



'FOEL'

Fun, Outstanding, Enriched Learners
Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 8th September 2023
Dydd Gwener 8 Medi 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Welcome back. It has been super catching up with both children and parents this week. You have all been so busy over the summer, the children have had lots of adventures to talk to us about.

We have been making the most of the school grounds whilst we can and today the children in Year R-6 went to the Village Hall to see some of the work of local artists as part of the Art Trail as well as helping Lorna Jenner and Janet Wainwright in our environmental garden. A huge thank you to members of Flintshare who have offered their time to "prepare" our area ready for the term ahead. Over the Summer a dipping platform has also been added and we hope to use this valuable resource very soon.

We have a very busy term lined up. We have set some events in the diary and have tried to spread them out as much as possible as we are conscious of the rise in energy prices and the rise in the cost of living, however enrichment activities, such as school trips and visitors to the school, are such important learning experience for the children.

Criw Cymraeg

As you are aware we successfully met the requirements for the Bronze award in July and we were extremely grateful to Ms Laura Randall for coming into school on Thursday and presenting the Criw with their framed certificate. The Criw will now lead the school to obtain the Silver award and we hoping as we are on a roll that this will be before the end of this academic year.

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 8:45am – Free

If your child arrives before 8:15am they will be charged as per time entered on the register.

After School Club

From September After School Club will run every day from 3.20pm to 5.20pm until ½ term (27/10/23)

There has been a great take up so far however, I must stress this service needs children to survive. Please ensure you have completed the booking form and we respectfully ask that all payments for this half term are paid by Friday 22nd September. Ad hoc sessions are available and you will be invoiced for these at the end of the week of the sessions used. As a school we recognise this vital service but it is a case of use it or lose it. I thank you in advance for your support with this.

ACTIVITIES – What’s On!

- 11th September – Board Games
- 12th September – Ping pong game
- 13th September – Rugby/ Craft
- 14th September – Bingo
- 15th September – Own Choice
- 18th September – Playdough
- 19th September – Baking
- 20th September – Painting
- 21st September – Quiz
- 22nd September – Own Choice

School Day

- All children should arrive between 8.40am and 8.55 am. Please arrive on time so teachers on duty can return to class.
- Drop off and pick up will be at the school gate.
- All children will finish school together and will be brought down to the gate at 3.20pm.
- Children will need to bring their own healthy snack. We would appreciate you not sending your child with crisps or chocolate.
- PE Kits should be worn on a Monday and Forest School Clothes on a Friday.
- Breakfast Club from 7.45am please use the hall doors for access.
- After School Club will be on every day from 3.20pm until 5.20pm. Collection from the hall doors please.

School Uniform

School uniform promotes a sense of identity, pride and community in the school.

All Pupils

Blue sweatshirt/white polo t-shirt/ grey trousers/grey skirt/pinafore dress



Shoes Black, flat shoes, Not trainers

Physical Education (indoors)

White plain t-shirt or polo shirt/ blue shorts.

Pupils perform gymnastics in bare feet unless they have a foot infection when the wearing of pumps or gym slippers is allowed.

Physical Education (outdoors)

A black/dark tracksuit or school fleece.

White socks with trainers

Swimming - costume/trunks (goggles-optional)

**Please mark clothing clearly with their full name.
Jewellery – wrist watches and stud earrings only.
Long hair must be tied back.**

New Curriculum for Wales

Our curriculum has been published on our website. Below is our school motto.

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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 closed.

Class Information

Foundation Learners

Reading

Children will be heard reading throughout the week and provided with a new reading book every Thursday. However, if your child finishes their book you are more than welcome to send it in to be changed.



Maths

Our focus will be Number and Number Recognition

Topic

Our Changing Earth

Our work will be based on the books Rumble in the Jungle and Commotion in the Ocean

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.

The children will be reading "Song of the Dolphin Boy" Elizabeth Laird.

Guided reading will resume after October half term.

Maths – The focus will be Number.

