

# Nant-y-Parc Weekly Newsletter



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## INCLEMENT WEATHER

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, we sent out a letter regarding school's arrangements in the event of inclement weather. Please familiarise yourself with the content of this letter so that you have an awareness of what will happen if it snows, what will happen if it snows when school is open, and our distance learning arrangements. Please refer to page 6 for a copy of the letter which contains further details.

## CHARACTER COSTUME EXCHANGE

This year, we have decided to hold a character costume exchange scheme (in preparation for World Book Day) where families can donate any unwanted fancy dress costumes that your children have outgrown. If these could be donated by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**, we will launder them (if possible) and have them available for parents to browse and take away from **19.02.24** free of charge. As a school we are trying our best to limit costs around themed events and thought this would be a great way to re-use costumes which no longer fit your child.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year in school. On this day, the children are invited to wear the following colours to school: red and/or gold. They will also engage in a series of activities linked to this festival and sample a range of Chinese dishes as part of a food tasting activity. If you do not wish for your child to taste part in the food tasting activity, please inform school.



## EISTEDDFOD COMPETITION

Please refer to page 3 for information on this year's Eisteddfod competitions and the theme which has been selected for our competition entries. The final date for entries to be brought into school is **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. Any entries after this date will be showcased in the hall, but will not be considered for the draw.

## Value of the month: Positivity

### A peek at the next few weeks...



### Diary Dates

02.02.24	Wear Red for Velindre (£1 donation)
05.02.24 – 09.02.24	Big Welsh Rhyme Time (nursery & reception class)
05.02.24 – 09.02.24	My Voice Matters (Children's Mental Health Awareness Week)
05.02.24 – 09.02.24	Costume exchange for World Book Day (please donate any unwanted/outgrown pupils fancy dress/character costumes).
06.02.24	Crucial Crew (Y6 only)
07.02.24	Drop in attendance meeting for parents – 2:30pm onwards
07.02.24	Parent and pupil progress meetings
08.02.24	Valentine Disco (pupils can wear their party clothes)
09.02.24	Chinese New Year Topic Day
09.02.24	Beauty and the Beast theatre show (Y4,5 & 6 pupils only)

### Term Dates

09.02.24	End of spring 1
12.02.24 – 16.02.24	Half term week
22.03.24	End of spring term (3:15pm finish)
08.04.24	Summer term begins
06.05.24	May Day Bank Holiday
24.05.24	INSET Day
27.05.24 – 31.05.24	Half term week
18.07.24 –	End of term (1:15pm finish)
19.07.24 –	INSET Day

## ATTENDANCE

A friendly reminder that attendance continues to be a high priority this term and will be closely monitored on a weekly basis. Whilst we appreciate illness cannot be avoided, we have attached a link to help you determine whether or not your child is too ill for school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Please refer to page 2 for further attendance related information.

## Wrap Around and Afterschool Club

Get ready for a new adventure with Clwb Y Ddraig opening soon at Nant Y Parc Primary School.

Please register your child on the QR Code below.

### What We Offer :

- Wrap around Childcare
- After-school Club,
- Holiday Club

Contact Sarah on  
07340110189  
Sarah.cyd@outlook.com



COMING SOON

## Welsh Phrase of the Week

Week beginning 05.02.24 – Ble Wyt ti'n byw?

Week beginning 19.02.24 – Ble est ti? (lower and middle school)  
Beth wnest ti... (upper school)



# Attendance

## School Target = 92%

2023-2024	Class Attendance % for week beginning 22.01.24	Class Attendance % for week beginning 29.01.24 (excluding Friday)
Nursery	82.8%	77.1%
Reception	91.6%	86.9%
Year 1	91.9%	90.4%
Year 2	92.1%	95%
Year 3	98.4%	92.3%
Year 4	91.6%	85%
Year 5	91.8%	94.4%
Year 6	95.1%	93.9%

Your child should NOT have a day off school for the following reasons:

- It is their birthday
- The family have slept late
- They have a medical appointment to attend
  - They do not want to attend
  - They are upset about something

Please communicate all absences with school on the first day of absence and if we can support, we will.

