



'FOEL'

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

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 11th October 2024
Dydd Gwener 11 Hydref 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Today we celebrated Mental Health Day by wearing yellow or something that made us feel happy, please remember Mr. Goodwin has a dedicated section on our website for Wellbeing which you may find useful.

On Saturday last week it was wonderful to host our PTA café in St John's church Rhydymwyn. It was lovely to meet new faces and at the same time raise over £140 for our pupils. A huge thank you to everyone who baked a cake and helped serve on Saturday!

Next week you will be invited to our Harvest Service which this year will be taking place in Capel Gad. Our Harvest Service is taking place during the afternoon of Thursday October 17th. Further details regarding the start time will be sent out next week.

Our Baby and Toddler sessions have been a great success and we have welcomed new families to Ysgol Y Foel! If you know of any families with little ones they are more than welcome to join us every Wednesday morning from 10am. We have something exciting planned for after half term so watch this space!

We have lots of things in the pipeline which we hope will entice new families to our school so watch this space. We can accept children the term following their 3rd birthday for Early Entitlement so if you think you could be eligible or now a little person who could be please contact school.

As stated in our first newsletter of the year, 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 is easy for them to understand and use in their daily practices. (The full version can be found on the Welsh Government's website)

Purpose Aim High, you can do it! (ambitious, capable learners)

Purpose Bringing the world together, now and forever: (ethical, informed citizens)

Our next purpose is **Lifestyle and Ambition: (healthy, confident individuals)**

This means we:

- Respect other beliefs
- Keep our well-being positive and build our confidence
- Teach our friends how to stay healthy through diet and PE each week
- Research to support our safety
- Take part in PE, daily mile and sports during playtime
- Make our own choice to make a healthy lifestyle
- Be brave and take part in all aspects of school
- Have confidence to always try our best and challenge ourselves

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 - If you know of anybody who would like to become part of our school this is a fantastic opportunity – please share in the community!

We currently have a vacancy for 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 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 :

Class	Percentage of attendance
Dosbarth Famau	
Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa	
Overall	

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 is set for Foundation Learners on a Thursday and all children have been provided with a Homework book. The Homework will be Literacy, Numeracy or Topic based. Homework 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.

The BFG films (PG) will be shown to all learners.

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 and their test will be on a Friday.

Times Tables will be sent home on a Monday to be tested the following Monday.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be invoiced on weekly basis on school gateway, please log in and check each 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.

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

After School Club

After School Club news, I am very pleased to inform you that 3 members of staff from After School Club have completed their Level 2 qualification in Playwork. This is fantastic news for our 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. 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/craft
 Quiz

There is always a selection of things happening during each session.

**Keep an eye out for After School Club's Hedgehog Night and Pumpkin Carving event!
 Our next After School Club event is our Halloween Disco on October 23rd 2024.**

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.**
 - 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.**

The lunch menu can 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/Residentials

Last year it became apparent especially with the cost of living the amount of money requested from yourselves for trips and residentials. 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.

As of 11/10/24 – you will be asked for
After School Club Halloween event £10 for first child
£12 for Chester Zoo visit to cover transport costs 11/11/24
Year 6 have also been given information about their visit to London £230 with a non refundable deposit needed by 18th October.
Panto information will be sent soon and this will include ticket and transport costs



Weekly Music Lessons

Weekly piano lessons are 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. 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.

The PTA so far have purchased Netballs, Tennis Balls and have given £30 in order for us to reinstall apps onto our IPADS.

Volunteers Week is back!

If you are able to give any of your time during the week 25th – 29th November.

Please ask your employer if they have heard of this or if they actively encourage this.

“Eligibility and participation”

All full-time employees are eligible to participate in volunteer activities.

Interested employees must fill out a Volunteer Activity Request Form and submit it to the HR department for approval.

“Time-off and compensation”

Employees are allowed up to 16 hours of paid Volunteer [Time Off](#) (VTO) per year.

Additional unpaid time off for volunteering may be granted at the discretion of the department manager.

HELP

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

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
17/10/24	Harvest Festival – details to follow
23/10/24	Halloween event – hosted by After School Club Change of Date
25/10/24	School closes for half term
4/11/24	Training Day
5/11/24	School re-opens
7/11/24	Cycling Proficiency for pupils in Year 5 and 6
8/11/24	BSL for Year 3-6
11/11/24	Reception to Year 6 visit to Chester Zoo (details to follow)
15/11/24	Children in Need
18/11/24	BSL for Year 3-6
19/11/24	Parents Evening
5/12/24	Panto @ Theatr Clwyd
9/12/24	BSL for Year 3-6
11/12/24	Christmas Concert followed by our Christmas Fayre
18/12/24	Carols with Cor Cilcain from 6.30 pm
19/12/24	Christmas Party
20/12/24	School Closes for Christmas

Mrs Walker



Acting Headteacher