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Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr

**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Dydd Tachwedd 17 2023**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

**Headteacher's Update**

Once again it has been a busy start to the term. The Year 6 House Captains represented the school during a visit to County Hall. The school photographer has been in so make sure you order in the given timeframe to avoid extra costs.

On Tuesday it was lovely to see you all as we held our Parents evening and I hope you found the meeting useful and also enjoyed looking through your child's books. It was also a huge pleasure to take children in Year 4-6 to the Indoor Athletic Festival, it was a full day of track and field which resulted in our school coming 5<sup>th</sup>.

Although, I have not started to collate the data from the questionnaires I do wish to make you all aware of communication between the school and yourselves. I will post most information on X but this can also be seen via our school website. Mrs Watts has also updated the calendar which you can sync to your mobile phones. You should also receive text messages and emails from our school comms. It is advisable that all parents download the school gateway app (a how to guide will be posted on the school website from Monday) as this informs you of everything that is going on in school. This newsletter is also uploaded onto the website which you can access at your leisure. On occasion your child may receive a letter with specific information for either their class or age group. I do also recognise that if you use all of the above you may feel bombarded with information however, it is the only way we feel everyone gets to know about what is going on in school. Obviously, there may be times where human error occurs however, we ask you to regularly check the above so you are up to date with school events and activities. If in doubt ask a member of staff at the gate when you drop off/pick up and hopefully we will be able to give you the right information.

**If you need to talk to a member of staff please do so in the following ways:**

- Write a letter
- Telephone school to make an appointment



**I have spoken to Breakfast Club, After School Club and Mrs Watts and they are more than welcome to pass on the message that a meeting is required, however please do not share the content of the meeting as this can put staff members in a difficult position.**

All teaching staff will respond to a request of a meeting and will arrange either a telephone conversation or face to face meeting.

**Please do inform Breakfast Club, After School Club and Mrs Watts if your child has an appointment, you wish your child to be picked up early, somebody other than yourself will be at pick up, you require a holiday form etc.**

## **Children In Need**

Thank you for all the kind donations today, we have raised an amazing £79.28 for Children in Need.

## **Cilcain Calendar 2024**

The calendar will be available to purchase from the community shop from today (17/11/23) the cost is £8.00 and it is cash only.

## **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**

**ACTIVITIES – What's On!**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Loom Bands**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Baking**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Colouring/Puzzles**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Quiz**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Table Football**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Quiz**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Christmas Cards**



**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – Games**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Christmas Movie Night**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Own Choice**

After School Club Christmas Party will be held on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 3:20pm to 5:20pm**.  
Details to follow.

## **School Uniform**

We now have a new stockist for school uniform, this is an on-line shop and all our uniform can be purchased via the below link:

[Ysgol y Foel – My Clothing](#)

If you search your school name and select from the dropdown menu our uniform will be listed.

My Clothing Limited are a family run business that are renowned for delivering its promises. With over 30 years of trusted expertise.

They embroider to order, they aim to get deliveries out with 3 to 5 working days. During busy periods they have a 14-working guarantee.

My Clothing is currently offering 10% of all purchases for school uniform up to 17/02/2024. Please use YSGOLMYC10 at checkout.

## **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.

Attendance is compulsory from Reception.

Attendance from 06/09/23 to 15/11/23

**Famau (Foundation Phase) – 96.42%**

**Yr Wyddfa (Juniors) – 96.73%**

**Overall – 96.60%**



## **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. Please ensure you sign your child's reading book to let the class teacher know they have been heard reading.

After half term we would like you to upload your child reading onto Seesaw – please see how to do this on our website shortly.

#### **Maths**

Our focus will be Pattern and Shape

#### **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.

**Maths** – Our focus will be Multiplication, Division and Time

#### **Topic**

#### **Our Changing Earth**

Our focus this half-term will be on Climate Change and Global Warming.



## Homework

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

Spelling Shed -- Please make sure your child accesses this weekly as it is a vital resource to revisit the sounds they are working on as part of their RWI session.

## PTA

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** – Mr Sean Conway will host an evening sharing his career to date and of course his experience of completing 105 Ironmen. **This Event is now SOLD OUT! Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets.**

**Christmas** - The PTA will hold a Grand Raffle at the end of our Christmas performance which this year will be held at Capel Gad. We are hoping this will be a rainbow raffle details to follow.

**Spring Term** – The PTA will host a community café

**Summer Term** – Treasure Hunt and Summer Social

Please look out for posts on the PTA Facebook page if you are a member, school newsletters and posters.

All events will be offered to the wider community of Cilcaïn hopefully raising as much money as we can to spend on our children here at Ysgol Y Foel.

## Dates for the Diary (provisional)

Tuesday 21st November – Mrs Jan Meaden to work with children in Years 3-5, Mrs Meaden will also be meeting Parents of children in Years 3-5 to discuss Welsh Education at Maes Garmon, and what this means to our pupils.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Maes Garmon drama workshop

Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dodgeball Festival at Ysgol Terrig

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Reading Dog is in school

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Dragon Sports Leaders Training for KS2



Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Children to visit St Mary's Church, Cilcain

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Panto at Theatr Clwyd – Beauty and the Beast

### **Residential Dates**

Year 3 – Kingswood Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Year 4 and 5 – Plas Menai 19<sup>th</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Year 6 – London Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Please also check out our website, as the calendar is updated weekly. There are instructions on how to subscribe to the calendar on the web page.

### **School Lunches**

Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Week 3. Menu can be found on the website:

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

From November 6<sup>th</sup> the daily choices of sandwiches, jacket potatoes and pasta pots will no longer be available daily, instead there will be a daily choice of one of the 3 only.

### **Team Dates for 2023/24**

**Please see previous newsletters**

Mrs Walker  
Acting Headteacher