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Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 18yj September 2026
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Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

What a busy two weeks we have had. The children have well and truly settled in to the school routine and have been busy working hard.

Our School Leaders have met and made some decisions about the year ahead and have added a page introducing themselves on the school website.

PC Mark has been into school for his last visit before he begins his retirement and worked with Year 5 and 6 on anti social behaviour.

We welcomed Val into school who created some fantastic Autumn Art with Year 5 and 6 for the Cilcain Calendar. Please see the attached flyer for entry details.

Then came The Machlud run and WOW!! What a fantastic event we had. A huge thank you to all involved in the organisation of the event, cooks, volunteers, marshalls, checkpoint patrols. From start to finish it was brilliant and raised the profile of our fantastic little school. The funds will go towards a wish list that will be sent home over the next week. John we couldn't have done it without you!

Open The Book have been into school this week, telling the story of 'Breakfast by the Sea.' The children truly enjoy acting out these stories.

Estyn will be carrying out a statutory inspection of school on Monday 21st September – Wednesday 23rd September 2026. Thank you to those who completed their questionnaire. Please attend their meeting with parents on Monday 21st at 3.30pm after school. It will take place in the junior classroom, we will look after children for those who attend. It is an opportunity to celebrate our school and share your opinions.

Our school curriculum was written in 2021 and many parents have left the school. This year we would like to review it's content and check it is still relevant to the current children. We are currently



seeking volunteers to come and join a curriculum working party. If you are interested please let Mrs O'Neill or Mrs Watts know.

We have some exciting activities lined up to promote reading across the school, thank you for all your suggestions so far, we are putting together a programme of activities and will share it with you shortly. Please give your name in if you would like to come and read at the end of the day.

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.

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. **Spellings are posted on sew saw.** 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)

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
10/12/26	Panto – Theatr Clwyd – Reception to year 6

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