



# Nant-y-Parc Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the month: Responsibility



a peek at the  
next few weeks

## SUMMER BREAK

Staff and governors would like to wish you all a safe, relaxing and happy summer break. We are sad to see our wonderful class of Year 6 leaving us next week to join St Cenydd for the next step of their learning journey. We are looking forward to welcoming our new nursery and reception children to Nant-y-Parc. Just to remind you, school will close for the summer break on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 1.15pm.**

## SEPTEMBER

School will resume for pupils for the autumn term on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We look forward to seeing you in the new term.

## 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.

## 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.

## THANK YOU

As you may be aware, next year I will be taking on the role of acting Headteacher of Tynewydd Primary School in Newbridge. This is a one year secondment and I am due to return in September 2023. Although this is not officially good bye, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you as parents for the support you have shown me over the years. I have been at Nant-y-Parc for 13 years and started as an NQT so I will really miss you all next year, especially your wonderful children. I will be making visits during the year and I look forward to catching up with you then. For now, enjoy the summer and take care – Mr McCabe

## Superstar Corner

Each class (Reception – Year 6) has two pupils of the week – the first pupil named is for excellence in a particular area and the second pupil named is for their use of Welsh in and around the school.

Rec – Lyra Bolt-Torralba & Cadi Short

Year 1 – Oliver Petty & Lucas Matthews

Year 2 – Marnie Richards & Sonny Ball

Year 3 – Vincent Fu & Leilani Bumford

Year 4 – Alyce Powell & Khyas Parsons

Year 5 – Jessie Shapcott & Luke Lee

Year 6 – Katy Wontner & Prabhgun Kaur

## Diary Dates

18.07.22–  
19.07.22

WOW DAYS – KIDS CAMP

20.07.22

END OF TERM for pupils – finish at 1.15pm

21.07.22  
22.07.22

INSET DAYS – NO  
SCHOOL FOR PUPILS

# Sun Protection



## Cover up

Covering the skin is one of the best ways to avoid skin damage from sun exposure. Parents should send pupils to school in suitable clothing, such as long-sleeved cotton tops and sun hats.

## Sunscreen

Parents are permitted to provide pupils with sunscreen to apply themselves during the school day. Sunscreen must be clearly labelled with the pupils' name. Children will not be able to share sunscreen. School staff will supervise children as a group to apply the sunscreen and this would be **in addition to rather than instead of parents applying before school**. Please apply suitable sunscreen with a high sun protection factor (SPF) and UVA star rating to your child prior to taking them to school.

## Access to drinking water

Pupils will have access to fresh drinking water throughout the day. Children will be actively encouraged to drink. Please ensure children have additional drink for lunch time.

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

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.

The scheme for the 2022/23 academic year will begin on 1st July 2022 and end on 30th June 2023

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.
- Mobile phones are excluded from this funding.
- 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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**£230**

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MAKE NEW  
FRIENDS

FUN  
ACTIVITIES

GREAT  
COACHES

AGES  
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  
email Sean Davies: [davies30@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:davies30@caerphilly.gov.uk)

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# The LITTLE CHEESE Festival 2022

- 🍷 Main Music Stage
- 🍷 Music Zones
- 🍷 Music Workshops
- 🍷 Food & Craft Stalls
- 🍷 Craft Workshops
- 🍷 Street Food
- 🍷 Quirky Bars
- 🍷 Designated Alcohol Drinking Areas

Book on line now to avoid disappointment  
**CAERPHELLY  
CASTLE**  
**SPECIAL OFFER**  
 25% off entry on  
**3rd & 4th  
September**

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September 2022

Caerphilly Town Centre, South Wales, 10 miles north of Cardiff

9am - 8pm Saturday, 9am - 5pm Sunday

[www.visitcaerphilly.com/events](http://www.visitcaerphilly.com/events) 🍷 #ChooseLocal

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## HOLIDAY CAMPS NEAR YOU...

Our holiday camps are for boys and girls aged 5 – 12 of all abilities. They are designed to get children active and develop their football skills in a safe, FUN environment.

**All coaches are fully qualified with up to date DBS, First Aid and Safeguarding certificates.**

### ST MARTINS SCHOOL, HILLSIDE, CAERPHELLY, CF83 1UW

**Week 1:** Monday 8th - Thursday 11th August, 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Week 2:** Monday 15th - Thursday 18th August, 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Week 3:** Monday 22nd - Thursday 25th August, 9:00am - 3:00pm

£20.00 per day or book all 4 days and pay just £17.50 per day!

**CLICK HERE TO BOOK**

For more information, email Community Co-ordinator James Jennison at [james@joeledleyfa.com](mailto:james@joeledleyfa.com) or visit [www.joeledleyfa.com](http://www.joeledleyfa.com)