



'FOEL'

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

**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
**Dydd Gwener 13 Medi 2024**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

**Headteacher's Update**

Welcome back! On behalf of myself and staff of Ysgol Y Foel it has been lovely to welcome back all our pupils and they have all settled back into the school routine. We have a busy year ahead with lots of exciting things happening and I can't wait for your children to experience them. This newsletter will be filled with lots of information, some important changes and a few requests so please take the time to read. This newsletter will of course be uploaded on to our website so you can refer back to it as needed.

As you are aware Mr. Goodwin signed us up for Tesco Stronger Starts from April with a focus to develop our Wellbeing Warriors we have been told we will receive £500. Thank You Mr. Goodwin for sorting this.

You may have seen the poster outside school for Asda, if you download the app and select our school we instantly get £1 and if you shop in Asda every time you shop we will receive a small percentage.

Our baby and toddler session started this week and will continue every Wednesday during term time. A huge thank you to Parent Governors Nina Garnett and Caroline Conway for setting this up. We welcomed two new families to the session this week and hope we can grow. Please spread the word if you know of any families in the area with little ones.



This term we will be revisiting and sharing with you The Curriculum for Wales at Ysgol Y Foel.

### **What do we mean by Curriculum?**

A Curriculum should be considered at the heart of any school. Our curriculum is a joined-up way of thinking to realise our vision to ensure our learners are ambitious, enterprising, ethical and healthy citizens. Our curriculum is broad and balanced and suitable for all learners of different ages, abilities and aptitudes. It provides for appropriate progression for learners and includes a range of provision to include this.

### **The Curriculum at Ysgol Y Foel has been created using:**

#### **The Four Purposes**

The Four Purposes are at the heart of the curriculum at Ysgol Y Foel. The children and staff have re written them in language that easy for them to understand and use in their daily practises. (The full version can be found on the Welsh Governments website) The first purpose we will be looking at is:

**Aim High, you can do it!**

(ambitious, capable learners)

This means we:

- Try our best, and challenge ourselves
- Use and apply our knowledge in different situations
- Try and communicate in Welsh and English in everyday life
- Have confidence to ask questions and enjoy solving problems
- Use number in everyday life
- Explain and share your ideas and learning
- Use ICT to communicate creatively and share findings

**Please ask your children what they have been doing in school and see if they can link it or you can link it to the above.**

#### **Governors**

We currently have a vacancy for a Community Governor and a Clerk on our governing body. Training and guidance are provided for this role. If you are interested in either of these



positions or have any questions please contact the school office via email: [yfmail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:yfmail@hwbcymru.net) or phone on 01352 740197.

## 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 our website where you will find current guidance under **Parents and Carers, Sickness and Attendance**.

Attendance is compulsory from Reception.

### Attendance data for up to 12/09/2024:

Class	Percentage of attendance
Dosbarth Famau	97.04%
Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa	95.60%
Overall	96.36%

### Attendance Data for Academic Year 2023/2024

Class	Percentage of attendance
Dosbarth Famau	94.89%
Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa	96.13%
Overall	95.59%

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

## Class Information

All children have been provided with Seesaw, Hwb and RMeasimaths accounts.



## **Foundation Learners**

### **Reading**

Children will be heard reading throughout the week and provided with a new reading book every Thursday, please can reading books be returned on Monday.

Please upload your child reading onto Seesaw.

### **Maths**

Our focus will be Number and Number Recognition

### **Topic**

### **Lights Camera Action**

Our work will be based on the film Frozen.

### **Homework**

Homework has been set for Foundation Learners this week and all children have been provided with a Homework book. Homework will be set on a Thursday and will need to be completed and returned for the following Monday.

## **8-11 Learners**

**Reading-** Children must bring their reading book in everyday and this includes their reading record. Please upload your child reading onto Seesaw.

The children will be reading “The BFG” by Roald Dahl.

It is also hoped that the children will watch the film versions and we are seeking your consent to do this as they are both certified PG. If myself or Miss Taylor do not hear from you we will take this as your consent.

**Maths** – The focus will be Number.



## Topic

### Lights Camera Action

Our focus will begin with looking at early animation devices, the birth of cinema and silent films.

### Homework

The children will be set homework each Monday to be returned the following Monday. This will alternate between maths and reading comprehensions.

Spellings will be uploaded onto Seesaw on a Monday **beginning 16/9/24** and their test will be on a Friday. Their first spelling test will be on **20/9/24**.

Times Tables will be sent home on a Monday to be tested the following Monday, this will start on 16/9.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be invoiced on weekly basis on school gateway.

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

After School Club will run every day from 3.20pm to 5.20pm.

There has been a great take up so far, however, I must stress this service needs children to survive. Please ensure you have completed the booking form and we respectfully ask that all payments for this half term are paid by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**. We still have some outstanding payments from the end of the last academic year and you have been invoiced for this. Please ensure this payment is paid as soon as possible. Ad hoc sessions are available and you will be invoiced for these at the end of the week of the sessions used. As a school we recognise this vital service but it is a case of use it or lose it. I thank you in advance for your support with this.



## ACTIVITIES – What’s On!

Board Games/Jigsaws/Wasigij

Ping pong game

Craft

Bingo

Playdough

Baking

Painting

Quiz

There is always a selection of things happening during each session and a more detailed timetable will be sent out soon!

