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Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr

**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr**  
**Friday 21st November 2025**  
**Dydd Gwener Tachwedd 21, 2025**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

**Headteacher's Update**

Wow, what a cold week! The temperature certainly has dropped. We continue to work a lot of the time in the out doors so please ensure that your children bring a warm coat to school and hat and gloves. (We have lots complaining of cold hands.)

This newsletter is mainly a Christmas plan update so please make a note of dates and times and events going on.

On a personal note from me I will be finishing school on 10<sup>th</sup> December to have my second hip replacement. I have arranged it so I get to do the concert and the fair but miss the last week of term. With the holidays being two weeks long, I will miss the first 3 weeks of school and return on the 2nd of February. During this time Miss Taylor will teach my Wednesday afternoon and Mrs Cudworth my Thursday and Friday. The children will continue to have Forest School on Thursday and PE on Friday, there just won't be a fire activity.

A big thank you to our Mums on the Mountain and the PTA the new playground equipment has been fixed and is ready to use. We had a PTA meeting on Wednesday and have some exciting events lined up for the forthcoming year. Please see information below on the Rainbow Raffle.

A huge congratulations to our Year 4,6 and 6 children who took part in the indoor athletics tournament on Thursday. They were all a bit nervous but they took part in standing long jump, standing hop, step and jump, standing vertical jump, sitting throw, soft javelin, some short distance sprints and some long distance sprints, a sprint relay and an obstacle relay. They tried their hardest and represented the school brilliantly, showing such encouragement to each other. I was so proud.

Next week our Year 5 and 6 children will begin their transition events with Mold Alun High School. They will be getting the bus at 9.10am and arriving back at Ysgol Y Foel at 2.20pm. Miss Taylor will be accompanying them. (separate information to follow)



Our Christmas concert this year is 'Whoops a Daisy Angel.' And is in the Church – Children will need to arrive at 5:45pm and the concert will start at 6pm. This is will followed by the Christmas fair.

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December our children will be going to the annual Panto at Theatre Clwyd, Details were sent home before half term. Please log onto School Gateway to consent and pay for the trip. The Nursery children will be remaining in school.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a restful weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs O'Neill

### Updated Office Hours

Please note that Mrs Watts office hours have been adjusted as follows:

- Monday to Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday & Friday: 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

### Film Night

A chance to go Christmas shopping, child free. The children are welcome to join us in their PJs and bring teds for a film night on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, with hot dogs and hot chocolate. (film details to follow)

**Christmas dinner** – will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025: The children will be served:

- Roast turkey, pigs in blankets, stuffing, gravy, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetable.
- Vegetarian roast dinner
- Festive ice cream

If nursery children staying for wraparound care would like a meal this can be ordered on school gateway. The cost of the meal is £2.80.

**Christmas party day Lunch** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December the lunch will consist of:

- Cheese tomato pizza
- Chicken nuggets
- Sausage roll
- Crisps
- Ice cream tube

There will be vegetarian as well as gluten free options.



If nursery children staying for wrapround care would like a meal this can be ordered on school gateway. The cost of the meal is £2.80.

## Book Club

Last chance to order any books from the book club:

Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running! Go to <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-XWMJTMCM> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by November 28th, 2025**.

## Governors

We are also in desperate need of a clerk to the governing body. Please contact myself or Mrs Watts for more information.

## PTA

**Ysgol Y Foel PTA  
Rainbow Raffle**

As part of our Christmas raffle this year we would like to include 3 x rainbow raffle prize hampers

We, therefore, would like to ask parents if they could please donate an item in your child's house colour for the hamper (some samples below). The House Captain's will put the items together to make three prize hampers.



## 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 20/11/25:

| Class              | Percentage of attendance |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Dosbarth Famau     | 95.45%                   |
| Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa | 97.17%                   |
| Overall            | 96.41%                   |

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.

### 3-7 learners

In Maths we will continue to work on Number and place value and will be using money in our toy shop.

In Topic we will continue to learn about toys and the story of Dogger.

In literacy we will be writing some letters as well as our Christmas Lists!





## **8-11 Learners**

### **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.

When we return we will continue to read *Treason* and the children will be writing playscripts. In Maths we will be concentrating on times tables, written multiplication and division and some work on length.

### **PE**

8-11 learners PE will be on a Friday

3-7 Learners will be on Friday

### **Forest School**

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. **Please ensure you send your child in appropriate clothing. This means NO Shorts as we often kneel by the fire and in the bushes. Remember Forest School can be messy – wear old clothes!**

### **Breakfast Club/ Out of School Club**

All information relating to our Breakfast Club can be found on our website, under Wraparound Care.

### **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.ysgol-yfoel.org](http://www.ysgol-yfoel.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                      |
|----------|--------------------------------------|
| 27/11/25 | Year 5&6 Transition Day at Mold Alun |
| 27/11/25 | Netball Festival                     |



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| 04/12/2025                          | Reception to Year 6 – Theatr Clwyd – Christmas panto.<br><br>Flu Vaccinations from 1pm |
| 9/12/25                             | Christmas Concerts and Fair times  |
| 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   |
| 26/02/2026, 27/02/2026              | Year 3 Residential – Conway Centre   |
| 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   |