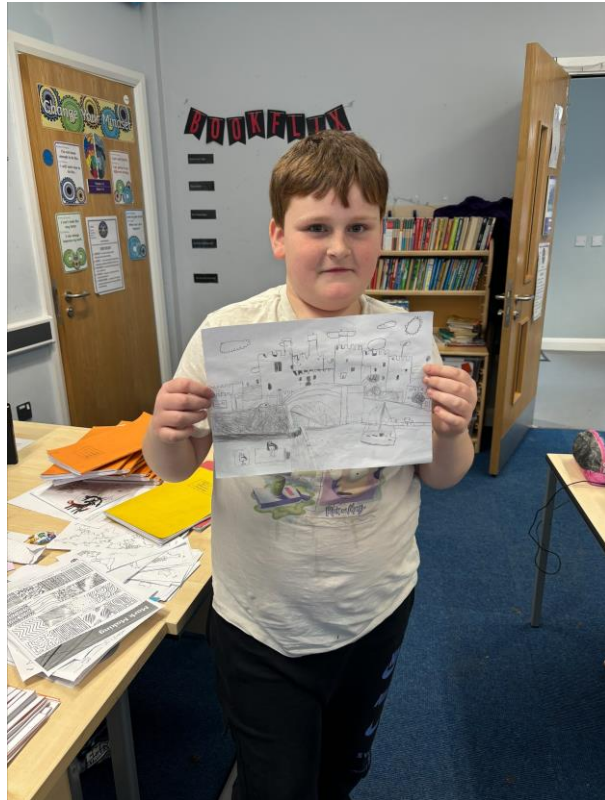
This week pupils in Bedwen have enjoyed making their chosen Wonder of the World, these included The Great Wall of China. Pupils have also enjoyed learning about the Welsh artist Ruth Jen and also the Spanish artist Picasso. At the beginning of the week we went down to our school pond to conduct our Science experiment, we were investigating which materials would float. We all enjoyed making our boats and carrying out the experiment.



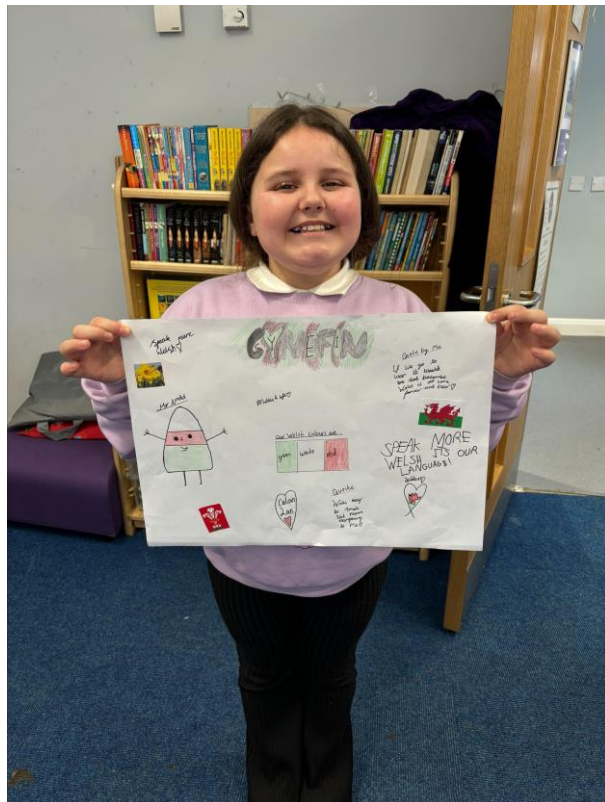
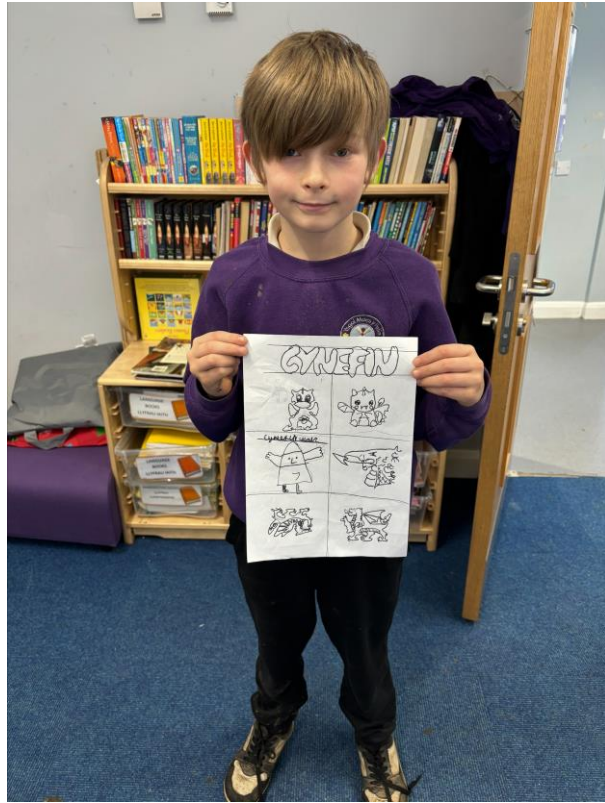
## Masarnen, Collen a Llwyfen

