



Together we learn, together we grow.

Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Attendance:

In the Summer Term, the children had improved their attendance across the school. However, I met with the Education Welfare Officer this week and already there are currently **43 children with attendance below 90%**. Parents/carers will receive a letter or a phone call

to discuss how we can support you and your child in attending school and on time, as children are already missing valuable teaching and learning. Please can you ensure that your child is in school every day and on time. We will contact you should your child become unwell.

Family Event:

Please take a look at the attached poster.

Festive for Less is a 4 week course starting on **Wednesday 12th November at 9am**. Over 4 weeks, they will look at different ways of keeping the Christmas spirit alive whilst saving money. This could be from ideas to entertain children over the holidays to meal planning, gifting alternatives, ideas to count down to the big day and decorations.

Parents, carers or grandparents will come to the first part of the session and then be joined by their children for the second part to make something to take home with them. This is open to **ALL** year groups.



Ground Force Day Volunteers:

We would be grateful if there are any volunteers who can help, thank you to those who have already put their names forward, we will be in touch with a proposed date.

Our courtyard area could do with some TLC as there are lots of weeds to be removed, both parents/carers and their children would be invited to do this together.

Our forest school area needs clearing in readiness for new resources - this would be adults only and would require some lifting of items.

Lastly, if anyone has any knowledge or skills that would enable our polytunnel to be fully assembled this would be great, we do have instructions and the majority of the frame is assembled and in place but we would need a few adults to help finish this and pull the polythene over the frame and secure it in place. If you are able to help please contact the school office.

Anti-Bullying Week:

Anti-Bullying Week is taking place next week between Monday 10th November and Friday 14th November. The theme we will be discussing in assemblies is Respect, which is also a part of our school Mission 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. We would be grateful if you can talk to your child about 'respect' at home and we will continue to reinforce this in school. The children will be discussing Anti-Bullying in their classes and the Pupil Council will be writing our leaflet on Anti-Bullying.



Neurodiversity:



Let's Talk Neurodiversity

Monmouthshire County Council and Action for Children would like to provide more support to families within Monmouthshire that need specialist support with diagnosed or non-diagnosed neurodiversity.

The proposal is to provide holistic family support around parenting, looking at strategies to help families manage behaviour/challenges more effectively, supporting families to have better access and feel integrated in the community. Collaborating and linking families in with other services such as school etc. Thus, improving school attendance.

We would like people's feedback to give us a better understanding of the support and resources needed from the County Council and Action for Children to enhance the offer of support for families.

The survey will close at 5pm Friday, 28 November

Please follow this link Let's talk Neurodiversity | Let's Talk Monmouthshire¹

Children in Need:

Children in Need is taking place on Friday 14th November. We will **NOT** be asking the children to dress up. The children will be engaging in a 'Strictly Come Dancing' event which will mean some dance activities to promote Health and Wellbeing at the end of the school day. We would appreciate any donations for this worthy cause which the children are welcome to bring in.



Remembrance Day:

On Tuesday 11th November the whole school will come together for one minutes silence for Remembrance Day. We will be holding an assembly appropriate for all our children to remember the service of the Armed Forces.

¹<https://www.letstalkmonmouthshire.co.uk/lets-talk-neurodiversity>

We would also like to say thank you for your support purchasing poppy items. We will update with the amount raised once we are notified.

Remembrance Sunday:

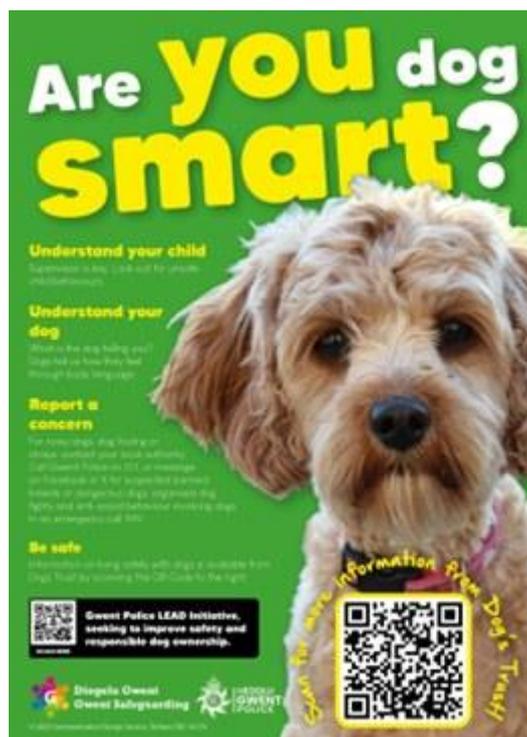
Our families are invited to join the Town Council celebrating Remembrance Sunday on Sunday, 9th November. There will be services at both 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. which all students, staff and families are welcome to attend. This will be held at the Town Council Offices on Sandy Lane, Caldicot.



