

Nant-y-Parc Weekly Newsletter



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OUR SCHOOL VALUE THIS HALF TERM

Our school value this half term is 'curiosity'. As a school we feel that promoting curiosity in children is important as curiosity is closely linked to brain development. When children are curious, their brains release dopamine, a neurotransmitter that makes them feel good. This positive reinforcement encourages children to continue seeking out new information and experiences, giving them the confidence to drive their own learning.

ST DAVID'S DAY / EISTEDDFOD

On Friday 1st March, we will be celebrating St David's Day and holding our annual Eisteddfod. On this day, the children are invited to wear traditional Welsh dress, Welsh themed clothing e.g. rugby/football top, or the colours of the Welsh flag to school.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day throughout the school. On this day, the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and engage with a range of reading based activities. They can also bring their favourite book to school.

HEAD LICE / NITS

If your child has recently had head lice/nits and you require further advice on effective treatment options, please refer to page 8 of the newsletter in order to avoid the spread to others.

DUCK RACE

Duck race tickets - £2 per family. The ducks will go on sale from Tuesday 27th February. The duck race will be held on Tuesday 19th March. Prizes are: 1st prize £50, 2nd prize large Easter gift and large egg, and 3rd prize Easter gift and egg. Funds raised will go towards the residential trip for Y5/6 pupils.

LATENESS

We have noticed that there has been an increase in the number of children arriving late for school. Classes open from 8.50am and school begins at 9am. Please make every effort to arrive on time so that your child/children can engage with Soft Start or Secretarial Skills. Thank you for your continued support with improving attendance.

Value of the half term: **Curiosity**

A peek at the next few weeks...



Diary Dates

29.02.24	Diversity open afternoon (parents are invited to attend from 2.15pm)
01.03.24	St David's Day / Eisteddfod
07.03.24	World Book Day Celebrations
11.03.24-15.03.24	British Science Week
15.03.24	Pupil progress reports sent out to parents
15.03.24	Red Nose Day
15.03.24	Technquest Trip (Y3 only)
18.03.24	Easter Celebrations (Nursery pupils only)
18.03.24-22.03.24	World Religion Week / Easter Celebrations (whole school)
19.03.24	Duck Race
20.03.24	Voice in a Million Concert
22.03.24	Celebration Assembly (end of term prizes)

Term Dates

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.

Welsh Phrase of the Week

Week beginning 26.02.24 - Wyt ti'n hoffi... (lower and middle school)
Beth ydy dy hobbis di? (upper school)



COMING SOON

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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MENU CHANGE 01.03.24 - SEE PAGE 9

Attendance

School Target = 92%

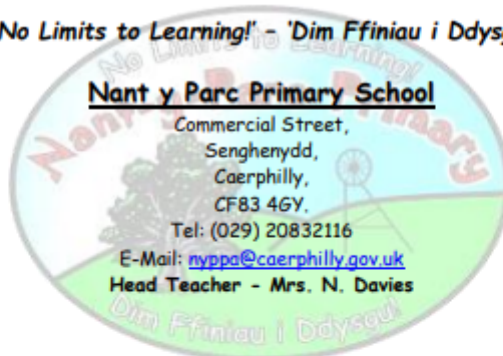
2023-2024	Class Attendance % for week beginning 05.02.24	Class Attendance % for week beginning 19.02.24 (excluding Friday)
Nursery	71.4%	81.4%
Reception	94.5%	93.2%
Year 1	92.3%	98.8%
Year 2	90.3%	91.8%
Year 3	91.9%	97.1%
Year 4	94.5%	86.2%
Year 5	85.1%	84.2%
Year 6	96.3%	98.1%

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.

'No Limits to Learning!' - 'Dim Ffiniau i Ddysgu!'



