

NANT CELYN PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Spring Term - Friday 14th February 2025
THE VALUE OF THE MONTH IS ...
COMPASSION

INSET Days

Please see below a list of the INSET days for the rest of the academic year.

> 3rd March - INSET Day > 28th April - Cluster INSET Day > 21st July - INSET Day

Two simple steps to start using GroupEd

URGENT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

In recent newsletters and text messages we have spoken about GroupED. GroupEd will be our new method of communicating with parents after half-term. In order to receive messages please ensure that you click on the link that was emailed from GroupEd to create an account and set up a password. Follow the steps here to set up your account.

If you need any help please ask.

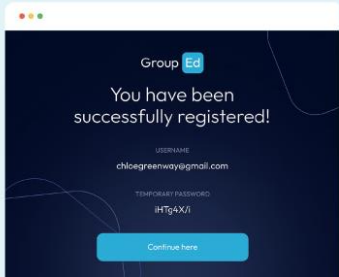
The Android App is now up and running and can be downloaded from the GooglePlay store.

If you don't receive a welcome email please let the school office know so that they can check the email we have on our system.

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E-mail from GroupEd

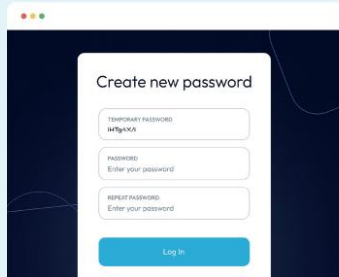
You will receive an e-mail from the GroupEd system containing your temporary password. Click on the parent link and your e-mail address and your temporary password will get auto filled.



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Create new password

You will be prompted to create a memorable password for yourself to use the system. It must contain at least 8 characters, an uppercase letter, a number and a special character like a ! or a %



For the best possible experience, please download the GroupEd app today!



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AVAILABLE ON ALL DEVICES



If you have any issues, please e-mail

www.grouped.org.uk | support@grouped.org.uk



OPAL Play Project

We working to make children's playtimes even better, in conjunction with Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) OPAL is working closely with Sporting Centres to promote more active childhoods, which is one of the many reasons we are improving our playtime, as well as to improve opportunities for socialisation, cooperation, coordination, resilience, creativity, imagination and enjoyment for your child.

To help us with this, we would appreciate if you would complete the survey text out this week by clicking on the link or you can just scan/ click on the QR Code here.



PTA School Disco

Many thanks to the School PTA for organising another fantastic disco. All the children had a fantastic time. A big thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers again.



Class Updates from the Teachers

Nursery

Nursery have been eagerly taking part in the RSPB's 'Big Garden Bird Watch' over the last few weeks. We've asked and answered lots of relevant questions and presented our findings creatively. The children have been carefully observing and recording which types of birds have been visiting the Nursery garden every day and we have now concluded which birds visited the most/ least. Which were the largest/ smallest? Which birds came in groups of more than 1 and which was our favourite? We are very proud that our conscientious efforts to look after our feathered friends during the cold winter months resulted in 9 different types of birds visiting the Nursery garden on a daily basis-and seeing them made us very happy indeed!



Year 1

What another wonderful few weeks we have had in Year 1!

We've been busy learning all about Welsh Wildlife for our new topic. This week we've been looking at litter and how it is bad for animals in the wild! Mrs Evans went for a walk in Pontypool park and was shocked with the amount of litter she found! We looked at it and sorted it into the recycling groups.

We had a fantastic time at the Valentines disco with our friends and did some fantastic dancing too!

We are excited for Welsh week next week where we will be getting our entries ready for the Eisteddfod!



Year 3

Year 3 have been working extra hard at making their fruit kebabs! We had to write a procedure and think about the ingredients and equipment needed. Take a look at our tasty treats! 🍌 🍌 🍌

We have also been getting into the Valentine's Day spirit by making our cards on Canva. We are so excited to take them home after developing our DCF skills! We are pro's at changing the font, sizing and colour of our text now!



Year 5/6

We have had a fantastic week this week completing our Eisteddfod Competitions a week early before the Year 6 children go off on their residential trip next week.

We have looked at Gwilym Pritchard's Artwork. We looked at landscapes and different areas of Wales in particular. Based on our reading response activity we looked in detail at Llyn Celyn from the story of Trwywen and recreated artwork using oil pastels. We had a go at some Welsh Problem solving, using all our maths skills, and even had the opportunity to make up our own.

We have really enjoyed writing our poems 'The Magic Box', using a range of different writing features and we cannot wait to find out who will be crowned the Bardd this year!



DRB

Over the last few weeks we have been busy learning all about people who help us. We made observational drawings of fire engines by looking closely all the details we could add to our own, it's a skill we have been developing and we are now really good at making observations and considering this when creating our own art! We had a few visits from the ladies at Kerb Kraft who helped us learn how to safely cross the road.



