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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are finally moving past the shortest days of winter, and there is lots of energy and a buzz of learning around the campuses.

I am absolutely thrilled to share several pieces of fantastic news with you all, firstly our excellent success following a joint Estyn and CiW inspection of 3@Cradoc pre-school on our Cradoc Campus. What an amazing report, and I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and the parents and children for their support. We have also been successful with a Community Focused Schools Project Grant from Powys County Council of £40,000. Well done, Miss Johnson for the successful bid. This grant will provide us with exciting new outdoor spaces, a community garden and meeting space.

Please can we remind you to park safely around the MS Campuses, use our free Co-op parking permit instead of the roads around the campuses. We have had reports of near misses and we want everyone to feel safe around school.

Thank you everyone for supporting the schools developments with attendance and punctuality, there has been a really good start to the term. We also welcome Mrs Jo Butcher to Smarties as the new pre-school leader, it is great to have her join our team.

Mrs Sarah Court

Headteacher at Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan

Inset Days (Spring Term 2026)

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

School Medication Policy

We would like to remind parents and guardians of our school's Medication Policy. In line with safeguarding and health guidelines, **only medication that has been prescribed by a healthcare professional can be administered in school.**



Please note that we **cannot administer any medication purchased over the counter**, including treatments for common conditions such as hay fever. This policy ensures the safety and well-being of all pupils and staff.

If your child requires prescribed medication during the school day, please ensure that:

- The medication is clearly labelled with your child's name.
- It is in its original packaging with the prescription details.
- You have completed and submitted the necessary consent forms to the school office.

A full copy of the Medication Policy is available on our school website.



Celebrating Excellence at 3@Cradoc

We are absolutely delighted to share the wonderful news that 3@Cradoc has achieved *excellent* across the board in their recent CIW and Estyn inspections. This exceptional outcome recognizes what we already know: 3@Cradoc is an outstanding early years setting that provides the very best start for our 3 and 4 year olds.

Achieving excellence in every category is no small feat. It reflects years of commitment, expertise, and unwavering passion for early childhood education.

The inspectors' findings highlight the high-quality learning environment, the nurturing relationships with children, and the rich, engaging provision that makes 3@Cradoc such a special place.

At the heart of this success are our remarkable setting leader and assistant Mrs Davies and Ms Lloyd. Their dedication, professionalism, and tireless hard work have shaped the setting into a place where children flourish every single day. Their commitment to excellence has ensured their vision and drive have been central in reaching this milestone, and we want to offer them our warmest congratulations and deepest thanks.

A huge well done as well to the entire team at 3@Cradoc. This report reflects the collective effort, care, and passion that make the setting such an inspiring place for our youngest learners.

A full copy of the inspection report can be found on the school website.

New Playground Equipment Transforms Playtime at Cradoc Campus

We are delighted to share some exciting news from Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan's Cradoc Campus! Thanks to a £5,000 Anti-Poverty Grant from Powys County Council, along with additional funding generously provided by Cllr Iain McIntosh, the school has been able to install brand-new playground equipment that is already making a huge difference to our pupils and the wider community.



Over recent weeks, children have been enjoying a fantastic new fort with slide, a set of monkey bars, and a brand-new play tunnel. These additions have brought fresh energy and excitement to our outdoor space, encouraging children to be active, imaginative, and adventurous during breaktimes.

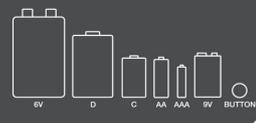
The benefits of the new equipment are already clear. Pupils are developing their physical strength, balance, and coordination while also building important social skills such as turn-taking, teamwork, and problem-solving. Staff have noticed increased confidence among many children, as well as a boost to overall wellbeing as pupils enjoy more active and engaging play.

One of the most important aspects of this project is its impact beyond the school day. The Cradoc community has access to the playground outside of school hours, meaning children and families can enjoy the equipment during weekends and holidays. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Powys County Council for awarding the Anti-Poverty Grant, and to Cllr Iain McIntosh for his additional contribution. Their support has enabled us to create a vibrant, inclusive outdoor space that benefits not only the pupils of Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan but also the wider Cradoc community.

School battery recycling competition

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

Check with your school for more details



Our school website is currently being updated.

Check it out on School website:

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

www.golwgpenyfan.sch.uk



Reminder about applying for parking permits for the Mount Street Campuses

Please contact your campus office at MSI or MSJ for a **FREE PARKING PERMIT** for the Co-op. The Co-op is just a few minutes' walk to both the campuses. Parking here will support safety around the roads and campuses during drop off and pick up time. Please help us to keep our families safe by always driving and parking safely.



Mobile Phone Use in School Parent Summary

Why do we have this policy?

To keep pupils safe, reduce distractions, and make sure school is a positive place for learning and play.

Key Points for Parents

1. Should my child bring a phone?

Pupils should not bring a mobile phone unless absolutely necessary (e.g., walking to and from school independently). If they do bring one, please ensure it is suitable for a primary-age child.

2. What happens to the phone during the day?

Phones must be switched off before entering the school grounds. Pupils must hand their phone to their class teacher or the school office on arrival. Phones are stored securely and returned at the end of the school day.

3. When can pupils use their phone?

Pupils cannot use mobile phones during the school day. No calls, messages, photos, videos, or apps may be used on school premises. If your child needs to contact you, the school will help them.

