

Nant-y-Parc Weekly Newsletter



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CHRISTMAS JUMPER EXCHANGE

This year, we have decided to continue to hold the Christmas jumper exchange scheme where families can donate any Christmas jumpers/t-shirts/shirts that their children have outgrown. If these could be donated by Wednesday, 13th November, we will launder them and have them available for parents to browse and take away on 18.11.23 free of charge. As a school, we are trying our best to limit costs around the Christmas period and thought this would be a great way to re-use jumpers/t-shirts/shirts which no longer fit your child and may be of benefit to others.



HEALTHY SCHOOLS – SNACKS

Following the half-term break, we would like to inform you that from Monday, 4th November, fruit and cereal will no longer be available for purchase during break times. Instead, each class will have access to a selection of free fruit and vegetables, provided through a grant we have received.

This initiative is in place for this academic year only, and we hope it will help our pupils make healthy choices.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

We are delighted to invite you to a special Community Breakfast with Mr. Tilley and Miss Nelson on Friday, November 8th. This will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a relaxed morning with fellow parents, meet our staff, and share some great conversations. There will also be an opportunity for you to discuss any queries you may have.

There will be a selection of teas, coffees, and delicious food items available for you to enjoy. We hope you can join us for this informal gathering and look forward to seeing you there!

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday, 15th November, we will be celebrating Children in Need in school! Pupils are invited to come in wearing spotty or Children in Need-themed clothes for the day.

It's a great way for us to support this important cause and have some fun together.

We look forward to seeing everyone in their outfits!

We kindly ask for a £1 donation per family to support this cause.

HAPPY HALF TERM

As we approach the half-term break, we would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication throughout the first half of the term. It's been a busy and exciting few weeks, and we are incredibly proud of all the achievements, both big and small!

We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break, filled with rest, relaxation, and plenty of fun. Whether you're spending time with family, enjoying the outdoors, or simply taking a moment to recharge, we wish you a safe and happy half-term.

Looking forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for the exciting second half of the term!

PUMPKINS

Thank you to Tesco for allowing us to use our fruit and vegetable grant to purchase this year's pumpkins for pupils. We are really appreciative of this and can't wait to see the spooky creations during the half term break. Refer to page 586 for more information.

Class Attendance Winners – week beginning 14th October – Year 6 (94.81%)
Class Attendance Winners – week beginning 21st October (excluding Friday) – Year 1 (96.8%)

Value of the half term: **Respect**

A peek at the next few weeks...



Diary Dates

08.11.24	Community Breakfast with Miss Nelson & Mr Tilley
11.11.24	Remembrance Day
11.11.24–15.11.24	Anti-Bullying Week
15.11.24	Children in Need
20.11.24	Universal Children's Day
27.11.24	It's all about Christmas Community Market from 2:15 p.m.
29.11.24	Elf Day

TERM DATES



28.10.24 – 01.11.24	Half Term
25.11.24 –	INSET Day (school closed for pupils)
20.12.24 –	End of autumn term (1:15 p.m. finish)
06.01.25 –	Spring term begins

Christmas Concerts

Below are the planned dates and times of the Christmas Concerts for each progression step.

Tickets will be on sale at a later date for £1 per ticket.

02.12.24

Nursery & Reception – 10.00 a.m.

03.12.24

Year 1 & Year 2 – 10.00 a.m.

Year 1 & Year 2 – 2.00 p.m.

04.12.24

Year 3 & Year 4 – 10.00 a.m.

Year 3 & Year 4 – 2.00 p.m.

05.12.24

Year 5 & Year 6 – 10.00 a.m.

Year 5 & Year 6 – 2.00 p.m.

PLEASE REFER TO EACH OF THE ATTACHMENTS FOR FURTHER UPDATES



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*Abertridwr Library
Spooky storytime
and activities*

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER

14:30-15:30

AGES 4-10



Sign up to Tax-Free Childcare

Dear Forename

Tax-Free Childcare allows parents or carers with children aged up to 11, or 16 if their child is disabled, to receive a government top-up to help with their childcare costs.

From October 2024, parents and carers will be able to find the name and address of your childcare ~~setting on the Tax-Free Childcare system. However, they can only pay you through the Tax-Free~~ Childcare scheme if you're signed up.

We'll write to you if someone tries to pay you using Tax-Free Childcare but you haven't signed up yet. But, to make things easier, you can sign up online now - it only takes about 10 minutes.

How to sign up

Go to GOV.UK, search 'tax free childcare provider' and choose 'Sign up to Tax-Free Childcare if you're a childcare provider'.

