



YSGOL GOLWIG PEN Y FAN

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Following the decision by Powys County Council to merge Mount Street Infant School, Mount Street Junior School and Cradoc C.P. School, the Council is now moving forward with the plans to establish a new primary school. The aim of this newsletter is to keep you updated on any new developments.

Introduction from Jess Williams, Chair of Temporary Governing Body

The end of summer term is almost here, and this also signifies the end of an era for children, staff and for many parents too, as we prepare to transition to Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan. The schools have been busy reminiscing on their own history, and reviewing many of the multiple achievements which each school has accomplished through the years.

In the last few days there have been sports days, special trips out, parties and a general fun time. It is the end of an era, but everybody is excited for the future ahead. For those pupils in Year 6 and leaving us this year, all the staff and the Governing Bodies across all three schools wish each of you well in the next stage of your school life. Remember to wake up every morning and be excited to learn and to grow.

Governing Bodies

The Governing Bodies at Mount Street Infant School, Mount Street Junior School and Cradoc C.P. School will disband at midnight on 31 August 2024 with responsibility immediately transferring to Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan Temporary Governing Body on 01 September 2024. In the autumn a new Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan Governing Body will be elected by due process.

Jess Williams Chair of the Temporary Governing Body said 'Being Chair of the Temporary Governing Body has been a real privilege this year. I would like to say thank you to all involved on any of the governing bodies across the three sites both past, and present, for all their hard work and dedication. Thank you all so very much'.

Teaching Staff

Mr Hopkins, Mrs Kenchington, and Miss Roberts would like to say thank you to all the Teaching Staff, Teaching Assistants, Office Teams, and Breakfast, Lunch and After School Supervisors and Teams for all your help and support in this school year. Special thanks and good luck wishes go to all staff who are leaving the schools at the end of this term.

Support Teams

Mr Hopkins, Mrs Kenchington, and Miss Roberts also want to say a big Diolch Yn Fawr to all the people who help with the day to day running of the schools – without you all, we could not operate! So, thank you too, to all the Cleaning Teams, the Catering Teams, the Handyman, and the Grounds Maintenance Teams. All these people are staying in their roles, and you will still see them around the campus sites next term.

Useful Diary Dates

Day	Date	Event
Monday	02/09/2024	All schools / campuses closed for Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan Inset Day
Tuesday	03/09/2024	Autumn Term starts at all campuses for all children
Thursday	26/09/2024	All schools / campuses closed for Brecon Cluster Inset Day
Friday	27/09/2024	All schools / campuses closed for Brecon Cluster Inset Day
Friday	25/10/2024	Last day of school before half term
Monday	04/11/2024	Part 2 of Autumn Term starts at all campuses for all children
Friday	20/12/2024	Last day of school before end of term for Christmas / New Year Break

Logo Prize Winner

Congratulations to all our finalists in the New School Logo Design Competition who were recently awarded their prizes and winning certificates. The overall winner is pictured below wearing one of the new uniform tops with the logo, we hope you enjoy spending your voucher. Well done to you, and once again a big thank to all those who took part.



A Message from Mr Hopkins



I have been Headteacher at MSJ since 2018. After thirty years in the profession, I have decided to transition out of education. Half my career has been as part of Senior Leadership Teams at various schools, and I feel it is time to step away and consider new options. I wish all the best to the new team at YGPYF and look forward to viewing the new school with all its new facilities.

I would like to thank my colleagues at MSJ for their comradeship, camaraderie, dedication and professionalism in my time at the school. I have learnt a lot from them. Good Luck to all involved at YGPYF, and most of all I wish all the children every success in the future.

A Message from Mrs Kenchington

I have been fortunate to have worked in Powys for all the 36 years of my teaching career. I have spent the last 21 years at Mount Street Infants, where I started as the Teacher in charge of the Specialist Centre, and then became the Deputy Head and for the past 9 years have been the Headteacher.

It has been an absolute honour to lead the school with a team of committed Teachers and Support Staff. Being able to play such an important part in the lives of our children and their families has been a privilege. I am immensely proud of the school and all it has achieved.

The school is about to embark on an exciting new journey as it merges with Mount Street Juniors and Cradoc and becomes the newly formed Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan. I wish Mrs Sarah Court, the new Headteacher and the whole school community the very best of luck for the future!

Mrs Kenchington Award



Mrs Kenchington has recently been honoured by the Pearson National Teaching Awards and was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Silver Award at a ceremony in London.

The Pearson National Teaching Awards are an annual celebration of education, recognising the work of different Teachers, Headteachers, and Educational Communities across the UK.

Mrs Kenchington will return to London to take part in the finals later this year, and we all wish her the very best of luck.

Update on Parent Pay

Parent Pay is a secure payment company working in association with Powys County Council and deals with payments by parents to schools. It is a cashless income collection service, collecting payments for things like meals (if applicable), clubs, trips, uniform etc.

- **If your child is brand new to Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan in September 2024:** The school will provide you with an Activation Letter to create a ParentPay account (if you do not already have one) or information as to how to add a child to your existing account.
- **If your child moves to a different school in Powys after July 2024:** Their new school will provide you with an Activation Letter to add a child to your account. Any remaining credits/debits from the previous school will be transferred to a pupil's account in their new school after the start of term in September.
- **If your child attended Mount Street Infant School, Mount Street Junior School, or Cradoc C P School in July 2024, and will also be attending Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan in September 2024:** Please be aware that during the summer holidays Parent Pay will be working to transfer pupil's accounts to an Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan Parent Pay account. This means after the 19 July 2024, your child's account will disappear from your ParentPay account, and you will no longer have access to view / pay for any payment items at these schools. You will be updated of any new details, and any remaining credits / debits from their previous school will be transferred to the pupil's account in Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan after the start of term in September.

A Message from Mrs Court

It has been a great privilege to work alongside Mrs Kenchington, Mr Hopkins, and Miss Roberts during the last few terms and I want to say thank you to each of them for their help and support.

I look forward to welcoming all our pupils to Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan when we open on Tuesday 03 September 2024. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer break and for all those attending the Royal Welsh Show, I hope you have a super time.

Below is a photo of our new Senior Leadership Team taken at a recent Temporary Governing Body meeting.



From left to right:

Mrs Sarah Court Headteacher, Miss Ebony Johnson Assistant Headteacher (Fixed Term Role), Mrs Aysha Waghorn Assistant Headteacher, Miss Beth Roberts, Deputy Headteacher.

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