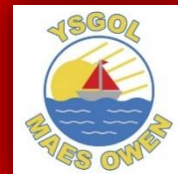


Ysgol Maes Owen



Aim to learn, learn to succeed ~ Anelu at ddysgu, dysgu i lwyddo

Tuesday 19th December,

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been yet another quick and enjoyable half term! We have packed so much in; some of the highlights to be found towards the bottom of this Newsletter.

Break time, lunch time and after school Clubs are due to resume the **second week back after the Christmas break**. These are run by school staff giving up their own time, so I'm always grateful ☺ **All Clubs are free of charge apart from Cookery. The Clubs will remain as they were last term initially.** Please see the list below as a reminder:

Monday: *Morning Break – Reading & Relaxation Club – yr 3, 4, 5 & 6*
Lunch time (12.30 – 1.00pm) – Football – Mr. Morgan, yr 5 & 6
(12.30 – 1.00pm) – School Council - Miss Blears, selected learners
(12.30 – 1.00pm) – Criw Cymraeg - Miss Pye, selected learners
(12.30 – 1.00pm) – Eco Warriors – Mrs Thomas, selected learners
(Lunch hour) – Football – various staff, all ages
After School (until 4.00 pm) – Numeracy Knowhow Club – Mrs Lumsden – yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday: *Morning Break – Reading & Relaxation Club – yr 3, 4, 5 & 6*
Lunch time - (Lunch hour) – Football – various staff, all ages
After School (until 4.15 pm) – Art Club – Mrs O'Connor – yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday: *Morning Break – Reading & Relaxation Club – yr 3, 4, 5 & 6*
Lunch time (12.30 – 1.00pm) – Spanish Club – Mrs K Jones – yr 3, 4, 5 & 6
(Lunch hour) – Football – various staff, all ages

Thursday: *Morning Break – Reading & Relaxation Club – yr 3, 4, 5 & 6*
Lunch time (12.30 – 1.00pm) – Choir – Mrs Crowe – yr 3, 4, 5 & 6
(Lunch hour) – Football – various staff, all ages
After School (until 4.15 pm) – Cookery Club – Mrs McEwan-Williams, yr 6 selected learners on a rota

Friday: *Morning Break – Reading & Relaxation Club – yr 3, 4, 5 & 6*
Lunch time (Lunch hour) – Football – various staff, all ages

I will let you know of any future dates for 'Kick It!' after school Club when we have them.

All our school staff are extremely approachable so please do pop and say hello to us when you see us on the school yard. As always, if there is something you would like to discuss with your child's class teacher or myself, please do make an appointment via the School Office. Wishing our whole-school community an enjoyable and restful Festive break. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Monday 8th January**.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY! 😊

Kind Regards,

Mrs C Foulkes
(Headteacher)

If you have additional needs relating to disability, language or cultural issues with which you require assistance at a particular school event, please contact us to arrange the assistance required.



