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Diogelwch Ar-lein – WhatsApp

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Mae WhatsApp yn gymhwysiad sgwrsio y gellir ei ddefnyddio ar ffôn symudol neu lechen, mae'n gadael ichi anfon negeseuon, delweddau a fideos at ffrindiau. Gallwch gael sgwrsiau un i un a grŵp.

Rydym yn annog pob rhiant/gofalwr i gadw llygad ar ffôn symudol eu plentyn a/neu weithgareddau ar-lein sy'n ymwneud â'r cyfryngau cymdeithasol. Mae'r plant yn cael eu hatgoffa'n gyson bod yn rhaid iddynt ddweud wrth oedolyn y maent yn ymddiried

yn ddo os ydynt yn derbyn unrhyw beth amhriodol o unrhyw gais. Mae hyn yn gysylltiedig â gwersi ABCh ar olion traed digidol a diogelwch ar-lein. Rwyf wedi atodi canllaw WhatsApp rhiant/gofalwr isod, yn ogystal rydym yn ychwanegu awgrymiadau diogelwch ar-lein yn rheolaidd i'n gwefan: Ysgol Penalltau - Cefnogaeth Teuluol / Family Support

What Parents & Carers Need to Know About

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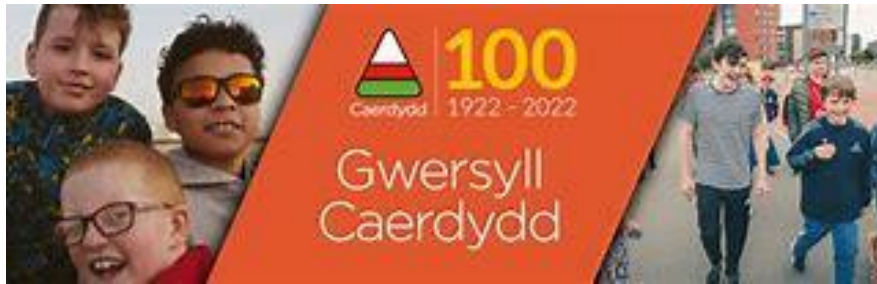
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ATGOF: Dyddiadau Pwyig i'r Dyddiadur

10/12/2025– Cyngerdd Carolau Blwyddyn 6 – Eglwys St Catwg, Gelligaer – **6pm – 7pm**

11/12/2025 – Sioe Nadolig Blwyddyn 2/3 – (10yb)

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***19/12/2025 – Diwrnod Olaf Tymor**

***05/01/2025 – HMS i'r staff yr ysgol**

***06/01/2025 – Plant yn ddychwelyd i'r ysgol**



EVERYONE

Online Safety Tips – WhatsApp

Recently we have been made aware of incidents related to the misuse of WhatsApp groups. We would like to remind parents/carers and children that the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 or over.

WhatsApp is a chat application which can be used on a mobile phone or tablet, it lets you send messages, images and videos to friends. You can have one to one and group conversations.

We urge all parents/carers to keep an eye on their child's mobile phone and/or online activities involving social media. The children are constantly reminded that they must tell a trusted adult if they receive anything inappropriate from any application. This is linked to PSHE lessons on digital footprints and online safety.

I have attached a parent/carer WhatsApp guide below, in addition we regularly add online safety tips to our website: [Ysgol Penalltau - Cefnogaeth Teuluol / Family Support](#)

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YEAR 4

REMINDER: Urdd – Cardiff Bay Residential Trip

Our year 4 pupils will be offered the opportunity to have an overnight stay in the Urdd Centre in Cardiff Bay next term on March 19th – 20th. This will be full of fun activities and the chance for the pupils to experience a residential trip with their peers. We ask kindly that an initial deposit of £50 is given in to the office by 28/1/26. Final payment will be due by 11/6/26. We will be holding a presentation for year 4 parents regarding the trip on 9/3/2026 at 3:30pm.



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REMINDER: Important Dates for the Diary

11/12/2025 – Christmas Performance Year 2/3 – (10am)

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***19/12/2024 – Last Day of Term**

***05/01/2025 – School INSET day**

***06/01/2025 – Children return to school**

Cysylltiadau pwysig a all fod o ddefnydd i chi / *Important contact details that could be of use to you:*

Caerphilly Employment Support: 01443 864227

Samaritans: 116 123 (24 awr y dydd / 24 hours a day)

Wales Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 80 10 800 (8.00am-2.00pm & 8.00pm-2.00am pob dydd / every day).

Mind Cymru: 0300 123 3393

Warm Wales: 01656747622/ information@warmwales.org.uk

Childline: 0800 1111 (24 awr y dydd / 24 hours a day)

Women's Aid: 01495 742061 (24 awr y dydd / 24 hours a day)

Eastern Valley Food Bank: 01495 760605

National Energy Action Cymru: 08003047159

The Rainy Day Trust: 08009154627/ info@rainydaytrust.org.uk

Fuel Poverty Action: contact@fuelpovertyaction.org.uk

Care & Repair Cymru, 70+ Cymru: careandrepair.org.uk/get-help/

Caerphilly Cares: caerphillycares@caerphilly.gov.uk

Eco Funding: 01443 811378

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You are welcome to contact Ysgol Gymraeg Penalltau in Welsh or English

