

NEWSLETTER

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Reading Wise / MathsWatch

Dear Parents and Carers,

The English department has subscribed to Reading Wise, which is an interactive, online resource. We aim to use Reading Wise to help support the development of pupils' reading skills at home. Currently there are two packs available for pupils – Roald Dahl and a Classics Pack. Both offer the opportunity for pupils to work their way through 'Mega Skills' which allow for the practice and development of different reading skills. Login details will be provided to pupils during English lessons along with a demonstration of how to use the site. As well as holding a demonstration we have also created a video guide explaining how to login and navigate your way around the site. Please see brief instructions below.

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1. Access Moodle through the school website www.ysgolcalon.cymru and select 'English' from 'My Courses'
 2. Click the Reading Wise button
 3. Input the username and password provided by school
 4. Select the 'Comprehension' option
 5. Click the book cover for Roald Dahl's 'George's Marvellous Medicine'
 6. Make your way through the episodes, starting with the introduction (GI Intro).
 7. Ensure to click the cartoon bearded man when starting a new GI or Mega Skill as this will play an explanation of the task.
 8. Completing GIs will unlock the 'Quiz' – only take this after completing all Mega Skills to help improve your score!

The Maths department has subscribed to MathsWatch. This is a VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) in which each maths topic has an excellent and engaging video, an on-line worksheet which provides instant feedback and printable resources.

Your teacher will give you login details and once you are logged in, you can access revision materials, the assignments your teacher has set, and assessments. In one place we have everything we need for pupils to get involved in their own learning. It's also a great resource for parents to get involved with.

The videos provide not only instruction but also worked examples which you can pause and have a go at. Immediate feedback from the interactive worksheet tells you and us how you are getting on. There are usually 2 versions of the video for each topic - a longer more detailed version and a quick reminder.

So, if you have not already done so, get your Username and Password from your teacher and maybe some printed instructions on how to get the best from MathsWatch. The first time you log on, change your password to something you will remember. Your classroom teacher has access to your account and can re-set your

password if you forget it. Then, check out the assignments set as homework by your teacher, or just look up a topic you know you find challenging and watch a video.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyndon Jones', with a stylized, flowing script.

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