



Newsletter Spring Term - Friday 13th June 2025

THE VALUE OF THE MONTH IS ...
RESPONSIBILITY

INSET Days

Monday, the 21st of July will be the final INSET day of the year.

Summer Food and Fun Camps with Torfaen Play

Please find the link for the Summer Food and Fun Camps that are being run with Torfaen Play over the Summer holidays. If you wish your child(ren) are 5-11 and would like them to attend between Monday, 28th July to Thursday, 21st August please click on the link here <https://shorturl.at/ZE0Vp>

Class Updates from the Teachers

Nursery

Nursery are thoroughly enjoying learning all about minibeasts. We have investigated who's hiding in the garden and recorded our findings using different methods. We have explored symmetry in nature, sorted and matched by similarities and built 'bug hotels' with 3D shapes. There has been some great creativity -making music and costumes to accompany our own minibeast themed dances. We loved reading and story mapping 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We are now starting to think about healthy food choices and learning the days of the week, while eagerly counting down the days until the arrival of our very own hungry caterpillars to observe and care for!



Year 1

As always, it's been a busy few weeks for us in Year 1! We have been working away learning our lines and new songs for our class assembly.

Yesterday we shared our performance with our parents. It was all about what we wanted to be when we grow up! Thank you very much to all our grown-ups for helping us with costumes!

As well as our assembly, we have been learning all about telling the time in our maths lessons, looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk in literacy and preparing for our Eco march in topic!



Year 3

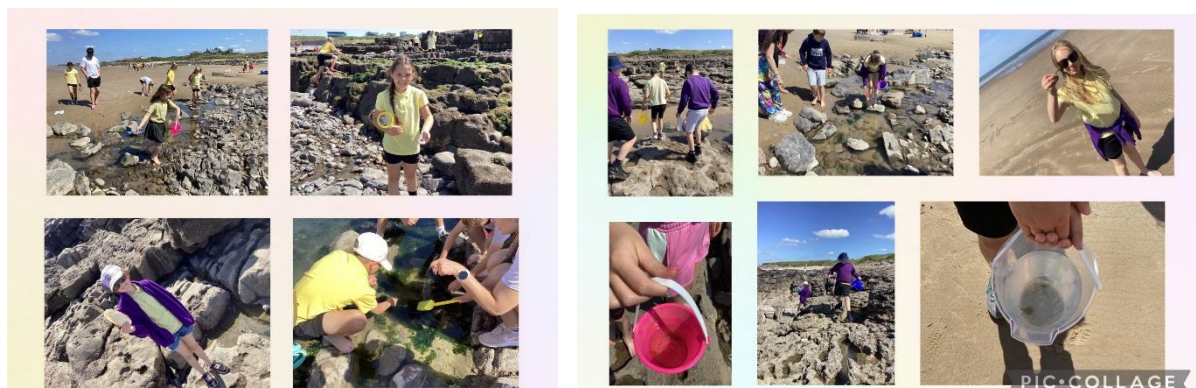
Blwyddyn 3 have been exploring the work of artist Kurt Jackson, known for his powerful focus on Biodiversity and the natural world. Inspired by his art, we experimented with a variety of mediums and used recycled cardboard to create our own unique masterpieces.



Year 5/6

Year 5 had the best day this week looking at the biodiversity of Rest Day. We completed a beach survey, identifying all the different organisms and their different habitats, using magnifying glasses, buckets and spades to explore the area. We followed this with a picnic on the beach and ice cream for dessert! Finally we completed a litter pick of the area to show we are ethical citizens! Rest Bay is the tidiest beach we know of!! A huge 'Da Iawn', to all the children who came with us - they made Nant Celyn proud.

Whilst we were off exploring, Year 6 have been really busy getting their stock ready for their Enterprise day next week. Rehearsals for our Leavers' assembly are going well as well!



DRB

We've had a fabulous few weeks in the DRB! Before the half term break, we had an amazing time at the Welsh Rugby Union's Inclusion Festival at Rodney Parade. Everyone got stuck into the rugby fun, showing great energy, teamwork, and enthusiasm! We then enjoyed a picnic and nature walk at the beautiful Newport Wetlands. Since half term, we were thrilled to visit Cwmbran Library for a signed performance of *Mali and the Sea*. Back at school, we've been learning all about recycling and reusing. As part of our reusing work, we've created some fabulous robots from recycled materials – a brilliant mix of creativity and sustainability!

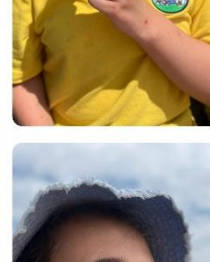


HQ2

This week, the children of HQ2 enjoyed a sun-soaked adventure to Barry Island as part of the annual Rotary Club Kids Out Day.

From paddling in the sea and building impressive sandcastles to digging for hidden treasure in the sand, the day was packed with sensory fun and laughter. However, the clear highlight for many was enjoying a refreshing ice cream or ice lolly while sitting along the bustling promenade, soaking in the sights, sounds, and smells of a traditional British seaside.

