



# YSGOL HEN FELIN

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DATE: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

### 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

During the summer term, Miss Charlotte Baber [Class 9] will start her maternity leave. This will coincide with Miss Chloe Daunton returning from her maternity leave. In addition, Miss Chloe Edwards will be leaving us at the end of term. Miss Jade Tucker will be covering Class 4 during the summer term. 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

Bank Holiday – 06.05.24

MOVE Week – w/c 20.05.24

Whitsun half term – 27.05.24 – 31.05.24

Sports days – w/c 17.06.24

End of Summer term – 19.07.24

### INSET DAYS 2023-24

8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

### Spring Term 2024

As we near the end of another busy term, our pupils are excitedly looking forward to their Easter 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 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The pupils, staff and governors are incredibly proud of how well we did during the inspection. [Click here](#) to read the report.



### Rhondda Radio

On 7<sup>th</sup> March, pupils from our school council hosted a takeover hour on Rhondda Radio. They were fantastic!! If you missed the show, [click here](#) to listen back anytime.

### Down Syndrome Awareness Day

World Down Syndrome Day, celebrated annually on March 21<sup>st</sup>, is dedicated to raising awareness for those living with the condition. At YHF we celebrated by wearing odd and/or funky socks 🧦



### Comic Relief

Thank you everyone for the amazing efforts during our Comic Relief Fundraiser! Lots of fun was had by all!!



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### THE WELLBEING CENTRE

#### MONDAY

- ✚ Parents Coffee Morning – 9.00-10:30am [weekly]
- ✚ Family Learning – Lego Therapy 10-12pm [15.04.24 - for 3 weeks]
- ✚ Supporting your child through Play 1-3pm [15.04.24 - for 3 weeks]
- ✚ Hairdresser Visit - [twice a half term]

#### TUESDAY

- ✚ Little Rainbows – 1.00-2:30pm [weekly]
- ✚ Play Therapy - AM

#### WEDNESDAY

- ✚ Parent wellbeing sessions – 9.15-10.30am [weekly]
- ✚ Life Skill/ Personal Care opportunities to de-sensitise pupils.
- ✚ Reading Rhondda – 2.00pm [weekly]

#### THURSDAY

- ✚ Early Birds Plus Course [25.4.24 – for 8 weeks]
- ✚ Little Rainbows – 1.00-2:30pm [weekly]

#### FRIDAY

- ✚ Pre-loved clothes shop [once a term]
- ✚ Total Communication sessions [Date TBC - for 4 weeks]
- ✚ Staff Wellbeing - AM

#### PLUS...

- ✚ Sensory sessions
- ✚ Sleep workshop
- ✚ Toileting workshop
- ✚ Internet safety workshops
- ✚ Careers workshops
- ✚ Health workshops (PSE)
- ✚ After school clubs
- ✚ Parent Engagement for new parents 1:1 sessions
- ✚ + Look out for another family fun day

...dates for these activities to be confirmed.

### Curriculum

Our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the Language, Literacy and Communication focus during the Spring term. We look forward to following a Science & Technology [summer 1] and Health & Wellbeing [summer 2] focus during the Summer term. Please [click here](#) to view our curriculum summary.



#### Louby Lou's Storytelling Day

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, Louby Lou's delivered storytelling sessions to classes throughout the school. We had a minibeast theme, which the pupils thoroughly enjoyed. As usual, the sessions were amazing!!

#### Gymnastics Competition

Various pupils from key stage 3 and key stage 4 enjoyed competing at the Welsh Gymnastics competition on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Well done to everyone on their fantastic efforts!!



#### Young Ambassadors

Our young ambassadors have successfully won a bid for £500 via RCT Dragons Den for our new Mini Golf Project. Our sponsor (Dragon) Ellie from Atkin Realis loved the presentation so much, she wanted to contribute to the school to support our new sporting adventure. A big well done to Luke Sheldon, Joshua Mountjoy, Bethan O'Leary & Keiran Chambers.



#### Story Club

We hold a weekly story club where pupils enjoy reading and accessing different books related to our topics. The primary department story club takes place on Tuesdays, whilst the secondary department story club is on Thursdays.