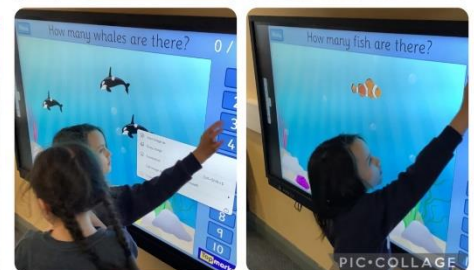
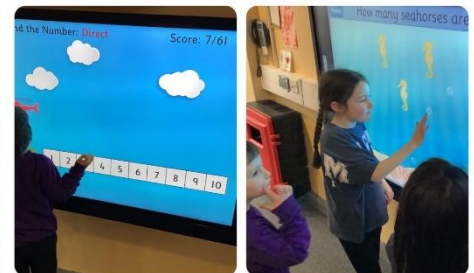
They are coming back next week to teach us even more ways to stay safe on the roads. We had lots of fun role-playing different people who help us such as mechanics, lollipop people, doctors and serving each other in our shop area.

Our new topic is all about how to look after and care for pets and animals and we are excited to see what we can learn and experience together!



HQ1

HQ1 have had a lovely few weeks! We are coming into our final weeks of learning all about Animals, and have been loving learning about their different habitats. We even had a treat from Year 5/6 guinea pigs! We were allowed to give them their snacks and were very gentle when stroking them. We enjoyed Number Day last week, playing different games together on the whiteboard. We are looking forward to preparing for our Eisteddfod and more learning after half term!



Dates for your Diary

Please see below some of the upcoming dates for this term.
More dates/ events will be added on each newsletter.

Date	Event
17.02.2025	Year 6 Residential Visit to Aberdyfi
17.02.2025	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
21.02.2025	END OF SPRING HALF TERM 1
HALF TERM BREAK	
03.03.2025	INSET DAY - School Closed to Pupils
04.03.2025	START OF SPRING HALF TERM 2 - NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
04.03.25 - 06.3.25	Book Fair in School Hall 3:00 - 4:00 in the School Hall Each child will have £1 to spend on books costing £2.99 or more.
05.03.2025	St. David's Day Celebrations.
06.03.2025	World Book Day - Children are encouraged if they wish to wear costumes linked to a book.
10.03.2025	CLUBS RESTART
11.03.2025	Reception Trip to Cefn Mably
12.03.2025	Year 1 Trip to Colliers Farm
21.03.2025	Red Nose Day
31.03.2025 to 04.04.2025	LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
11.04.2025	LAST DAY OF TERM
EASTER BREAK	
28.04.2025	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
29.04.2025	BACK TO SCHOOL

Foodbanks in Cwmbran and Torfaen

Please see below a list of the Foodbanks that are available to offer support in Cwmbran.

Victory Church (Cwmbran) is able to offer a range of support to families including money management, counselling, food-bank and youth/children's work as well as a range of recovery programmes for anyone struggling with addictions.

If you require support please don't hesitate to reach out to our Family Liaison Officer who will be able to help you, or point you in the right direction.

Eastern Valley Food Bank Unit 5 Pavilion Industrial Estate Pontnewynydd Pontypool Tel: 01495 760608	Salvation Army Wesley Street Old Cwmbran NP44 3LX Wednesdays 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.
Victory Church Cwmbran Greenforge Way Cwmbran Tel: 01633 867401	Ebenezer Evangelical Church Pontnewydd Cwmbran Tuesdays 1.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Trac 2 Charity Shop and Outreach Offices Shop 2/Church Avenue Pontypool Tel: 01495 764078	CoStar Hwb Fairwater Close Tel: 01633 869227

PLACES WHERE CHILDREN CAN EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) THIS HALF TERM

With half term just around the corner here are a few places where children can eat for free (or for £1) during February Half Term.



MORRISONS

Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays from Monday 17th - Friday 28th February 2025.

PRETO

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

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 Daily at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

LAS IGUANAS

Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanas' for free meals for mini Iguanas under 12.

WHITBREAD INNS

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

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

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

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

BURGER KING

From Friday 14th - Friday 21st Feb 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal purchased via the app.

ZIZZI

From Monday 17th February until Sunday 2nd March 2025 kids eat free at Zizzi

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 10th - Sunday 23rd February 2025

SAINSBURYS CAFES

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

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

HARVESTER

From Monday 10th - Friday 28th Feb 2025, kids eat for £1 with every adult meal via the app

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get free breakfast daily with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

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

BREWDOG

Pre-book online using code: **KIDS EAT FREE** and Kids under 13 eat free (various dates, see link)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service

Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.



POP UP & PLAY SATURDAY SESSIONS

In partnership with Safer Torfaen and the Community Safety Team

Starts Saturday 1st February

10:00am - 12:00pm

Age 5 to 11 years

**Blenheim Road
Community Primary school**
Blenheim Road, St Dials
Cwmbran, NP44 4SZ

Nant Celyn Primary School
Henllys way, Cwmbran
NP44 7DJ

**Our Ladies of the Angels
RC Primary school**
Victoria street, Cwmbran
NP44 3JR

Blaenavon Active Living Centre
Middle Coed Cae Road
Blaenavon, NP4 9AW

West Mon School
Blaendare Road
Pontypool, NP4 5YG



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Pre booking required

Please use the QR code to pre book

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