It was a day full of smiles, sunshine, and sandy toes — A huge thank you to Henllys Rotary club for arranging a wonderful experience the children won't soon forget!



Class Assemblies and Parent Open Sessions

Please find below the dates for the remaining Year Group Class Assemblies and Parent Open Sessions.

Nursery - Monday, 14th July and Tuesday, 15th July. Stay and Play Sessions. Timings for Nursery TBC

Reception - Wednesday, 1st July @ 1:30pm followed by Parent Open Session in Classes.

Year 3 - Tuesday, 24th June @ 1:30pm followed by Parent Open Session in Classes.

Year 4 - Tuesday, 8th July @ 1:30pm Parent Open Session. Times for this will be shared by the class teacher via ClassDojo

Year 5 - Tuesday, 9th July @ 1:30pm Parent Open Session. Times for this will be shared by the class teacher via ClassDojo

Year 6 - Friday, 18th July @ 2:30pm Y6 Leavers Lunch Parent Session.

Dosbarth Celyn - Tuesday, 8th July @ 2:00pm Parent Open Session in the School Hall.

HQ1 - Tuesday, 15th July @ 2:00pm Parent Open Session in HQ1.

HQ2 - Wednesday, 16th July @ 2:15pm Parent Open Session in HQ2.

WE ASK THAT YOU NOT PARK IN THE STAFF CAR PARK OR TAXI BAYS (UNLESS IN THE DISABLED BAYS) WHEN ATTENDING CONCERTS FOR THE SAFETY OF PUPILS

MANY THANKS



**DO YOU NEED
FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS?**

If you've started your period and you don't have any period products:

TALK TO
Miss Goodland, Mrs Davis-Thomas,
Miss Taylor Miss Jones or just ask
in the Office.

TO GET YOURS
Don't feel embarrassed!
Just ask if you could have a
pack for "HOLLY".



Period Dignity Products

The school has recently purchased additional period products for children in school and also our families.

We know how expensive these products can be and don't want children missing school as they are embarrassed.

School has a selection of reusable and single use products that children and

If children or any family members need any products please come into the main office and ask if you could have a pack for "HOLLY".



Dates for your Diary

Please see below some of the upcoming dates for this term.

NEW DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE CALENDAR IN RED.

Date	Event
20.06.2025	Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day - 9:45am to 11:30am at Cwmbran Stadium. Children to come to school as normal and will walk down to Cwmbran Stadium. Children will then return to school for lunch.
20.06.2025	Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day - 12:15pm to 2:30am at Cwmbran Stadium. Children to come to school as normal and will walk down to Cwmbran Stadium.
24.06.2025	Year 3 Class Assembly and Parent Session @ 1:30pm
27.06.2025	Foundation Phase Sports Day. This will be held on the ATP in school. Timings below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception - 9:30am to 10:30am • Year 1 - 10:30am to 11:30am • Year 2 - 1:30pm to 2:30pm
30.06.2025	Year 6 Mini Olympics at Cwmbran high
30.06.2025	Year 6 Information Evening at Cwmbran High
30.06.2025	New Reception Pupil Meeting - 4:30pm in the school hall.
JULY	
01.07.2025	Reception Class Assembly and Parent Session @ 1:30pm
02.07.2025	Year 6 Transition Day @ Cwmbran High and Croesyceiliog School All children moving to Cwmbran High School or Croesyceiliog attend a transition day where they will spend the day at their new school. Please remember that you will need to make your own arrangements for your child to get to and from their new school.
02.07.2025	Whole School Transition Day Nursery to Year 6
04.07.2025	The BIG Eco March Parents are invited into school from 2:45pm where they will be able to see the work that the children throughout the school through the Eco March.
07.07.2025 - 11.07.2025	LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
08.07.2025	Dosbarth Celyn Parent Session @ 2:00pm
09.07.2025	RockSteady Performance - This performance is for all of the children whose families signed their children up to RockSteady Sessions. The performance will be in the School Hall.
10.07.2025	Year 6 Prom - 4:30pm to 6:30pm
14.07.2025 and 15.07.2025	Nursery Stay and Play Sessions Further information on this with the exact date and time for your child will be shared via ClassDojo.
15.07.2025	HQ1 Parent Open Session @ 2:00pm
16.07.2025	HQ2 Parent Open Session @ 2:15pm
16.07.2025	Year 6 Leavers Performance @ 4:30pm
18.07.2025	Year 6 Leavers Lunch and Parent Session @ 2:30pm Parents are invited to come in at 2.30 on the last day to enjoy some refreshments, take photos and make some end-of-school memories with the children.
18.07.2025	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

September	
01.09.2025	TRAINING DAY -SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
02.09.2025	First Day of School for New Academic Year 2025-26

Please note dates and times may change, but we will endeavour to give as much advance notice of this.

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