



YSGOL HEN FELIN

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DATE: 22nd December 2023

COMMUNICATION

As usual, we shall continue to contact you by telephone, school text service, school website and through Twitter with any updates. So, we kindly ask you to ensure we have your up-to-date contact telephone number and follow the school on 'X' [formerly Twitter]. Also, let your friends know when there has been some form of communication and, that way, nobody should miss anything!



Staffing updates

At the beginning of the Spring term, Mrs Layla Stanton [College B] and Miss Bryony White [Class 10] will start their maternity leave. The staff changes for these classes have been communicated directly to the relevant parents/carers.



We all have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. If you have any concerns about the health or safety of a child at school—or feel something may be troubling them—you should share this information with a member of staff straight away. Our safeguarding officers are Mr. Aron Bradley, Mr Nigel Hendy & Mrs Nicola Clark.



KEY DATES

Christmas Holidays – 22.12.23

Start of spring term – 09.01.24

February half term – 12.02.24 - 16.02.24

Bank Holiday – 06.05.24

INSET DAYS 2023-24

8th January 2024

8th April 2024

22nd July 2024

Autumn Term 2023

As we near the end of another busy term, our pupils are excitedly looking forward to their Christmas break. It is a delight to see the joy that this time of year brings to our pupils!

Estyn Inspection

As you will be aware, we recently had an Estyn inspection between 11th-14th December. We would like to thank all those parents/carers who took the time to complete the pre-inspection questionnaire, and those that attended the parent/carer meeting with the inspection team. The pupils, staff and governors are incredibly proud of how well we did during the inspection. We look forward to sharing the inspection report, which will be published on 15th February 2024.

Harvest

For our Harvest Appeal this year, we once again requested food donations for Rhondda Foodbank. Miss Roderick was able to hand over a car boot full of donations to support this great cause. #ThankYou

Christmas Concerts / Fete

Firstly, a massive thank you from all of the YHF team to our extremely supportive families for attending and cheering on the children throughout the Christmas concerts. It was lovely to see so many of you fill the hall with your smiles and laughter. The children benefitted greatly from your support and for that we are all grateful. We also had an excellent turn out for our Christmas fete. Through your generous donations and raffle money, between both events we managed to raise an impressive total of £1970.79 - THANK YOU! This money will be used to enhance the learning experiences of the children in the school.

Outdoor Learning Development

A massive thank you to Sophie Evans and councillor Emma Dunning for supporting with the official opening of our Outdoor Numeracy area on 12th December. We were treated to a performance by our school choir and the Taiko Drumming Team.

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THE WELLBEING CENTRE

MONDAY

- ✚ Parents Coffee Morning – 9.00-10.30am [weekly]
- ✚ Family Learning – Numicon 1.30-2.30pm [22.01.24]

TUESDAY

- ✚ Little Rainbows – 1.00-2:30pm [weekly]
- ✚ Team Teach Parent Engagement – 9.30am

WEDNESDAY

- ✚ Parent wellbeing sessions – 9.15-10.30am [weekly]
- ✚ Team Teach Parent Engagement – 12.30pm
- ✚ Reading Rhondda – 2.00pm

THURSDAY

- ✚ Cooking On A Budget / Maths on Toast [25.01.24 – for 4 weeks]
- ✚ Little Rainbows – 1.00-2:30pm [weekly]

FRIDAY

- ✚ Hairdresser visits – 12:30pm [weekly]

PLUS...

- ✚ Sensory sessions
- ✚ Parenting Puzzle Course
- ✚ Sleep workshop
- ✚ Toileting workshop
- ✚ Internet safety workshops
- ✚ Careers workshops
- ✚ Health workshops (PSE)
- ✚ After school clubs
- ✚ + Look out for another family fun day
- ... dates for these activities to be confirmed.

Curriculum

Our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the Expressive Arts focus during the Autumn term. We look forward to following a Humanities focus during the Spring term. Please [click here](#) to view our curriculum summary.

School private fund

I am pleased to inform parents/carers that we have accumulated a significant balance in our school private fund. This has been the result of many donations and fundraising events held by the school. In order for the money to be used effectively, and to benefit all of our pupils, I am proposing that we use these funds to develop a bespoke forest schools outdoor learning area within the school grounds. This provision will increase opportunities for our pupils to develop their learning, physical and wellbeing skills in an outdoor environment.

If parents/carers have any objections to this proposal, could you please outline your concerns in writing by Friday 12th January. Any concerns will subsequently be discussed by the Governing body for a decision to be made as to whether we proceed with the purchase.

Family Christmas Event

A big thank you to the families that attended our Family Christmas Event at Trebanog Community Centre on Friday 15th December. We hope you all enjoyed!



YHF Winter Wonderland Event

On 21st December, we had a Winter Wonderland @YHF. The pupils got to enjoy fairground rides, hook-a-duck, Santa's grotto, roasting marshmallows on the fire...plus much more! What a fantastic day!!

