

Nant-y-Parc Weekly Newsletter



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19th January 2024

Value of the month: **Positivity**

A peek at the next few weeks...



Diary Dates

25.01.24	Santes Dwywnwen Day (pupils can wear red, white and/or green to school)
29.01.24	Parent Workshop – Curriculum Leaders (2pm-3pm)
01.02.24	Parent Workshop – Multiply Event (focus: numeracy)
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)

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

INCLEMENT WEATHER

On Tuesday 28th 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 4 for a copy of the letter which contains further details.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SPRING TERM

Here are a list of the after school clubs taking place this term. Please ask class teachers or the main office for a letter.

Monday

Multisport – Y1&2 £2 per session (Play Sports)
Lego Club – Y3&4
Minecraft – Y5&6

Tuesday

Girls Football – Y3-6 £2 per session (Play Sports)
Lego Club – Y2
Film & Board Games Club – Y4&5

Thursday

Choir Club – Y3-6
Football (1st half term) and Basketball (2nd half term) – Y3-6 £2 per session (Play Sports)
Netball – Y5&6

No clubs will run on a Wednesday or a Friday.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Just a gentle reminder, we strive to be a nut free school as we have pupils who have a severe allergy to nuts. This includes nut products such as peanut butter and Nutella.



CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure we have up to date contact details for you to ensure you keep up to date with school news and so we are able to contact you during the school day if required.

MULTIPLY EVENTS

This week, Mr Tilley held his first Multiply event with Emma.

Multiply is a group which promotes the use of maths in every day life, at home, and in work. Improving your numeracy could help you achieve a number of goals ranging from understanding recipes and helping children with homework to managing your finances and accessing new job opportunities.

This week's focus was promoting numeracy through the use of Lego.

The next session will take place on Thursday 1st February – please feel free to come along.

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 9th February**, we will launder them (if possible) and have them available for parents to browse and take away on **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.

ATTENDANCE

A friendly reminder that attendance continues to be high on our priority list this year and as a result will be closely monitored this term. Whilst we appreciate illness cannot be avoided, we would appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly so that they are accessing all aspects of the curriculum. If your child is going to be absent, please inform the school so that we can make a note of this on your child's record.

As I am sure you can appreciate, we are held accountable by CCBC and are challenged when attendance percentages are lower than what is deemed acceptable for pupils. In this instance, we have a duty to explain what we as a school have done to increase this. Therefore, if you are invited to attend an attendance meeting, we would appreciate your cooperation so that we can work with you to identify ways forward. Failure to communicate with school could result in involvement from the EWO or a fixed penalty notice being issued, both of which we want to avoid.

We also tackling lateness this term, please can you arrive at school by 9am each day so that your child is able to access Soft Start and reading activities. Thank you!

SCHOOL TARGET = 92%



Please refer to page 2 for further attendance information.

Attendance

School Target = 92%

2023-2024	Class Attendance % for week beginning 08.12.24	Class Attendance % for week beginning 15.12.24
Nursery	77.24%	78.45%
Reception	89.17%	90.63%
Year 1	95.71%	89.29%
Year 2	92.59%	83.33%
Year 3	95.38%	88.46%
Year 4	89.68%	93.55%
Year 5	96.82%	94.71%
Year 6	94.81%	95.37%

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.

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
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**COMING
SOON**



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.

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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.

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28th 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 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. 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



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

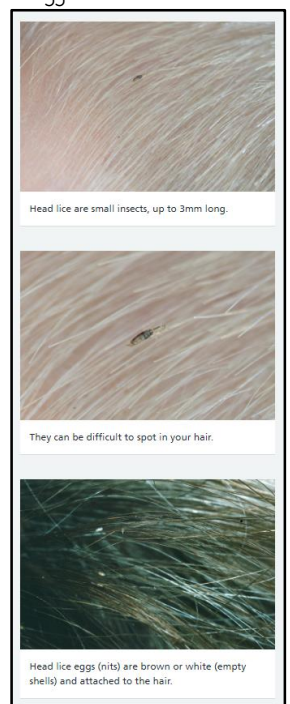
There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice.

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

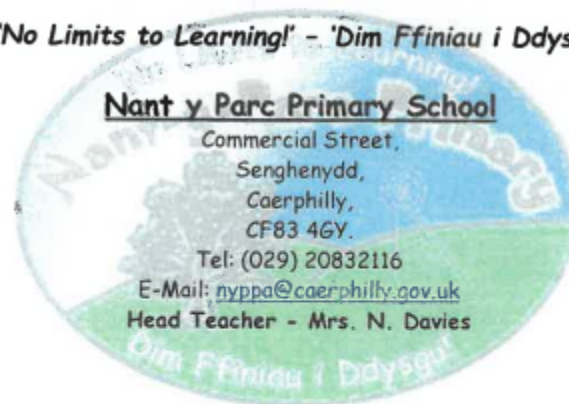
Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp.

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



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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