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

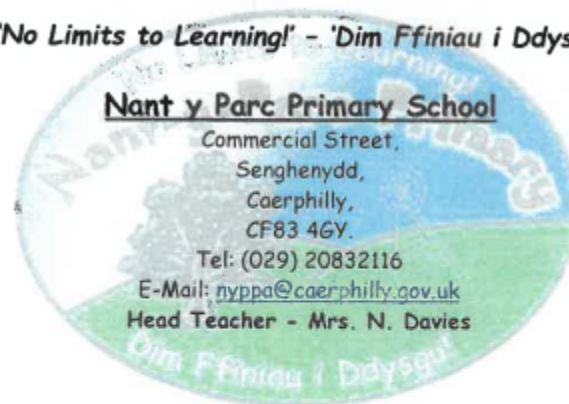
All pupils have access to a virtual learning platform e.g. Seesaw or Google. Nursery – Year 6 pupils also have access to Reading Eggs and/or Maths seeds/Mathletics. Year 2-6 also have access to Times Tables Rockstars. These programmes provide continuous opportunities for your children to learn new skills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



'No Limits to Learning!' - 'Dim Ffiniau i Ddysgu!'



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



FIRST ACTIVE SPORTS

FMS SPORT CLASSES

CHILDREN 4&5 YEARS OLD



CLASS INFORMATION



PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE



SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2024



09:00AM-09:45AM (4 YRS OLD)

10:00AM-10:45AM (5 YRS OLD)



FREE (TASTER SESSION)



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
BOOK YOUR SPACE!**



**SPACES ARE LIMITED TO 12 PARTICIPANTS &
BOOKED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS**

Ystrad Mynach Spring Fair



Saturday 23rd March 2024
Ystrad Mynach Town Centre
9am - 5pm



www.visitcaerphilly.com/events #ChooseLocal #UKSPF
Enquiries: events@caerphilly.gov.uk 029 2088 0011



Team Caerphilly
Better Together



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



HER Y MIS!

CHWEFROR 2024



CRIW CYMRAEG



CANEUON Y MIS / SONG OF THE MONTH



Challenge yourself this month to try and learn one of our new songs of the month.

Lliwiau Enfys

Calon Lan

DATHLIAD Y MIS / CELEBRATIONS

6 Nations Championship -
Pencampwriaeth y Chwe
Gwlad



Can you draw a picture of a player from the Welsh rugby team?

CYMRAEG AT HOME!

Share your work at home with us on twitter
@CrywCNYP



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.

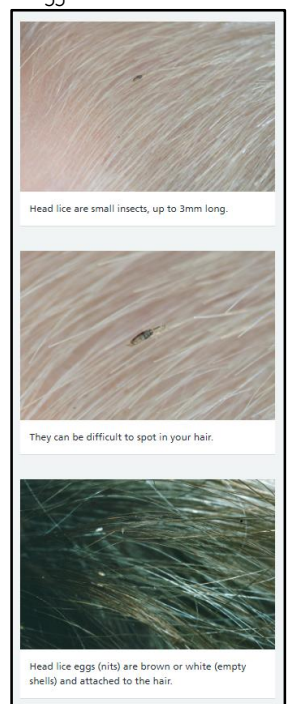
You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.

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.>





ST. DAVIDS DAY

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

LAMB LEEK & MINT SAUSAGE OR VEGETARIAN SAUSAGE
WITH GRAVY, MASHED POTATOES & PEAS

OR

MEAT FREE SAUSAGE ROLL

CHIPPED POTATOES & BAKED BEANS



VARIOUS SALAD BAR ITEMS



VANILLA ICE CREAM TUB WITH A CARAMEL SWIRL

FRESH MILK & DRINKING WATER, WHOLEMEAL BREAD, FRUIT BAR, FRUIT &
WELSH ICE CREAM AND YOGHURT AVAILABLE DAILY.

THE MENU MIX DISPLAYED IS FOR GUIDANCE ONLY.

CAERPHILLY CATERING SERVICES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE PRODUCTS
SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

CUSTOMERS WILL BE FREE TO MAKE THEIR OWN DAILY ACCOMPANIMENTS
SELECTION.

PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE MENU CONTAINS ALLERGENS.