

Nant-y-Parc Weekly Newsletter



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WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting year ahead. As we step into 2025, we're eager to continue our journey of learning, growth, and community.

The Christmas break was a time to recharge, and now we're thrilled to welcome everyone back with fresh energy and enthusiasm.

This term promises engaging lessons, fun events, and new opportunities. Here's what's coming up:

Thank you to our teachers and staff for their dedication in preparing for this term. Let's make this term memorable by supporting each other and striving for excellence.

POSITIVELY PRESENT / BREAKFAST MORNING

We are delighted to invite you to join us on **Monday, 20th January**, for a special presentation by our Pupil Leadership Team.

During this session, the team will share their thoughts on what being "Positively Present" means to them. They have been working closely with Miss Nelson to enhance pupil attendance, particularly by supporting those with poor attendance. They will also address important topics such as school uniforms and behaviour while presenting creative initiatives to improve our school environment further.

We encourage you to attend this brief but valuable session. **Breakfast rolls, teas, and coffee will be served.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUME EXCHANGE

We are excited to announce that we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday, 7th March** throughout the school!

On this special day, children are invited to:

- Dress up as their favourite book character.
- Bring their favourite book to school.
- Take part in a variety of reading-based activities.

In preparation for this event, we will be holding a World Book Day Costume Exchange Programme. This initiative allows parents to donate any unwanted costumes, which will then be made available to families in need.

Key Dates:

Costume donations: From 7th February 2025 to 17th February 2025.

Costumes available for collection: From 17th February 2025 onwards.

We hope to see everyone participating and embracing the joy of reading and storytelling!

FLU COMMUNITY CATCH UP CLINICS

The School Nursing Immunisation Service recently visited the school to administer the nasal flu spray.

If your child did not receive their vaccine in school, it is not too late, we are holding regular catch-up clinics.

With winter pressures anticipated for the NHS, it is more important than ever that those who are eligible for a free flu vaccine get vaccinated to help prevent them becoming seriously unwell and protect the NHS this winter. Vaccinating children not only protects them, but also older relatives, the wider community and the NHS.

Parents/Guardians can turn up to any clinic with their child/children, no appointment is needed.

For a full list of clinics please visit: <https://abuhb.nhs.wales/vaccinations/vaccination-pop-up-clinics/> and select Community Vaccination Clinics.

The clinics are also available to any child/young person who is home-schooled or in alternative education provision.

If you would like to discuss the nasal flu vaccine or have any questions, please contact the School Nursing Service on 01633 431685.

Value of the half term: ?

A peek at the next few weeks...



Diary Dates

20.01.25	Inspirational and Influential Day
20.01.25	Parent breakfast meeting – pupils presenting on 'Positively Present'
20.01.25-24.01.25	World Religion Week
24.01.25	Santes Dwywnen Day (pupils can wear red, white and/or green)
29.01.25	Chinese New Year Day (pupils can wear red, yellow and/or gold to school)
31.01.25	Wear Red for Velindre (£1 donation per family)
04.02.25	Parent and pupil consultations
04.02.25	Parent questionnaire circulated
06.02.25	Crucial Crew Trip (Y6 only)

TERM DATES

17.01.25 -	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
21.02.25 -	End of spring 1 for half term
24.02.25 - 28.02.25	Half Term
03.03.25 -	Back to school for pupils
11.04.25 -	End of spring term (3:15 p.m. finish)
14.04.25 - 25.04.25	Easter Holidays
28.04.25 -	Summer term begins - Back to school for pupils
02.05.25 -	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
05.05.25 -	Early May Bank Holiday

Class Attendance Winners – week beginning 6th January – Year 1 (99%)

Class Attendance Winners – week beginning 13th January – Year 4 (100%)



PLEASE REFER TO EACH OF THE ATTACHMENTS FOR FURTHER UPDATES



**HEDDLU BACH
PRESENTS...**

BREAK THE RULES DAY

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

You must pay 50p per rule you
break!

1 Have messy hair or spray
your hair with coloured spray.

2 Wear non uniform, costume or
pyjamas to school.

3 Bring a small unhealthy snack
for break time. eg. chocolate
bar or crisps.

All funds raised will go towards equipment for our
yard at break times.

FREE DOWNLOADS

Teachers and learners in maintained schools in Wales are able to [download and install the latest Microsoft Office](#) tools including Word, Excel and PowerPoint as well as Minecraft: Education at no cost on up to 15 devices - through Hwb.

Please use the [promotional material and templates for social media posts on Hwb](#).

<https://hwb.gov.wales/microsoft>



2024 CLUB
OF THE YEAR



MC DONALD'S FUN FOOTBALL

GIRLS AGED 4-7 YEARS OLD

EVERY TUESDAY
6PM-7PM

ST MARTINS SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM, CAERPHILLY
CF83 1UW

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2024 CLUB
OF THE YEAR



FAW HUDDLE SESSION

GIRLS AGED 4-11 YEARS OLD

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6PM-7PM

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Nant-y-Parc Primary School



Come and visit us on:
January 15th at 1.15 p.m

NURSERY

2025

Our Nursery class provides a warm and nurturing environment for children aged 3-4 to begin their educational journey. With a focus on play-based learning, we encourage curiosity, creativity, and social skills development. Children will explore early literacy, numeracy, and physical activities while forming friendships in a supportive setting.

