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A Message from Mr Thomas, Headteacher



Prynhawn da/Good Afternoon,

It has been a short working week here at Maes Y Felin but there has still been a lot going on as the half term draws to a close.

Firstly, we would like to apologise for the school being closed yesterday. These decisions are not taken lightly and were made by the Council's Emergency Management Team based on detailed Met Office data which placed many parts of the county on an amber weather warning for snow. Happily, we were able to open today allowing us to finish off the half term.

We also have made the decision to postpone Ceiriosen Class Service until we return back.

We have had an increasing number of incidents where members of staff have been spoken to in an aggressive manner and using inappropriate language. I would like to remind you that we operate a zero tolerance here at school and repeat behaviour can lead to parents being banned from the premises. Whilst we understand that there are times where you may be frustrated with something that happens, we ask you to make an appointment to discuss the matter in private.

Also, after feedback from parents we will be changing how the children in Year 3/4 (Derwen and Ceiriosen) are dismissed from school at the end of the day from Monday February 19th . We ask that parents from both classes to only come onto the yard once the classes and approach your child's class. Derwen will be situated to the left of the gate and Ceiriosen to the right by the parasol.

We are hoping this will elevate the bottle neck in front of the gates and ensure all children safely find their guardian. We will review this method at the end of next term.

On Tuesday the Netball team produced some good performances at the County Tournament which meant they finished third in their group. Mrs Saunders was very proud of the team. Da iawn pawb.

On Wednesday the Year 5/6 classes finished their Stem Workshops and the parents were invited in to see what they had been up to during their sessions. The children enjoyed having their parents in and were very proud to show off their work.

We return after the break to a very busy week. On Monday year 5/6 continue with their Airbus Workshops, Tuesday will see the pupils who have been working on the Children's University visit Wrexham University, Year3/4 will have a visit from Progress Energy to help support their topic work and finally Friday sees Ceiriosen have their class service.

Hope you all have a wonderful half term.

David Thomas

Acting Headteacher.

What's been happening in school this week



Squirrels and Foxes

This week in Foxes and Squirrels we have really enjoying writing a recount about all of the animals from the 'Animals take over' visit from last week. It has been lovely for Mrs Howard and I to see the progress that you have all made with your letter formation and phonic skills. We are very proud of the writing that you have produced. Gwaith bendigedig pawb!

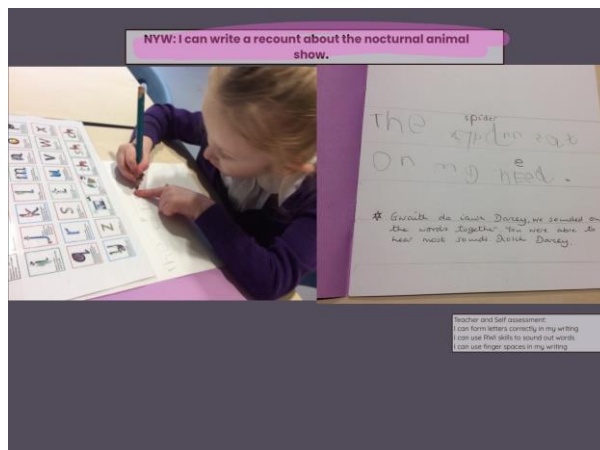
We have been learning new words to describe animals who come out in the day (diurnal) and animals that come out at night (nocturnal) and we have been sorting them into two groups.

The children have taken ownership of the outdoor area. They decided they would like to turn the playhouse into a McDonald's, and they had a great time developing the area. They made their own menus, signs, and had lots of fun playing in the area.

Both classes got to enjoy an Aura sports session this week. The children love to develop new skills and have been playing the newly learnt games during playtimes.

We have also been talking about 'not giving up' in health and wellbeing. The children have chosen what they would like to get better at in school and we have been working on their goals daily. They have ranged from being able to tie shoe laces to pedalling a bike correctly. Thank you for your perseverance children and not giving up.

After half term we are going to be basing our learning on Wales and France. If you have any photos, maps, artefacts of anywhere that you have visited in Wales or in France we would very much like to see them. You can either take some photos and send them to us on seesaw or bring them in. Diolch yn fawr iawn/ Merci beaucoup!



NYW: I can write a recount about the nocturnal animal show.

Teacher and self assessment:
 I can turn letters correctly in my writing.
 I can use flat skills to sound out words.
 I can use finger spaces in my writing.

NYW: I can set myself a goal and practise over the week. I can talk about how I didn't give up until I achieved my goal.

Monday

Correct number formation

Tuesday

NYW: I can set myself a goal and practise over the week. I can talk about how I didn't give up until I achieved my goal.

Monday

Zippering up my coat

Tuesday

Picture evidence



Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs

In Owls, Badgers & Hedgehogs this week we have been making our vessels that we planned last week. We have been using recycled materials to create our vessels.

