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**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr**  
**Friday 13th December 2024**  
**Dydd Gwener Rhagfyr 13 2024**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

### **Headteacher's Update**

Well I can't believe we have almost reached the end of term and what a busy week the children have had and next week promises to be just as busy especially for our older pupils. I am sure you will agree the highlight of the week was our performance at St Mary's church with the beautiful singing of our older children followed by the Nativity performed by Dosbarth Famau. All our children worked so hard but a huge shout out to our children from Nursey to Year 2 who did a fantastic job remembering all their lines and where they needed to stand, I was extremely proud.

Finally, as this will be my last newsletter of the year I would like to thank you all for your support this term and on behalf of myself, Staff and Governors we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to welcoming you all back next year on Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2025. It promises to be full of exciting opportunities for our pupils.

**Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!**

### **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](mailto: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 12/12/24 :

Class	Percentage of attendance
Dosbarth Famau	96.97%
Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa	97.34%
Overall	97.15%

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](mailto: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

All children will be looking forward to taking part in a range of Christmas activities as we come to the end of this term.

### 8-11 Learners

All children will be ensuring their work on The BFG is complete and will begin to plan for next term's topic "What makes me a me?"

There may be some Christmas activities too!

All pupils from Year 2 – 6 will receive their updated targets next week, these will report on progress made to date and will outline what they will be focusing on during the Spring Term.

### **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.

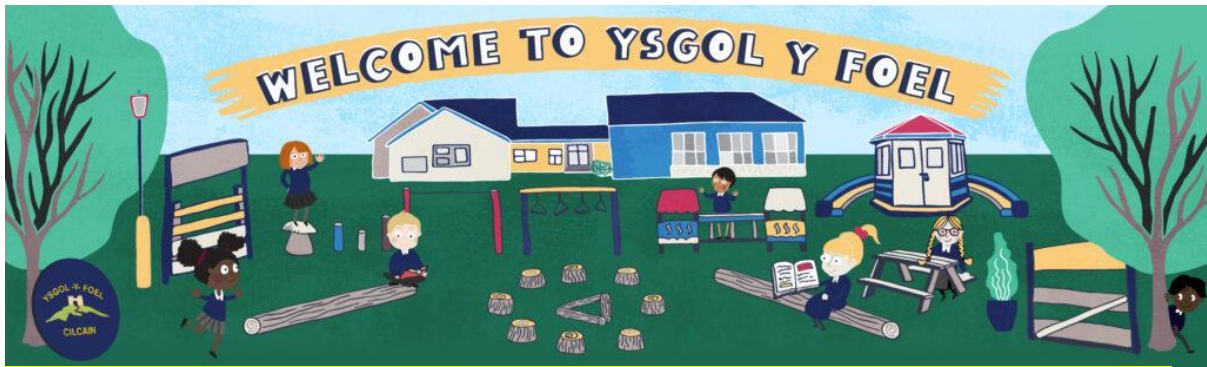
### **After School Club**

**You will have received a letter informing you about the increase in charges which will come into effect from January 2025. This increase has had to be made in line with the increase of Minimum wage.**

**After School Club is a non-profitable organisation, which working families rely on. If you can support us by sending your children once or twice a week this will really help us.**

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

**Please ensure all payments for this term are paid in full no later than Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup>.**



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.

A saving option is available 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 13/12/24 – 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 18<sup>th</sup> October.**

**After School Club Happy Hedgehogs event £10 for first child**

**After School Club Christmas party event £10 for first child**

**£21.00 for Panto to cover entry and transport costs**

### 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://theatrclwyd.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.

The Christmas Craft Fayre managed to raise £

We also have the Raffle which will be drawn on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December when our Year 2-6 pupils perform alongside Cor Cilcain at St. Mary's Church.

**I would like to say a huge thank you to all PTA members who have helped and supported the school this year. Without this group of fantastic people who have done so much in terms of successful promotion and organisation of events, our school has benefitted in so many ways from much needed resources to allowing us to arrange special events for our children.**

## 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
16/12/24	BSL for pupils in Year 3-6
17/12/24	Moel Famau donkeys will be visiting us.
18/12/24	Christmas Dinner Day 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
6/1/25	INSET day for teaching staff



7/1/25	School opens for all children
9/1/25	BSL for pupils in Years 3-6
13/1/25	BSL for pupils in Years 3-6
17/1/25	PC Mark
29/1/25	Gymnastics with Miss Amanda
3/2/25	BSL for pupils in Years 3-6
5/2/25	Gymnastics with Miss Amanda
17/2/25	First Experiences music sessions begin for pupils in Years 3-6
21/2/25	School closes for half term
3/3/25	School re-opens Eisteddfod Week
11/4/25	School closes for Easter
28/4/25	School re-opens
30/4/25	Year 6 London

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