This week we've been learning about our Welsh culture and planning a holiday to Patagonia. We've been analysing Lisa Reeves' art work so that we can create our own artwork in her style for the Eisteddfod Art Competition. As well as this, some of us went to Ysgol Treffynnon to play games that Year 10 students had made. We loved going over and are looking forward for more transition opportunities.













## Enfys

In Enfys this week, some of the younger children have enjoyed teambuilding activities to help improve their social skills. The children have also been working to design the 'perfect school'. We discussed what our perfect school would look like and how school can help children who find coming into school a little bit tricky sometimes. The children completing the Children's University Project had their Graduation Day at Glyndwr University this week. They had an amazing time. It was so lovely to see them being recognised for their hard work. Well done, children! Thank you also to the parents and carers who came to watch their children get their certificates.





# Menu

<div>  <div> Our school <b>kitchen</b> Menu </div> <div> October 2023 - April 2024 </div> <div>  </div> </div>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	<b>Jumbo Fish Finger</b> *OR* <b>Baked Veggie Nuggets</b>  Served with creamed mashed potato & baked beans ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  PASTA POTS 	<b>Welsh Beef Bolognaise</b> *OR* <b>Veggie Pasta Bolognaise</b>  Served with pasta in tomato sauce, peas & garlic bread ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Fruit Sponge & Custard & Fresh Fruit  JACKET POTATO 	<b>Roast Chicken Dinner of the Day</b> *OR* <b>Veggie Roast Dinner of the Day</b>  Served with roast potato, carrots, broccoli & Yorkshire pudding ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  SANDWICHES 	<b>Chicken Curry &amp; Naan Bread</b> *OR* <b>Vegetable Jalfrezi</b>  Served with rice, peas & naan bread ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  JACKET POTATO 	<b>Beef Burger or Vegan Burger</b>  in a Bun *OR* <b>Salmon Fillet</b> Served with chips & veg sticks ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Cocoa Cookie & Fresh Fruit  PASTA POTS 
WEEK 2	<b>Sticky BBQ Baked Sausage</b> *OR* <b>Sticky BBQ Baked Vegan Sausage</b>  Served with creamed mashed potato & baked beans ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  PASTA POTS 	<b>Tuscan Chicken &amp; Pasta</b> Served with pasta, sweetcorn & garlic bread *OR* <b>Cream of Tomato Soup &amp; Roll</b> ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Marble Sponge & Custard & Fresh Fruit  SANDWICHES 	<b>Roast Turkey Dinner of the Day</b> *OR* <b>Veggie Roast Dinner of the Day</b>  Served with roast potatoes, carrots, green beans & Yorkshire pudding ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  PASTA POTS 	<b>Baked Fish Fillet</b> Served with creamed mashed potato & baked beans *OR* <b>Chilli Non Carne</b>  Vegetarian mince chilli served with rice & peas ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  PASTA POTS 	<b>Chicken Nuggets</b> Served with chips & veg sticks *OR* <b>Vegetable Tortilla Stack</b>  Served with chips & veg sticks ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Shortbread Biscuit & Fresh Fruit  JACKET POTATO 
WEEK 3	<b>Big Breakfast</b> Bacon, free range omelet & baked beans *OR* <b>Veggie Big Breakfast</b>  Vegan sausage, free range omelet & baked beans ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  PASTA POTS 	<b>Meatballs &amp; Pasta</b> *OR* <b>Veggie Meatballs &amp; Pasta</b>  Vegetarian meatballs in a tomato sauce, peas & garlic bread ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Cocoa Sponge & Custard & Fresh Fruit  JACKET POTATO 	<b>Roast Chicken Dinner of the Day</b> *OR* <b>Veggie Roast Dinner of the Day</b>  Served with mashed potatoes & garden peas, carrots & Yorkshire pudding ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  SANDWICHES 	<b>Ham &amp; Cheese Calzone Pocket</b> *OR* <b>Cheese &amp; Tomato Calzone Pocket</b>  Served with baked wedges & peas ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt Bar & Fresh Fruit  JACKET POTATO 	<b>Chicken Burger in a Bun</b> *OR* <b>Baked Cod Goujons</b> Served with chips & veg sticks ● ● ● ● ● Fresh Baked Bread Cocoa Krispie Cake & Fresh Fruit  PASTA POT 
<div> <div> <b>NEW SALAD BAR</b>                      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> <b>NEW DESSERT BARS</b>                      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>  <b>APPROVED</b>                      This menu has been nutritionally analysed in line with Welsh Government Guidance to meet pupils needs for <b>protein, carbohydrates, fat, sugar and salt.</b> </div> <div> <b>ALLERGENS &amp; INTOLERANCES</b>                      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



