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Fun, Outstanding, Enriched Learners

Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 18th November 2022

Dydd Gwener 18 Tachwedd 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

What a busy return to school it has been. The children have enjoyed the Jambori with other schools across Wales celebrating 'Cwpan Y Byd.' Year 5 and 6 took part in the indoor athletics festival in Coleg Cambria and represented the school fantastically. We came 7th out of 10 overall. A great achievement. I was so proud of not only how the children competed but of their behaviour and manners too. It was a pleasure to take them. Thank you also to our volunteer drivers for taking them.

We have also had a fantastic visit from a company called 'Joliba'. Who brought a selection of African Drums for the children to play with. He introduced the instruments, and African music and then created a fantastic piece of music with the children.

Thank you to those who attended Parents Evening. It was lovely to see so many of you face to face once again.

Crazy Hair Day – Make a Wish Foundation

Thank you for all the crazy hairstyles we had today. Your pennies raised over £61.54 for The Make A Wish Foundation. The charity chosen by Famau this term.



Transport

The children would like to explore their local area more. We are planning to visit Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve, Loggerheads, Baily Hill. We would do this on a Friday afternoon and would like parent volunteers to transport the children.

In order to do this parent will need a DBS check (specific to our school) clean license and full comprehensive insurance.

If you would be able to help please contact Mrs Watts.

PTA

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas concert (time to follow) This will be followed by mince pies and tea and coffee in the North Aisle after the concert served by the PTA. **The Christmas Raffle will also be drawn.**

Sunday 19th March 2023 – Open Day and Café at School

Thursday 20th April 2023 – Bingo and Easter Egg recycling 6pm – 7.30pm

Friday 23rd June – Sports Day with children's fair and refreshments afterwards

Monday 10th July 2023 – Family Picnic

If you have any other ideas of ways of getting the school and the community together or raising money please contact the school office or Mrs Angela Raw.

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, make sure the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity. Late marks will be given to children where they have not arrived before the side gate is locked. Attendance currently we are at 94.73% for whole school attendance.

Class Information

Foundation Learners

Reading

Reading Books have been sent home are to be returned every Friday.



Spelling

Spellings have been distributed and are on SeeSaw but if you have any problems please speak to Mrs Walker.

Nursery and Reception

Please talk to your children about what they have done over the weekend. When you have downloaded the SeeSaw app you can post pictures. Log in details will be sent home on Monday.

Maths

Our focus for the next 2 weeks will be number bonds, tally charts and graphs.

Topic

Around the World.

Our focus is on Kenya. We will be reading the books, Mama Panya's Pancakes and Handa's Surprise.

Key Stage 2

Reading- Children must bring their reading book in everyday and this includes their reading record. Please make sure you fill in their reading record at least once a week.

Year 5 and 6 will be reading Skyhawk – by Gill Lewis

Year 3 and 4 will be reading Dear Olly – by Michael Morpurgo

They will also have guided reading each week. We will be using Project X series of books and guided comprehensions for this.



Spelling

Year 3 – 6 will be following the patterns from The Spelling Shed. They will be given spellings on Monday and will be tested on Friday. They will bring a list of spellings home to practise for that week.

They will be set an activity on The Spelling Shed (an online platform) each Monday for the children to practise their words for the week. This will need completing before their test on Fridays. **Log in details have been sent home but there are still a number of children not completing the tasks online.**

Maths – For the next 2 weeks we will be practising our times tables and using written multiplication and division

Topic – Around The World.

Our focus will be on Africa.

Year 5 and 6

Over the next term LouNur will be working with Year 5 and 6 on being a good friend, conflict resolution, being able to lose and respect. – these are proving very popular

Year 6

As part of the New Curriculum Year 6 will be having some taster sessions in Spanish for the next half term with Mrs Sam Carson. – this has been a success so far

Homework

The children will be set homework each Monday to be returned the following Monday. This will alternate between maths and reading comprehensions.



School Leaders – Pupil Voice

Our House Captains have been doing an excellent job as our school leaders. They listen to the views of the children in their houses and meet to discuss matters important to them.

Below is a list of activities that the children have asked take place throughout the year. If you can help with any or have any ideas please speak to Mrs O’Neill.

We have highlighted the ones done already.

PUPIL VOICE

In our whole school assembly we decided we would like the following at our school. These have planned through the year.

