Tonysguboriau Newsletter 28th November

Message from Mrs Harries

I am thrilled to share that our **Christmas Toy Swap** has been a huge success! The generosity and support from our school community and the wider local community have been truly heartwarming. Together, we've helped make a real difference by giving toys a second life.

A special thank you goes to **Mrs Powell the staff who have supported** for their incredible effort in overseeing and organising this event. Your hard work and dedication have made this initiative possible. Our amazing staff went the extra mile – **personally delivering toys to homes**. Diolch o galon.

Thank you to everyone who donated, swapped, and supported – your kindness shows the power of community. Let's keep making a difference, together!

Have a lovely weekend. We have three busy weeks ahead.

Update from Mr Blears

Shwmae!

Well, we are ramping up to a very busy period in Tonysguboriau. I have been keeping myself away from all the rehearsals so that I can here these wonderful performances for the first

time to. It is always special here. We are also looking forward to the Christmas Tree Festival which is celebrating Welsh Language. Each year group have been creating beautiful decorations. **This year's Christmas Tree Festival celebrates Cymraeg Byw – The Living Welsh Language.** The theme highlights the pride, energy, and importance of the Welsh language in modern Wales, reflecting the national vision of Cymraeg 2050, which aims to reach one million Welsh speakers by 2050.As our school continues to work towards achieving the Siarter Iaith Gold Award, this theme offers an inspiring opportunity for pupils to show how Cymraeg is alive and thriving throughout our school. The use of gold in every decoration represents our journey, pride, and ambition as we work towards Gold status.

Whatever you do this weekend, stay safe!

Mr. Blears

12 Days of Christmas Attendance Challenge!



We have another 12 days of Christmas challenge this year. Any child who attends school everyday starting from 5th December to and including the 17th December will achieve a purple band. Attendance is incredibly important and impacts on children's learning so here is a great way to encourage your children!

Non-Uniform and Tombola 2nd December 2025

It is that time of year again and as we approach the Christmas Fayre, we will be having a non- uniform and tombola day on the 2nd December 2025.

Children can come in non-uniform that day and we ask for donations of:

Nursery to Year 2 - Chocolate donations

Year 3 to Year 6 - Bottle donations

Any donations on this day will be greatly appreciated.

Concert Raffle Hampers








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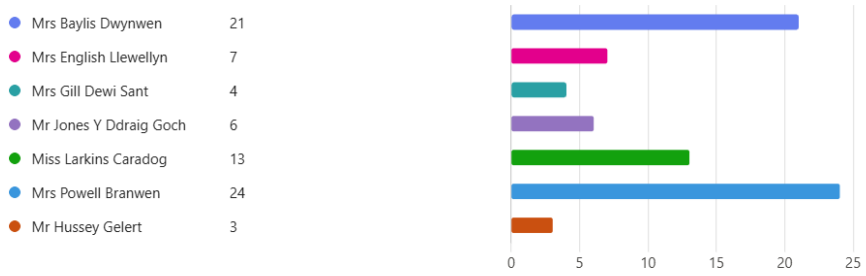


At each of our Christmas concerts, we will have the opportunity for families to buy a raffle ticket, £1 each, to win one of these hampers. A huge thanks to all of our staff who contributed.

Open Evening Feedback

A huge thank you to all parents attending our Open Evening at the start of this term. At Tonysguboriau, we value your input and we wanted to share the feedback we got. We will be using this data to inform our next steps in how we communicate your child's progress.

1. What class is your child(ren) in? You can choose multiple classes



5. Were your questions and any concerns addressed during the meeting?



4. How informed do you feel about your child's next steps in learning?

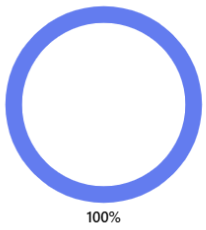


3. How well did the teacher(s) communicate your child's progress?



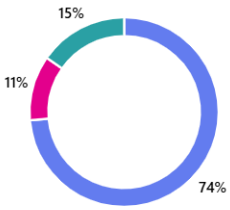
2. How easy was it to book your appointment?

Very easy	72
Somewhat easy	0
Not so easy	0



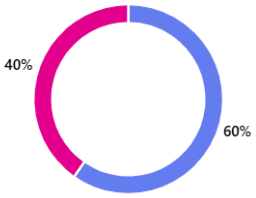
8. We are developing the way we communicate your child's progress through meaningful reporting. We are exploring termly reports, with pupils having an important role in this process, rather than one in the summer term. Would you prefer...?

