



'FOEL'

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

**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr**  
**Friday 12th January 2024**  
**Dydd Gwener 12 Ionawr 2024**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

## **Headteacher's Update**

### **Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi!**

It has been lovely talking to the children and hearing all about your Christmas adventures. You have all been very busy.

The children have had a super return to school and I thank you for ensuring your child is wearing correct school uniform.

We are starting the New Year with some very exciting news as we have been successful in two grant applications totalling an incredible £1,500 which will go towards much needed works in our environmental garden.

We also raised £48 for the acorns collected so this is something we will definitely do this year and will hopefully start earlier to ensure an even better collection total!

We have a busy term ahead. Please keep up to date by reading the newsletter, checking the website and X.

## **Snow**



## **School Improvement Plan**

Please see the table below detailing the Schools Improvement Plan for the Year.

	<b>Targets</b>
<b>1</b>	Develop opportunities for all learners to apply and transfer their mathematical skills and knowledge into cross curricular context.
<b>2</b>	To raise standards of reading and spelling across the school.
<b>3</b>	Further refine the development of ICT skills across the curriculum.

## **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**

Please ensure all monies are paid by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**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**

As Christmas jumpers have been put away for another year as a school please ensure your child comes to school in correct school uniform, this includes long hair being tied back and no nail varnish.

It is also a good time of year to ensure clothes are clearly labelled with your child's name. As I am sure you can appreciate it makes it easier for staff to identify if your child misplaces an item of clothing.



For school uniform:

- [Ysgol y Foel – My Clothing](#)  
My Clothing is currently offering 10% of all purchases for school uniform up to 17/02/2024. Please use YSGOLMYC10 at checkout.
- Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists – Mold.

## 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. Please visit [Exclusion Period for Common Infections \(August 2023\) English](#) where you will find current guidance.

Attendance is compulsory from Reception. You should have received your child's attendance for the Autumn Term.

Ysgol Y Foel Attendance Data – Autumn Term 2023

32 full time children in total (3.12% per child)

2 children below 90% (6.24%)

Famau (Foundation Phase) – 96.18%

Yr Wyddfa (Juniors) – 96.23%

Overall – 96.50%

## Class Information

### Foundation Learners

### Reading

Reading Books can be brought in when they are finished or on a Friday.

### Spelling



If you are in a RWI group with Miss Edwards, Mr Goodwin or Mrs Lewis you will be provided with your spelling list every Monday. Spelling tests will be every Friday.

New words will be given 15/1/24

Spelling Shed activities will also be uploaded for the children in these groups also.

## **Maths**

Our focus when we return will be money and pattern

## **Topic**

Our focus will be based on the book "The Highway Rat" Julia Donaldson

## **Key Stage 2**

**Our topic will be Friend or Foe (with a focus on World War II)**

We will be using an animation in Literacy as our stimulus for creative writing.

We will begin Guided reading this term. Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record everyday please.

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**Maths** – When we return we will continue to look at time, before revisiting multiplication and division. After half term we will look at money.

## **Homework**

The children will be set homework each Monday to be returned the following Monday. This will alternate between maths and literacy. This term the literacy homework focus will be on punctuation and grammar.



## PTA

The PTA will provide the following to our pupils as a result of the fundraising money to date. All we can say as a school is a huge Diolch yn fawr iawn!

**Aura PE sessions**

**LouNar session**

**Tric a Clic resources**

**RMeasimaths**

**Weekly shop visits (Spring Term)**

**Diamond Diners/Forest Schools food purchases**

**The next PTA meeting will be on TBC held at school from 3pm. All welcome!**

If you have any other ideas of ways of getting the school and the community together or raising money please come along or speak to myself or Mrs Angela Raw.

**Spring Term** – The PTA will host a community café – this will be discussed at the meeting and volunteers sought!

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

## Dates for the Diary (provisional)

9<sup>th</sup> January – children in – we will also begin our visits to the community shop this will be for all pupils every Tuesday morning until Easter.

12<sup>th</sup> January – am – PC Mark Jones pm - Visit to St. Mary's church to meet with Rev. Stroud

22<sup>nd</sup> January – children to visit Planetarium in the Village Hall

24<sup>th</sup> January – Years 2-6 to receive First Aid training from St. John's Ambulance.

## 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

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

## Term Dates for 2023/24

Please see previous newsletters/ website under Parents and Carers

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Training Day**

Mrs Walker  
Acting Headteacher