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Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr

**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr  
Friday 9th February 2024  
Dydd Gwener 9 Chwefror 2024**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

### **Headteacher's Update**

Well what a busy start to the first half term, the children have had fantastic experiences with visits from Rev. Stroud, P.C. Mark and Open the Book, as well as visiting the Planetarium and Community Shop. Children in Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa have also received St. John's First Aid Training and this week took part in a British Sign Language workshop.

The new dinner system after some initial issues appears to be up and running but if you are experiencing any problems please contact Sarah in the office.

I would also like to thank you for your support yesterday when Flintshire County Council closed

Next term, will begin on Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> .

### **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. This is £1.50 and can be charged up to 8.14 am. Please ensure if you do not want to incur this charge you arrive at 8.15 am, (if you want to ask/confirm a time you are more than welcome to do so)

### **After School Club**



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

## 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.

## 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.

## WELSH WEEK

For our Eisteddfod this year our Criw Cymraeg have decided upon the following competitions:

- **Handwriting**
- **Recitation**
- **Art 2D**
- **Design and Technology 3D**

We will be completing the recitation, handwriting and D and T competitions in school but if your child would like to participate in the Art competition the theme this year is Pobl Enwog o Gymru / Famous people of Wales. All Art entries need to be produced on A4 paper and will need to be brought into school by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> the children will participate in our school Eisteddfod, children will be able to come to school dressed in traditional Welsh dress, wearing red/green or wearing a Welsh Rugby or Football top. We would also like your child to wear a daffodil or leek on March 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate St. David's Day.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 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 1<sup>st</sup> or taken to the Village Hall on the day of the café.

If you are able to help out at the café on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> please let Carrie know.





**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)**

20/2/24 – Rev Stroud to visit school

26/2/24 – Welsh Week

28/2/24 – Gymnastic Festival

1/3/24 – School Eisteddfod

7/3/24 – World Book Day (children will be able to dress up as their favourite character from a book/story)

12/3/24 – Parents Evening

15/3/24 – Red Nose Day – Our children will decide how they want to celebrate this day.

21/3/24 - Rural Schools Handball

### **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/> **IS THIS STILL RELEVANT?**



## 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