



### **Wearing of Face Coverings**

The Welsh Government has updated its guidance on the use of face coverings in schools earlier this week.

To reduce the risk of transmission amongst parents and relatives, please wear masks when visiting school, and at drop-off and collection areas. Maintaining clear social distance at the school gates will also reduce risk and set a good example to pupils.

Thank you for adapting to this new request so quickly. **Together we will help keep the wider school community safe and school open.**

### **Maternity Leave**

Today was Mrs Steele's last teaching day before starting her maternity leave. We know you will all join us in sending her our best wishes.

Miss Blackwell has been appointed to cover Mrs Steele's class until her return and has spent this week in school getting to know everyone better.

### **Easyfundraising**

Fundraising is a little difficult at this particular time, whilst we're unable to hold events in person. The school is now registered with easyfundraising, so you can raise FREE donations for us when you do your everyday online shopping. This means you can support the school, when you get your groceries, order a takeaway, renew your insurance policies or buy anything else online. All you have to do is find the retailer you want to shop with on the easyfundraising website or App, shop as usual and the retailer will donate to us when you make a purchase - at no extra cost to you!

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, especially during this difficult time and at no extra cost to yourself. Thank you for your continued support.

Sign up for free

at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ysgolmaesyllan/?invite=12H6EY&referral-campaign=c2s>

Or download the app:

<https://apps.apple.com/app/apple-store/id915474725?mt=8>

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ef.easyfundraising&referrer=utm\\_source%3Dwebsite-footer%26utm\\_medium%3Dwebsite%26utm\\_campaign%3Dproduct-adoption](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ef.easyfundraising&referrer=utm_source%3Dwebsite-footer%26utm_medium%3Dwebsite%26utm_campaign%3Dproduct-adoption)

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## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal this year. We have been informed that we raised £122.32. Da iawn pawb.

## Crisp Packets

A final reminder that we will be sending all of our crisp packets off on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** so please ensure they are all in before then. Did you know that it takes 80 years for one crisp packet to decompose, and 150 of them ironed together can be turned into a survival blanket for a homeless person and will help keep their sleeping bag dry and insulated. For this reason, we are currently collecting empty crisp packets at lunch time in school. We would be grateful of any extras from home too! Diolch!

## PC Kim

Next week, PC Kim will be coming into school to deliver a workshop to children in classes HP, SG, RS and JL. This time the workshop is all about 'drugs'.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will be taking part in the Christmas Jumper Day for the 'Save the Children' appeal. For this event we ask that all children come into school wearing a festive jumper with a donation for this worthy charity. This year, why not try and re-decorate an old jumper and make it brand new or borrow one from a sibling or other family member? Thank you in advance for your kind donations and continued support.

## Makaton Sign of the Week

The image displays the Makaton sign for the word 'Happy'. It includes a yellow hand icon on a blue background, a line drawing of a person with their hands in the 'Happy' sign position, and a photograph of a woman demonstrating the sign. The sign is described as: 'Both hands open. Palm of dominant hand taps palm of non-dominant hand twice.' The woman is wearing a red t-shirt with 'Signs of the Week' written on it. The background is a red, shimmering curtain. The text 'DOM HAND WITH THUMBS TUCKED AWAY BRUSHES UP NON.DOM PALM' is visible at the bottom of the photographs.

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