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*Dim Ffiniau i Ddysgu!*

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year, the whole school will be given the opportunity to take part in an Eisteddfod to celebrate St. David's Day on **Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**. Each class will be taking part in the Eisteddfod by performing a traditional dance, poem, musical piece or song. Activities, competitions and presentations will take place in our special Eisteddfod. There will be lower school (Nursery + Reception), middle school (Y1, Y2 and Y3) and upper school (Y4, Y5 + Y6) competitions with individual prizes and certificates for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> winners in each class. All pupils taking part will receive a class house point and competition winners will also receive a 'house token'.

This year the Criw Cymraeg have decided that the theme of the entries will be 'Our Welsh community'. Pupils are encouraged to think about what community means to them and the community in which they live. Their work may consist of a drawing of their favourite local shop or takeaway, a menu in Welsh for the local coffee shop, a poster sharing the importance of speaking Welsh or a Community flag. It may be that pupils want to design a new rugby top for their local rugby or football club or simply create a model of a community landmark or famous person. The aim of this theme is to encourage pupils to see the links between our community and school through the Welsh language and culture.

Some examples provided below, however please interpret the theme as you wish. Electronic entries can be emailed to Miss Ford – [Missford@nantyparc.org](mailto:Missford@nantyparc.org) or your child's class teacher.

*Photography (colour / Black and White)*

*A poem / song*

*Clay model*

*3D Models*

*A presentation*

*Computer graphic*

*Comic Strip / Character*

*T-Shirt design*

*Cake decorating (Photo of cake can be emailed)*

*Cooking*

*Picture / Painting*

*Collage*

*Jewellery*

*Recyclable picture*

*Poster / leaflet*

*Writing piece*

**ALL ENTRIES WILL NEED TO BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS AND BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024.**

Pupils are encouraged to wear something symbolic of Wales (Welsh lady / Rugby Kit) or dress in red on St David's Day.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss K Ford





# Nant Y Parc Primary School



## Family & Community Engagement Menu

### Multiply

Thursday 18th January

9:00am - 11:00am

*Join us and Caerphilly's Multiply Team to find interesting, fun ways of supporting our own and our learners' numeracy skills. From cooking to play to activities everyone can do, join our workshop for supporting number skills.*



### Diversifying our Curriculum

Monday 29th January

*At Nant-y-Parc Primary we want our learners to engage in their learning journeys as ethically informed citizens of Wales and the world. Join us for a catchup with our curriculum lead and pupil leaders to find out more about how we diversify our curricula.*

### Multiply

Thursday 1st February

09:00am - 11:00am

*Join us and Caerphilly's Multiply Team to find interesting, fun ways of supporting our own and our learners' numeracy skills. From cooking to play to activities everyone can do, join our workshop for supporting number skills.*



### pupil progress

Wednesday 7th February

After School

*Parents are welcomed into school or through a telephone consultation to discuss your child's learning journey. This is a chance to take a look at the different learning opportunities, activities and progress your child is making. Help to work on strategies to support and help our children reach their potential.*

If you are interested in any of the above sessions but unsure how to attend, please speak to either Mrs Watkins, Miss Nelson, Mr Tilley or Mrs Davies. We are happy to help.

# CAMHS ONLINE WELL BEING WORKSHOPS

## 13th – 15th February 2024

CAMHS will be running a range of workshops on MS Teams in February Half Term 2024 for all children, young people and their families across Gwent. Please use the booking form/QR code below and make sure to book on at least 24 hours before the session. Parents are welcome to attend with their young person, but we will not be able to answer any individual CAMHS queries during the workshop time.

### UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONS

A 1.5 hour workshop exploring feelings and emotions and learning new ways to regulate our emotions.

Please note that this workshop may also benefit year 6 pupils who are moving up to secondary school.

