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Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 12th September 2025
Dydd Gwener Medi 12, 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Welcome Back! Last week we had a really successful return to school, welcoming some new families and settling in our pupils. All of the children returned full of enthusiasm for the year ahead. We talked about our dreams and goals and our hopes for the year ahead.

I would like to say a big thank you to our PTA for the part they played in The Cilcain Show. The stall raised more much needed funds and it was lovely to catch up and hear about your holidays. This Saturday they are in action again with The Maclud Run, which promises to be a great success. The funds raised so far will be put to the refurbishment of the trim trail.

We already have lots of events lined up for this term and we have listed the dates. Our aim is to involve the community as much as possible and promote our school in the local area, so please share any events on social media far and wide.

Our school Leaders have met this week following a whole school assembly on our wishes for the year. They are made up of house captains and older children who will prioritise the children's wishes into skills, resources, experiences, clubs, sport, celebrations, eco and animals. They are currently working on a whole year plan. They will have a page on the website and they will send out event dates soon. They have chosen Cancer Research UK as their Charity for the year.

Following the success of our Forest School Session on Thursday, we have decided to make this a permanent change. Forest school on Thursday and PE on Friday. We have more staff in school on a Thursday and it will enable us to focus on some forest school specific skills such as using the tools and lighting the fire. We will also be able to have our children in wraparound care join us. The children have yet to name it!

In order to promote the use of our new wrap around care, which includes after school club, members of staff will be holding regular clubs (chosen by the children) The cost of attending will be



the cost of out of school club for a session (£7) and this will include a snack and all the resources needed for the club. Our first one will be on **Monday 22nd September** and will be Craft Club run by Mrs Lewis. They will be enjoying making memory boxes. We are collecting **shoe boxes** for this upcoming project, and we would greatly appreciate your help. If you have any spare shoe boxes at home please consider sending them in with your child over the next week. Payment can be made on school gateway and all children wishing to attend will need to sign up by next Friday 19th September. (Out of school club will be run as normal if your child does not want to do craft)

Newydd – New School Menu

Please can we ask that you look through the menu with your children as there are some new food items on it. Children have been ordering food that they then do not like which can cause a little bit of upset.

Jigsaw

We are excited to be launching a new Wellbeing programme later this month which our PTA has kindly agreed to pay for. It is a whole school approach to Health, Wellbeing, Mental Health and Relationships and Sexual education. We will be holding parents meeting on **Monday 29th September from 3.30pm-4.30pm** so you are kept fully informed on the content your children will be learning.

Harvest

This year our Harvest Service will be held in Capel Gad on **Thursday 16th October at 1.30pm**. We hope you will be able to join us for coffee and cake afterwards.

We have also been asked by St Marys Church to join their Harvest service and the children will be performing The Harvest Samba in both Welsh and English. We ask that all children can join us in the church on **Tuesday 21st October at 6pm**.

Governors

Our Parent Governors who represent you on our governing body are Caroline Conway, Hannah Mitchell and Nina Garrett if you would like to raise ideas concerns etc, please contact them.

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 10/09/25:

Class	Percentage of attendance
Dosbarth Famau	96.65%
Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa	92.98%
Overall	94.59%

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

8-11 Learners

Our Topic is Time Traveller and our main focus is on The Tudors. We will be reading the class novel, 'Treason' in Year 5 and 6 and 'The Queens Token' in Year 3 and 4.

We are focusing on place value and the number system in Maths.

Homework

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

Spelling will be uploaded onto SeeSaw 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

8-11 learners PE will be on a Friday
3-7 Learners will be on Friday



Whole school will have Outdoor Learning on Thursday. 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.

Ysgol y Foel Out of School Club

As I hope you are aware as of August 31st 2025 we are now CIW registered and as such are able to offer wraparound care for children aged 2 years to 11 years. All families received a contract at the start of term which indicated our prices for the new term. I have included these below. I am also pleased to inform all our families that if you are entitled to receive the Childcare offer for Wales or Tax Free childcare we are listed as a provider, you need to search for Ysgol y Foel Out of School Club. Ysgol Y Foel Out of School Club as a full childcare provider is a huge step for us as a school and it is our hope that as word spreads more families will use this service.

Fees are *per session* and we respectfully ask initially these are paid *weekly - in advance/by Direct Debit*.

Bank Details

Account Name: Ysgol Y Foel Out of School Club

Account Number: 31507974

Sort Code: 40-33-10

Morning session: 8.40 am – 11.20 am - £17

Session 2 11.20 am – 3.20 pm - £18

Session 3 3.20 pm – 4.20 pm - £7

Session 4 4.20 pm – 5.20 pm - £6

Full Day Care 1 for child aged 2/3 (Early Entitlement) 8.40 am – 5.20 pm - £48

Full Day Care 2 for child who attends Nursery session 11.20 am – 5.20 pm - £ 30

Fees are payable if a child is absent without notice or for a short period of sickness without notice. Fees are payable for Family holidays if 4 weeks notice has not been given.

Charges for absence are as follows:



Unwell: **without notice £20**

Occasional days off: **without notice £20**

Charges for late pick up are as follows:

Late pick up fee: 5.20 pm – 5.30 pm £20

Late pick up fee: 5.30 pm – 6.00 pm £40

Charges for Parent's holiday without 4 weeks notice £150

Provision closed due to unforeseen event: no charge – payment made for the planned use of sessions will be reimbursed.

Website/ Calendar

Please subscribe to our website, by subscribing you will receive notifications of updates to our website. Don't forget to subscribe to our calendar as well. This has all the dates of events, residential etc. to subscribe to our calendar go to www.ysgolyfoel.org click on the full calendar on the right-hand side and follow the instructions at the bottom of the page.

Dates for the Diary (provisional)

Date	Event/ Activity
01/09/2025	Staff training day
02/09/2025	Staff training day
03/09/2025	School opens to children
22/9/25	Craft Club 3.20-4.20pm
29/9/25	JIGSAW parent launch
29/9/25	Football Y3 and 4 @ Deeside
30/9/25	Football @ Deeside Y5 and 6
6/10/25	PTA (AGM) 3.20pm
10/10/25	World Mental Health Day - wear yellow
14/10/2025	Parents Evening
16/10/2025	Harvest Festival at Chapel Gad 1.30pm – Tea & Coffee afterwards



21/10/2025	Harvest Festival 6pm at St Marys, Cilcain
24/10/2025	School closes for half term
03/11/2025	School opens to children
11/11/2025	Remembrance Day
13/11/2025	Tempest Photography – individual and sibling photos
14/11/2025	Children in Need
04/12/2025	Reception to Year 6 – Theatr Clwyd – Christmas panto.
9/12/25	Christmas Concerts and Fair times TBC
11/12/2025	Christmas Jumper Day
18/12/2025	School closes for Christmas
19/12/2025	Staff training day
05/01/2026	Staff training day
06/01/2026	School opens to children
12/02/2026	School closes for half term
13/02/2026	Staff training day
27/03/2026	School Closes for Easter
13/04/2026	School opens to children
22/04/2026, 23/04/2026 & 24/04/2026	Year 6 – London Residential
29/04/2026 ,30/04/2026 & 01/05/2026	Year 4&5 – Plas Menai Residential
22/05/2026	School closes for half term
01/06/2026	School opens to children

	
17/07/2026	School closes for summer