



'FOEL'

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

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 29th September 2023
Dydd Gwener 29 Medi 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

What a busy start to the term, it has been lovely seeing the children settling in to the school routine and trying their best in everything they do. They have been so involved in planning the year ahead and I hope we will be able to achieve many of their fantastic ideas throughout the school year. In my first newsletter I forgot to welcome Mr Josh Goodwin to our school but he has also settled in and forming great relationships with all children and getting to know your faces at the gate. So far this term they have been involved with the local community by producing beautiful robins for the upcoming Cilcain 2024 calendar designing their Christmas cards (its never too early) for Cauliflower Cards and for the Christmas Card competition for Delyn primary schools by Hannah Blythyn MS.

Barney our Reading Dog came met some of our children yesterday and loved them reading to him. 2 pupils from Year 6 attended a Welsh day at Ysgol Maes Garmon where they took part in a drama session led by Theatr Clwyd and a games session run by the Urdd, I was so proud of how confident the pupils were in using their Welsh and it was a fantastic day.

Yesterday a number of pupils from Years 3-6 represented the school football team in an event held at Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood. They represented the school and won on penalties. This year the children want to take part in more sporting events so I know there will be a lot more events in the future.

Today Mrs Lorna Jenner came to work in our environmental garden and we explored our pond. Please look out for pictures on X (Twitter).

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.



Parent Governor

Don't forget that completed nomination forms should be returned to Mrs Watts, as Acting Returning Officer no later than Monday 2nd October 2023 at Midday.

Criw Cymraeg

Criw Cymraeg lead our Wednesday assembly and our lovable characters of Owain, Seren and Dewi have already been sent home. Ticw will be sent home next week. Thank you for helping your children complete the book, please use the phrases at the front of the book to help you.

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)

ACTIVITIES – What's On!

02/10/23 – Hama Beads

03/10/23 – Baking

04/10/23 – Marble Run

05/10/23 – Cup Game

06/10/23 – 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.

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 27/09/23

Famau (Foundation Phase) – 96.61%

Yr Wyddfa (Juniors) - 96.90%

Overall – 96.78%



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.

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.

Whole School - Read Write Inc

Children are now in a set routine and accessing daily Read Write Inc sessions.

Please make sure your child completes the activities set on Spelling Shed. This is a vital resource to help your child reinforce the sound they are working on during their Read Write Inc sessions.

PTA

Meeting Monday 9th October 2023

Time 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Please come along – everyone welcome!

During our meeting we will need to:

Appoint the following positions:

- Treasurer
- Vice Chair

A huge thank you to Mrs Angela Raw who has agreed to stay on as Chair until Christmas. Mrs Raw will stay on the PTA after this date but not in the position of Chair. It is hoped we can appoint a new Chair in January.

On this day our After-School Club have kindly agreed to look after children of Parents who will be attending this meeting free of charge.

Any Parents who cannot make this meeting but will be willing to volunteer their time for events or have any fundraising ideas please can you let me know prior to the meeting.

As a small school we always need to update our equipment and resources as well as sourcing funding to help with the price of coaches. At this current time we are in need of much needed funds and I am hoping that together we can plan a busy calendar and raise as much money as we possibly can.

Dates for the Diary (provisional)

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 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 2nd October 2023 – Week 3. Menu can be found on the website:

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

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

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