Activity	Activity
• School play	• Make a wish foundation donation
• Topic related trips	• Bring animals to school
• cancer research fundraiser	• Theatre trip
• Crazy hair	• Easter play
• Charity run	• Ant farm
• Christmas craft fair project	• Cilcain show
• Visitors to the school	• Bike lessons
• End of topic presentation to parents	• New equipment
• Work with other schools	• Add any extras
• Baking	•
• Relax kids	•
• Reading with others	•
• Use out door classroom	•
• Visit to the shop	•
• Instrument lessons	•
• Careers day	•
• PJ Day	•
• Go to the park	•
• Road safety	•
• Moel Famau	•
• Sort out garden	•
• More ICT	•
• Sports games	•
• Use church	•
• Use chapel	•
• Santas reigndeer	•



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Each house would like to raise money each term for a charity of their choice. This term it is the turn of Famau and their charity is ‘The Make a Wish Foundation.’ – a charity granting life changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

Dates for the Diary (provisional)

Wednesday 30th November – ASC Movie Night

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Play, refreshments and raffle

Thursday 15th December – Christmas Panto at Theatr Clwyd – Robin Hood

Thursday 22nd December – ASC Christmas Party

Residential Dates

Year 3 – Kingswood Thursday 4th May 2023 to Friday 5th May 2023

Year 4 & 5 – Plas Menai Wednesday 26th April 2023 to Friday 28th April 2023 – This is a change to the original dates we were given. If you have linked your google calendar to our website, it will have automatically changed in your calendar.

Year 6 – Cardiff Wednesday 12th July 2023 to Friday 14th July 2023

The Alun Transition day (provisional) Thursday 29th June 2023

School Lunches

Menu can be found on the website: <https://www.ysgolyfoel.org/lunch-menu/>

Week commencing 21st November will be Week 3

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be invoiced on weekly basis on school gateway. A text message will be sent out on a Monday to inform you of the invoice on school gateway for the previous week.

Reminder that Breakfast club is open from:

7:45am to 8:15am This is charged at £1.50 per child



8:15am to 9:40am – Free

If your child arrives before 8:15am they will be charged as per time entered on the register. If you have any queries related to charges please speak to Mrs O'Neill.

After School Club

Please support the club as much as possible. This is a much needed service but their numbers are falling.

Don't forget our After-School Cub runs Tuesday to Thursday every week.

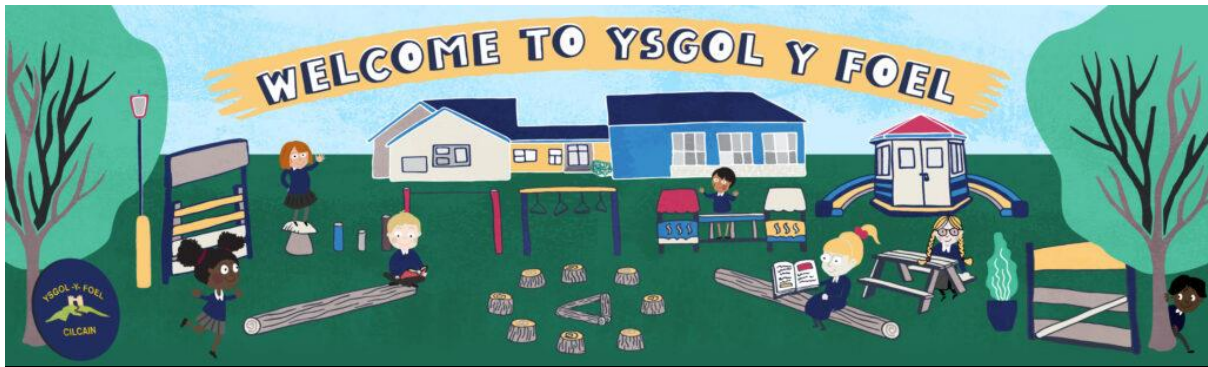
Next event for ASC is Wednesday 30th November, this will be a movie night. Details to follow.

Communications into the School

Please remember that school communication must be conducted **ONLY** via the formal methods. Children queries should be addressed to the class teacher. All office queries should made either by email to yfmail@hwbcymru.net or by telephone on 01352 740197. Queries will only be responded to during school hours between 8:30AM and 12:30pm. Urgent queries will be dealt with up to 3:20pm, by a teaching member of staff. This will be strictly enforced and attempts to make communications via alternative methods will not be responded to. Thank you for your understanding.

Team Dates for 2022/23

Thursday 22 nd December 2022	School Closes for Christmas
Friday 23 rd December 2022	Staff Training Day
Monday 9 th January 2023	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 10 th January 2023	School opens for children
Friday 17 th February 2023	School closes for half-term
Monday 27 th February 2023	School opens for children
Friday 31 st March 2023	School closes for Easter
Monday 17 th April 2023	School opens for children
Monday 1 st May 2023	May Day Bank Holiday



Friday 26 th May 2023	School closes for half-term
Monday 5 th June 2023	School opens for children
Wednesday 19 th July 2023	School closes for Summer
Thursday 20 th July 2023	Staff Training Day

Mrs O'Neill

Headteacher