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November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our service children for their thoughtful contributions to our Remembrance Day service. Your reflections and involvement made the occasion truly special across all the campuses. A big thank you also to the families who created poppies together for our remembrance displays - they look fantastic across all our campuses and have helped us honour this important event beautifully.

In the coming weeks, we'll be sending out a separate letter to parents and carers with updates about our school developments, including our work on phonics and spelling, social and emotional support, and improvements to our learning environment. We look forward to sharing these exciting updates with you.

Several of our service children advocates recently visited the Senedd with Mrs Court, for a tour and had the opportunity to meet the Education Secretary. You can read more about this inspiring visit in this newsletter.

This term, we are beginning our class assemblies, giving parents the chance to come in and share in their children's learning. These will take place over the coming terms, starting with Dosbarth Foxes next week.

We look forward to seeing many of you over the next few weeks as our Christmas activities get underway — it's always a wonderful time to celebrate together as a school community.

Mrs Sarah Court

Headteacher

### Staff Update

We would like to share that Mrs. A Waghorn has moved on to pastures new and is working with the Powys Education Team. We wish her all the best in her new role and you may still see her around school when she is supporting pupils.

Miss. B Woods will be leaving us at the end of this term to pursue her travelling dreams. While we will miss her greatly, we are excited for the adventures that lie ahead for her. Once we have finalised her replacement we will update the class parents and children.

### Inset Days (Autumn Term 2025)

Please note there is an inset day when we return after the Christmas holidays and school will be closed to pupils:

**Monday 5th January 2026**

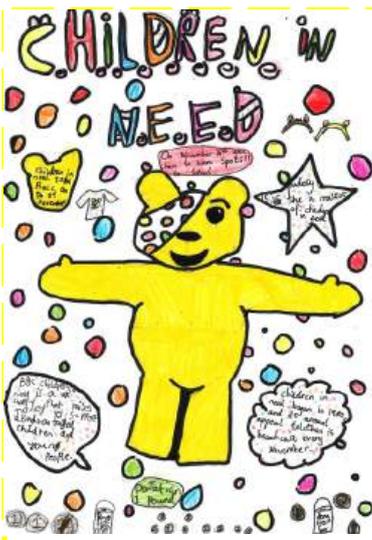




We're pleased to introduce Sophie, our dedicated School Nurse at Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan. Sophie plays a key role in supporting the health and wellbeing of all our pupils across both campuses. She works closely with staff to manage medical conditions, provide health education, and promote positive physical and emotional wellbeing within the school environment.

Sophie is also a valuable point of contact for parents and carers. She can offer advice on a wide range of health-related concerns, from managing allergies and long-term conditions to supporting emotional health and accessing wider services. Whether it's a quick question or a more complex issue, Sophie is here to help and always happy to chat.

Sophie can be contacted on 01874 615675 and [Sophie.morgan-lane2@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Sophie.morgan-lane2@wales.nhs.uk)



### Children in Need Friday 14th November

Join us in supporting this amazing cause!

**Wear something spotty**  
and help make a difference.  
Every little bit counts – let's show our support together!

Donations can also be made on

**START YOUR DAY THE FUN & TASTY WAY!**

- Held in MSI and MSI hall
- Enjoy a delicious breakfast
- Take part in fun morning activities
- Cost: £1.50 per child per day

*Perfect for early risers & busy mornings*

# QUIZ NIGHT

TEST YOUR BRAIN & WIN PRIZES

**26 NOV - 6.45 PM**

**CRADOC GOLF CLUB**

£10 PER HEAD, FOOD INCLUDED, CASH PRIZES & CHARITY DONATION FOR "FRIENDS OF YSGOL GOLWG PEN Y FAN"

PLEASE CALL TO BOOK YOUR TEAM OF UP TO 6 PPEOPLE. FOOD STARTS FROM 6PM ONWARDS.

01874 623 658 (OPTION 5)

KELLY'S  
CRADOC GOLF CLUB

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## FAMILY CARE AND SUPPORT DROP IN

Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan will be holding a family care and support drop in.

Come and have a coffee and talk to each other and various agencies from across Powys about care and support for your family.

Help will be available to fill in Free School meal applications, information and advice from school nurse, family liaison officer etc

Friends of Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan will be selling uniform and refreshments.

**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**  
**MSJ CAMPUS HALL**  
**2:30PM-4:00PM**

# AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

## YSGOL GOLWG PEN Y FAN







🕒 Monday – Friday | 3:30pm – 5:15pm

🎉 Fun Activities

🍎 Tasty Snacks

👶 Infant children are safely walked over by staff

💰 Pricing:

- £6.50 per child per day
- £5.50 per additional sibling per day

📍 Location: Mount Street Junior School

👉 Open to all pupils from Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan

**A safe, fun, and engaging way to end the school day!**

More information:  
**Please contact your campus office**

### How do I make contact with the school and my class teacher?

At Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan we are committed to maintaining an open and approachable environment where everyone feels comfortable sharing their thoughts and concerns. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Our current communication policy is available on the school website.

You can contact your child's class teacher for any initial concerns or questions at pick up or drop off time, leave a message via the office (in person, email or phone) You can also arrange to meet with your class teacher at a convenient time.

Messages can be passed to staff or senior leaders on duty at the start or end of the day or phoned/emailed into school.

### Healthy Snacks and water bottles

Across the campuses we encourage you to ensure your child has a healthy snack for their morning session. An example of this could be:



- A piece of fruit/selection of fruit cut up
- Some cut up vegetables

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school with water, we encourage children to have water across the day during learning, as well as at breaktimes and lunch. Children can refill their water bottles in school across the day.

