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December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the autumn term, I want to extend my warmest thanks for your continued support and partnership. It has been a truly successful and spirited term, filled with learning, connection, and celebration. A big thank you goes to all the staff across the campuses for their hard work and dedication to your children's learning and emotional development.

This term has seen a wonderful range of events and activities that have brought our school community together. From class assemblies enrichment workshops and local experiences, our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and creativity. Their hard work, curiosity, and resilience have been evident across the campuses.

I hope to see you and your families at one of our concerts and festive events that will showcasing the talents and confidence of our pupils. These moments will remind us how important community is, and how much joy comes from being able to share achievements and celebrate together.

As we look ahead to the spring term, we are excited for the opportunities to come and eager to continue building on the strong foundations set this autumn. Our new concept of learning is empathy and diversity and we look forward to the children's ideas to develop their learning. We will also be welcoming Mr Connor Bailey as the new teacher in Tarrell Class and wish Miss Beth Wood all the best in her travels. Mrs Kimberly Price will be leaving us at the end of term to start a new adventure and Mrs Scott Lowe will continue to teach alongside Mrs Helen Baldwin.

Thank you once again for your support. I wish all our families a restful break and a very happy holiday season when the time comes.

Mrs Sarah Court

Headteacher

Our current whole school attendance is 89% - we aim for 95%



YSGOL GOLWGW PEN Y FAN

MOUNT STREET JUNIOR CAMPUS

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE
&
CHRISTMAS
CRAFT SALE & GAMES

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

FROM 3.00PM

ALL
WELCOME



YSGOL GOLWGW PEN Y FAN

Thursday 11th Dec - 10.15am

Friday 12th Dec - 2.00pm

Mount Street Infant Campus
SONGS OF THE NATIVITY



Held at Mount Street Infant Campus

Tickets will be issued to families prior to the concert

PTA will be holding a raffle

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

with us



Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan

Cradoc Campus presents

THE FLEECE FORCE

On Thursday 11th December

2.00pm

Cradoc Campus Hall

Friends of Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan will be holding a raffle

THE FLEECE FORCE

An Arresting Nativity



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

December 2025		
Date	Who	Activity
Monday 8th December	All campuses	Parent Forum meeting at MSJ at 2.00pm - 3.15pm
Thursday 11th December	Mount Street Infant Campus	Nativity - 10.15am Tickets will be allocated
Thursday 11th December	Cradoc Campus	Nativity - 2.00pm Friends and family welcome
Friday 12th December	Mount Street Infant Campus	Nativity - 2.00pm Tickets will be allocated
Tuesday 16th December	All campuses	Wear a Christmas Jumper to school
Tuesday 16th December	All campuses	Christmas Dinner Menu
Tuesday 16th December	Mount Street Junior Campus	Animal Encounter Experience funded by Friends of YGPYF
Wednesday 17th December	Mount Street Infant Campus	Animal Encounter Experience funded by Friends of YGPYF
Wednesday 17th December	Mount Street Junior Campus	Carols around the Tree, Christmas Crafts sale and Games from 3.00pm Friends and family welcome
Thursday 18th December	Cradoc Campus	Animal Encounter Experience funded by Friends of YGPYF
Friday 19th December	All campuses	Non-School Uniform 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

As we approach the end of another fantastic year, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all parents, carers, and friends of Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan for your unwavering support. Your contributions and involvement make a real difference to the experiences we can offer our pupils.

We are especially excited about the upcoming Animal Encounters Experience, taking place at the end of term. This unique event has been funded entirely by the incredible efforts of the Friends of Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan, and we know our pupils are looking forward to an unforgettable day of learning and fun.

Thank you for helping us create these special opportunities—your support truly enriches our school community!



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



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

Inset Days (Spring Term 2026)

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

Please note there is a INSET DAY on
Friday 6th March 2026



Children in Need

THANK YOU!

We raised

£181.51

Exciting News: New Playground Equipment Coming to Cradoc Campus!

We are thrilled to announce that brand-new playground equipment will be installed on the Cradoc Campus at the end of December. This exciting addition will provide our learners with a fun, safe, and engaging space to play and develop their skills.

The funding for this project has come from the Anti-Poverty Grant, and we are incredibly grateful to Cllr Iain McIntosh for his guidance and support in securing this grant, and for his personal financial contribution. His efforts have helped make this improvement possible for our school community.

We can't wait to see the new equipment in place and watch our pupils enjoy this fantastic upgrade. Stay tuned for updates and photos once the installation is complete!





Christmas Menu

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

MAIN COURSES
Roast Turkey & Stuffing
or Mediterranean Loaf

SERVED WITH
Mashed & Roast Potatoes
With a
Cocktail Sausage or Vegan Sausage

Carrots, Garden Peas or Sprouts

Gravy

DESSERT
Christmas Ice Cream Tub



**Ysgol Golwg
Pen Y Fan
Breakfast
Club**

**8.00am to 9.00am
Monday - Friday**

START YOUR DAY THE FUN & TASTY WAY!

- 📍 Held in MSI and MSJ hall
- 🍳 Enjoy a delicious breakfast
- 🎈 Take part in fun morning activities
- 💷 Cost: £2 per child per day (from 06.01.2026)

Perfect for early risers & busy mornings





PARENT FORUM

Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan

Date: Monday 8th December 2025

Time: 2.00pm - 3.15pm

 **Venue: Mount Street Junior Campus**

We welcome parents/guardians to join us.
We are looking for a parent representative from each class.
Please contact the school office for more details

