



# Nant-y-Parc Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the month: Responsibility



a peek at the  
next few weeks

## COVID-19

There is important information related to Covid-19 which can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

**Over the last week there has been a rise in cases in school and the local area. Please be vigilant and if your child is showing symptoms of Covid-19 please follow the guidance on page 2.**

## PDG ACCESS GRANT

Get £225 (except for year 7 which is £300) to buy school uniform, equipment, sports kit and kit for activities outside of school for your child who is on free school meals.

The scheme for the 2022/23 academic year will begin on 1st July 2022 and end on 30th June 2023. More information can be found on page 3 and 4 of this newsletter.

## TRANSITION DAY

On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**, the children will be spending the day in their new class. This will give them an opportunity to meet their new teacher and to establish the class rules and routines in preparation for September.

From September the following structure for classes will be as follows:

Nursery – Mrs B. Thomas

Reception – Mr S. Tilley

Year 1 – Mr M. Davies

Year 2 – Miss K. Ford and Miss H. cotton

Year 3 – Miss E. Winter

Year 4 – Mr B. Coles

Year 5 – Mr O. Evans

Year 6 – Mr L. Smalley

## MR MCCABE/ STAFF CHANGES

From September, Mr McCabe will be taking up a new role as Headteacher of Tynenydd Primary School in Newbridge. This will be for one year only and he will return to Nant-y-Parc in September 2023. We would like to take this opportunity to wish him well in his new school as they are very lucky to have him. Therefore, Miss K. Nelson will take on the role of Deputy Headteacher in Nant-y-Parc from September 2022. We would also like to welcome Mr Ben Cole who will be teaching in Year 4 next academic year.

## WELSH WATER

Welsh Water are offering grants to support families with the cost of living crisis. Please see page 5 of the newsletter for further information.

## Superstar Corner



This week, we have held University Week in school. As a result of its success and the outstanding learning opportunities which have taken place, each course leader has selected a Pupil of the Week for their university course. The recipients of those awards are:

Fashion, Film and Media – Brooke Davies

Animation – Leo Kerr

Wild and Wonderful – Ellouise-Grace James-Matthews

Cut and Saw – Bailey Chick

Green Fingers – Ben Pryce

Engineering – Kamil Rosenkiewicz

Art Attack – Seren Watts



Nursery Class – Caitlyn Atwood

Reception Class – Alpha Griffiths

## Diary Dates

- 06.07.22 NEW Y6 PARENTS MEETING in St Cenydd
- 07.07.22 TRANSITION DAY – ALL CHILDREN WILL SPEND THE DAY IN THEIR NEW CLASS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022. Y6 PUPILS WILL ATTEND ST CENYDD
- 08.07.22 NURSERY LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY
- 08.07.22 Y6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY
- 08.07.22 REPORTS WILL BE SENT OUT TO PARENTS

## Term Dates

- 20.07.22 END OF TERM for pupils – finish at 1.15pm

**'No Limits to Learning!' - 'Dim Ffiniau i Ddysgu!'**



### COVID-19 Update

As you will be aware COVID-19 is still with us and as a school we need to take steps to ensure we keep everyone as safe as we can. The following mitigations remain in place.

- If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, your child should self-isolate and take a **lateral flow test (LFT)**. You can order LFTs online or call 119 between 7am and 11pm (calls are free). Continue to self-isolate until you get your LFT test result. If you have a negative result you can leave self-isolation immediately.

If your child has a positive result they should self-isolate for 5 full days. Day 1 is the day after your symptoms started or the day after you had the test, if you do not have symptoms (whichever is earlier). Take a lateral flow test (LFT) on day 5.

#### **If the day 5 LFT is negative**

- [Report your LFT result](#).
- Your child should take another LFT on day 6.
- If your child's day 6 is also negative and they do not have a high temperature, they can leave self-isolation on day 6 as the risk they are still infectious is much lower and you can safely return to their normal routine.

#### **If positive on day 5 or 6**

- [Report your LFT result](#).
- You should continue taking daily LFTs until you get 2 negative tests in a row, taken a day apart, or until day 10 – whichever is sooner.
- The one way system in school remains. Please adhere to this at all times.
- Good hand hygiene procedures will remain in place.
- Cleaning of communal areas will continue throughout the day as well as high touch points through the school
- Good ventilation will remain in place and teachers will ensure that there are plenty of opportunities for children to work outside.

## Pupil Development Grant (PDG) – Access 2022/2023

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Please note that the value of the grant has been increased by £100 as listed above for one year only (22/23) per learner eligible for free school meals. This applies to all compulsory year groups (Reception – Year 11), Looked After Children, and those who are classed as No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF).

Learners currently eligible for free school meals can apply for this grant if they are:

- entering reception, year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in primary school in September 2022
- entering year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in secondary school in September 2022
- aged 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15 in special schools, special needs resource bases or pupil referral units (year groups as detailed above)
- For Year 7 learners the grant is £300, recognising the increased costs associated with starting secondary school.

This funding is for pupils **currently eligible for free school meals** and does not extend to pupils who receive free school meals under the transitional protection or universal offer. If you have submitted an application for Free School Meals then you must await the decision before applying for the PDG Access grant.

If you believe you are eligible for Free Schools Meals and have not already submitted an application then please complete our online Free School Meal application form. You **MUST** await the outcome of this before applying for the PDG Access grant.

The Funding is available to ALL Children looked after (CLA), also known as Looked After Children (LAC) of compulsory school age, irrespective of FSM entitlement. **In a change to last year's application process, please note a claim will need to be submitted.**

The funding can be used to purchase:

- School uniform, including coats and shoes;
- School sports kit including footwear;
- Uniform for wider activities, for example sports, scouts and guides;
- School equipment where new curriculum activities begin such as design and technology; and
- Equipment for out of school hours trips such as waterproofs for outdoor learning.
- Laptops or tablets to assist with remote learning. Welsh Government advice families to contact their child's school/setting to discuss loaning equipment before purchasing.
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- If you have already purchased the items, you can still apply and receive the funds retrospectively.

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## How to apply

The online form will be available on the CCBC website from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

If you do not have access to the online form or require assistance please telephone the helpline number 01443 863052 This number will be available from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 between 9am – 5pm Monday to Thursday, & 9am – 4.30pm Fridays.

Further information about this funding is available on the [Welsh Government website](#).

# Are you a family receiving free school meals?

With the cost of living still increasing some of our customers may struggle to afford essentials over the summer period.

We are here to help, with up to £230 off your water bill.

If you're in receipt of any of the following benefits you could be eligible for financial help:

- Pension Credit
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income Support
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Reduction/Support

Call us to talk through your options  
**0800 052 0145**

Visit us online for more information  
[dwrcymru.com/HelpWithBills](http://dwrcymru.com/HelpWithBills)



Our friendly advisors are ready when you are to talk in confidence.



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FRIENDS

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7-12

# SUMMER SPORT SCHEME

Monday 25th July -  
Friday 2nd September

Caerphilly Leisure Centre 9am-3pm £8.90 per day

Risca Leisure Centre 9am-3pm £8.90 per day

Newbridge Leisure Centre 9am-3pm £8.90 per day

Heolddu Leisure Centre 10am-2pm £5.60 per day

Please book via the Leisure Lifestyle APP  
(Scan the QR Code to download the APP)

Bookings must be made prior to attending.

Parents must complete a consent form prior to their child taking part. This will be carried out when securing your space. Sport Caerphilly reserve the right to cancel these sessions at short notice due to adverse weather and changes to Welsh Government Covid-19 guidance.



For more information please call 01443 863072 or  
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