



Newsletter Spring Term - Friday 31st January 2025 THE VALUE OF THE MONTH IS ... TRUTHFULNESS

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

Torfaen Eco Quiz

On Thursday 20th January 5 pupils from Nant Celyn Eco Committee, went to the Congress theatre to take part in the Cwmbran Community Council Eco Quiz. The children were up against teams from 9 different schools. There were some very interesting and testing questions that were asked and got the parents and teachers thinking.

Do you know how many years it takes for an aluminium can to decompose? How much waste was recycled in Torfaen last year? Which recycling bins/ bags should we use for plastics, garden waste?

After the first two rounds Nant Celyn and Maendy Primary were tied for first place, after round 3 we were tied with Llantarnam and Maendy Primary Schools. We continued to lead in rounds 4 and 5 and in the final round we were crowned the, **2025 Primary School Eco Quiz Champions** by Cllr. Bennett.



Do you know the answers to a few of these questions?



1. Which country recycles the most waste?
2. How many times a day do most UK households boil the kettle?
3. What covers one third of the lands surface and helps to keep our planet healthy by storing carbon and producing oxygen?
4. How old is planet Earth?
5. Which microscopic floating plants are part of the ocean's food chain and produce the oxygen in the air that we breathe?
6. Which bird was traditionally used by coal miners to detect dangerous levels of carbon monoxide?

School Uniform

We have had quite a few children over the last couple of weeks wearing non-uniform. There is a bank of uniform in the main foyer if you need it FREE of CHARGE! If you need any help please don't hesitate to get in contact with us.

School Communication

An email was sent out to all parents/ carers this week from GroupEd inviting you to join the new school communication platform. We have already had **52%** of the school sign up to it GroupEd already (THANK YOU!!). We will officially move over to the system after February half term.

Any amendments to pupil details, address, contact numbers please pop into the main school office. The new platform will allow us to communicate with each other through a single login. Please check your emails including your Spam Folder and the information below on how to sign-up. If you need any help please ask.

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NSPCC Numbers Day

We are very excited to be celebrating NSPCC Number Day on Friday 7 February 2025. This will be a day of fun maths activities with opportunities for pupils to deepen and apply their maths skills to a range of scenarios. Pupils are encouraged to wear an item of clothing with a number on it, a onesie or anything maths related. If you feel that you would like to send in a donation to support the work of the NSPCC, we would be happy to pass this on to this worthwhile charity.



Active Travel Plan Parents Workshop

On Monday 4th February 2025 at 3:15pm there will be an opportunity to take part in a parent and child workshop activities. Why not pop into the school hall and take part in some activities.

Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting

Monday 3rd February at 4:00 pm there will be a meeting for parents to come into school to learn more about the residential and ask any questions that they might have.

If your child takes medication you will be able to collect a green form fill it in, and if needed speak to Mr Davies.

If you are unable to attend the meeting please call school if you have any questions or require a green form to be sent home.

Class Updates from the Teachers

Reception

Reception have been really enjoying our new topic 'Home Sweet Home' (Animal habitats). We started our new topic by reading the story 'I like to curl up in a ball' which we all loved. To follow on we explored our school outside areas in search of mini beasts and animal habitats. We collected lots of resources to do some messy leaf printing!

We have also celebrated Dydd Santes Dwynwen in celebration of love and happiness. Making beautiful cards to our loved ones and throwing wishes into our class well. We have been excellent at using fred talking and sound cards to support our writing journey. We have written our own wishes just like St Dwynwen. We have also enjoyed using lots more Welsh bob dydd as we recorded ourselves having conversations about our feelings in Welsh- Da iawn pawb!

We then touched upon Chinese New Year and the origin of the animals in the Chinese calendar. We loved role playing the story in our home areas recounting the story.



Year 2

Busy few weeks in Blwyddyn 2! In Maths we looked at making fractions which led us to look at half and quarter turns. In Literacy we started fantastic where the wild thing stories. In topic we started our amazing animals work by looking at different habitats. We also did gymnastics and even squeezed in some ukulele practice.

HQ2

This week, HQ2 pupils have enjoyed a lively mix of cultural celebrations, marking both Santes Dwynwen Day and Chinese New Year.

For Santes Dwynwen Day, pupils took part in arts and crafts, creating play dough love spoons and decorations while learning about the Welsh patron saint of lovers. They also listened to the story behind Saint Dwynwen and explored Welsh traditions.



Meanwhile, Chinese New Year brought excitement with activities like acting out the Great Race story, spelling their names in Chinese letters, and listening to Chinese music. According to the pupil's the week's highlight was being given the opportunity to try out a variety of Chinese foods.

It's been a week full of cultural learning and fun, with the children embracing both Welsh and Chinese traditions!

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
04.02.2025	ActiveTravel Parents Activity Meeting, School Hall @ 3:15pm
04.02.2025	Year 6 Residential Meeting, School Hall @ 4:00pm
06.02.2025	Y4 Parent and STEM Project
07.02.2025	NSPCC Numbers Day
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
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
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