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

## School Day

- All children should arrive between 8.40am and 8.55 am. Please arrive on time so teachers on duty can return to class.
- Drop off and pick up will be at the school gate.
- All children will finish school together and will be brought down to the gate at 3.20pm.
- **Children will need to bring their own healthy snack. – lists are available online but if we can stay away from chocolate bars and crisps this will be appreciated.**

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|----------------|----------|------------------------|
| • Banana       | Cucumber | Yogurts                |
| • Apple        | Carrots  | Crackers               |
| • Pear         | Peppers  | Bread Sticks           |
| • Grapes       | Celery   | Popcorn                |
| • Berries      | Olives   | Oaty Bars              |
| • Clementine’s | Raisins  | Fruit/Vegetable crisps |

- PE Kits should be worn on a Monday for 8-11 Learners
- PE kits should be brought into school on a Monday in a PE bag for Foundation Learners. This bag can stay in school until half term.
- Forest School clothes should be worn on a Monday for Foundation Learners.
- Forest School clothes should be worn on a Friday for 8-11 learners.
- Breakfast Club from 7.45am please use the hall doors for access.
- After School Club will be on every day from 3.20pm until 5.20pm. Collection from the hall doors please.



## School Uniform

School uniform promotes a sense of identity, pride and community in the school.

### All Pupils

Blue sweatshirt/white polo t-shirt/ grey trousers/grey skirt/pinafore dress

Shoes Black, flat shoes, Not trainers

### Physical Education (indoors)

White plain t-shirt or polo shirt/ blue shorts.

Pupils perform gymnastics in bare feet unless they have a foot infection when the wearing of pumps or gym slippers is allowed.

### Physical Education (outdoors)

A black/dark tracksuit or school fleece.

White socks with trainers

Swimming - costume/trunks (goggles-optional)

**Please mark clothing clearly with their full name.**

**Jewellery – wrist watches and stud earrings only.**

**Long hair must be tied back.**

## School Lunches

**All pupils are now eligible for a free school meal.**

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 outstanding 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/> It is also reposted weekly on X

## School Trips/Residential

Last year it became apparent especially with the cost of living the amount of money requested from yourselves for trips and residential. Unfortunately, I am not responsible for the amount's companies/services charge, however, I am able to provide you with a summary for the year ahead and am able to offer you a saving option that you can add to



weekly/monthly on School Gateway. If you would like to take advantage of this please contact the school office.

## **Annual Costs 24/25**

**Reception** Estimated £100

**Year 1** Estimated £100

**Year 2** Estimated £150

**Year 3/4/5** Estimated £300

**Year 6** Estimated £500

These are based on Panto, Summer Trip, Topic, Swimming and Residentials.

## **Weekly Music Lessons**

Weekly piano lessons commenced this week and will be held every Tuesday morning from 10am.

## **PTA**

If you would like to show an interest in joining a relaxed group to fundraise to provide excellent opportunities for our children, please let us know. The PTA held their AGM on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

We officially welcome Hannah Mitchell as Chair for the academic year 24/25, Brigid Jones as Secretary and Brid Allen as Treasurer.

From September 2023 to September 2024 the PTA managed to raise an incredible £2,300

They supported the school and your children by providing the following:

Tric a Chlic (Welsh Resource)

Selection Boxes

Mic Stand

Leavers Hoodies

Lounar (Wellbeing session)

Village Hall rental

Badger Learning ( Maths Problem Solving resources)

RMeasimaths – (Computer package to support Maths learning)

Aura (Sports sessions)

Piano Tuner





Outdoors  
 School Play purchased  
 Sunflowers  
 Contribution towards transport costs  
 Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts

Lots of events are planned for the year ahead and if you would like to volunteer your time or would like to know how you can become involved please speak to myself, Hannah, Brigid or Brid.

**HELP**

At Ysgol Y Foel we are looking for someone who has a trailer or similar and would be willing to do some skip runs for us. Please let me know if you are able to do this.

School Gateway

Foundation Learners are looking for any Frozen figures/playsets you may like to donate or let us borrow also if you have any wedding attire for young boys (suit jackets, waistcoats, shoes) we would welcome these for our role play area.

**Website**

Please subscribe to our website, by subscribing you will receive notifications of updates to our website.

**Dates for the Diary (provisional)**

Date	Event/ Activity
Every Wednesday – Term Time only 10am – 11.30 am	Baby and Toddler session
16/9/24	BSL for Year 3-6
26/9/24	Movie Night – hosted by After School Club
30/9/24	Targets will be sent home for pupils from Year 2 -6
7/10/24	BSL for Year 3-6
17/10/24	Harvest Festival – details to follow



22/10/24	Halloween event – hosted by After School Club
25/10/24	School closes for half term
4/11/24	Training Day
5/11/24	School re-opens
11/11/24	Reception to Year 6 visit to Chester Zoo (details to follow)
15/11/24	Children in Need
19/11/24	Parents Evening
5/12/24	Panto @ Theatr Clwyd
9/12/24	BSL for Year 3-6
11/12/24	Christmas Concert
18/12/24	Carols with Cor Cilcain
19/12/24	Christmas Party
20/12/24	School Closes for Christmas

Mrs Walker  
Acting Headteacher