

Nant-y-Parc Weekly Newsletter



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ATTENDANCE UPDATE

- If your child is absent from school because of illness, please inform the main office by 10 am. If we have not heard from you by 10 am, you will receive a text message asking you to contact us.
- When reporting your child's absence, clearly state the reason for the absence e.g. a sore throat, so that this can be recorded on your child's record. Please note, that we will no longer be able to accept correspondence which states that they are unwell/not feeling very well. If you do not provide a reason, we will contact you via telephone call to discuss the absence further.
- If your child is absent for several days, we will contact you at a later date for an update.
- If your child is absent regularly and you text the school to inform us, we may still contact you on day 1 of the absence for further information.
- Please note that when a child is frequently absent as a result of illness, or the absence is unexplained, we may refer them to the school health nurse, or other external agencies for support e.g. Supporting Family Change.
- The school's attendance target is 92%.
- The pupil's personal attendance targets are 95%.

HOLIDAYS

If you are considering taking your child/ren on holiday during term time, please consider/adhere to each of the points below:

- advance application for term time absence must be made in line with the school's attendance policy.
- the absence should be planned carefully with the school – leave and return dates must be agreed and then we will decide if the visit will be authorised.
- where possible, extended visits should be made during school holidays.
- examination periods should be avoided.
- avoid booking holidays during term time if your child is prone to illness/has numerous absences as a result of illness.

Each absence has a detrimental effect on a child's education. Therefore, it is your responsibility as parents to ensure they attend school regularly.

HOLIDAY CLUB FEASIBILITY SURVEY

Please see the link below to register interest in a summer holiday club.

[Clwb Y Ddraig Summer 24 Holiday Club Feasibility at Nant Y Parc \(google.com\)](#)

JEWELLERY

Jewellery/accessories of any type are discouraged because of the danger to the wearer, and their peers and because of its security. If children do wear earrings, they must be restricted to one pair of 'stud' type earrings. These must be removed before Physical Education lessons to minimise the risks to themselves and others. Children whose ears are healing after the piercing will need tape to cover the earring during Physical Education. Staff will give a verbal reminder to pupils and, where necessary, visually monitor the group/individual. If for any reason, the situation cannot be made safe e.g. earrings cannot be removed or covered, then the pupil should not actively participate and alternative arrangements should be made for this pupil.

Pupils can wear watches, but these are to be digital or analogue watches. No 'Smartwatches' will be permitted. 'Smartwatches' are deemed as watches that can receive notifications from outside of school, watches containing private information (texts and/or photos) or record others via a camera. These will not be permitted during Physical Education lessons.

We appreciate your ongoing support with this.

Value of the half term: **Friendship**

A peek at the next few weeks...



DIARY DATES

11.06.24	Vision and growth session for Reception pupils only
11.06.24	CANCELLED - Parent workshop with Multiply (outdoor event)
19.06.24	Thank an Educator Day
19.06.24	SNEGFEST (2pm start)
21.06.24	Y1/Y2 trip to Crealy
21.06.24	Wear yellow for Cystic Fibrosis
25.06.24	Y3/Y4 trip to Drayton Manor
26.06.24-28.06.24	Y5/Y6 Residential trip to Oaker Wood
27.06.24	Reception trip to Colliers Farm

TERM DATES

18.07.24 -	End of term (1:15 pm finish)
19.07.24 -	INSET Day (school closed for pupils)
02.09.24 -	Autumn term begins

WELSH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Week beginning 10.06.24 – Esgusodwch fi
Week beginning 17.06.24 – Beth wyt ti eisiau?



WELL DONE

Well done to our Year 2 pupils for their outstanding performances on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th June at Blackwood Miners Institute. We are proud of you for your effort during the performances and for showing such confidence in front of a large audience.



Thank you to the Year 2 staff for making this possible, and to the Year 2 parents for supporting us with this event.

Attendance

School Target = 92%

2023-2024	Class Attendance % for week beginning 20.05.24	Class Attendance % for week beginning 03.06.24 (excluding Friday)
Nursery	81%	81%
Reception	88%	81.5%
Year 1	90.6%	86.8%
Year 2	91.6%	86.4%
Year 3	98.5%	97.1%
Year 4	93.5%	92.7%
Year 5	86.5%	92.8%
Year 6	90.2%	97.24%

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.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the end of the nursery school year, we wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about an exciting development for your child as they transition into reception class.

We are pleased to tell you that all primary school children in Wales, including those in reception class, are entitled to receive free school meals. This initiative is part of the Welsh Government's commitment to tackling child poverty and ensuring that no child goes hungry during their time at school.

We believe that this is an excellent opportunity for your child to enjoy nutritious meals at lunchtime, free of charge. Not only does this alleviate the financial burden on families, but it also promotes healthy eating habits and provides a variety of food options for your child to explore.

Moreover, offering free school meals has wider benefits beyond addressing hunger and financial pressures. It encourages social interaction and the development of essential social skills during mealtimes. Research has shown that children who eat together at school tend to exhibit improved behaviour and academic attainment.

We understand that this may be a new experience for some of you, and we want to assure you that we are committed to ensuring a smooth transition for your child. Our school staff will be on hand to support your child and answer any questions you may have about the free school meals program.

Families meeting specific criteria, such as those with lower incomes or receiving certain benefits, may qualify to apply for eFSM. Families receiving eFSM are also entitled to receive the School Essentials Grant, which can be used to purchase school uniforms, equipment, sports kits, and kit for extracurricular activities. If you believe you may qualify for eFSM, we encourage you to apply. For further details regarding eligibility criteria and the application process for eFSM, please visit:

[Caerphilly - Caerphilly County Borough](#)

We are excited about the positive impact that free school meals will have on our school community, and we look forward to working together to support the well-being and development of your child.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us on

catering@caerphilly.gov.uk or 01443 864055

Head lice and Nits

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

Head lice can make your head feel:

- itchy
- like something is moving in your hair

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice.

You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.



How to get rid of head lice

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

You cannot prevent head lice

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice.

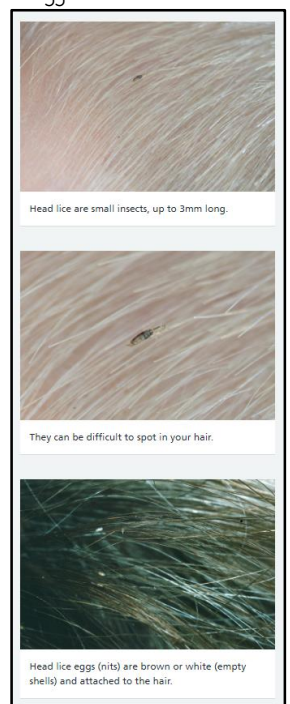
You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.

Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp.

There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.

Information taken directly from NHS website: Head lice and nits - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

<https://awttc.nhs.wales/files/guidelines-and-pils/cas-pil-head-lice-pdf/#:-:text=Do%20%20need%20to%20keep,lice%20in%20your%20child's%20hair.>



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& Mehefin yn unig
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mwy!

Ghostbuster Day Celebration Wales
Saturday
8th June Only
Ghostbuster
teams, props,
cars, photo booth
and lots more!



Parc Tredegar, Canol Tref Rhisga
Dydd Sadwrn a dydd Sul, 8 a 9 Mehefin 2024, 10am - 4pm

Tredegar Park, Risca Town Centre
Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June 2024, 10am - 4pm

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This is a Caerphilly County Borough Council event, financially supported by Shared Prosperity funding.

Football Tots



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every Thursday
Starting 6th June

3-6 years

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