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Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 1st December 2023
Dydd Gwener Rhagfyr 1af 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

I can't believe we have reached December! The children are very busy practising for the upcoming concert which will be held in Capel Gad. We have two performances, one in the afternoon starting at 2.30 p.m. and one in the evening starting at 6 p.m. We will ask for the children to return to chapel for the evening performance at 5.45 p.m.

Please check our website and sync your calendars as the run up to Christmas is always a busy one. Tonight, the PTA are holding one of their biggest events and I would like to thank Mr. Sean Conway for his time for what promises to be a fantastic evening.

Cilcain Calendar 2024

The calendar will be available to purchase from the community shop, the cost is £8.00 and is cash only. The month of December is fabulous and is entitled Robin Goch – can you spot your robin?

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

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Movie Night it was the right film to get us into the Christmas Spirit.

After School Club Christmas Party will be held on **Wednesday 20th December 3:20pm to 5:20pm.**



All activities for After School Club are on our website so check it out and see what is on – you will find this information under the tab Wraparound Care.

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.

From December 18th to December 21st your children may come to school in their Christmas jumpers/ festive clothes.

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 01/12/23

Famau (Foundation Phase) – 96.68%

Yr Wyddfa (Juniors) – 97.75%

Overall – 97.30%



Class Information

We will be visiting the chapel to practise on the following dates:

5/12/23 7/12/23 11/12/23

On the 11th December this will be our dress rehearsal, all Foundation Learners will be provided with a costume and they will need their school uniform on underneath (this has been sent to all Foundation Learners via Seesaw). Children in Key stage 2 to wear school uniform and a Christmas jumper. Please do not provide a jumper with a musical feature and please do not send your children will not need a Santa hat or other festive headbands as pictured below. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



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 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.

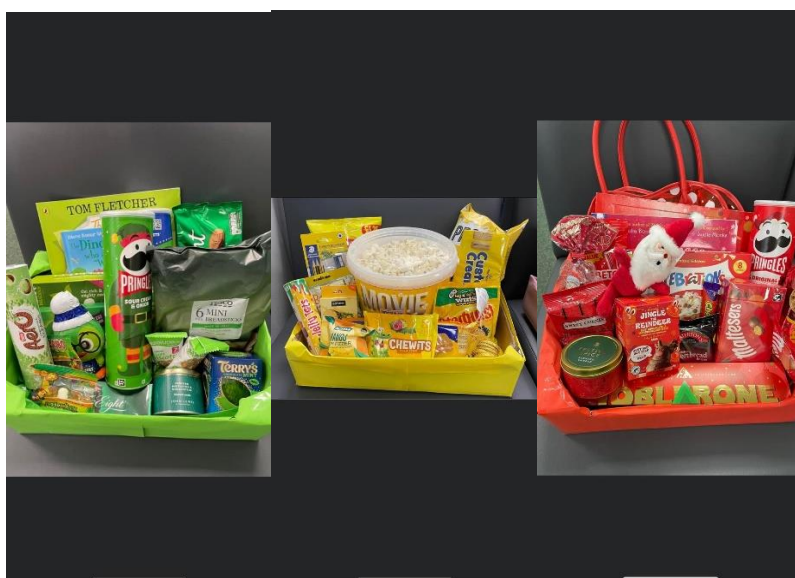
Spelling Shed -- Please make sure your child accesses this weekly as it is a vital resource to revisit the sounds they are working on as part of their RWI session.

PTA

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to all PTA members who have offered their time and helped to organise the Sean Conway event, you have all done a super job and I am sure tonight will be a huge success!

Christmas Raffle – We need your help!

We have received a number of prizes from local businesses however, this year we would like our houses to donate something in their house colour, hopefully with a Christmassy theme but this is not essential. Please see the examples below:





We will then ask our house captains to prepare a hamper of their coloured gifts as part of the raffle prizes. The PTA and myself would like to thank you all for your support with this and look forward to receiving your donations. **All donations will need to be sent into school by Monday December 11th.**

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, website 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.

Dates for the Diary (provisional)

Wednesday 6th December – Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 12th December – Year 5 and 6 Water polo and Ten Pin Bowling @ Flint Leisure Centre 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Tuesday 12th December – Christmas Play Performance 1 – 2.30 p.m.

Friday 15th December – Children to visit St Mary’s Church, Cilcain

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

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Dinner, festive film and hopefully a visit from a very important visitor.

Thursday 21st December – Christmas Party lunch.

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

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 December 4th 2023 – Week 2 . Menu can be found on the website:

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

This will be the final time we provide the week on the newsletter as we have added it to the school calendar.

Term Dates for 2023/24

Please see previous newsletters/ website under Parents and Carers

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