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**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr**  
**Friday 17 January 2025**  
**Dydd Gwener Ionawr 17 2025**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

**Headteacher's Update**

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda, what a start to the New Year, as a school we are really glad to see the back of the snow and ice. I would like to thank again, the parents who helped to clear and grit our school grounds, it ensured all pupils and staff could come to school safely.

This newsletter being the first of the New Year has a lot of information for you to digest and complete. Alongside this newsletter, you will also receive our Annual Report to Parents produced by The Governing Body and our annual Parent's Questionnaire which we would appreciate you completing and returning to school by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

This newsletter will also inform you of dates already in the diary and change of days for certain lessons.

**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.

**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 16-01-25:**

Class	Percentage of attendance
Dosbarth Famau	96.90%
Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa	96.43%
Overall	96.67%

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**

**Reading**

All children from Reception to Year 2 will now receive a reading book. 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.

**Spelling**

Children in Year 1 and 2 have been given spellings to learn. These came home with your child on Thursday. Please practice spelling the word verbally and allow time for your child to practice writing them. The children will have their spelling test on Monday.

**Maths**

Year 1 & 2 – Our focus will be on Money, Multiplication and Division.

Nursery & Reception – Our focus will be on Shape, Measurement and Number Formation.



## Topic

Our work will be inspired from the book “What makes a me” by Ben Faulks.

Our work will cover various aspects of what makes them special and unique. We will also be looking at and finding out about the human body.

## 8-11 Learners

### Reading

Children must bring their reading book in everyday and this includes their reading record.

In our Literacy lessons Years 3&4 will look at poetry, and Years 5&6 will be writing an autobiography.

### Maths

This half term we will be looking at Negative Numbers. We will also be revisiting Multiplication and Division.

### Topic

“What makes a me” the focus will be on Ourselves and Relationships, moving onto the Human Body.

### Homework

The children will be set homework each Monday to be returned the following Monday. This will be alternate between numeracy and literacy activities.

Spelling will be uploaded onto SewSaw on a Monday and their test will be on a Friday.

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

### PE

This half term PE will take place on a Wednesday for 8-11 Learners. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.

3-7 Learners will continue to have Motivational Monday.

8-11 Learners will have Outdoor Learning on Friday. During their Outdoor Learning session it is important that all children have a change of footwear with them.

### 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. After School Club is a non-profitable organisation, which working families rely on. Please do your best to support this valuable service.

### 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

Our PTA met on Wednesday and we have a lot of exciting things in the pipeline planned. Our first event will be Cilcain Community Café which will be held on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> 2025. Please spread the word among your friends and family. For this event we are looking for volunteers to make cakes, scones, flapjacks etc. We will also hold a non-uniform day on Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> where we kindly ask for donations of “unwanted” Christmas gifts, chocolates/sweets or alcohol which we will use for tombola/raffle at the event.

The PTA have sourced a number of school projects and we hope to inform you of these in due course.

### 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
9/1/25 and subsequent Thursdays up until Half Term	Mrs Angela Lewis will be in school to help us develop our Library.
13/1/25	BSL for pupils in Years 3-6
17/1/25	PC Mark





27/1/25	BSL for pupils in Years 3-6
29/1/25	<b>Dydd Santes Dwynwen</b> Gymnastics with Miss Amanda
30/1/25	Open the Book
3/2/25	BSL for pupils in Years 3-6
5/2/25	Gymnastics with Miss Amanda
13/2/25	Dodgeball Festival
15/2/25	PTA Community Cafe
17/2/25	First Experiences music sessions begin for pupils in Years 3-6
19/2/25	Gymnastics Festival
21/2/25	School closes for half term
3/3/25	School re-opens Eisteddfod Week
18/3/25	Parents Evening
3/4/25 – 4/4/25	Year 3 Kingswood
11/4/25	School closes for Easter
28/4/25	School re-opens
30/4/25	Year 6 London

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