Ieuan won the individual weekly attendance award.



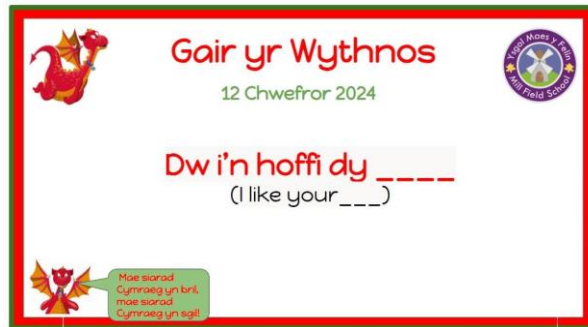
Badgers won the class attendance award.



Our current attendance is 87.88%

## Cornel Cymraeg

### Gair yr Wythnos



### Newyddion Criw Cymraeg

We will be celebrating Dydd Gwyl Dewi (St David's Day) on the 1st of March, children are welcome to wear red, green or white on this day.

### Cystadleuaeth Dydd Gwyl Dewi

### Dydd Gwyl Dewi Competition

## WHAT DOES WALES MEAN TO YOU?

Create an artistic piece that captures the essence of Wales as a family. Whether it's a sculpture, model, painting, collage, photographs, or textiles, feel free to choose the medium that resonates with you.

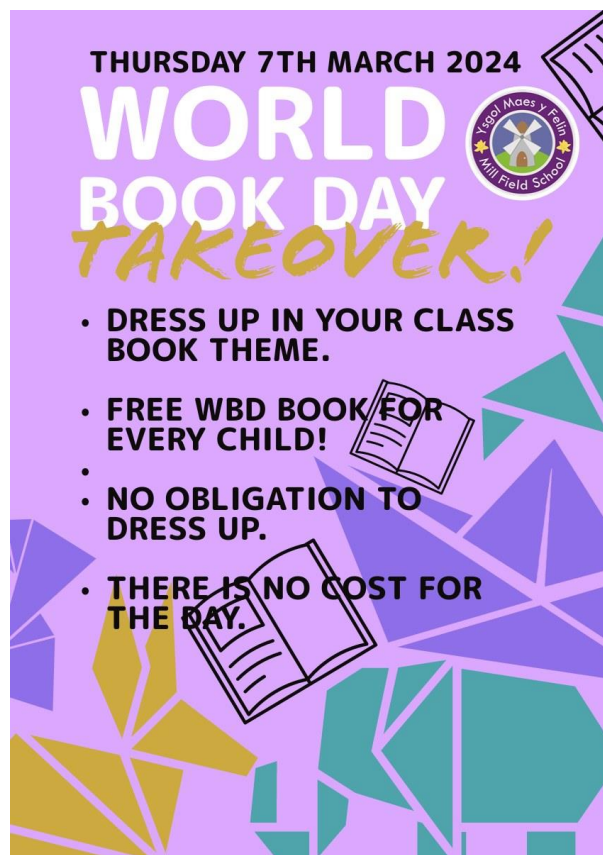




Entries need to be in school by Thursday 22nd February so that they can be judged for our school eisteddfod.