4. Safeguarding & Online Safety

Phones must not be used to take photos, videos, or recordings in school. Any concerns about messages or online behaviour will be handled through the school's safeguarding procedures.

5. Lost or Damaged Phones

The school cannot take responsibility for lost or damaged phones. Please ensure your child knows they bring a phone at their own risk.

6. If a phone is misused

The phone may be kept by school staff until a parent collects it. Permission to bring a phone may be removed if there are repeated issues.

Working Together

Our priority is to keep children safe and ensure they can enjoy learning without distractions. Thank you for supporting this policy.

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

Dates for your diary

February 2026		
Date	Who	Activity
Thursday 12th February	Criw Cymraeg and Year 5	Mr Formula Event - Welsh Rapper
Friday 13th February	All pupils - class event	Dydd Miswsig Cymru Welsh Music Day
Friday 13th February	Year 6 Pupils	WOW Day led by Brecon High School staff in primary schools
Friday 13th February	All pupils	Friends of Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan Non-uniform Day
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February	All Pupils	School closed for Half Term
Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th February	Year 6	Llangrannog Trip
Friday 27th February	MSJ and MSI	Timings to be confirmed St. David's Day coffee morning and St. David's Day Gallery

March 2026		
Date	Who	Activity
Monday 2nd March	All Pupils	St David's Day Celebration Pupils can dress in Welsh colours or traditional dress
Monday 2nd March	All Pupils	St David's Day Menu
Wednesday 4th March	Bran and Ysgir Class Parents/Carers invited	Class Assemblies celebrating learning 9:30 - Bran Class 14:30 - Ysgir Class
Thursday 5th March	All Pupils	World Book Day - bring your favourite book and/or dress as a book character
Friday 6th March	All Pupils	School Closed - INSET DAY
Monday 9th March	All pupils	International Women's Day

Date	Who	Activity
Week beginning Monday 9th March	Year 6	Cycling Proficiency Sessions—more info to follow
Friday 13th March	MSI Pupils	Sponsored Wheelathon to raise money for a bike shelter
Monday 16th March		Rainbow Raffle starts
Thursday 19th March	Parents and Carers	9:15 - 10:30 Phonics and spelling parent information session and activities with your child opportunities. (More information to follow and sign up form) Optional evening session for parents only at 17:30
Friday 20th March	All Pupils	World Down Syndrome Day Wear odd socks
Tuesday 24th March	Parents MSI/MSJ/Cradoc	9:30 - 10:30 14:30 - 15:30 Parent opportunity for book look Sign up form will be shared shortly. Sign up for one session
Tuesday 24th March		Rainbow Raffle draw
Wednesday 25th March	Parents and Carers	15:40 - 16:40 Parent opportunity for book look Sign up form will be shared shortly. Sign up for one session
Thursday 26th March	Parents and Carers	15:00 in the playground at MSI Foundation Learning - Easter Hat Parade KS2 - Decorate an egg judging
Friday 27th March	All pupils	Friends of Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan - Non-uniform Day
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	All pupils	Easter Holidays

*Our planned Easter Craft event on 24th March has been postponed.
We hope to hold a craft event during the summer term*

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 is here, 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.





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

Breakfast Club & After School Club Payments



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.



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Safeguarding Officers



Designated Safeguarding Person (Lead)
Mrs Sarah Court
Headteacher



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Person
Miss Beth Roberts
Deputy Headteacher



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Person
Ms Ebony Johnson
Assistant Headteacher



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Person
Mrs Helen Baldwin
Class Teacher



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Person
Mrs Elizabeth Perry
Class Teacher

If you have concerns about a child, please speak to one of our designated officers immediately in person or call the office at one of the campuses.
Alternatively, you can contact: Powys Front Door on 01597 827 666
Care Inspectorate Wales: 0300 7900 126 or email: ciw@gov.wales for Pre-School only

If you have concerns about the Designated Safeguarding Lead, please contact the Safeguarding Governor via Beth.groves@powys.gov.uk or via one of the campus offices.

If a safeguarding officer is not available and you are concerned that a child is in danger, contact the POLICE immediately on 999.

Cradoc Campus: Phone: 01874 622555
Mount Street Infant Campus: Phone 01874 623038
Mount Street Junior Campus: Phone 01874 622622

Email: office.cradoc@golwgpenyfan.powys.sch.uk
Email: office.msi@golwgpenyfan.powys.sch.uk
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St David's Day Menu
 Monday 2nd March 2026

MAIN MEAL
 PORK & LEEK SAUSAGES
 OR
 GLMAORGAN SAUSAGE (V)

SERVED WITH A YORKSHIRE PUDDING,
 POTATOES, A CHOICE OF CARROTS OR
 PEAS AND GRAVY

PUDDING
 MARIOS WELSH DAIRY MILK AND
 CARAMEL SWIRL ICE CREAM TUB

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 at school*

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Beginning and end of day arrangements

It is important that your child/children start school on time, please ensure that your child is in school ready to learn for the start of the school day.

Mount Street Infant: 9.00am (doors close at 9.15am)

Mount Street Juniors: 8.45am (doors close at 9.00am)

Cradoc Campus: 9.05am (doors close at 9.15am)

Please can we remind you that home time pick up is from 15:30, if you are going to be late due to unforeseen circumstances, please can you contact the office to let them know. Any children not collected promptly, will need to be collected from the main entrance of each campus. We will need to ensure that classroom doors are closed, and the main gates are locked promptly. Thank you for your support with this matter.