Topic

Our Changing Earth

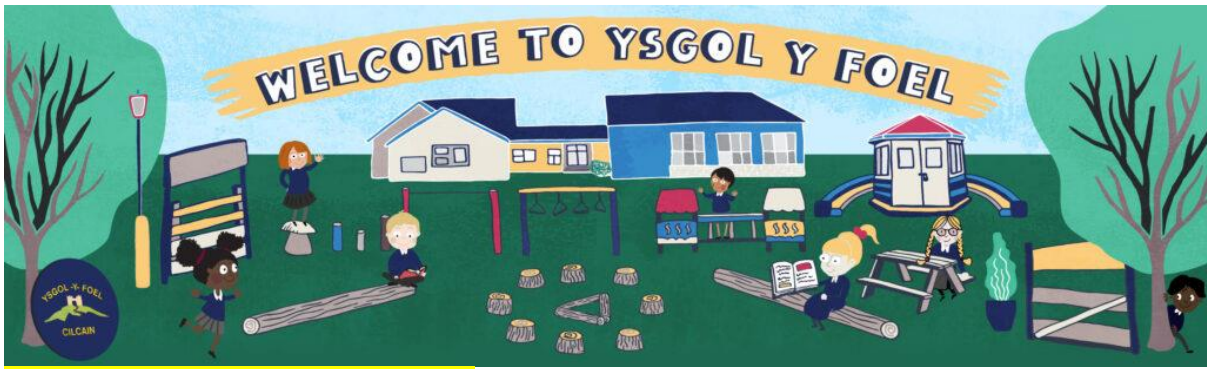
Our focus will begin with looking at oceans.

Homework

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

PC Mark

PC Mark will be in school on Tuesday 19th September he will be covering the issues of 'Right or Wrong' with Foundation Learners, 'Friend or Foe' with Year 3 and 4 and 'I didn't think' with Year 5 and 6.



Whole School - Read Write Inc

As a school we have identified spelling in writing as a target for our school development plan. We have therefore decided to adapt the Read Write Inc programme across the school to suit our learners needs.

In the Summer the children were assessed and we now have four groups. The sessions will happen daily and will focus on a particular sound. The sessions will last for 20 minutes and the children will be involved in a range of activities which will culminate on a Friday with a spelling test.

Children will be issued with a spelling list weekly which staff will prepare, your child will need to practise these at home. The children will also be given passwords to access Spelling Shed (Years 1-6 only) which will embed the sound or spelling rules, they are practising during their Read Write Inc sessions, which are to be completed throughout the week at home. Your support in ensuring these tasks are completed will be much appreciated.

NB: Previously KS2 used Spelling Shed to generate their spellings this will no longer be the case.

As a staff we will be reviewing your child's progress every half term and depending on their progress made they may change groups. You will be informed of their progress at our planned Parents Evenings throughout the year.

Passwords

Passwords for seesaw/ spelling shed are attached to this letter.

Weekly Music Lessons

Weekly music lessons will commence the week beginning 18th September. We are waiting for Theatr Clwyd to confirm day of Piano lessons and any other lessons which have been booked through Theatr Clwyd.

PTA

If you would like to show an interest in joining a relaxed group to fundraise to provide excellent opportunities for our children, please let us know. We would also appreciate someone to consider the role of Treasurer for our PTA group, our current treasurer wishes to hand over the post as his children are no longer at the school. Thank you advance



Dates for the Diary (provisional)

Tuesday 26th September – ASC Movie Night

Thursday 19th October – Harvest Festival

Wednesday 25th October – ASC Halloween Party

Tuesday 14th November – Parents Evening

Tuesday 12th December – Christmas Play

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Panto at Theatr Clwyd – Beauty and the Beast

Residential Dates

Year 3 – Kingswood Thursday 16th May 2024 to Friday 17th May 2024

Year 6 – London Monday 15th July 2024 to Wednesday 17th July 2024

School Lunches

Week Commencing 11th September 2023 – Week 3. Menu can be found on the website:

