

Monday, 15 September 2025

Dear Parents and guardians,

A warm welcome to the new school year at Ysgol Y Foel, especially to the new families who have joined our school community. We hope you're settling in well and enjoying the new school year.

As the Chair of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. The PTA is a registered charity and a group of parents, teachers, and staff who work together to support the school and its community through various events, fundraising activities, and social gatherings. Our goal is to enhance the educational experience of our children and foster a sense of community within the school. As a registered charity, we're committed to using our funds and resources to benefit the school and its pupils, and we are responsible for managing the charity within the rules set out by the Charity Commission.

We're excited to share that you are invited to our Annual General Meeting (AGM). This will take place on Monday 6th October at 3:30pm until 4:00pm at Ysgol Y Foel. As per our constitution, we're required to give 21 days' notice for this meeting. This notice period ensures that all members have sufficient time to attend, to understand the meeting's purpose, and to participate in the decision-making process.

The AGM will be a short but very important meeting, focusing on two key items; confirming the accounts for the previous school year and electing the Chair and Secretary for the upcoming year. Although our current Chair and Secretary have not chosen to resign and are willing to continue, we believe in offering opportunities for new parents to get involved and contribute to the PTA. This is a great chance for new parents to meet others, learn more about the PTA, and get involved in our activities. This was agreed at the 2024 AGM.

The Chair's responsibilities include:

- Leading PTA meetings and ensuring they're productive and focused
- Liaising with the school's senior leadership team and other stakeholders
- Overseeing the PTA's activities and ensuring they're aligned with our goals and in line with constitution and Charity Commission rules

The Secretary's responsibilities include:

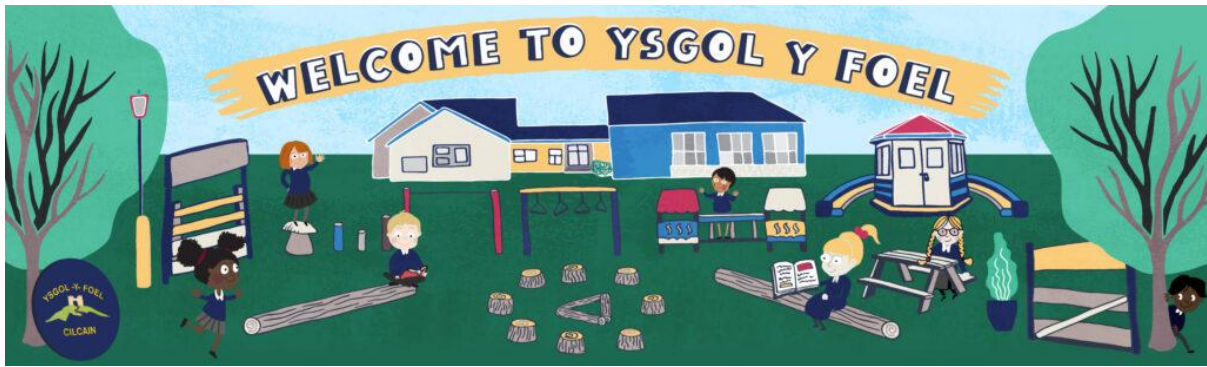
- Taking minutes at PTA meetings and ensuring accurate records are kept
- Managing PTA correspondence and communication

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- Ensuring the PTA's administrative tasks are completed efficiently

These roles are a great way to get involved, make a difference, and develop new skills. If you're interested in nominating yourself or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM, and we encourage all parents and staff to join us. Prior to the AGM, we'll also be holding a committee meeting to discuss and develop fundraising ideas for the year. We'll notify you of the date and time for this meeting in due course. This meeting will be during September to enable us to take forward current plans including the harvest service which will come around quickly.

Secondly, I am delighted to tell you that our first Machlud trial run which we hosted on Saturday was a huge success! Staff, parents, pupils and other volunteers from Cilcain village, mountain rescue and running club, generously gave their time to ensure the event went without a hitch. Others weren't able to join us on the day however had cooked and baked some fabulous goodies or donated drinks and other items. This ensured that our runners and volunteers stayed fuelled until after dark.

We had so much positive feedback, both during the event and afterwards verbally and via social media. Marshall from some of the checkpoints even had interest from runners who were not part of our event, along with other members of the public taking an interest. It was a fabulous advert for our school, and we WILL be making this an annual event. We are awaiting the final fundraising total, however we estimate we raised around a whopping £1500!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of the school and the PTA. Your enthusiasm and contributions make a significant difference to our children's educational experience. We're grateful for the hard work and dedication of our staff and parents through this collaboration.

If you have any questions, have any fundraising ideas or would like to get involved with the PTA, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM, committee meetings and at the school gates throughout the year.

Best regards,

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