



Newsletter Spring Term - Friday 17th January 2024
THE VALUE OF THE MONTH IS ...
TRUTHFULNESS

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i Chi - Happy New Year to You!

Welcome Back - Croeso Nôl

It has been a real pleasure to welcome everyone back to school for the Spring Term. In our first assembly back, we focused on the 'New Year' and how this can bring new beginnings and new opportunities.

The children and staff are already working very hard after the Christmas break, planning and carrying out a range of activities. 2025 is going to be another busy and successful year for all at Nant Celyn.

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**

Attendance Reminder

Attendance and FPN Notices

You would have received a text message and also a DoJo from your child's class teacher before Christmas sharing with you Attendance Information from the school. Rather than sending out a large document for you to read, we have summarised these into an Infographic, with all key information (For Attendance Policy [click here](#)).

From the 1st of January 2025 Fixed Penalty Notices for unauthorised school absences e.g. > repeated unauthorised school absences, > persistent lateness, > holiday during term time, > lack of engagement regarding attendance, etc is in effect. These will be issued by the Local Authority (LA).

Please see the information sent by Class DoJo, within the text message or by clicking [here](#).

School Communication

School are moving to a new messaging platform after February half-term. The new platform will allow us to communicate with each other through a single login. The new system is called GroupEd. Within GroupEd we will be able to message you about upcoming events, liaise with you about your child's attendance, you will be able to see live data on your child's attendance, you will be able to message us if your child is absent/ has a medical appointment and in the summer term it is hoped that we will be able to use the app for choosing clubs/ activities.

You can download the App from the AppStore or GooglePlay by scanning the QR Codes below

When the emails are sent out from GroupEd we will send a text message to let you know to check you emails. See the instructions below

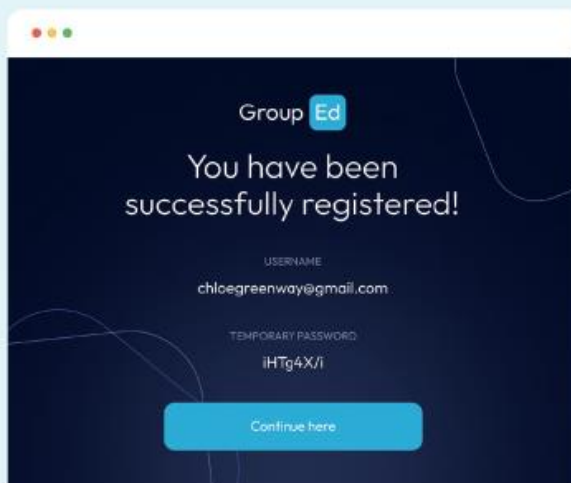
Two simple steps to start using GroupEd

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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.

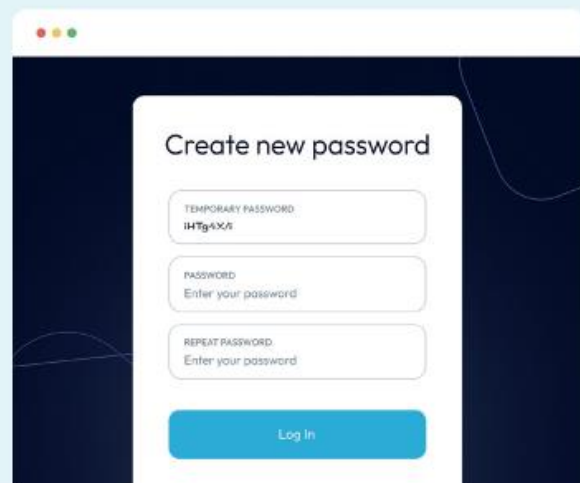


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Create new password

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 %



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support@grouped.org.uk

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Class Updates

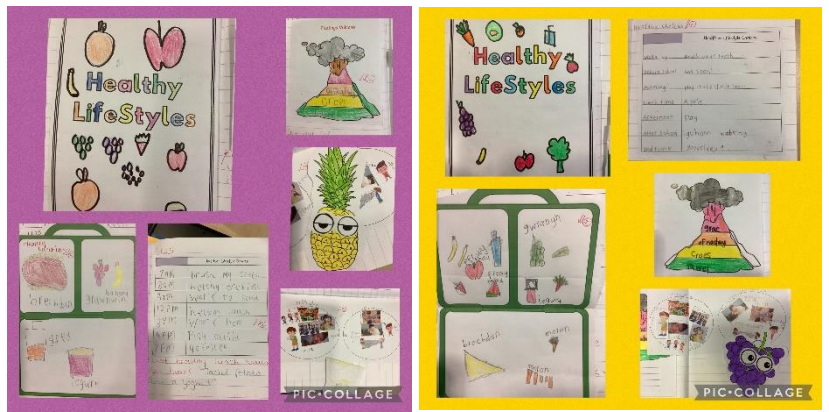
Nursery

Nursery are on a wintery journey through their 'cool' new topic . They've been out on a hunt collecting signs of winter and have loved investigating ice, frost and even snow. They have been busy in preparation for the Big Bird watch , making seed balls and putting food out every day to help nature over the winter months . They have been asking important questions, making predictions and observations and learning about different ways that they can collect and show their information. They are very excited to see how many different types of birds we can attract to our nursery garden!



