



Newsletter Spring Term - Friday 28th March 2025
THE VALUE OF THE MONTH IS ...
PERSEVERANCE

INSET Days

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

> 28th April - Cluster INSET Day > 21st July - INSET Day

Diolch yn Fawr Mrs. Evans



After an incredible 40 years of service to Gwent and Torfaen Local Authority, it is with both gratitude and admiration that we say a fond farewell to Mrs. Evans. For the past 15 years, she has been a vital part of Nant Celyn Primary School, following 17 years of dedicated service at the former Hollybush Primary School before the amalgamation of Hollybush and Brookfield Primary Schools to form Nant Celyn Primary.

Mrs. Evans has been more than just the School Clerk—she has been at the heart of the school since it was built and is a true example of dedication and selflessness. Whether it was ensuring the smooth running of the school office, offering a listening ear to staff, parents, and pupils, or rolling up her sleeves to help wherever needed, her commitment has never wavered. From gritting the pavements on icy mornings, clearing snow, or even directing traffic in the car park to keep children safe, she has never been one to stand back when help was needed.

Beyond her tireless work ethic, Mrs. Evans is known for her kindness, warmth, and unwavering support for those around her. She has faced challenges with strength and grace, never losing her sense of humour along the way. Her laughter has brightened many days and this is something that we will all miss.

Mrs. Evans, your impact on this school and the lives you've touched over the years is immeasurable. As you step into a well-earned retirement, we hope you take with you the love, gratitude, and respect of all who have had the privilege of working alongside you.

Enjoy every moment of your retirement—you have truly earned it!

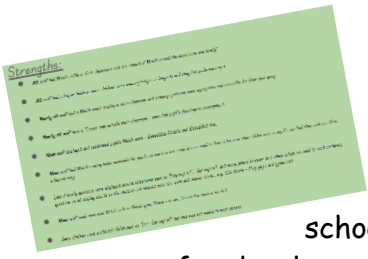
With heartfelt thanks and best wishes,

From everyone at Nant Celyn

Criw Cymraeg Update

On Thursday, 27th March some of the Criw Cymraeg attended the Governors' meeting where they presented their findings following a Learning Walk, where they looked at Welsh around the school identifying the strengths and further areas for development for Welsh.

The Governors were very impressed with the children's presentation and commented that they were very enthusiastic and passionate about Welsh in and around the school. Many thanks go out to our amazing Criw Cymraeg and Miss C Evans in Year 3 who leads Welsh. **Bendigedig Pawb!!!**

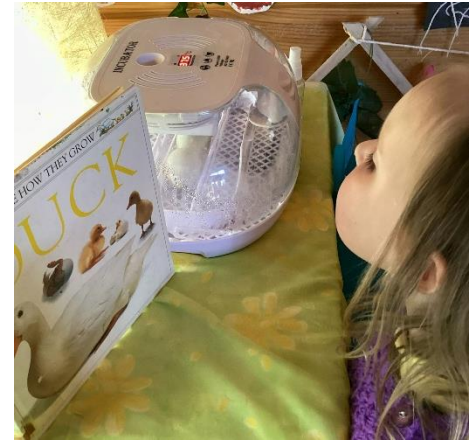


Class Updates from the Teachers

Nursery

Nursery have had some super 'eggciting' news this week! They are now the proud carers of 9 chicks. They have loved learning all about the life cycle of a chicken and have carefully observed the eggs over the last 21 days, eagerly counting down the days to the arrival of their feathery new friends as part of their 'Springtime' topic. They have loved applying their numeracy skills while playing in their Egg Shop and exploring new ICT skills in the outdoors on the hunt for signs of Spring.

There has also been some great creativity going on - chicken coop building, creating nests and wonderful spring artwork.

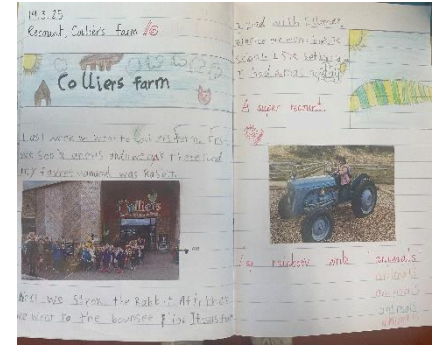


Year 1

Blwyddyn 1 have been working very hard learning about farm animals. We asked and answered 'Beth wyt ti'n hoffi?' (What do you like?) and created tally charts to find out the most and least popular animal at the farm. We have been reading and writing the names of the farm animals and we have been creating farm animals from shapes. We worked out how much it would cost us to go to the farm and we finished this all off with a trip to Collier's farm where we had the most amazing time! We wrote a recount about our trip when we came back to school too. Mrs Eden created a video of our trip and sent it to all the parents to watch.