As Winter approaches, please bring in coats and wellies into school everyday. Please ensure all items of outdoor clothing are labelled with your child's name.

Pupils on the Cradoc campus, please ensure your waterproof trousers/suits are now in school.



### SCHOOP

Please remember to use SCHOOP to access school information. You can arrange for notifications to be sent to you via the SCHOOP app and choose which channels to follow.

We do also have a Service Children's channel for our Armed Forces families to join.



## Dates for diary

November 2025		
Date	Who	Activity
Friday 14th November	All campuses	Children in Need Day Wear something spotty! £1 donation suggestion
Monday 17th November	Dosbarth Owl children and parents	Enterprising Activity 15:30—16:30 All families welcome to join us
Wednesday 19th November	Dosbarth Fox	Class Assembly at 14.50 in the MSI Hall Families welcome to join us
Wednesday 19th November	Mount Street Junior Campus	Tarrell class have a pop up cafe at MSJ Hall - everyone welcome, please contact the office to book a place 2.25pm - 4.00pm
Thursday 20th November	Cradoc Campus	Flu Vaccination mop-up
Thursday 20th November	Parents and Families	Care and Support open afternoon at MSJ 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Thursday 20th November	All campuses	Stick 2 Percussion workshops
Friday 21st— 27th November	All campuses	Book Fair in school. Times to be confirmed
Monday 24th November	Dosbarth Tarrell	Class Assembly at 14:45 MSJ School Hall Families welcome to join us
Tuesday 25th November	Year 5 & 6	Winter Fair Trip Please see separate letter

December 2025		
Date	Who	Activity
Monday 1st December	KS2 Service Children	Service Children KS2 Festival at Derring Lines
Thursday 11th December 10:15 Friday 12th December 14:00	MSI Campus	Nativity - venue will be MSJ Campus Hall Friends and family welcome
Thursday 11th December 14:30	Cradoc Campus—all families	Nativity Friends and family welcome
Tuesday 16th December	All campuses	Wear a Christmas Jumper to school
Tuesday 16th December	All campuses	Christmas Dinner Menu
Wednesday 17th December 15:30 Christmas Craft Sale and games, followed by carols around the tree	Mount Street Junior Campus	Christmas Craft Sale and games /Carols around the Tree Friends and family welcome
Friday 19th December	All campuses	Last day of Term
Monday 5th January 2026	All Campuses	School closed to pupils - INSET day
Tuesday 6th January	All campuses	School re-opens to all pupils

## Communication and Contacting each campus

Our home school communication policy is now in place to support our school community with expectations. To support this, we would like to provide you with information regarding each campus office opening hours:

### **Cradoc Campus – 01874 622555**

office.cradoc@golwgpenyfan.powys.sch.uk

Cradoc Campus office daily hours: 08:45 - 12:00 13:00 - 15:30

### **Mount Street Infant Campus – 01874 623038**

office.msi@golwgpenyfan.powys.sch.uk

MSI office daily hours: 08:45 - 12:00 13:00 - 15:30

### **Mount Street Junior Campus daily hours**

office.msj@golwgpenyfan.powys.sch.uk

MSJ office daily hours: 08:45 - 12:30 13:15 - 15:30



Our school website is currently being updated.

Check it out on School website:

[Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan www.golwgpenyfan.sch.uk](http://www.golwgpenyfan.sch.uk)



## How to report your child's absence

It is very important that if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you let the school know as soon as possible. You can ring the office of your child's campus or email the office using the contact opposite.

The school has a responsibility and duty of care to ensure the safety of every pupil and the school will contact you if we don't hear from you by 10:00 on the morning of the first day of absence. Please support the school by ensuring you let us know as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent.

## Breakfast Club and After School Club

We kindly ask families with outstanding payments for Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club to settle these balances as soon as possible.

ParentPay is used to make payments, and we ask that parents ensure there are adequate funds to cover all wraparound childcare. If you require any advice on ParentPay please contact Miss Griffiths in the Mount Street Junior office.

**Please note: there will be no After Club available on 12th or 19th December 2025**

## A Day to Remember: Junior Service Children Visit the Senedd

On 5th November, a group of Junior Service Children from Brecon and surrounding areas embarked on a memorable trip to the Senedd in Cardiff, thanks to the generous support of SSCE Cymru (Supporting Service Children in Education).

The children were warmly welcomed to the heart of Welsh democracy, where they had the unique opportunity to meet the Education Minister, Lynne Neagle, MS. During this special session, they shared their personal experiences of what it's like to grow up as a service child in Wales—highlighting both the challenges and the pride that come with being part of a military family.

Following the discussion, the group enjoyed an engaging tour of the Senedd building. They explored the debating chamber, learned about the role of the Welsh Parliament, and gained insight into how decisions are made that affect their lives and communities. To top off an already fantastic day, the children were treated to a well-earned Llanfaes Ice Cream at Cardiff Bay—an indulgent and joyful end to an inspiring visit.

***Here are some of our pupils thoughts about the day:***

***How did you feel having the Education secretary listen to your experiences?***

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***What was the best part of the day?***

'Talking to the minister and shaking her hand and getting an ice cream at the end of the day!'

'The best part of the day was probably the tour of the Senedd because it was so big and interesting to hear about.'

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This enriching experience not only gave the children a voice in the political landscape of Wales but also created lasting memories and a deeper understanding of civic life. A heartfelt thank you to SSCE for making this day possible.



