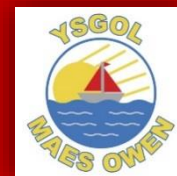


Ysgol Maes Owen



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

Friday 26th October, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please find below the main dates revised up until the Christmas Break.

It has been a busy and productive eight weeks with all the children settling into the school routines and their new classes really well! Once more, I'd like to thank you all for your patience and support over the few weeks when we had to change our approach to schooling due to the RAAC issues. I'm always grateful for the way our school community pulls together in challenging times. Your children are an absolute credit to you 😊

Break time, lunch time and after school Clubs are due to resume the **second week back after the half term break**. These are ran by school staff giving up their own time, so I'm always grateful ☺ **All Clubs are free of charge apart from Cookery and 'Kick It!'**. Please see the list below:

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 4.00 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

'Kick It!' will be running an after school Football Club from Tuesday 14th November. Details have already been emailed out.

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 a fun, safe and restful Half Term break. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Monday 6th November, 2023**.

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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HALF TERM BREAK	Last day in school for learners is Thursday 27th October. School reopens on Monday 6th November
Tuesday 7 th	Technocamp Workshop – Years 3 & 4
Thursday 9 th	Tempest photographs – individual, siblings and Year 6 group photo
Wb Monday 13 th	Anti-bullying Week – Make Some Noise! Parent/Guardian Evenings – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Monday 13 th	Odd Sock Day – wear odd socks to school to celebrate our uniqueness in support of anti-bullying
Tuesday 14 th	World Diabetes Day – Learners across the school sharing stories
Friday 17 th	‘Children In Need’ – own clothes day/wear spots and donation, £1 suggested
Monday 20 th	Whole School end of Topic finales
Wb Monday 27 th	Homework due in this week
Thursday 30 th	PTA Christmas Fayre – 3.30 pm until 5.00 pm
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Wednesday 6 th	Christmas Concert – ‘Magical Christmas Jigsaw – 1.30 pm
Thursday 7 th	Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day – non-uniform and Christmas jumper – donation, £1 suggested Christmas Concert – ‘Magical Christmas Jigsaw – 10.00 am Christmas Concert – ‘Magical Christmas Jigsaw – 1.30 pm
Friday 8 th	Christmas Concert – ‘Magical Christmas Jigsaw – 10.00 am
Thursday 14 th	Parent/Guardian Pop In! – 9.00 am - Whole school chat and refreshments with Mrs McEwan-Williams and Mrs Foulkes – all welcome 😊 Non-uniform day – bring a Christmas Chocolate Selection Box PTA Selection Box Bingo – 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm
Friday 15 th	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 18 th	Parent/Guardian and child Christmas Craft session – 9.30 am – Dosbarth Miss Pye & Dosbarth Mrs Thomas, (one family member per child, please 😊) Parent/Guardian and child Christmas Craft session – 1.00 pm – Dosbarth Miss Blears, (one family member per child, please 😊)
Tuesday 19 th	Parent/Guardian and child Christmas Craft session – 9.30 am – Dosbarth Mrs James & Dosbarth Mr Morgan, (one family member per child, please 😊) Parent/Guardian and child Christmas Craft session – 1.00 pm – Dosbarth Mrs O’Connor & Dosbarth Mrs Jones, (one family member per child, please 😊)
Wednesday 20 th	Pantomime at the Pavilion Theatre, Rhyl – ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’. Film and fun at school for those not attending!
Thursday 21 st	Church visits am Whole-school reward pm – please bring shop-bought, packaged food for class parties to share. School will provide drinks School breaks up for the Christmas holidays

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

It's hard to believe that we're already at the end of the first half term. While the weather has been rather inconsistent it's been heart-warming to see our pupils integrating so well across lower school classes and settling into the Maes Owen community! They have all embraced our Ysgol Maes Owen school value of being respectful and showed great enjoyment with our first topic of this academic year, 'MO & Me', learning about our school, our new friends and our new teachers. We've learnt about Maes Owen's learning superpowers and now successfully use these throughout our school day.

The launch of our new topic, 'Robotiaid', caused great suspicion; school CCTV showing an unidentified flying object crash landing on our school grounds! This instantly caught their attention and now they are all enthused by our novel, 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We've had great fun with a number of drama workshops; observing some very strange, but familiar seagulls before being immersed into a court room and having to decide on what we should do with the Iron Man. They were all very persuasive and passionate with their opinions. We wondered what we could feed the Iron Man if he ever visited our school, so they all had to become super scientist, learning about magnetic materials and creating some delicious metal menus for our visitor.

This term the children were also blown away by our visiting Welsh celebrity, Mr Phormula. An amazing experience, to be able to compose and perform bilingually with an international beat-boxer! Gwych! We were also very lucky to experience our very first school trip of the year, coding at Xplore Science Discovery Centre in Wrexham. All teachers, TAs and Governors who helped all commented on how well behaved the children were, they have made us all very proud!

Next half term, we are all looking forward to concluding our topic, beginning with a Technocamp workshop, coding Spheros, coding using Micro:bits and learning more about what may happen to the Iron Man. The end of the Autumn term also means that we're getting closer to our end of year Christmas celebrations; crafts, fayres, productions and even a panto! Oh no we're not! Oh yes we are! We certainly have achieved so much this half term. Lots of hard work and an abundance of smiles! Wishing you all a fun filled October half term.



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

What an extremely busy, fun, hard-working and unexpected half term it has been! Some might say it has been **COSMIC!!** Liam, the main character in our class novel: 'Cosmic' has led us on a journey to discover the history of fairground rides and how they work. It inspired us to make our own rides! It was great fun! In PE, we have brought the funfair to life by creating our own dances based on a rollercoaster ride!

Great teamwork, creativity and imagination!

We have welcomed visitors to our school this half term:

Alex from Technocamps showed us how to make a working space buggy using coding and we were amazed by the talented Mr Phormula, a Welsh rapper, who came to our school to help us write and perform our own rap!



Our learning has not stopped at 3:15 though, I have been impressed by all the homework that has been completed and shared on Google Classroom! Fantastic! I look forward to seeing more next half term!

On behalf of the Upper School team, thank you for your continuous support, we hope you enjoy your well-earned half term break, rest and recharge those batteries for another busy few weeks, where our learning will take us to 'infinity and beyond!' Cosmic!