



'FOEL'

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

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 27th October 2023
Dydd Gwener 27 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

I can't believe we have reached the end of my first half term as Acting Head. It has been quite busy and the children have had a range of experiences, from pond dipping to learning the violin, from drawing a robin for the Cilcaïn calendar to creating a Christmas card for Hannah Blythyn. PC Mark and Barney have visited and After School Club have organised a fantastic film night and Halloween party.

Last week it was wonderful to get together at church for our Harvest Service I would like to thank you all for your kind donations for the foodbank, I thought it was a lovely service and your children were amazing.

I would also like to thank you for your understanding about the school closure last Friday due to the unexpected rainfall caused by storm Babet. It is always a hard decision to close the school however, I am grateful for your support with this.

Finally I hope you all keep safe over half term with regards to Halloween and Bonfire Night and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 6th November

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with any member of staff please either speak to them at the gate - morning or afternoon at drop off or pick up and if a further meeting is desired one will be arranged for you alternatively you can phone the school office to request a meeting, I respectfully ask that you do not discuss your matter with Mrs Watts as this can put her in a difficult position, please just ask if you make an appointment with the member of staff and Mrs Watts will then confirm a meeting date and time.

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

Having reviewed and met with After School Club we are pleased to announce that After School Club will continue to run Monday to Friday until Christmas where it will be reviewed again.

Thank you for your support.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Christine Langton and Miss Amelia Pickles to our After School Club team.

ACTIVITIES – What's On!

Monday 6th November – Hama Beads

Tuesday 7th November – Poppy craft

Wednesday 8th November - Jigsaws

Thursday 9th November – Autumn Bingo and Games

Friday 10th November – Own Choice

30th November - Christmas Movie Night

Contracts should have been returned to school today, all payments to be made by Wednesday November 8th.

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

We have been looking into school uniform stockists and are awaiting a sample before we move forward. Once received I will send out more information.

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 or black trainers no logos



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.

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 27/09/23 to 13/10/23

Famau (Foundation Phase) – 96.11%

Yr Wyddfa (Juniors) – 96.05%

Overall – 96.08%

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.



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.

Guided reading will resume after October half term.

Maths – Our focus will be Multiplication, Division and Time

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.

Whole School - Read Write Inc

Children are now in a set routine and accessing daily Read Write Inc sessions. Their progress has been reviewed and the children will be informed of their groups next term.

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

The following have been decided:

Harvest – The PTA made a fantastic £170 due to the raffle and teas and cake donations. A huge thank you to Mrs Kay Roberts, Cilcain Community Shop and our PTA volunteers.

December 1st – Mr Sean Conway will host an evening sharing his career to date and of course his experience of completing 105 Ironmen. Details to follow.

Christmas - The PTA will hold a Grand Raffle at the end of our Christmas performance which this year will be held at Capel Gad. If you would like to offer a raffle prize please let myself or Mrs Raw know.

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 Cilcain hopefully raising as much money as we can to spend on our children here at Ysgol Y Foel.

The PTA also agreed to fund 2 new resources Tric a Chlic for Foundation Learners and RMEasimaths.

Dates for the Diary (provisional)

Wednesday November 8th – KS2 House captains to visit County Hall to meet the Chair of the Council Mrs Gladys Healy.

Wednesday November 8th – Maes Garmon to work with Years 3-6

Tuesday 14th November – Tempest Individual photographs.

Tuesday 14th November – Parents Evening

Wednesday 15th November – Indoor Athletics Festival – Years 4-6

Thursday 16th November – LouNar to work with all children

Friday 17th November – Children in Need



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 22nd November – Maes Garmon drama workshop

Thursday November 23rd – Dodgeball Festival at Ysgol Terrig

Monday 27th November – Dragon Sports Leaders Training for KS2

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 4 and 5 – Plas Menai 19th June to 21st June 2024

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

School Lunches

Week Commencing 6th November 2023 – Week 1. Menu can be found on the website:

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

From November 6th 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.

We have been informed by Flintshire County Council that they will be increasing the cost of meals to **£2.80 per day from the 2nd October 2023**. This only affects years 5 & 6.

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

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| Friday 27 th October 2023 | School closes for half-term |
| Monday 6 th November 2023 | School opens for children |



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| 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