Animal	Tally	Count	Most popular	Least popular
Sheep		6	Pink sheep	
Goats		7		
Chicken		3		Red chicken
Tractor		5		



Year 3

Year 3 have been super busy this week! We have been learning all about the human body organs, their functions and even placing life-sized photos in the correct places! We then chose one organ to research online and create an information poster on Google Slides, making sure we changed the font, background, added pictures and even added animations too.

We then took our gymnastics lesson outside where we explored performing pike, straddle and tuck shapes whilst jumping safely off of the benches!

Year 5/6

Last week, Y5/6 had lots of visitors. Rock Steady Music played some incredible music for us and even let us be part of a band. We had dance workshops with Drama Queens where we learnt a great dance routine. Cwmbran High school came in to do rugby sessions and our police liaison officers came in to give us a talk about staying safe and being a positive member of the community. We also had a follow up of our Active Travel assembly and scored 100% on the travel quiz.

This week, Year 5 and 6 have been digital wizards. We have been exploring and creating our own databases. We've been investigating electricity and had an amazing time creating circuits. We've been enjoying our new outdoor provision at break and lunchtimes, having so much fun building dens and making tree swings.





DRB

We have been busy in the DRB over the last few weeks! We have been getting out and exploring our school grounds and DRB garden. We have completed tally charts and pictograms to show how many flowers and minibeasts we saw and are learning all about MRS GREN and how we know which things are living and which are not. We researched all about stick insects and how to look after them then we were lucky enough to have a parent donate some to us. We are taking good care of them and can't wait to watch their lifecycle in real life! They are hard to spot but they are slowly getting bigger after eating all the leaves we have been collecting for them. We have given them names which we thought were really funny - we chose Mrs Boak, Mrs Cowin and Miss McGurk!! We are sure the teachers don't mind! We joined in with Torfaen's Spring Clean and really enjoy helping to keep our school clean by litter-picking a few times a week. In addition to exploring and getting out and about we have been loving the sunshine whilst practising our ball skills and teamwork skills by playing rounders. We are learning to aim when we throw, how to catch and how to work together to get each other out. We can't wait to see what the rest of this term brings in the DRB!





HQ1

HQ1 has had a very busy few weeks! We are loving our topic of Spring and enjoying the lovely weather by spending time outdoors with our friends. We also took part in the school's litter pick by collecting litter that had blown into our playground. We love fruit in HQ1 and during our last few cooking sessions, we made banana sandwiches and apple donuts and enjoyed tasting them! We have also started gardening and planting new flowers. We are looking forward to taking care of them and watching them grow in our playground. Over the next few weeks, we are looking forward to celebrating Neurodivergent Week and Easter.



Heddlu Bach Update

Heddlu Bach had a lovely work shop from Gwent Police learning about all the different departments and how they're working to keep Cwmbran safe. We were evening lucky enough to try on some uniform and look inside the police car. We cannot wait to visit Cwmbran Police station after Easter.



Sporting News

Our school netball team worked well last week in their home match against Ysgol Gymraeg Cwmbran. They were brilliant representatives for the school with good team work and demonstrated amazing attacking and defending skills.

Da Iawn Pawb!



Eco-Committee

Many thanks to the Eco Committee, Cllr. Collette Thomas, Miss Taylor, Mr Reynolds, Miss Goodland and Kristen Thobroe for helping plant the 'Katie' apple tree in memory of our late friend and colleague Kate Griffiths.



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
31.03.2025 to 04.04.2025	LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
07.04.2025 to 10.04.2025	Parent's Evening - There will be options of face-to-face and phone call/ Teams calls. Times for appointments will be shared with you shortly.
11.04.2025	LAST DAY OF TERM
EASTER BREAK	
28.04.2025	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
29.04.2025	BACK TO SCHOOL
10.07.2025	Year 6 Prom 4:30pm to 6:30pm Further details of this will come out shortly.

Class Assemblies

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

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


Reception - Wednesday, 2nd July @ 2:30pm

Year 1 - Thursday 12th June @ 2:30pm

Year 2 - Tuesday, 20th May @ 2:30pm

Year 3 - Tuesday, 24th June @ 2:30pm

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



EASTER COMPETITION



REC - YEAR 2 - EASTER BONNET
YEAR 3- 6 - DECORATE AN EGG

Prizes provided by Nant Celyn's PFSA
Please bring into school by 11th April



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