

NANT CELYN PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Spring Term - Friday 14th 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

URGENT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

GroupEd is now up and running allowing school and parents to communicate with each other regarding absences, events, trips, closures days etc. as well as allowing you to see your child's attendance live and soon you will be able to use this to sign-up to After-School Clubs.

We still have a number of parents who have not signed up and will not get any communication from us. We have sent a letter home with your child(ren) as it is essential that school has a way of contacting you in an emergency.

A new invite will be sent out to parents on Friday, 14th March to your email accounts. Please make sure that you sign up not to miss out on any key information.

If you need any help please come into the main school Office and speak to Mr Davies.

Two simple steps to start using GroupEd

1
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.

2
Create new password
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School Clothing Bank Information

#DIDYOUKNOW

The 'School Uniform Bank' is open every day from the school foyer.

Pop in to reception to find out more



No Toys at School

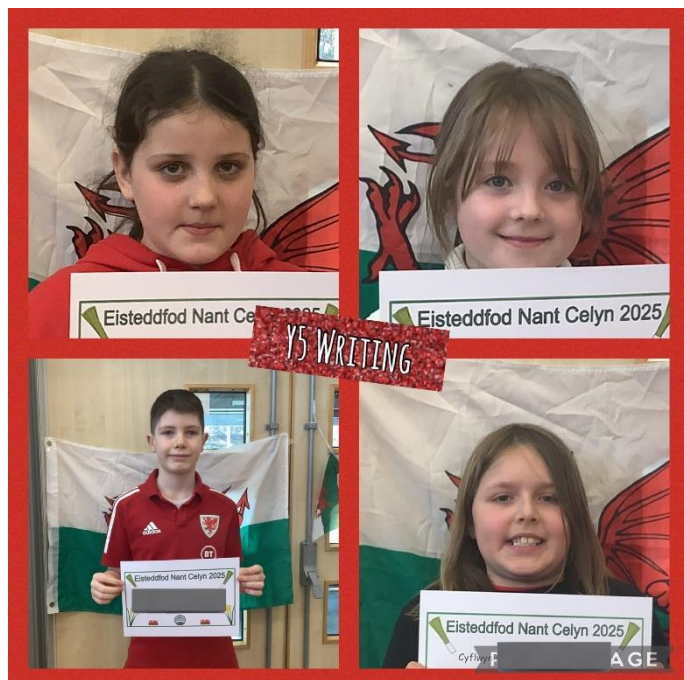
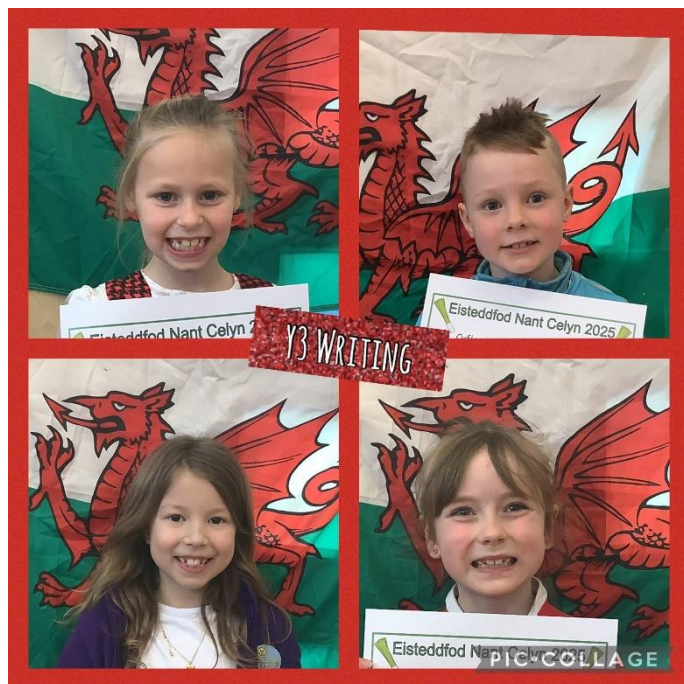


We have seen a large number of children bringing in toys, stuffed animals and personal items from home into school. Please could these stay at home, as school will not be responsible for anything that is lost or goes missing.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Eisteddfod 2025

We had fantastic entries for our Eisteddfod this year. There have been a range of castles, shields, artwork, landmarks, love spoons in all shapes and sizes. Here are some of the winners from the different completions.



