

# Ysgol Maes Owen

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



April, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term, I'd like to thank our whole school Community for working so well together to ensure we remain a positive and happy place to be! One of the main things that visitors comment on is how relaxed and happy your children and our staff are. This is then mirrored in their active engagement in their learning and also in their play out on the yard.

Seeing the staff enjoy their time with your children is an absolute highlight for me. Seeing you all on the yard before and after school being so positive and supportive is wonderful. Also grateful for those parents and carers who can't carry out the 'school run' due to working hours for keeping in touch and being so supportive. Teamwork is definitely what makes our school so special! Please do bring anything of concern or any general questions to teachers, the School Office or myself. Nothing is ever seen as too small or negative – we enjoy explaining things and finding solutions to problems! I'm extremely lucky to be here doing what I do.

I mentioned back in February how we'd continued to see wonderful developments as we'd continued to build on our approach to whole-school topics and Lesson Planning. This was recently backed up after I received a letter from Local Authority Officers who had been discussing with GwE, (who work with schools to monitor), the work we'd been doing to lead the Creative Schools work and how '...effective this has been for the learners and as an example of good practise for others'. We do what we do for your children and don't need or expect praise; however, it was a received gratefully! 😊 The Officers visited our school this week and were full of praise!

The dates for the remainder of the current school year have been included below, although this will be updated again, I'm sure! **Do let the School Office know if you'd like a paper copy to go on your fridge! After school clubs will start straight after the Easter break.** Please don't hesitate to contact the School Office should you need any further information regarding anything at all.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Easter break and we look forward to seeing the children back here refreshed on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April** 😊

**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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<b>April</b>	
Monday 28th	<b>School reopens for learners</b>
Wednesday 30th	Years 3 and 4 – ‘First Experience’ music sessions Tempest Photography – Year 6 photo
<b>May</b>	
Friday 2nd	Whole school Jobs Fair linked with their Topic
Monday 5th	<b>School closed – May Day Bank Holiday</b>
Wednesday 7th	Parent/Guardian Pop In – 9.00 am – refreshments and whole school chat with Mrs Foulkes – all welcome 😊 Years 3 and 4 – ‘First Experience’ music sessions
Thursday 8th	County Boys Football Championship in Newtown – selected learners
Wednesday 14th	Years 3 and 4 – ‘First Experience’ music sessions
Thursday 15th	Yr 2 Transition sessions
Wednesday 21st	Years 3 and 4 – ‘First Experience’ music sessions
Thursday 22nd	Year 2 Transition sessions
Friday 23rd	Ysgol Maes Owen’s Got Talent No school uniform and end of half term reward <b>School closes today for the half term break</b>
<b>June</b>	
Monday 2nd	<b>School reopens for learners</b>
Tuesday 3rd	Year 3 and 4 Sports morning – 9.30 am start – parents/guardians welcome
Wednesday 4th	Years 3 and 4 – ‘First Experience’ music sessions Year 5 and 6 Sports morning – 9.30 am start – parents/guardians welcome Year 2 Transition session
Friday 6th	Girls’ Cricket Tournament – selected learners
Tuesday 10th	Cherishing Church Gardens visit – Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 11th	Cherishing Church Gardens visit – Years 5 and 6
Thursday 12th	Year 3 and 4 Sports morning – 9.30 am start – parents/guardians welcome - <b>RESERVE IF IT HAS BEEN RAINED OFF ON THE ORIGINAL DATE</b> Year 2 Transition sessions

	Cricket Tournament – selected learners
Friday 13th	Year 5 and 6 Sports morning – 9.30 am start – parents/guardians welcome - <b>RESERVE IF IT HAS BEEN RAINED OFF ON THE ORIGINAL DATE</b>
Thursday 19th	Year 2 Transition sessions
Wednesday 25th	Cricket Tournament – selected learners Spectrum project educating Year 5 learners – keeping safe and growing up
Monday 16th – Friday 27th	All Year 3 and 4 learners swimming every day for two weeks, <b>apart from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> as it is Transition Day</b>
Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th	Yr 6 Transition Days to Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan
Thursday 26th	Whole school Transition Day – all learners spend a day with their new teacher for the next academic year 😊
Friday 27th	Year 2 trialling Breakfast Club with us
Monday 30th	<b>Staff Training Day – School closed for learners</b>
<b>July</b>	
Tuesday 1st – Friday 11th	All Year 5 and 6 learners swimming every day for two weeks, <b>apart from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> as it is Staff Training Day</b>
Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th	Year 3 and 4 to Pentrellyncymmer. Learners not attending to come to school as usual, please 😊
Tuesday 15th	Year 3 and 4 end of term fun
Wednesday 16th	Year 6 Leavers' Service, ROA presentation, cake and cuppa – Year 6 parents/guardians welcome – 1.30 pm start
Thursday 17th	Year 5 and 6 end of term fun Year 6 Leavers' Party – 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm. Year 6 children only.
Friday 18th	No school uniform and class parties. Welcome to bring shop bought, packed party food to share with the class. Water bottles as usual, please. <b>School closes today for the Summer break</b>

## Message from Miss Pye & Miss Blears, (Head of Curriculum & Inclusion) :

This half term we concluded our first Spring topic, *Towyn Tales*, *Chwedlau Cymru*, we are proud to share that each class has published its own class tale inspired by our local area. Our children also explored the fascinating world of Foley art, creating an audiobook complete with their own sound effects!



We also celebrated our wonderful learners through our annual school



Eisteddfod, where their talents shone brightly. Additionally, we had the honour of hosting and participating in the very first *Kinnel Bay Welsh St. David's Day Parade* at *Tir Prince Raceway, Gorymdaith 2025*. Not only did our children enjoy this special event, but the local community also gathered to celebrate

with us, joining in traditional Welsh songs and dances.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to *Adam Williams*, the owner of *Tir Prince*, for welcoming our children back to the track for second time this term with a special charity event. Our pupils proudly dressed in red from head to toe for *Comic Relief*, and together as a school, we raised an incredible £1000 for this important cause!



Adding to the fun, we celebrated our love of books with an exciting whole-school *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*-



themed *World Book Day*. The children's creative costumes and enthusiasm made the day a truly memorable one. However, I'm not totally sure who enjoyed the day more, the pupils or the teachers?!

This term also saw all classes enthusiastically engaging in our mini

*STEMathon* topic. From exploring gravity, life cycles, light, sound, coding *Miro:Bits* to conducting hands-on chemistry experiments, our young scientists had an amazing time learning through discovery.



As we approached the end of term, our focus shifted to *Easter*, learning about its story and historical significance. We were delighted to visit *St. Mary's Church* and to once again welcome our families to our annual Easter craft session. It was simply an egg-cellent and egg-citing event!

Thank you for your continued support throughout this enriching and exciting term. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break!