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about healthy living. We talked about healthy foods, we planned a healthy day and we created funny fruit and vegetable artwork. We talked about our feelings and we created a feelings volcano using Welsh. We also sorted activities that help us lead a healthy life. We loved learning the wiggle dance too!



Year 3

Year 3 have jumped straight into our new topic 'Alive and Kicking!' We have discussed what we already know and have thought of questions to decide what we will learn about this term. We are super excited to explore lots of science experiments! We explored 'Beth wyt ti eisiau?' looking at what fruit we would like to eat and completed a class tally to find out Year 3's favourite fruit and converted this into a bar graph. We have had a focus on developing our acting skills looking at how we can change our voices, faces and body language to develop a character.

Year 5/6



Year 5 and 6 have had a great start to the term. We have been focusing on our Health and Wellbeing topic, 'Healthy Body, healthy minds'. We found out how much sugar is in different foods and talked about why exercise is important for us. We started our new English novel, 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' and made a podcast all about the author. We started a new project learning how to tell the time and asked Year 4 to join us too! We are loving science in Year 5/6.

HQ1

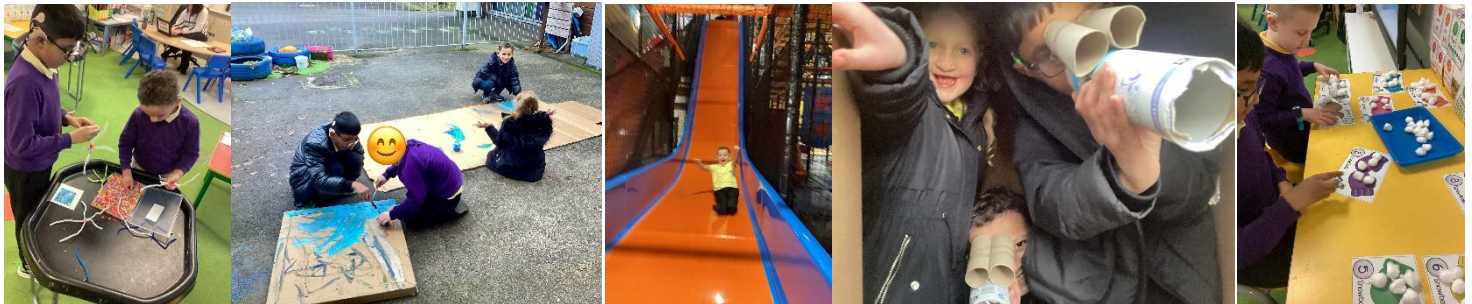


HQ1 have loved coming back into school for our new topic, "Animals". We learnt about Woodland animals last week, painting pictures of owls and learning new animal names. This week, we have been learning Arctic animals, using cotton wool to make Polar bears. We have also been enjoying our cooking sessions, decorating fruit loaf with different fruits to turn it into a bear! In our Music and Movement sessions, we have been enjoying some yoga to end the week! We are looking forward to learning about more types of animals in the next few weeks



DRB

Hello from the DRB! We ended last term with our end-of-year trip to Cwmbran Stadium's soft play. It was a fantastic day full of teamwork and fun - a perfect way to celebrate all our hard work. We've had an exciting start to 2025, diving into the magical topic of winter. Our exploration has taken us into the science of freezing, where we've investigated how water turns to ice and learned all about the beauty of snowflakes. We've loved sharing stories from our Christmas holidays and writing all about our favourite festive moments that we've shared with our families. We are looking forward to what we are learning next!



Inclement Weather

With the weather being unpredictable please could we ensure that all children come to school with suitable clothing (warm coat, hats and gloves etc.)

If you have changed your number/ email address recently please could you update the school office in the event of a school closure.

If for any unseen circumstances that we have to close a text message/ email will be sent to all parents as well as updating the School Twitter Page (<https://twitter.com/nantcelynschool>) and the School Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/nantcelynprimary>)

Tocyn Iaith Winners

Da iawn to our amazing Tocynnau Iaith Winners. They were awarded a special Welsh dinner this week and were waited on by our Criw Cymraeg. Children are awarded 'Tocyn Iaith's' for using Welsh around the school independently. Rydyn ni'n falch ohonoch chi! (We are proud of you!)



Tocynnau Iaith
Winners 🇬🇧



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
Week Beginning 20 th January 2025	Allocation texts will be sent out to parents this week.
21.01.2025	Design to Smile Fluoride Vanish Programme - Year 1 and Year 2
23.01.2025	STEM Project - Y4 Parents and Children (4-week programme) - 20 spaces available (10 families am and 10 families pm).
27.01.2025	After school clubs start.
28.01.2025	Design to Smile Fluoride Vanish Programme - Nursery and Reception
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