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January	
Monday 8 th	School reopens for learners
Wednesday 10 th	PM - First Experiences Music Workshop - Year 3/4
Wednesday 17 th	PM - First Experiences Music Workshop - Year 3/4
Friday 19 th	Glanllyn paid in full by today, please, (Year 6)
Wednesday 24 th	PM - First Experiences Music Workshop - Year 3/4
Thursday 25 th	St. Dwynwen's Day – activities in classes throughout the day
Tuesday 30 th	Football Coaching – Years 5 and 6 – PE kits, please
Wednesday 31 st	PM - First Experiences Music Workshop - Year 3/4
Wednesday 31 st – Friday 2 nd February	Glanllyn – Year 6. Those not attending to attend school as usual, please
February	
Wb. Monday 5 th	Safer Internet Week – activities in classes throughout the week
Tuesday 6 th	Cookery at Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan – Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 7 th	PM - First Experiences Music Workshop – Years 3 and 4 Cookery at Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan – Year 5 and 6 5 a side football competition – Cluster of Schools – selected learners PM - Eco Workshop – Eco Committee
Friday 9 th	Welsh Music Day – celebrations in classes AM - Urdd Silent Disco – Years 5 and 6 Non-school uniform day and whole school reward School Closes for the Half Term break
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 19 th	Staff Training Day – School Closed to Learners
Tuesday 20 th	School reopens for learners Dangerpoint trip – Dosbarth Miss Blears and Dosbarth Miss Pye
Wednesday 21 st	Dangerpoint trip – Dosbarth Mrs Thomas
Thursday 22 nd	PTA Valentine Ball – Years 3 and 4 - 4:30-5:30 pm Years 5 and 6 - 5:45-6:45 pm
Monday 26 th	Eisteddfod Entries Homework deadline today, please
Monday 26 th – Wednesday 28 th	Mid-Year Report and Parent/Guardian Evenings – 3.30 – 5.30 pm
March	
Friday 1 st	St David's Day Celebrations in school all day
Wednesday 7 th	World Book Day Celebrated in all classes all day
Thursday 14 th	Year 3 and 4 Topic Finale – Film Festival
Friday 15 th	Comic Relief – wear red/own clothes – donation, £1 suggested
Monday 18 th	Homework deadline – whole school
Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd	Nant BH – Year 5. Those not attending to attend school as usual, please
Friday 22 nd	Non-school uniform day and whole-school reward School Closes for the Easter Break

Message from Miss Pye, (Head of Years 3 and 4) :

We have had a wonderful end to an eventful term. I would like to thank all of the children and staff for making it so special and memorable for all. We concluded our 'Robotiaid' topic with an amazing trip to the Xplore centre in Wrexham. We are so proud of them all, they showed great respect and it was an



absolute pleasure spending the day with them all. They continued to use the skills they were shown on the trip in class, by coding our rugged Robots and BBC Microbits, making nametags, emotion badges and playing rock paper scissors to name a few! We were also treated to a spectacular dance showcase; all classes worked collaboratively and shared their mechanical robotic moves which was inspired by a classic Citroen car advert. All children have also had their book reviews published, there were many 5-star reviews for our

class novel, *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. All lower school staff have also been very impressed by the homework that has been completed this term on our Google Classrooms. Not only can you see some excellent examples of homework on the site, you can also have another look at our dance routines. Fantastic work!

There have been many special events this half term too, Diabetes Awareness Day, Odd Socks Day and Anti-bullying Week. In addition to all of these, we also managed to support Children in Need. All classes took the responsibility to host a stall for our charity event, as a whole school we managed to raise an incredible £560.13! Ardderchog!

Over the last two weeks, there has been a lot of Christmas cheer in all lower school classrooms. The sweet sounds of the children singing up and down the school corridor has been magical! It has also been wonderful having all children taking part in our school Christmas production again this year. Our annual Christmas craft sessions were once again a great hit with the children. Finally, not only did the children have a belly full of sweets, they also a belly full of laughter at the Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime in



Rhyl. Oh no they didn't! Oh yes they did!!!

On behalf of the Lower School Team, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in January. Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i bawb!



Message from Mrs James, (Head of Years 5 and 6):

Wow! Another busy, fun-filled half term! We continued to work hard on our COSMIC topic and have learnt fascinating facts about space and the planets in our Solar System. We even made space themed Christmas decorations as part of a live lesson with other schools all over the country. We ended our topic with an amazing experience inside a spectacular stardome! We have enjoyed working on our mini Christmas topic ending the term,



investigating traditions and sharing the true meaning of Christmas. Besides work on our topics, we have also enjoyed lessons about Anti-Bullying as well as planning for and organizing our own class events to raise money for Children In

Need. Wonderful teamwork and ideas! Our learning has not stopped at 3:15 though, we have all been impressed by all the homework that has been completed and shared on Google Classroom! Fantastic! If you were lucky enough to watch one of our productions of 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' I'm sure you'll agree that the children worked so hard in learning songs and lines and all put on such a fantastic performance! We are enjoying lots of Christmas fun this week with crafts, panto and parties! Phew! On behalf of the Upper School team, thank you for your continuous support, we wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas, making memories and having lots of fun! See you all in 2024!