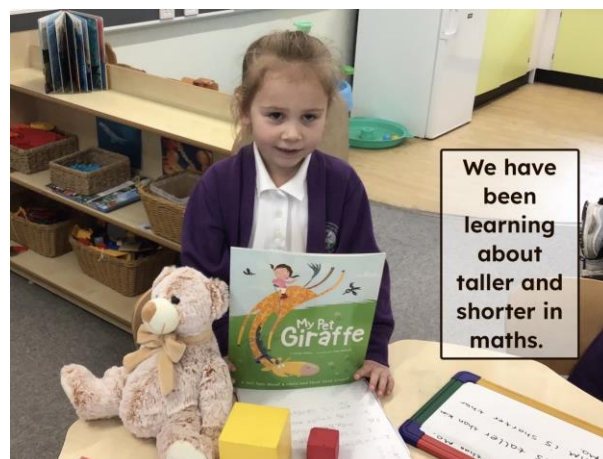
In Badgers' maths class this week they have been focusing on using the correct mathematical language for comparing different objects (e.g. smaller or taller, longer or shorter). In Owls' maths we have also been focusing on measure and developed our understanding of measuring using centimetres, we have been measuring objects around our classroom. In Hedgehogs' maths they have been adding different amounts of money and challenging themselves using the coins.

Some of the children in Owls this week decided to make Noah's Ark after hearing the story in assembly, they used their knowledge from creating their vessels to build an ark big enough to save our animals from our small world area.

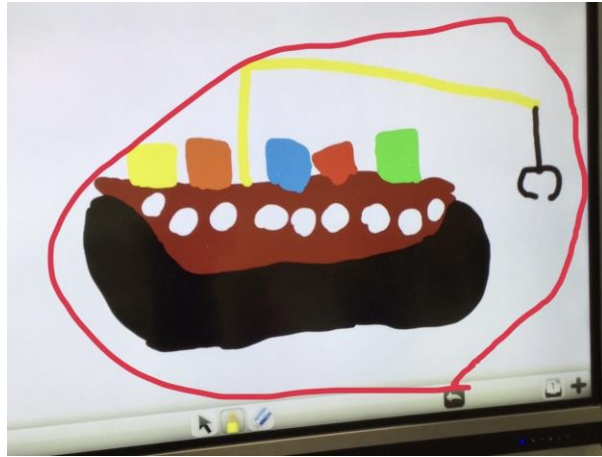
All classes have focused on wellbeing this week for Children's mental health week. Each class in our department has created a class wellbeing box.



NYW - I can design and create my own vessel.



We have been learning about taller and shorter in maths.

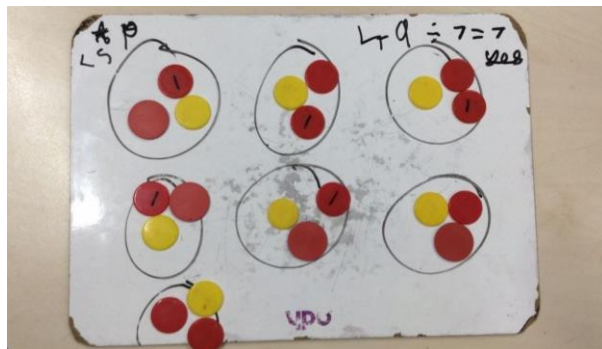
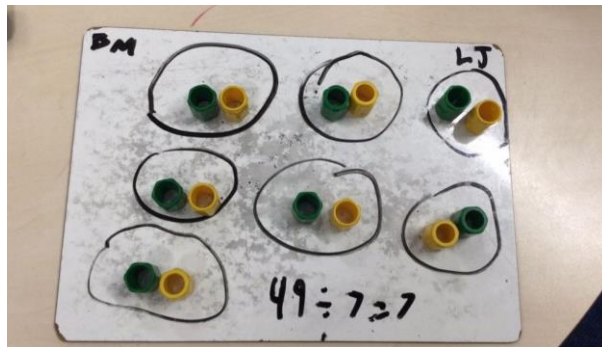


