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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school term and a very happy New Year to all our parents and carers. Despite the unusual start to January with snow and icy weather, we are delighted to welcome everyone back and to see the school full of energy again.

Inset Days (Spring Term 2026)

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

Thank you for your patience and support during the recent disruptions. I would like to thank all the staff for their support during this time of uncertainty with the weather. We are looking forward to a positive and productive year ahead, filled with learning, growth, and opportunities for all our pupils.

This term we welcome Mr Bailey to Tarrell class at MSJ Campus. Mrs Graham, Pre-school leader for Smarties is extending her time with us before she leaves, whilst we undertake the recruitment process for Smarties. We will update you when we have further information.

We are excited to share that the new equipment has been installed at Cradoc Campus and a big thank you to Cllr. Iain MacIntosh for supporting this grant and the children for choosing the equipment they would like. We know they will enjoy using it.

Our learning concept this term is 'Empathy and Diversity'. The school's big question will be 'How do people experience the world differently and why is it important to understand and respect those differences?'

The children have been busy thinking and discussing what they would like to learn and find out. Each class will shortly share their class learning, future dates and events for the term via SCHOOP.

As always the senior leadership team hope to see you out on the playgrounds at the start and end of the day. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Sarah Court

Headteacher

Our current whole school attendance is 90% - we aim for 95%

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.

Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan Breakfast Club
8:00am to 9:00am
Monday - Friday

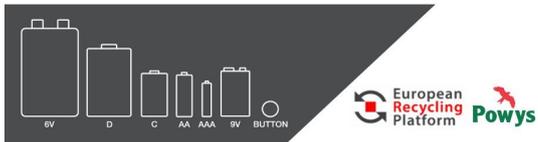
START YOUR DAY THE FUN & TASTY WAY!
! Held in MSI and MSJ hall
! Enjoy a delicious breakfast
! Take part in fun morning activities
! Cost: £2 per child per day (from 06.01.2026)

Perfect for early risers & busy mornings

School battery recycling competition

Recycle your old batteries and win **Amazon vouchers** for your school!

Check with your school for more details



How the competition works

1. Pupils can bring any batteries listed as acceptable for recycling (AA, AAA, D, C, 9V, 6V and button cells).
2. Check batteries against the accepted list. Please ensure only permitted battery types are placed in the collection box.
3. Place batteries in the red and white ERP collection box

Prizes

County Prize: £600 will be awarded throughout the schools collecting within Powys.

School Reward: All participating schools will receive 50p per kg of batteries collected.

What happens to the batteries

All batteries collected will be fully recycled, and their raw materials will be used to manufacture new products, helping reduce landfill and support a circular economy.

Swimming - week beginning 12th January (MSI and Cradoc Campus only)

A separate letter has been sent home with your class times.

What Your Child Needs to Bring

Please ensure your child comes to school with the following on swimming days:

- **Swimsuit or swimming trunks** (*One-piece swimsuits recommended; no bikinis*)
- **Towel**
- **Swimming hat** (if required by the pool)
- **Named bag** to keep swimming items together
- **Warm coat** and appropriate footwear.



Clothing reminder (important for Reception–Year 2):

Please dress your child in **easy-to-put-on and easy-to-take-off clothes** on swimming days. For example:

- Joggers or leggings instead of tight trousers
- Simple tops rather than shirts with lots of buttons
- Shoes with **Velcro fastenings** rather than laces

This helps children change more independently and ensures we can make the most of our swimming time.

Optional (if needed):

- **Goggles** (named, if used)

Please Note

- Jewellery should **not** be worn on swimming days.
- Long hair should be **tied back**.
- All items should be **clearly labelled** with your child's name.

Thank you for your continued support in helping make our swimming sessions safe and enjoyable. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

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.

