



# YSGOL Y FOEL NEWS

January 2016/Ionawr 2016

## Happy New Year/Blwyddyn Newydd Da

A Happy New Year to everyone and a warm welcome back! I have been most impressed with how well the children have settled in after the Christmas break. I would like to welcome our two new pupils who have started Early Entitlement in our Foundation Phase Class.

### Spring Term Class Topics

#### Dosbarth Famau

English - Dogger by Shirley Hughes and Kippers Toy Box

Science - Materials

Welsh - Body Parts and Colours

Topic - Toys

PE - Gymnastics and Dance

#### Dosbarth Cadair Idris

English - The Snow Spider, Newspapers, Tourist Information

Leaflets and Biographies

Science - Rocks and Soils

Welsh - Pod Antur/Past Tense

Topic - Our Local Area 'Cilcain and Mold'

PE - Gymnastics and Dance

#### Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa

English - Twist of Gold by Michael Morpurgo

Science - How Materials Were Formed and Changed

Welsh - Personal News/Reading Books

Topic - Natural Disasters

PE - Gymnastics

### School Office

Ms Deeley our School Secretary works on the following days:

**Monday and Friday - all day**

**Wednesday - morning**

Only on a **Monday** will school accept payments for dinners, swimming, football etc. We will not be able to accept payments on any other days. Payments can also be made using the School Gateway system.

### Nursery Applications for September 2016

Do you have a child that was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013?

If so, you can now apply on line for admission to our Nursery Class in September 2016, at [www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The closing date for applications is 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

### Attendance

We have very good attendance at Ysgol y Foel. Last term our attendance was **97.8%**

It is important for children to attend school regularly. Here are a few statistics for you to think about...

#### **Attendance Statistic over one school year**

- **98%** = 4 days absent from school
- **95%** = 10 days absent from school
- **90%** = 4 weeks absent from school
- **85%** = 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  weeks absent from school
- **80%** = 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  weeks absent from school

Parents of pupils who are absent from school will be expected to contact school before 9:30a.m. on the first day of absence to provide us with a reason for the absence.

### Free School Meals

If you think that your child may be entitled to free school meals please check the criteria on the Council's website [www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk) or email an enquiry to: [educbusinesssupport@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:educbusinesssupport@flintshire.gov.uk).

Schools receive extra funding for every application approved so it is vital that parents apply. If you are currently claiming free school meals, please note that there is no need to complete a renewal form or submit evidence to continue with the entitlement. However if your circumstances change it is your responsibility to inform the council.

### Diary Dates

#### January 2016

19<sup>th</sup> - Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Visit to Dangerpoint  
Chinese New Year Dinner (Nursery to Yr 1)

22<sup>nd</sup> - Dosbarth Cadair Idris (Yr 2, 3 and 4) Class  
Assembly

26<sup>th</sup> - Football v Glanrafon (Home) Tom Roberts Cup

27<sup>th</sup> - Pentrellyncymer Meeting

#### February 2016

10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> - Y4 and 5 Residential Visit to  
Pentrellyncymer

12<sup>th</sup> - School Closes for Half Term

22<sup>nd</sup> - School Re-Opens & Welsh Week

#### March 2016

1<sup>st</sup> - St David's Day Eisteddfod and Parent's Evening

2<sup>nd</sup> - Parent's Evening

3<sup>rd</sup> - World Book Day

7<sup>th</sup> - Yr 5 Glan Llyn

11<sup>th</sup> - Dosbarth Famau( Nursery, Reception and Year 1)  
Class Assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt & School Closes for Easter

24<sup>th</sup> - Staff Training Day

*'Happy, United, Inspired Achievers'*

### School Closure - Action Plan

At this time of year the weather is becoming more wintery. I hope you find the following information useful with regards to future bad weather or possible school closure.

1. The Headteacher will ascertain conditions in the locality and on the school site. The Headteacher to consult with Chair of Governors and Caretaker.
2. The Head teacher will make a decision, where possible, before 8:00am on whether the school can open or not (A decision is needed this early because of the need to consider before school club pupils)
3. The Headteacher will notify Flintshire County Council with closure details.

4. Information on school closures can be found:

[www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)

School Website - [www.ysgolyfoel.org](http://www.ysgolyfoel.org)

School Twitter - @ysgolyfoel

If possible, we will send a text message via Schools Comms and new School App

In the event of Lixwm school closing, pupils will be asked to bring in a packed lunch as we will be unable to provide a hot meal. This is because our food is cooked at Lixwm School. This information will be posted on our website as soon as it is available

Every effort will be made to keep the school open, however the decision to close a school is never taken lightly and is only made after careful consideration of the many associated risks involved to pupils and employees

### Communication

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter

**@ysgolyfoel**

And remember our website for lots of information:

[www.ysgolyfoel.org](http://www.ysgolyfoel.org)