



Together we learn, together we grow.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

It has been a busy couple of weeks and this week all the children have performed their concerts to an incredibly high standard. We are absolutely thrilled with how fantastic our recent concerts were! Each performance was a true showcase of the incredible talent, hard work, and creativity of our children. From the beautiful singing to the confident acting and musical performances, every child shone brightly and made us all proud.

A huge thank you to our pupils for their dedication and enthusiasm, and to our families for your support in making these events so special. These concerts were a wonderful reminder of the joy and community spirit that make our school such a special place.

Christmas Jumper Swap:

Thank you all for your generous donations so far, the rail in the foyer is looking great. If any parents/carers have Christmas jumpers that are no longer needed, we would love to give them a new home! Please consider donating them to the school. These jumpers will be available for other families to use, helping everyone join in the festive fun while reducing waste. Donations can be dropped off at the school office—thank you for your support.

PTFA:

We want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible hard work and dedication of our PTFA. This term, they have gone above and beyond to make the festive season magical for our children and families. From organising the wonderful Christmas Gift Sale, giving every child the chance to choose something special, to a special visit from the Grinch and hosting a fantastic Christmas Fayre filled with fun and community spirit – their efforts have truly made a difference. We are so grateful for the time, energy, and creativity they put into everything they do. These events not only bring joy to our children but also help raise valuable funds to support our school. Thank you, PTFA – you are amazing!



Respectful Behaviour Towards Staff:

We kindly remind all parents/carers that staff work tirelessly to support your children and provide the best possible education and care. All interactions with staff are to be conducted in a respectful and courteous manner. Aggressive, abusive, or inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Working together in a positive and respectful way ensures the best outcomes for our children and our school community.

Tik Tok:

It has been brought to my attention that children are using a form of social media called Tik Tok. Please can I remind parents/carers that Tik Tok is for persons who are 13 years and older. Please can you talk to your child about what Apps they have on their phones as children need to be monitored using their phones to ensure that they are safe. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

There is lots of useful information on the Welsh Government website regarding keeping safe online which can be found here¹.

Surveys:

Thank you to those parents/carers for completing the surveys. These will be analysed and the data shared with you in the New Year.

A Special Thank You To Our Wonderful Staff and Governors:

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all our incredible staff and dedicated Governors. Your hard work, commitment, and passion make our school the vibrant, nurturing place it is. Every day, you go above and beyond to support our children, create inspiring learning experiences, and ensure our school continues to thrive.

Your efforts behind the scenes and in the classroom do not go unnoticed – I truly appreciate everything you do to make our school community so special. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and for always putting our children first.



¹<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/>

Reception Parents - Workshops:

Please contact the school office to book a place on the 'See How They Learn' 4 week course for Reception parents starting on 13th January at 9am.

**“See How They learn”
In Reception Class**

Come along to develop practical skills to help support literacy development, numeracy development and learning. Spend some time learning with your child in school.

“See How They Learn” is a 4-week course that will help parents/carers to support their child's learning at home.

**Tuesday 13th January at 09:00am
Dewatow Primary School**

Sessions in include:

- Listening, mark making and early writing
- Phonics and early reading.
- Early numeracy skills and counting.
- Space, shape and measure.

Workshops:

Some of our families may find the attached workshops useful. They are online workshops and you do not have to have your camera on. Full details are on the posters, simply scan the QR code to book a place.

**HELPING HANDS OUTREACH
VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS: DEC 25-MAR 26**

We run monthly workshops on a range of topics including: Exploring Behaviours That Can Challenge, Introduction to Sleep, Supporting Anxiety in Children, Supporting with Transitions.

These group workshops are open to any parents/carers of children with additional needs, including families and professionals linked with Serennu, Nevill Hall and Caerphilly Children's Centre. For more information, please speak to the Family Liaison Officer at your local Children's Centre.

The workshops will take place online via a video-call.