Wrap-around available from 11.30 a.m.-3.00 p.m provided by Clwb-y-Draig.



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Road Safety Wales

Diogelwch Ffyrdd Cymru

e-bikes/e-scooters

Road Safety Wales is highlighting the law surrounding e-bikes and e-scooters and we need your help!

Some people may have innocently purchased an e-bike or e-scooter, unaware that they could be breaking the law when riding it. Road Safety Wales is asking schools and colleges to share some information so that collisions and injuries can ultimately be avoided.

e-bikes

An e-bike is an electrically assisted pedal cycle equipped with an electric motor to assist riders when they pedal. You need to be at least 14 years old to ride an e-bike, but you don't need a driving licence.

Some people have attempted to modify their e-bike, so it is important to check that the motor has a maximum power output of 250 watts and not able to propel the bike when it's travelling more than 15.5mph.

By law, an e-bike cannot propel a rider unless they are pedalling as well. If you see what you think is an e-bike and the rider isn't pedalling, it is classed as an electric motorcycle and they have much stricter rules.

You wouldn't ride a motorcycle with a petrol engine when you didn't have a licence or insurance - the rules are exactly the same with an electric motorcycle!



e-scooters

Some people may be considering an electric scooter (e-scooter), particularly if they have seen others riding them locally.

However, it is illegal to use a privately owned e-scooter on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes. In fact, the only place to legally ride an e-scooter in Wales is on private land with the permission of the landowner - everywhere else it is against the law.

Some people may not appreciate the effect that riding illegally has. For someone with sight or hearing loss, it could have such an effect on them that they feel unable to go out on their own, hampering their mobility options and perhaps even resulting in the loss of their independence.

Unfortunately, people have already been killed and seriously injured when riding inappropriately and illegally. Nobody wants to see other families having to cope with the aftermath of similar heartbreaking incidents.

In some parts of the UK, government trials are taking place where you can rent an e-scooter and use it on the road and in cycle lanes if you hold a full or provisional driving licence. In Wales, there are currently no trials taking place.



Please don't get caught out by riding illegally. Make sure you know the law on e-bikes and e-scooters.

National Fire Chief's Council key fire safety messages for e-bikes and scooters

Information shared by Fire and Rescue Services in Wales

E-bikes and e-scooters are becoming increasingly popular. Most are powered by lithium-ion batteries which can be charged in the home. The use of these batteries in a wide range of household products is becoming increasingly common.

It is important when charging e-bikes and e-scooters, you do so safely to avoid a risk of a fire starting and putting your families and homes at risk.

With an increased use of e-bikes and e-scooters, comes a corresponding fire safety concern associated with their charging and storage. The use of these products is expected to continue to rise. Some fire services and fire investigators have seen a rise in e-bike and e-scooter battery fires.

Charging

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions when charging and always unplug your charger when it has finished charging.
- Ensure you have working smoke alarms. If you charge or store your e-bike or e-scooter in a garage or kitchen, ensure you install detection; we recommend heat alarms rather than smoke detectors for these areas.
- Charge batteries while you are awake and alert so if a fire should occur you can respond quickly. Don't leave batteries to charge while you are asleep or away from the home.
- Always use the manufacturer approved charger for the product and if you spot any signs of wear and tear or damage, buy an official replacement charger for your product from a reputable seller. Do not cover chargers or battery packs when charging as this could lead to overheating or even a fire.
- Do not charge batteries or store your e-bike or e-scooter near combustible or flammable materials.
- Do not overcharge your battery - check the manufacturer's instructions for charge times.
- Do not overload socket outlets or use inappropriate extension leads - use un-coiled extensions and ensure the lead is suitably rated for what you are plugging in to it.
- In the event of an e-bike, e-scooter or lithium-ion battery fire, do not attempt to extinguish the fire. Get out, stay out, call 999.

Storage

- Avoid storing or charging e-bikes and e-scooters on escape routes or in communal areas of a multi-occupied building. If there is a fire, it can affect people's ability to escape.
- Responsible Persons should consider the risks posed by e-bikes and e-scooters when they are charged or left in common areas such as bike stores, mobility scooter charging rooms or other means of escape. They may wish to offer advice to residents on the safe use, storage and charging of these products.
- Store e-bikes, e-scooters and their batteries in a cool place. Avoid storing them in excessively hot or cold areas.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for the storage and maintenance of lithium-ion batteries if they are not going to be used for extended periods of time.

Damage and disposal

If you need to dispose of a damaged or end of life battery, do not dispose of it in your household waste or normal recycling. These batteries, when punctured or crushed can cause fires in bin lorries, recycling and waste centres.

If you require more information about e-bikes or e-scooters, please contact Road Safety Wales.

Telephone: **02920 250600**

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You can also contact your local road safety team [here](#).