## Upcoming events

- 22nd February - Reading Café Year 5/6 parents.
- 1st March. School Eisteddfod. Dydd Gŵyl Dewi
- 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



Class	Book Focus & curriculum links	Fancy Dress Theme (no obligation)
Squirrels	Supertato	Superhero
Foxes	The very hungry caterpillar	Dress as colour of fruit
Hedgehogs	Class 2 at the Zoo Links with geography and conservation	Dress as animals or a child going to the zoo.
Owls	The Rainbow Fish	Dress in bright or shiny clothes
Badgers	Tiddler	Dress in bright/shiny clothes
Bedwen	Wonder- Links with Language lessons and health and wellbeing.	Wear a mask of their choice.
Ceiriosen  Derwen	The Great Pet Sale by Mick Inkpen. Links with money/advertising/technology - using Adobe Express for advertising.	Dress as animals.
Masarnen	King Kong Links with topic Danger and dangerous animals	Children to come dress as animals or to wear animal print
Collen		
Llwyfen		

## 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>





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

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/>



**Gweithdy sgilliau defnyddio'r toiled**

Hoffech chi ddod i weithdy sgilliau defnyddio'r toiled?  
Bydd y sesiwn yn cynnwys syniadau ymarferol i helpu i ddatblygu'r sgilliau sydd eu hangen ar gyfer defnyddio'r toiled. Mae pob plentyn yn wahanol, maen nhw'n dysgu i gerdded a siarad ar wahanol adegau felly mae dewis yr amseroedd cywir i chi a'ch plentyn yn bwysig.

**Toileting skills workshop**

Would you like to attend a toileting skills workshop?  
The session will include practical ideas to help develop the skills needed for toileting. Every child is different, they learn to walk and talk at different times so choosing the right times for you and your child is important.

**Dyddiadau / Dates**

Chwefror 29 February	- Canolfan Hamdden Treffynnon Holywell Leisure Centre
Mawrth 5 March	- Canolfan Gymunedol Mostyn Mostyn Community Centre
Mawrth 7 March	- Llyfrgell y Fflint Flint Library
Mawrth 14 March	- Llyfrgell yr Wyddgrug Mold Library
Mawrth 19 March	- Canolfan Westwood, Bwcle Westwood Centre, Buckley
Ebrill 9 April	- Ty Calon Ty Calon
Ebrill 18 April	- Canolfan Gymunedol Brychdyn a Bretton Broughton and Bretton Community Centre

Os ydych chi'n dymuno cael rhagor o wybodaeth, cysylltwch â: Kara Hughes a Pamela Nicholls  
**01352 704944**  
If you would like more information, please contact Kara Hughes and Pamela Nicholls



The poster features a green background with decorative elements at the top: a coat of arms on the left, a central globe surrounded by nature icons (sun, clouds, birds, trees), and a 'Cadwch' logo on the right with the text 'cadwch keep gymrun wales daclus tidy'. The main text is in a cursive font, announcing a 'Community Litter Pick' on 'Tuesday 27th February' from '11.00am - 12.00pm'. Below this, a bulleted list provides details: meeting at the gate at the bottom of Nant-y-Coed - Pen-y-Maes and that all equipment is provided. A small photo shows a person litter-picking. The poster concludes with a welcome message and a request for community support.

**Community Litter Pick**  
**Tuesday 27th February**  
**11.00am - 12.00pm**

- Meet at the gate at the bottom of Nant-y-Coed - Pen-y-Maes (at the access point of Pen-y-Maes woods).
- All equipment provided

*All Welcome!*  
*Please come and support your community*

## Contact Us

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