**MONDAY 19TH
JANUARY
10AM - 12NOON**

EXPLORING BEHAVIOURS THAT CAN CHALLENGE
We will be sharing ideas behind behaviour support and help you to understand and respond to behaviours that can often challenge.
Book by Midday on Wednesday 14th January

**MONDAY 2ND
FEBRUARY
10AM-12NOON**

SUPPORTING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN
We will share ideas about how to support children and young people with anxiety and worry.
Book by Midday on Wednesday 28th January

**MONDAY 2ND
MARCH
10AM-12NOON**

INTRODUCTION TO SLEEP
We will share ideas about how to manage common sleep difficulties in children and young people.
Book by Midday on Wednesday 25th February

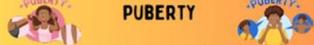
BOOK A SPACE OR SUBSCRIBE TO OUR MAILING LIST
To book a space on one of these workshops, or subscribe to our workshop mailing list for updates on all our future workshops, you can:
• Scan the QR code • Click on the QR code
• Follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/DfqfWSd0kK>

We also run additional workshops that are jointly designed and delivered with our health colleagues in the Children's Centres.
These workshops need to be booked using separate QR codes.

**MONDAY 1ST
JUNE
10AM-12 NOON**



PREPARING FOR AND SUPPORTING THROUGH PUBERTY



We are really excited to bring to you a brand new workshop. We have been working on this for some time to following some direct requests from families. It is our pleasure to introduce our

'Preparing For & Supporting Through Puberty'

During this workshop we will share ideas and resources related to the following topics:

- *Puberty in the context of children with additional developmental needs*
- *Body Parts & Preparing for Body Changes*
- *Privacy & Consent*
- *Puberty*
- *Masturbation*
- *What this means for you as Parents/Carers*

To book onto this workshop, please scan or click on the QR code or follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/kzDF8c9jbb>

**WEDNESDAY 25TH
FEBRUARY
10AM-12NOON**



SUPPORTING COMMUNICATION

A workshop delivered jointly with a Speech and Language Therapist.

The workshop aims to help you to:



- Understand how communication develops in children and means of communication
- Explore why some children develop communication difficulties
- Explore the related challenges that can develop alongside communication difficulties
- Think about different means to support your children to communicate

To book on this workshop, please scan or click on the QR code or follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/qpyjEJLPTN>

Water Safety:

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water safety
Wales

Talk to your children about Water Safety!

Flooding and ice in winter can be dangerous for children. Keep your children safe and talk to them about water safety.

STAY AWAY FROM THE EDGE

- Keep back from slippery banks.
- Never walk or play on ice.
- Stick to well-lit areas and plan your walks during daylight.
- Avoid walking or driving through floodwater.

KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS CLOSE

- Teach children to stay off the ice and avoid floodwater.
- Keep dogs on a lead near ice and slippery banks.

IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

- Keep calm and call for help.
- Float on your back until you feel calm, then try to climb out.
- If you cannot climb out, continue to float and keep your head clear of the water.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IN TROUBLE – CALL 999

- Do not enter cold water, ice, or flood water to rescue someone.
- Assist from a safe distance. Use rescue equipment, something that floats or something that could help such as a rope or tree branch.

ENJOY THE WINTER SAFELY!

FLOOD SAFETY UPDATES

Sign up for flood warnings on the [Natural Resources Wales website](https://naturalresources.wales/flooding/)

naturalresources.wales/flooding/
sign-up-to-receive-flood-warnings

Stay informed about weather conditions and flood warnings.

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	Lacey		94.15%
Reception	Bella	Freya	96.9%
Year 1	All children in Y1	Ronnie	94.7%
Year 2	All children in Y2	Ollie	97.4% ★
Year 3	Maria	Bella	95%
Year 4	Darcie G	Leo	95.4%
Year 5	Tobiah	Isla-Mae	88.6%
Year 6	Neha	Charlie	91.3%



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

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing all the children return to school on Monday 5th January 2026 and I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Liz Bain

Headteacher / Pennaeth

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