

# Ysgol Maes Owen



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

February, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the end of the first half of the Spring Term, I'd like to thank you for your ongoing support and help. The staff here at Ysgol Maes Owen work particularly hard to ensure the children in our care are happy and learning and this is made so much easier when we all work together, so I'm very grateful to you all!

We have continued to see great successes and enjoyment in learning as we continue to build our exciting whole-school Curriculum. This was extremely evident when I carried out a whole-school learning walk along with a colleague from another school. The calm and happy learning environment in all classes was clear to see. I'm grateful for the wonderful staff we have in our school and your fantastic children, of course! 😊

The dates for the remainder of the current school year have been included below, although this will be updated again! **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 half term, apart from Mrs McEwan's IT/Computer Club. This will recommence on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

Some mixed news for our school family as Mrs Lumsden is leaving to further her career, working for the Probation Service. It is genuinely hard to put into words how much she will be missed, but we wish Mrs Lumsden all the best and hope she will pop back to see us!

Please don't hesitate to contact the School Office should you need any further information regarding anything at all. Thanks once again for your ongoing support, as always.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back here refreshed on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** 😊

**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>February</b>	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Whole-school Reward and own clothes day! Eisteddfod certificates shared 😊 <b>School closes today for the half term break</b>
<b>March</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>School reopens for learners</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Diwrnod Dewi Sant Parade and singing in the community – wear Welsh colours
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory theme – come in fancy dress or own clothes 😊
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 and 6 Girls' netball tournament – selected learners
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 to Nant BH – all other learners to school as usual, please
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day – wear red to school – donation, £1 suggested
Wb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Guardian meeting with teachers this week
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Staff Training Day – school closed to learners</b>
<b>April</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Years 3 and 4 mixed Netball Tournament – selected learners
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	'Open the Book' Collective Worship – whole school
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No school uniform day – bring a selection box for PTFA Easter Bingo! 4.30 pm – PTFA Easter Bingo – all welcome!
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Homework books returned by today, please
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Easter Craft session – Dosbarth Mr Morgan & Dosbarth Miss Blears – £1 payable via Parentpay, please. 1.15 pm Easter Craft session – Dosbarth Mrs Jones – £1 payable via Parentpay, please.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3 and 4 – Easter Church visit to St Mary's
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Easter Craft session – Dosbarth Miss Pye & Dosbarth Mrs Tierney – £1 payable via Parentpay, please. 1.15 pm Easter Craft session – Dosbarth Mrs O'Connor & Dosbarth Miss Topping – £1 payable via Parentpay, please.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 and 6 – Easter Church visit to St Mary's
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Whole-school Reward and own clothes day! 😊 <b>School closes today for the Easter break</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School reopens for learners</b>
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3 and 4 – 'First Experience' music sessions
<b>May</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School closed – May Day Bank Holiday</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3 and 4 – 'First Experience' music sessions
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3 and 4 – 'First Experience' music sessions
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Years 3 and 4 – 'First Experience' music sessions
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	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 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>School reopens for learners</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	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
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
Friday 13th	Year 5 and 6 Sports morning – 9.30 am start – parents/guardians welcome
Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th	Swimming over the three days – Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 25th	Cricket Tournament – selected learners
Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th	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	Swimming over the three days – Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th	Year 3 and 4 to Pentrellyncymmer. Learners not attending to come to school as usual, please 😊
Wednesday 16th	Year 6 Leavers’ Service, ROA presentation, cake and cuppa – Year 6 parents/guardians welcome
Thursday 17th	Year 6 Leavers’ Party – 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm. Year 6 children only.
Friday 18th	No school uniform and end of half term reward <b>School closes today for the Summer break</b>

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

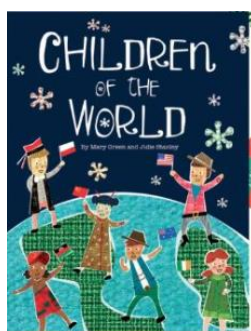
We have had a delightful end to an action-packed term. We would like to thank all of the children and staff for making it so special and memorable for all. We concluded our 'Time Travellers' topic with each class hosting their very own Live Museum for parents and families. We're sure you were all as



proud as we were, watching the children showcase their learning with great enthusiasm and confidence was an absolute pleasure! All teaching staff have also been very impressed by the homework that has been completed in children's books and on our Google Classrooms, fantastic work!



Over the last few weeks, there has been a lot of Christmas cheer, not only in classrooms but also around the whole school. Teachers have cleverly used the whole school Christmas production theme, Children of the World, in all teaching and learning sessions. The children have flown thousands of miles around the World learning about Christmas traditions in a number of countries. The sweet sounds of the children singing up and down the school corridor has simply been magical!



Once again, our annual Christmas craft sessions were a great hit with the children; these were all prepared by our terrific TAs, thank you ladies! Finally, not only did the children have a belly full of sweets, they also had a belly full of laughter at the Cinderella Pantomime in Rhyl. Oh no they didn't! Oh yes they did!!!



On behalf of all of our teaching staff, we 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 Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i bawb!