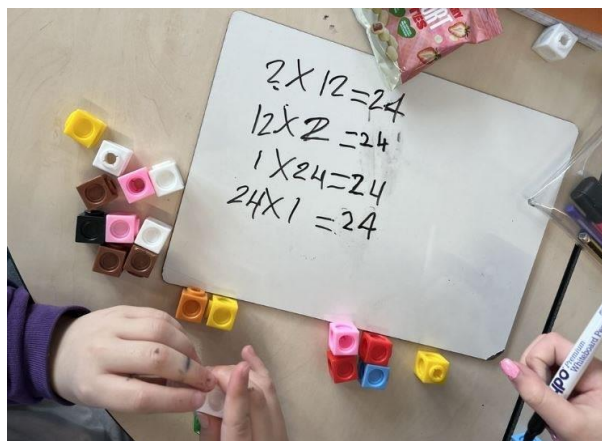
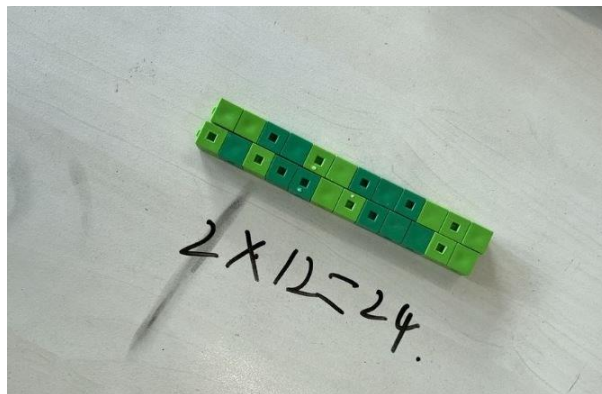
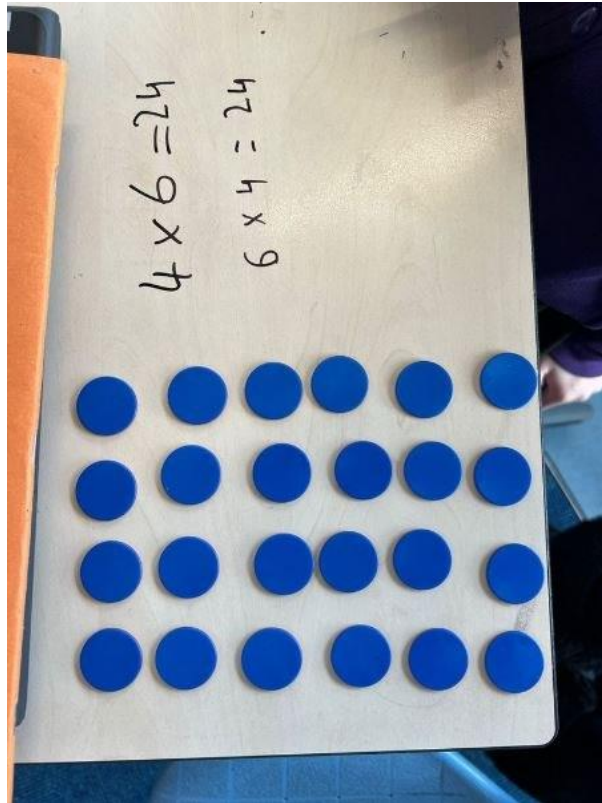


Derwen and Ceiriosen

Derwen and Ceiriosen have been busy in Maths looking at division and multiplication using practical methods. Some children had a visit from Ceri who came to teach p.e games in Cymraeg, which the children absolutely loved! The children are looking forward to continuing their learning of the Animal Kingdom after half term with a focus on Food chains and exploring habitats.







Bedwen

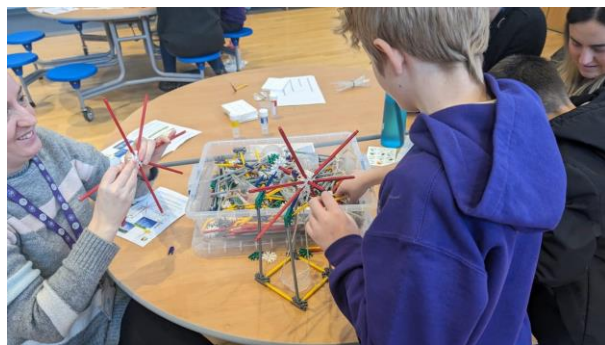
This week the pupils in Bedwen have enjoyed participating in the daily mile and exploring Yoga in our PE lessons. Some pupils have been doing work on their phonics and sounds. Pupils in Bedwen have

enjoyed exploring the seven wonders of the world this week and we are looking forward to making a wonder after half term. After the half term break we will be exploring the different continents and oceans of the world.



