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Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr

**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Dydd Llun 2il Rhagfyr 2024
Monday 2nd December 2024**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Well the run up to Christmas has begun. It feels very busy in school at the moment. It was lovely to see you all last Wednesday at our Parents Evening and we hope to see you all again at our Christmas concert at St Mary's Church on Wednesday December 11th. We will be having a dress rehearsal in the afternoon (Time TBC) where you and the local community will be invited followed by our evening performance at 6pm. After the children have performed the PTA have organised a craft fair and the children will be selling their Christmas decorations. All monies raised will be spent on the pupils of Ysgol Y Foel.

Raffle Tickets are also on sale for our Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on the evening of our performance with Cor Cilcain. This promises to be a fantastic community event and I am sure will get us all in the Christmas spirit. All children from Year 2- 6 will be performing and it will be fantastic to see you all there.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped out in school last week. These jobs which as staff we never get around to doing really does have a positive effect on staff morale, so thank you all very much.

I will of course try and keep you updated with what is going on in school but in case Christmas madness strikes please do not hesitate to contact school or speak to a member of staff on morning or afternoon duty.

Governors

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.



Breakfast Club

We will have a vacancy for a Breakfast Club assistant from January 2025. If you know of anybody who would be able to fulfil the role and would like further information about the post and what it entails, please do not hesitate to contact school.

As a school we will be very sad to say goodbye to Emma in the mornings, but, are so pleased she will be remaining with us in her post as After School club assistant.

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 28/11/24 :

Class	Percentage of attendance
Dosbarth Famau	96.74%
Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa	97.13%
Overall	96.92%

As a school we strive to ensure our attendance is monitored and your support with this is appreciated. Attendance is a National priority and having met with our designated Education Welfare Officer whose role it is to monitor our attendance and take action if your child's attendance is below 92%.

Please can you ensure that you either phone 01352 740197 or email the office on yfmail@hwbcymru.net to inform us if your child/ren are not attending school by 9:00am, a reason needs to be provided and when they are likely to return to school. We provide this information to Welsh Government and County Council. If you do not ring in we have to report it as unauthorised.



Class Information

3-7 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 Addition and Subtraction

Topic

Lights Camera Action

Our work from now until the end of term will be based upon the film The Polar Express. The children have already been given their tickets and are about to board the train to continue their learning.

Homework

Homework will be to learn their lines and songs for the concert. Your support with this will be very much appreciated.

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 continue to read "The BFG" by Roald Dahl.

The children will be working towards their Big Write: Yr 3/4 Instructional Writing Year 5/6 Breaking News Report

Maths – The focus will be Time, Multiplication and Division, Multiples and Factors

Topic



Lights Camera Action

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

German sessions, all pupils will be involved in online German sessions for the next 4 weeks.

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.

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 will run every day from 3.20pm to 5.20pm.

It has been a very busy time in After School Club with their Happy Hedgehogs event, providing free childcare if needed during our Parents Evening and PTA meetings and next week will see their Christmas party event. All children are invited and it promises to be a great evening. All children will be able to come to school in their Christmas jumpers/festive clothes.

Please ensure all payments for this half term are paid in full no later than Wednesday December 18th.

New contracts will also be sent out and if these could be returned on the same date this would be fantastic!



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.

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 15/11/24 – you will be asked for/or have been 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.

After School Club Happy Hedgehogs event £10 for first child

£21.00 for Panto to cover entry and transport costs

If your child/ren are not attending the Christmas Pantomime could you please let school know.

You as Parents will have to organise childcare for the morning session. Your children will need to be back in school for the afternoon session which will begin at 1pm.

If the uptake is low on this trip we will review if this event should go ahead next year.

Weekly Music Lessons

Weekly piano lessons are held every Tuesday morning from 10am. If your child is interested in music lessons, please follow this link:

[Schools | Theatr Clwyd \(theatrclwydmusic.com\)](https://theatrclwydmusic.com)

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.



Raffle Ticket Books have been sent home to all families. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising such wonderful prizes. If you require more tickets please send sold books and money back into school and new raffle books will be distributed.

Information has been sent out about our Rainbow Raffle. If you need further explanation or are unsure which House your child is in, please speak to a member of staff.

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
5/12/24	Panto @ Theatr Clwyd Christmas tree decorating at Cilcain Church
11/12/24	Christmas Concert followed by our Christmas Fayre
12/12/24	After School Club Christmas Party
17/12/24	Moel Famau donkeys will be visiting us.
18/12/24	Carols with Cor Cilcain from 6.30 pm
19/12/24	Rudolph Run in aid of Nightingale House School Christmas Party
20/12/24	School Closes for Christmas

Mrs Walker
Acting Headteacher