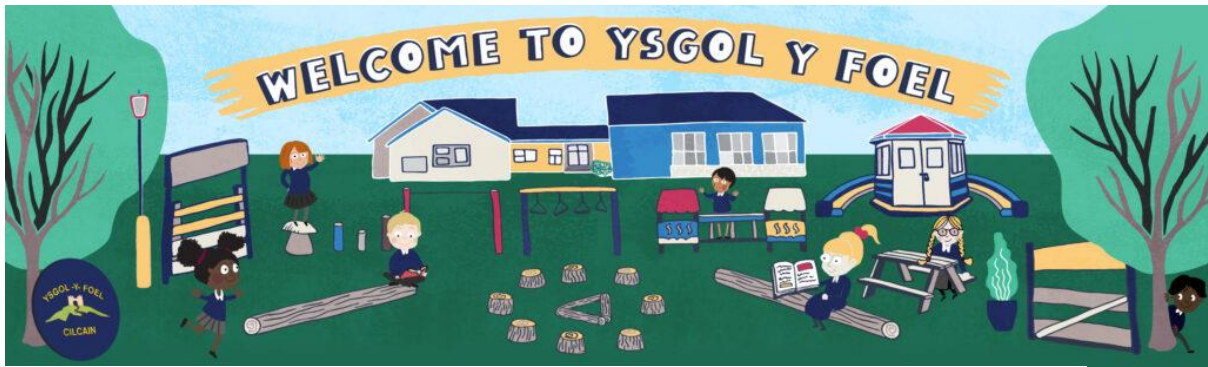
<https://www.ysgolyfoel.org/lunch-menu/>

Breakfast Club Invoices

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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



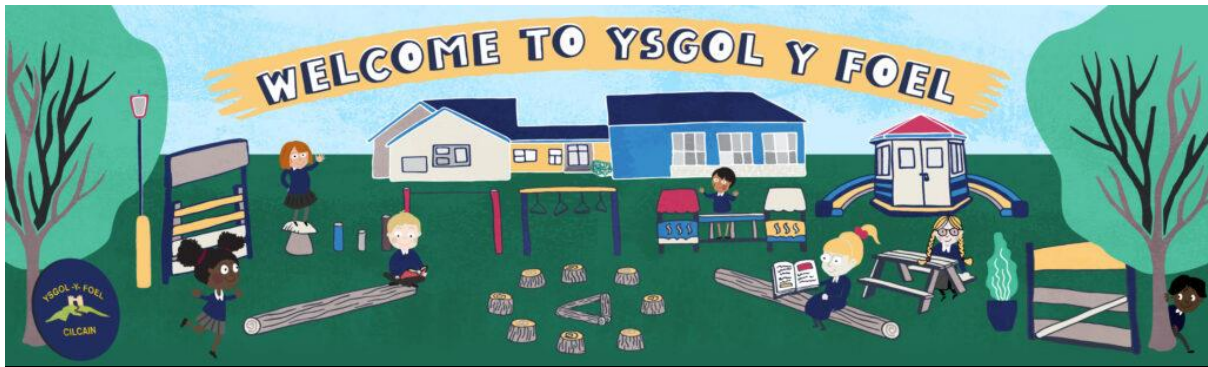
3:20pm, by a teaching member of staff. This will be strictly enforced and attempts to make communications via alternative methods will not be responded to. Thank you for your understanding.

Road Safety at the School

Please do not park on the zig zag lines at the front of the school. They are there to protect the children! Please could everyone entering the school for Breakfast Club or After School Club please use the pedestrian entrance not the car park entrance and keep to the footpath

Team Dates for 2023/24

Friday 1 st September 2023	Staff Training Day
Monday 4 th September 2023	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 6 th September 2023	School opens for children
Friday 27 th October 2023	School closes for half-term
Monday 6 th November 2023	School opens for children
Thursday 21 st December 2023	School Closes for Christmas
Friday 22 nd December 2023	Staff Training Day
Monday 8 th January 2024	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	School opens for children
Friday 9 th February 2024	School closes for half-term
Monday 19 th February 2024	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 20 th February 2024	School opens for children
Friday 22 nd March 2024	School closes for Easter
Monday 8 th April 2024	School opens for children
Monday 6 th May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday



Friday 24 th May 2024	School closes for half-term
Monday 3 rd June 2024	School opens for children
Friday 19 th July 2024	School closes for Summer

Mrs Walker
Acting Headteacher