You'll need:

- your user ID 50005713269
- your business postcode (the one registered with your regulator, for example Ofsted)
- your bank account details (to receive Tax-Free Childcare payments).

If you don't want to sign up to Tax-Free Childcare

You don't need to do anything, but your details will still be visible if a parent or carer searches for you in the Tax-Free Childcare system.

If you don't want your details to be visible

The information being made visible on the Tax-Free Childcare system is already available to parents on your regulator's website. If your details aren't on the regulator's website, they won't be visible on the Tax-Free Childcare system.

Please contact us if you'd like us to:

- remove your details from the Tax-Free Childcare system search results (you don't need to do this if your details aren't visible on your regulator's website)
- stop writing to you when someone tries to pay you using Tax-Free Childcare.

You can call us from 23 October 2024 on 0300 123 4097.

For more information, go to childcarechoices.gov.uk/providers.

Yours sincerely

Childcare Service Team

Nant-y-Parc Primary School



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

NURSERY

2025



Our Contact :

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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'NYP Pumpkin Project'

Supported by Tesco

Please take your time to work as a family to decorate a pumpkin as part of your half term homework.

1. Design a theme for your pumpkin and be as creative as you can!
2. With an adult, use appropriate tools to carve your pumpkin. Don't waste the pieces of pumpkin you cut away; put them in a container.
3. Using the pieces of pumpkin, you saved in the previous step, follow the recipe on the back of this sheet to make delicious, healthy pumpkin soup
4. Take a photo of you and/or your family with your carved pumpkin and your bowl of soup. Tweet us via X @NantYParcSchool and @Tesco using the hashtag #NYPumpkins
5. Enjoy your soup as a family and display your creative pumpkin

Happy Half Term!

Please remember that the purpose of this family project is to have fun spending quality time as a family whilst learning new skills.





Pumpkin Soup



Ingredients



- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion finely chopped
- Pumpkin peeled and chopped into chunks
- Cup of vegetable stock
- Double cream



Method



1. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a large saucepan, then gently cook 1 finely chopped onion for 5 mins, until soft but not coloured.
2. Add the chopped pumpkin to the pan, then carry on cooking for 8-10 mins, stirring occasionally until it starts to soften and turn golden.
3. Pour the vegetable stock into the pan and season with salt and pepper. Bring to the boil, then simmer for 10 mins until the pumpkin is very soft.
4. Pour some double cream into the pan, bring back to the boil, then purée with a hand blender.
5. Pour into a bowl and enjoy



CCBC Pumpkin Competition

Every year the Waste and Recycling Team run a pumpkin competition to encourage residents to recycle their carved pumpkin with their food waste. We want you and your school to get involved this year to be in with a chance of winning Amazon vouchers for your school to spend.



How to get involved:

Step 1: Encourage your pupils to take a photo of their carved pumpkin on top of their food waste caddy ready for collection after Halloween.

Step 2: Send the photo to recyclingwards@caerphilly.gov.uk between 1st November and 15th November with a name, address and contact number. Please ensure the pupils include the year group and name of school they attend. If you would prefer, please send all the pumpkin photos together with the pupil name, year group and school.

Step 3: Wait for the winner to be announced (closing date 15th November) and be in with the chance of winning Amazon vouchers.

The more entries you have, the bigger chance you have of winning! If you have any questions or need further information, please email:
recyclingwards@caerphilly.gov.uk



What to do with your old pumpkins?



- Compost them at home
- Hang them from a tree to feed the birds
- Dispose of in appropriate waste bin



- Leave on garden floor
- Dispose of in nearby woodland
- Leave as food somewhere for wildlife

Pumpkins can be fatal to wildlife like hedgehogs





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day
Monday 21st Oct- Sunday 3rd Nov 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

Monday 14th October - Friday 1st November 2024 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Mon - Fri from Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November 2024

PIZZA HUT

Monday 14th Oct to Tuesday 5th Nov 2024 daily until 3pm with the code **SPOOKY**

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



HALF TERM FAMILY FUN IN BLACKWOOD

When the walls of a Welsh castle start to crumble because of the two dragons who live in the dungeon, only someone of pure Welsh heritage can stop the battle... but how exactly do you know if someone is Welsh or not?

Featuring music, rap, and a historical twist, this funny and bold new play for children explores Britain's black ancestry, weaving together the well-known myth with historical hidden truths.

BLACKWOOD MINERS' INSTITUTE

2 NOVEMBER. 2PM + 6PM

BOOK NOW!

AGE 7-13