Risk Assessments:

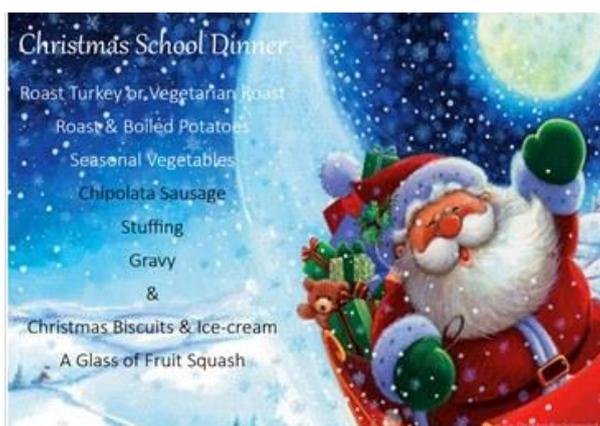
Just a reminder that if your child has an injury a Risk Assessment MUST be completed prior to your child coming into school. Please do not send your child to school without speaking to a senior member of staff to complete a Risk Assessment. I understand that parents/carers do work, therefore please telephone the school and have a discussion with a staff member prior to your child attending school. Thank you for your support with this.

Gwent Police/Gwent Safeguarding:



Christmas Dinner:

Bookings are now active for this year's Christmas Dinner which will take place on Thursday 11th December, please take a moment to book on ParentPay. These are the only options available on this day or children can bring in their own packed lunches.



Awards:

Well done to all the children who have received awards this week. Bendigedig pawb!

Year Group	Seren yr wythnos	Behaviour of the Week Hot Chocolate Friday!	Attendance Cup
Nursery	Emily		95.4%
Reception	Isabelle	Vlad	93.3%
Year 1	Gray	Riley	92.7%
Year 2	Eva	Liliana	99.1% ★
Year 3	Joseph	Arabella	91.1%
Year 4	Leo	Poppy	98.9%
Year 5	Aaron	Tobiah	98%
Year 6	George	Esme	92.6%

Dates for your diary:

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November		
11/11/2025		Remembrance Day
12/11/2025	PM	Year 4 Library Visit
14/11/2025	PM	Year 5 Swimming
20/11/2025	11.30am - 12.30pm	Cllr Laura Wright Visit to School
21/11/2025	PM	Year 5 Swimming
26/11/2025	PM	Year 3 Library Visit
28/11/2025	PM	Year 6 Swimming
December		
04/12/2025	10.00am	Pantomime Riverfront Theatre (Rec-Y6)
08/12/2025	AM	Year 2 to Bethany Baptist Church "Christmas Wrapped Up"
08/12/2025	6.00pm	Year 6 to Caldicot School Concert
11/12/2025		Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day
11/12/2025		PTFA Christmas Gift Sale
12/12/2025	PM	Year 6 Swimming
15/12/2025	2.00pm	Year 3/4 Christingle
16/12/2025	10.00am	Year 1/2 Christmas Concert
17/12/2025	10.00am	Nursery (AM & PM)/Reception Christmas Concert
17/12/2025	2.00pm	Year 5/6 Christmas Concert
18/12/2025		PTFA Christmas Fayre
19/12/2025	PM	Year 6 Swimming
19/12/2025		Break up from school

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone school on 01291 636360, or email the school Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales²

Yours sincerely

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