OPAL Bingo

Many thanks to all those who have already donated a range of resources to the school. If you are having a 'Spring Clean' over the weekend please think of us and if you have any of the below please send it into us.

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO				
Laundry basket 	Suitcase 	Wooden spoons 	Action figures 	Plastic crates 
Dress up items 	Cars 	Dinosaurs 	Pans 	Plastic dolls 
Lego 	Funnels 	Baking Pans 	Plastic tubes 	Tarpaulin 
Beach spades 	Buckets 	Trowels 	Wellies 	Pool noodles 
Guttering 	Plastic trucks 	Cones 	Aprons 	Chalk 



Class Updates from the Teachers

Reception

We have been super busy since starting back to school, celebrating our school Eisteddfod and World Book Day. We had beautiful entries of daffodil paintings, handwriting and home-made dragons - Da Iawn Pawb!

This term, we are working on our new class book 'Tad' by Benji Davies. We have also been looking at the life cycle of a tadpole, planting flowers and being investigators. As part of our topic we have been on our school trip to Cefn Mably and loved every minute! We learnt lots about animals and their habitats.



Year 2

Year 2 have had an exciting and eventful few weeks, celebrating St David's Day with a wonderful Eisteddfod. The children showcased their creativity with fantastic home art that they brought in, truly reflecting their talent and enthusiasm for the Welsh culture. They also joined in the celebrations for World Book Day, where they looked amazing in their incredible costumes, bringing their favourite characters to life.

In addition, Year 2 had a very educational visit from Cwmbran Fire Station, where they learnt about fire safety and the important message of "Don't Touch, Tell!" The firefighters taught the children how to stay safe in case of fire and the importance of alerting an adult in an emergency. The visit was both fun and informative, and the children asked lots of great questions!

As part of their contribution to the community, Year 2 also took part in Torfaen's Spring Clean initiative. They helped clean up the school grounds, ensuring the environment is tidy and safe for everyone. This activity showed them the value of caring for their surroundings and making a positive difference in their local area. It's been a busy and rewarding time for Year 2!



Spring clean

Year 4

Year 4 have had a very exciting start to the term! We made pancakes on Pancake Day, celebrated all things Welsh in our annual Eisteddfod and participated in a range of World Book Day activities. Congratulations to all of the winning entries. The standard of the Eisteddfod entries was excellent, making the judging process extremely difficult!

On World Book Day we had great fun making dens to read in with our friends. We listened to stories and took part in a quiz which included questions about popular stories and authors.



HQ2

We've had an exciting and busy start to the term in HQ2! Our new topic, **Dinosaurs**, has captured the children's imagination, and we've been exploring all things prehistoric through a range of engaging activities.

Through **small world play**, we've been learning fascinating facts about dinosaurs, their habitats, and their diets. In our **health and wellbeing session**, we used our senses to explore different textures and tastes, comparing the diets of herbivores and carnivores - a real sensory adventure!

To encourage and reward communication skills, we have launched our very own '**Speaking Stars**' point system! The children have loved earning points for their fantastic speaking and listening skills. We even designed our own certificates using Canva to celebrate their achievements.




Dosbarth Celyn

Our topics this half term are celebrations and Spring. We had a busy first week learning about Shrove Tuesday, St David's Day and World Book Day! We made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and covered them in sugar and lemon juice. Some of us liked the lemon juice so much we were dipping our fingers in it and licking it off our plate. Next, we learned all about St David's Day. We found out about St David and his dove, tasted bake stones, painted beautiful daffodils and coloured in our national flag. Finally we all dressed up as our favourite book characters. On World Book Day, we listened to lovely stories and made a very hungry caterpillar. By Friday we were all exhausted so we had a relaxing art session in the forest, learning how to create beautiful tree bark rubbings.



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
21.03.2025	 <p>This year to celebrate Red Nose Day the School Council have decided to have a 'Dress Down for a £1' Day.</p>
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.

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