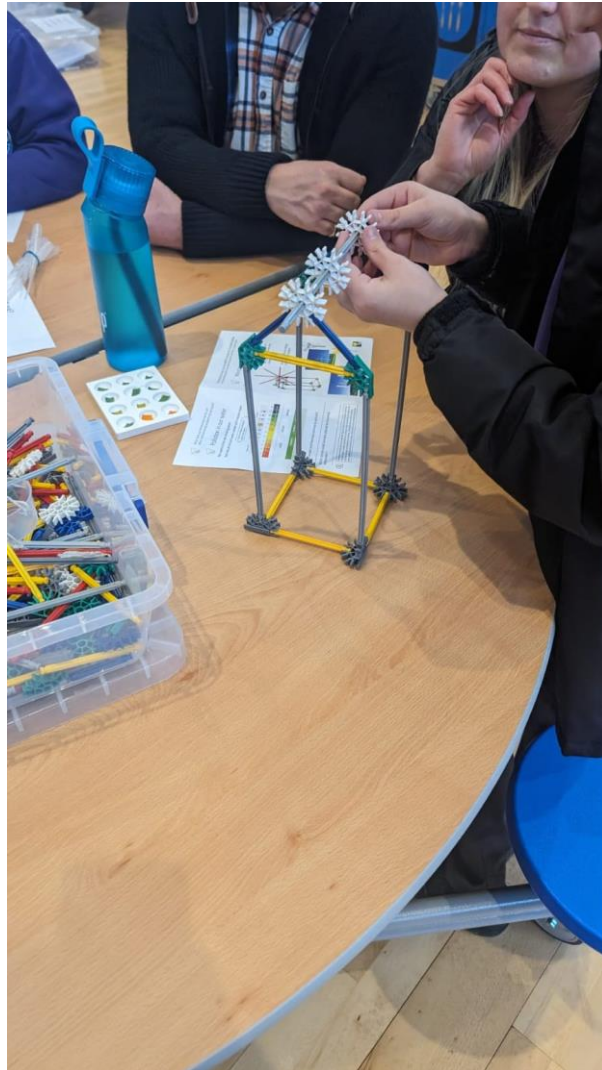
Masarnen, Collen a Llwyfen

This week we've been busy writing our dilemma stories. We're looking forward to share them with you once we're finished. It was our final STEM session with 'Reach Wider' this week. It was lovely to see you explaining what you've been learning with your grown-ups and taking part in the activities. Hope you all have a restful half term!









Tall Poppies

This week the children and patients were led by Isa Lamb who taught them about an environment rich with bio diversity. This prompted much discussion between the children and the patients about their favourite insect/ flower etc and it was lovely to see. The children and patients then were led by Katie to make their own 2D or 3D bees. Bees were chosen because the bumble bee is the best pollinator. Soon, everyone was getting stuck in and some fabulous creations were made. I am very proud of our pupils who helped the patients to gather resources, or conversed with them about what they wanted to do and helped them make their bee.





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

Ceiriosen won the class attendance award.

Jamie - Lee won the individual weekly attendance award.

Eliza won the individual half-term attendance award.

Our current attendance is 87.93%

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.







**Prizes
to be
won**

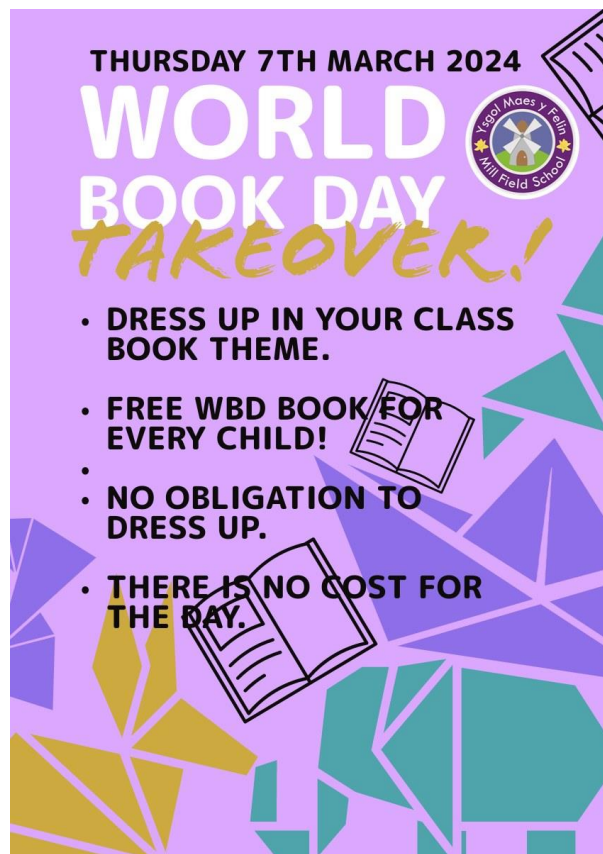


Entries need to be in school by Thursday 22nd February so that they can be judged for our school eisteddfod.

Upcoming events

- 12th February Half term
- 19th February - Children back to school
- 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



THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024

WORLD BOOK DAY TAKEOVER!



- **DRESS UP IN YOUR CLASS BOOK THEME.**
- **FREE WBD BOOK FOR EVERY CHILD!**
- **NO OBLIGATION TO DRESS UP.**
- **THERE IS NO COST FOR THE DAY.**



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, mfmmail@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)

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/>



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>

This event is funded by the Welsh Government











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Sport and Recreation

Aura

please click to view [February Half Term Holiday Activities - Aura Wales](#)



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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