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Fun, Outstanding, Enriched Learners
Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 4th September 2026
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Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Welcome back. It has been lovely catching up with you all and hearing about your holidays. The first two days back have been super. The children have settled already into their new classes. I was especially impressed with the new year three.

This term is already shaping up to be exceptionally busy and there are lots of dates in the diary already. This newsletter will be full of information about forthcoming events so please read it carefully.

Our communication will continue to be via email mainly and then social media posts will be on the Facebook page. Informal information is usually posted on the PTA Whats app group as this is the quickest way to share information. If you need another email address adding to the school comms please let Mrs Watts know.

We welcome to the school this term Mrs Rebecca Napper, she will be joining wraparound care, including after school club. Mrs White is our new caretaker/cleaner and Millie Pointon will join wraparound care at lunchtimes and after school club on a Friday. Millie will also be doing Baby and Toddler Group alongside Mrs Napper as she progresses through her Level 2 qualification in Childcare.

Next week we will be going over the children's targets with them. Over the weekend please look at your child's report with them and remind them of their targets for this term. (You could even write them down for them.)

As a school we always have targets set through our School Improvement Plan each year. This year reading and music are a big focus. We have been awarded a grant of money from Gwyl Cilcain this year which has enabled us to subscribe to Theatre Clwyd's enhanced programme of support. We will be working closely with them to hopefully bring some exciting performances to you. We have also arranged for a visiting drummer who will be taking the children for sessions to learn African style



drumming. They will then perform their work for you just before school pick up. This will be on Wednesday 30th September at 2.45pm.

Year 3 and 4 will continue to have The Music First Experiences and this year will be learning the Violin.

More details will follow about the development of reading but if anyone would like to come and read an end of day story to the children please let me know, they will be very excited.

Please look at the calendar of events at the end of the newsletter.

Many thanks

Mrs O'Neil

Topic

The whole school topic for this term is, '**Around The World.**' – **Focus on Africa.**

Foundation Learners

Nursery will be reading the stories, 'Handas Surprise and Handas Hen and their learning will be based around these stories.

Reception to Year 2 will be reading Mrs Panyas Pancakes and African folk tales. They will be writing diaries, postcards and recipes.

In Maths they will be learning about number, addition and subtraction. They will be solving word problems, creating graphs and learning about units of measure in their topic.

Spellings will go out on Thursday with reading books and are to be returned on Monday for the test.

PE will be on Friday and Forest School on Thursdays.

Children should bring their own snack and this should be based on the healthy school guidance from Welsh Government and include fruit, veg, yogurt, bread stick etc. Please ensure children bring their water bottles each day and have a coat.

Year 3-6

Year 3 and 4 will be reading the book, Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke

Year 5 and 6 will be reading the book, Too small Tola also by Atinuke.



Both books are based around Nigeria. They will be completing a book study and diaries, newspapers and traditional folk tales.

They will continue to have basic skills sessions daily. Spellings will go home on Monday and their test will be every Friday. We do expect their reading records to be completed by their parents at least once per week.

In Maths we will be looking at number, addition and subtraction, measure and shape. In topic they will be learning area and perimeter, climate data and time zones.

They will be learning about Islam. Year 3 and 4 will have violin on Tuesdays.

Homework will alternate between Maths and English and will go home on Monday to be returned the following Monday.

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Social media

Following guidance from the LA and a subsequent governors meeting, the school has decided not to share 'close up' photos on our social media from now on, to strengthen the digital security of our learners. Pictures will only be included on See Saw and we will adapt the website over time.

PTA

The next PTA meeting will be Wednesday 9th September at 3:30pm, please join us if you can, we have lots of planning for the year ahead.

Governors

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

Please check out the Governors page on our website.

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

Our wraparound care provides care from the age of 2 and runs from 8:40am to 5:20pm daily. 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.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)

10/09/26	PC Mark Jones
12/09/26	Machlud
14/09/26	Piano Lessons through Theatr Clwyd restart and will be every Monday
16/09/26	Open the Book Assembly
22/09/26	Year 3@4 First Experiences Violin – This will run weekly to the 1 st December
30/09/26	African Drumming Workshop
12/10/26	Year 5 Transition to the Alun
13/10/26	Parents Evening
20/10/26	Harvest Festival 1:30pm
13/11/26	School nurses – Flu Vaccination
08/12/26	Dress Rehearsal Christmas Concert
09/12/26	Christmas Concert 6pm



2026/2027 Term Dates

Autumn Term:

- **Start:** 1 September 2026
- **Half Term:** 26 October 2026 - 30 October 2026
- **Finish:** 18 December 2026

Spring Term:

- **Start:** 4 January 2027
- **Half Term:** 8 February 2027 - 12 February 2027
- **Finish:** 19 March 2027

Summer Term:

- **Start:** 5 April 2027
- **Half Term:** 31 May 2027 - 4 June 2027
- **Finish:** 20 July 2027

Staff Training Days

- Friday 18th December 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Monday 19th July 2027
- Tuesday 20th July 2027