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**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 15th March 2024
Dydd Gwener 1af 2024**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

It has been another couple of busy weeks in school. I would like to thank you all for your support with World Book Day 2024 and I hope you have viewed the video on our website, the children also appeared in the Evening Leader which hopefully I sent a link to on X. This week we welcomed Val Thompson into school who helped our children create beautiful drawings of daffodils ready for the Cilcain 2025 calendar where this year our month will be March. Children in Years 3-6 took part in a World War 2 workshop and it was also Parents Evening. The evening was a great opportunity to discuss your child/children and share their progress with you. I do hope most of you managed to take a look at our new format for our end of year reports but if you didn't get chance a blank template will be emailed to you after Easter.

I would also like to thank all of the PTA who helped out at the community café which again was another successful fundraising event raising over £300 for our school and pupils.

It has also been lovely to invite Carrie and Angela into school who worked with the children to create a Mother's Day surprise I hope all the mum's enjoyed their special gift and had a wonderful day. The PTA have also funded Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of this term.

Governors

The governing body would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Richard and Helen for their efforts and positive impact they have made over their 4 years as Parent Governors.

The annual Governors report for 2022/23 was emailed to parents on the 26th January 2024, and is also available on the school website [Annual-Report-to-Parents-2022-2023.pdf \(ysgolyfoel.org\)](#) . If



you have any questions or comments please email yfmail@hwbcymru.net and we will forward them to the Chair of Governors.

We currently have a vacancy for a clerk on our governing body. Training and guidance is provided for this role. If you are interested in this position or have any questions please contact the school office via email: yfmail@hwbcymru.net or phone on 01352 740197.

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 also pleased to announce that their postponed event of Movie Night will take place in school on Tuesday 19th March. The children will be watching WONKA.

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



Contracts have been sent out and we respectfully ask they are returned by March 22nd. Please ensure all payment for After School Club is paid by Monday April 8th.

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 and Year 6 are now more than welcome to wear their hoodie to school.

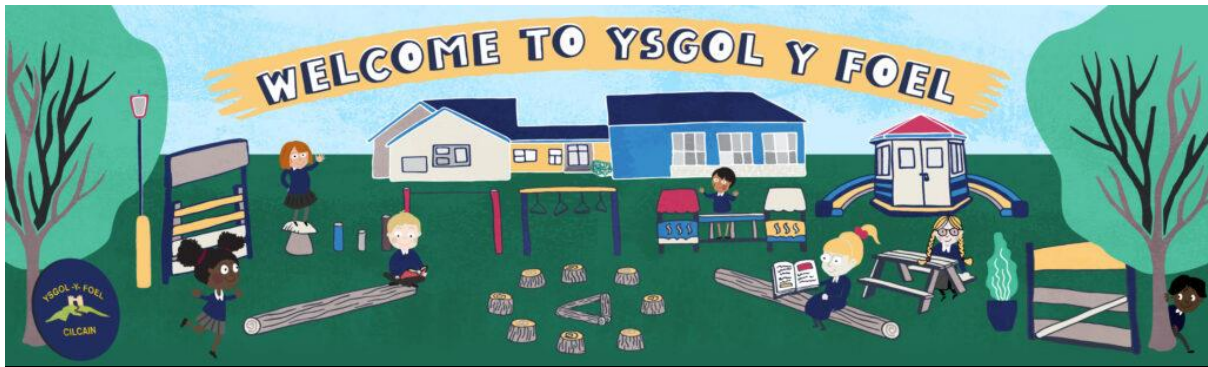
Attendance

- 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 15th March 2024

Class	Percentage of attendance
Dosbarth Famau	94.48%
Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa	95.35%



Overall	94.98%
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We have 32 full time pupils in total (3.12% per child)

5 children below 90% (15.6%)

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.

At our Parent’s Evening we showed you how to upload your child reading on Seesaw, please will you try and do this after Easter – thank you in advance.

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 Easter.

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 – 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.

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.

PTA

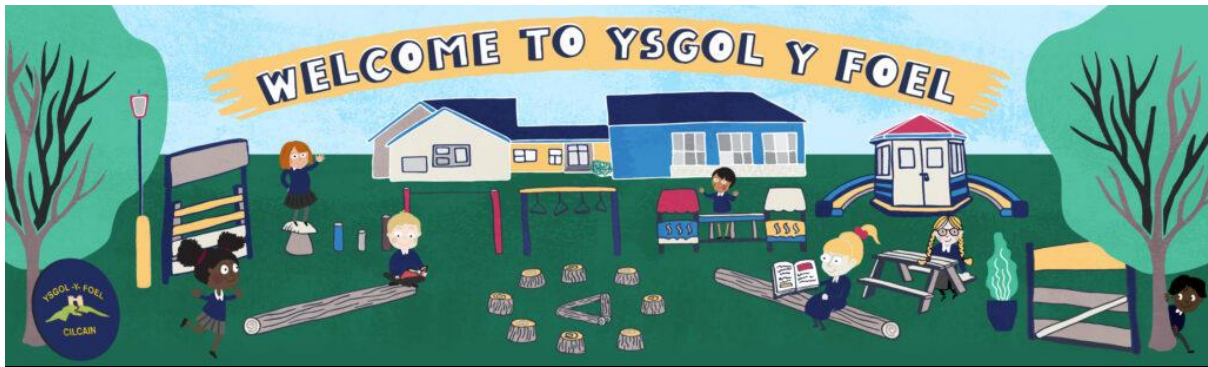
Summer Term – Treasure Hunt and Summer Social – I believe a questionnaire will be handed to parents to see which date will be the most popular, but know this will happen in June.

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
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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