#### WHEN?

**Tuesday 13th February**  
2:00-3:30pm

### 5 WAYS TO WELLBEING

1.5 hour workshop sharing tips and ideas on easy ways that students can actively improve their own well-being

#### WHEN?

**Thursday 15th February**  
11:00am-12:30pm

### UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY

1.5 hour workshop exploring what anxiety is and sharing strategies to manage feelings of anxiety in a positive way

#### WHEN?

**Wednesday 14th February**  
11:00am – 12:30pm

### LOOKING AFTER YOUR SELF DURING EXAM SEASON

1.5 hour workshop supporting students to understand what stress is, how it can present itself in the body and providing strategies to combat the impact of exam stress

#### WHEN?

**Tuesday 13th February**  
11:00am – 12:30pm  
**Wednesday 14th February**  
2:00pm – 3:30pm

### BOOKING INFORMATION

To register for one of the listed sessions, follow the Microsoft Forms link or scan the QR code: <https://forms.office.com/e/NWUefYQPDV>



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28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Inclement Weather**

#### **What happens if it snows?**

The best way to find out if the school is open or closed is to look on the Caerphilly County Borough website. I can access this from home and will update it when there is some news. Once this has been done I will also send a text message to all parents, please ensure we have an up-to-date number for you.

In deciding whether or not to open the school, I will need to take a number of things into account. These include:-

- The number of staff able to get safely to school
- The condition of main walkways to the school building including the nursery and two demountables
- The ability to provide food at lunch time

I, in conjunction with Mrs James, the Chair of Governors, will decide as to whether or not to close the school.

I always aim to put the decision on [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk) by 7am at the latest.

As weather forecasts are not always accurate the decision to open or close will be made early each morning. However, we recognise the pressure on parents; during longer periods of severe weather I will always aim to give an indication the evening before.

Staff can only answer the phone if they can get into school. Please be aware we only have one line if you try to ring.

#### **What happens if heavy snow falls when the school is open?**

Parents will be texted/called and asked to collect their children. The closure will be listed on [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk). If parents are at all worried about the weather deteriorating and this could cause problems with getting children safely home from school, children can be picked up early that day. Please go to the school office if this is the case.

It is for parents to decide if they can get their child to school safely. If you are unable to get your child here safely, then we strongly advise that your child remains at home.

#### **Distance Learning**

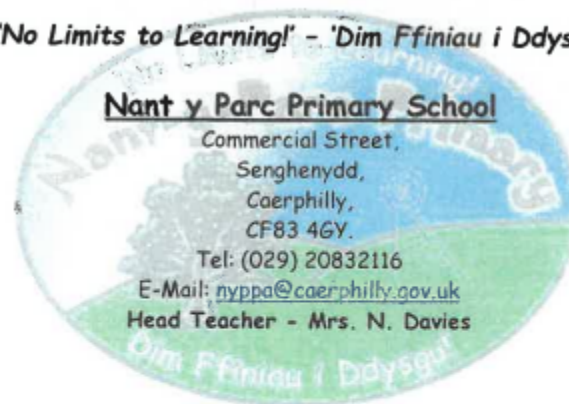
All pupils have access to a virtual learning platform e.g. Seesaw or Google. Nursery – Year 6 pupils also have access to Reading Eggs and/or Maths seeds/Mathletics. Year 2-6 also have access to Times Tables Rockstars. These programmes provide continuous opportunities for your children to learn new skills at their own level.

If school closures is more than one day, staff will be in touch with parents to check in on wellbeing and your child's engagement with online learning.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Nicola Davies  
Headteacher



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Dear Parent/Carer

**There is no need to apply again if you have already applied for eFSM**

### **Universal Primary Free School Meals (UPFSM)**

It is Welsh Government's aim that every child in primary school in Wales will be eligible for a universal primary free school meal (UPFSM) by 2024, regardless of household income.

In Caerphilly County Borough this is already the case and all full-time pupils in primary school can have a free school meal.

However it is important to know the difference between UPFSM and eFSM so that you can claim other benefits that go with eFSM

#### **Eligible Free School Meal (eFSM)**

Families who meet certain criteria, for example those on lower incomes or in receipt of certain benefits, may be eligible to apply for eFSM. Families in receipt of eFSM are also eligible to receive the Pupil Development Grant to buy school uniforms and equipment, sports kit and equipment for activities outside school.

If you think you might be eligible for eFSM please apply.

For more information about the eligibility criteria and the application process for eFSM please visit: [www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Free school meals](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Free%20school%20meals)

**If you are already eligible for eFSM there is no need to apply again**

Thanks very much

*Nant-y-Parc Primary School*