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

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 1st March 2024
Dydd Gwener 1af 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

A warm welcome back to what has been a very busy start to the term. Today was a lovely day where we celebrated Dydd Gwyl Dewi and our Eisteddfod. The children produced some beautiful pieces of handwriting and created fantast D&T models. The children also performed their recitations and I must say this year the standard has been extremely high.

Thank you for your wonderful tombola prizes and we look forward to seeing you all at the community café on Saturday. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising this event.

We do have a number of events happening this half term so please do check the school website, visit us and X and via email.

I would like to say thank you in advance to the Parents who have offered to provide Transport to and from sporting events and we will be in touch soon.

Please also remember to email/upload your pictures onto Seesaw of your child reading in an unusual place as part of our celebrations for World Book Day.

Parking in the Crescent

Could we please remind parents that if you are parking in the Crescent at drop off or pick up time please ensure that you are cleared the area by 8:20am or 3:30pm, this is to allow the high school bus to turn and park safely at the bus stop. A complaint has been made by the bus company regarding the number of vehicles parked there to County Council. The residents and the school have been approached to rectify the issue.



School Residentials

Just a reminder from the letters that were sent out at the beginning of the academic year the due dates for the instalment for all the junior residentials.

Year 3 Kingswood – 16th – 17th May

Instalment	Due Date	Amount
2 nd	29/02/24	£40.00
Final	30/03/24	£49.00

Year 4 & 5 Plas Menai 19th -21st June

Instalment	Due Date	Amount
2 nd	29/02/24	£57.50
Final	29/03/24	£57.50

Year 6 London – 15th – 17th July

Instalment	Due Date	Amount
2 nd	01/03/24	£75.00
3 rd	12/04/24	£75.00
Final	24/05/24	£80.00

Could you please ensure payment for all instalments are made by the final payment date. If you are unable to make payment by the final due date please contact Mrs Walker.

After School Club

After School Club are on our website – you will find information under the tab Wraparound Care.

The postponed Movie night will now be held on Tuesday 19th March. If you have already paid for the event on school gateway this has been carried forward.

Breakfast Club

All information relating to our Breakfast Club can be found on our website, under Wraparound Care.

School Uniform

Thank you for your support in sending your children to school with the correct school uniform (Tuesday-Thursday), your children look so smart and ready to work.

I do encourage you all to follow our school uniform code and ensure your child's hair if long is tied back and to refrain from wearing nail varnish.

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.

Our fantastic PTA have also provided us with our Year 6 Leavers Hoodies which were handed out during our Eisteddfod and they are now more than welcome to wear their hoodie to school.

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.

Attendance data for up to 23rd February 2024

Class	Percentage of attendance
Dosbarth Famau	95.04%
Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa	95.54%
Overall	95.33%

We have 32 full time pupils in total (3.12% per child)

6 children below 90% (18.72%)

As a school we strive to ensure our attendance is monitored and your support with this is appreciated.

Class Information

Foundation Learners

Reading

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



Spelling

If your child is 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 issued weekly.

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.

We will also be sending home a code for your child to go on RMeasimaths after half term.

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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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.

Year 6 pupils homework will not be returned as it is being collected as evidence. If there are a number of errors Miss Taylor will return the homework for the pupil to have another look over the activity.

Year 3 and 4 pupils need to learn their timestables, a timestable booklet has been sent home with all pupils to practice.

World Book Day

This year, as part of World Book Day we would like you to take a picture of you child/children reading a book in an unusual place. Please upload pictures onto Seesaw. We hope to collate the pictures and share them with you.

PTA

March 2nd - The PTA will host a community café

If you would like to bake a cake please let me know or tell Carrie (OG and EL mum) if baking is not your thing but you would like to cheat and offer an already made cake from a shop this would also be most welcome. All cakes can be brought to school on March 1st or taken to the Village Hall on the day of the café.

Next Week our PTA will be coming in to work with the children to create a surprise for someone on March 10th. Date/Time TBC

Summer Term – Treasure Hunt and Summer Social – I believe a questionnaire will be handed to parents to see which date will be the most popular, but know this will happen in June.

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)

Date	Event/ Activity
07/03/24	World book day (children will be able to dress up as their favourite character)
12/03/24	Parents Evening – Letters sent home today 01/03/24 Yr Wyddfa – World War 2 workshop
14/03/24	PDSA workshop
15/03/24	Red Nose Day
19/03/24	ASC Movie Night
20/03/24	Sign Language lesson for Dosbarth Famau pupils
21/03/24	KS2 Rural Schools handball

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

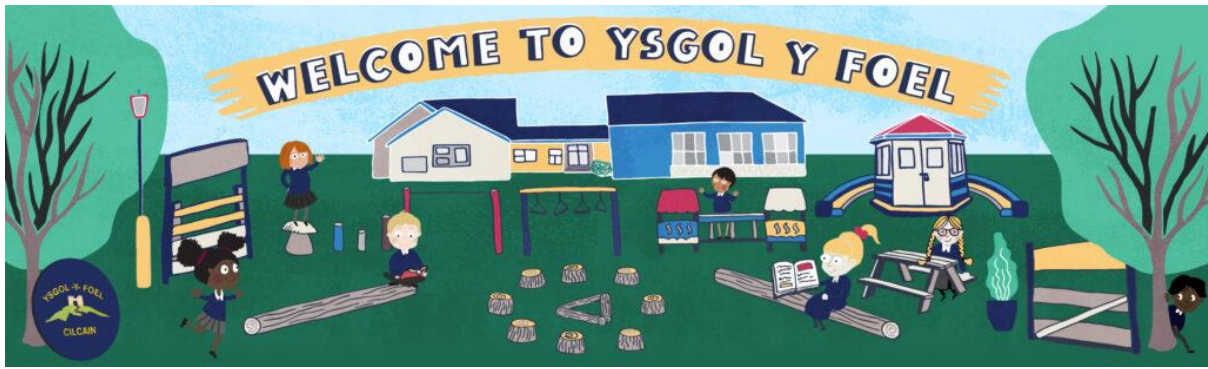
Please also check out our website, as the calendar is updated weekly. There are instructions on how to subscribe to the calendar on the web page.

School Lunches

Please could we remind all parents that lunches can now be ordered via school gateway. Lunches can be pre-booked up to three weeks in advance. Could you please ensure that any lunch balances that are due to Newydd are paid at your earliest convenience.

The lunch menu can still be found on the school website. Please see link below:

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



Mrs Walker
Acting Headteacher