

# NANT CELYN PRIMARY SCHOOL



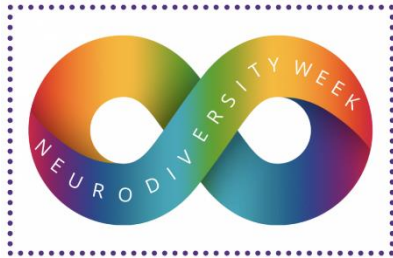
Newsletter Spring Term - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
THE VALUE OF THE MONTH IS ...  
COURAGE

## INSET Days

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

> 28<sup>th</sup> April - Cluster INSET Day      > 21<sup>st</sup> July - INSET Day

## Neurodiversity Week



This week the whole school celebrated Neurodiversity Awareness Week. Every class throughout the school took part in a range of activities. Throughout the week all of the children learnt that there is no one 'right' way of thinking, learning and behaving. Differences are to be celebrated; we are all unique and that's what makes s all human! All of the schools learning has been made into a video which can be viewed by clicking here.

<https://youtu.be/33CIZ188PIQ?si=fvh5MjNT39eKjbvm>

## Class Updates from the Teachers

### Reception

Reception has had a wonderful end to the Spring term! We have been putting our thinking caps on to use descriptive language to describe delicious Easter cakes - which we loved eating! We have also been enjoying reading lots of new stories in our independent area.

We have been mini scientists this term as we have looked at the life cycle of a frog to create our own fact files. We have also been conducting experiments to see which object sinks or floats in water and discovering why.

Our favourite pastime has definitely been getting outside in the sunshine. We have been painting on recycled materials, problem solving with water and writing in the sand. We have especially loved our Easter egg hunt! We hope that everyone enjoys their Easter holiday and can't wait to hear all about it!



## Year 2

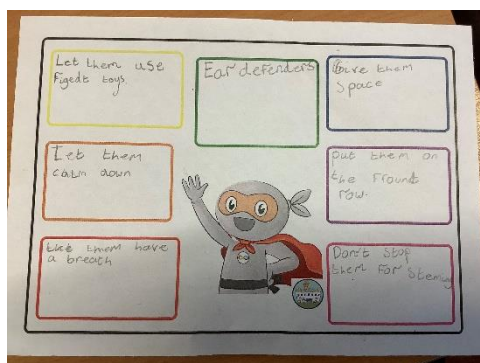
Year 2 have had an exciting few weeks filled with fun, learning, and new experiences! As part of our "Amazing Animals" topic, we enjoyed a fantastic trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. The children were thrilled to see a wide variety of animals up close, from towering giraffes and playful monkeys to fierce lions and gentle elephants. It was a brilliant opportunity to learn more about animal habitats, diets, and behaviours. Everyone loved exploring the zoo, asking questions, and spotting their favourite animals. Watch our video by clicking here <https://youtu.be/3-6YVX0X2i8?si=hdYrySUdiRc7Edk>

As if that wasn't exciting enough, we also had a special visit from Coach Gareth from Cwmbran RFC. He led a brilliant tag rugby session on the school field. The children learned how to pass, dodge, and score tries, all while building teamwork and having lots of fun. Coach Gareth made the session energetic and engaging, and many pupils said it was their favourite part of the week. If any children are interested in joining tag rugby please get in touch



## Year 4

Year 4 has had a busy week! We have continued writing our fantasy portal stories in English, started working on fractions in maths and began a fresh adventure with our new mini topic Anifeiliaid Anhygoel (Amazing Animals). We have also learned about Neurodivergence and created super hero masks to help raise awareness!



## HQ2

This week, HQ2 had a blast with creative activities and learning experiences!

We kicked off by making our own play dough, where students had fun mixing ingredients and molding shapes. Outdoor play followed, with the children enjoying the fresh air through games and exploration.

In the kitchen, they created delicious dinosaur pasties, learning teamwork while crafting and filling their dino-themed treats.

We also celebrated **Neurodiversity Awareness Week** with discussions and activities focused on understanding and appreciating different ways of thinking. It was a meaningful week of creativity, inclusion, and fun!



## Dosbarth Celyn

We've had lots of fun learning all about spring this term. We went for a walk looking for signs of spring, made a collaborative piece of art using our tree rubbings from our forest school session and we took part in the school litter pick.



We've also baked lots of delicious treats this term and we even baked our mummies a mouth-watering gift for Mother's Day.



We love art and craft sessions so we've created lots of beautiful masterpieces.



## P.E. Kits

Please ensure PE kit is worn on your correct day (see below). This must be a plain black jumper/ hoodie with white polo shirt or school t-shirt, black joggers/ leggings (or shorts in warmer weather) and sensible footwear (trainers or daps).

**No football kits, crop tops or denim/jeans are to be worn.**



# 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".



## Health Snacks and Lunchboxes

As a Healthy School we would like to remind you of the importance of healthy snacks and lunchboxes. We would recommend a sandwich/ pasta pot/ crackers/ salad, with a portion of fruit and/or vegetables and a yoghurt. If you would like to add a chocolate biscuit/ treat and a small packet of crisps for lunchtime this is fine. Please avoid over filling your child's lunchbox, particularly with unhealthy items. A guide to healthy lunchboxes can be found on the school website here (<https://bit.ly/3wNa5Wv>) and also on the Welsh Government website, here: <https://gov.wales/healthy-lunchboxes-leaflet>.

**REMINDER** – EVERY child in Wales is eligible for a Free School Meal. There are lots of options on offer. To see the menu for all Torfaen School this Spring/ Summer just click on the link.

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/Related-Documents/School-Meals/Primary-School-Menu.pdf>

## Heddlu Bach

The Heddlu Bach have been very busy over the past term and were even busier this week as they helped both Mr Davies' out on the barrier and car park. They helped ensure that everyone was parked where they were supposed to, that cars reversed into the bays to ensure everyone was safe and even handed out a few parking tickets to help ensure that the school grounds were safe for everyone. They have a few exciting trips in the next few weeks, so keep an eye out for further updates.



## Sporting News



Our school netball team was out in full force again and played an amazing game against Coed Eva. The children demonstrated resilience and outstanding sportsmanship throughout the game. **Da Iawn Pawb!!**



Llongyfachiadau - Congratulations to the 11, Year 5 and 6 children who represented the school at the Torfaen Football festival. They played several games with teams from around the county winning 2 of their 6 matches. **Da Iawn Pawb!!**

## Class Assemblies

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Please find below the dates for the remaining Year Group Class Assemblies.

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**Year 3** - Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June @ 2:30pm

**DRB** - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May @ 2:00pm

### 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
11.04.2025	LAST DAY OF TERM
<b>EASTER BREAK</b>	
28.04.2025	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
29.04.2025	BACK TO SCHOOL
28.09.2025 to 02.05.2025	No Clubs this week
05.05.2025	Mayday Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
06.05.2025	Clubs restart
12.05.2025	National Test Week for Year 2 to Year 6
23.05.2025	LAST DAY OF TERM
<b>WHITSUN HALF-TERM BREAK</b>	
02.06.2025	BACK TO SCHOOL
10.07.2025	Year 6 Prom 4:30pm to 6:30pm Further details of this will come out shortly.

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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.

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