Termly reporting	53
One end of year report	8
Don't mind	11



6. Did you attend the Meet The Teacher?

Yes	43
No	29



Iceland Foodbank Trolley



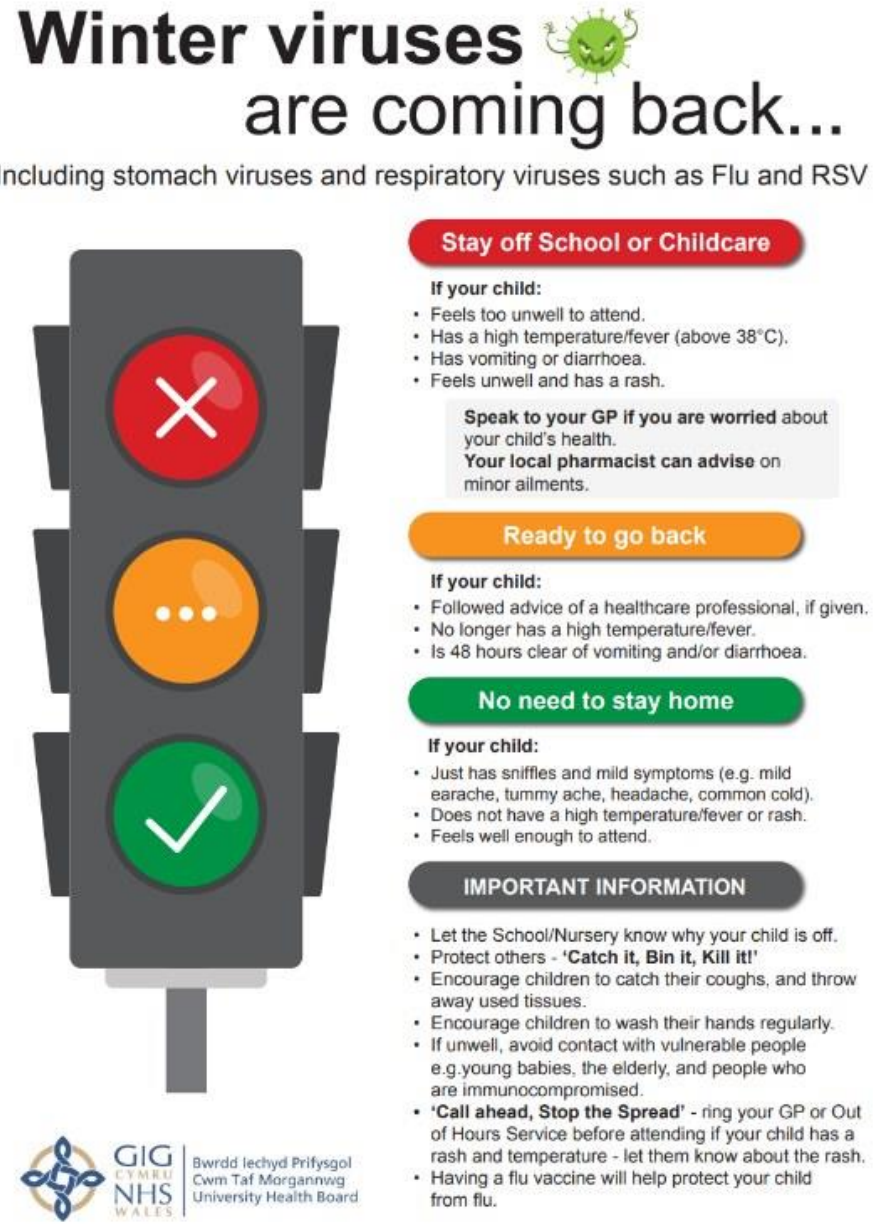
This is what I posted on the PTA page. Thank you

A huge thank you to our wonderful pupils who made the very first donation to our School Food Bank trolley at Iceland Talbot Green today! 🎄🛒

The trolley will be in store throughout the Christmas period for anyone who is able to donate an extra item to support our school families. Every contribution — big or small — makes a real difference.

Thank you for your kindness and community spirit ❤️

Winter Viruses



Children in Need Total

Thank you for all the donations from children and parents. We are pleased to say that we raised **£583.72**. A huge thank you for the School Council's dedication and creativity with new ideas to raise money for this charity event.

Thank you again!

M&M Panto at Tonysguboriau









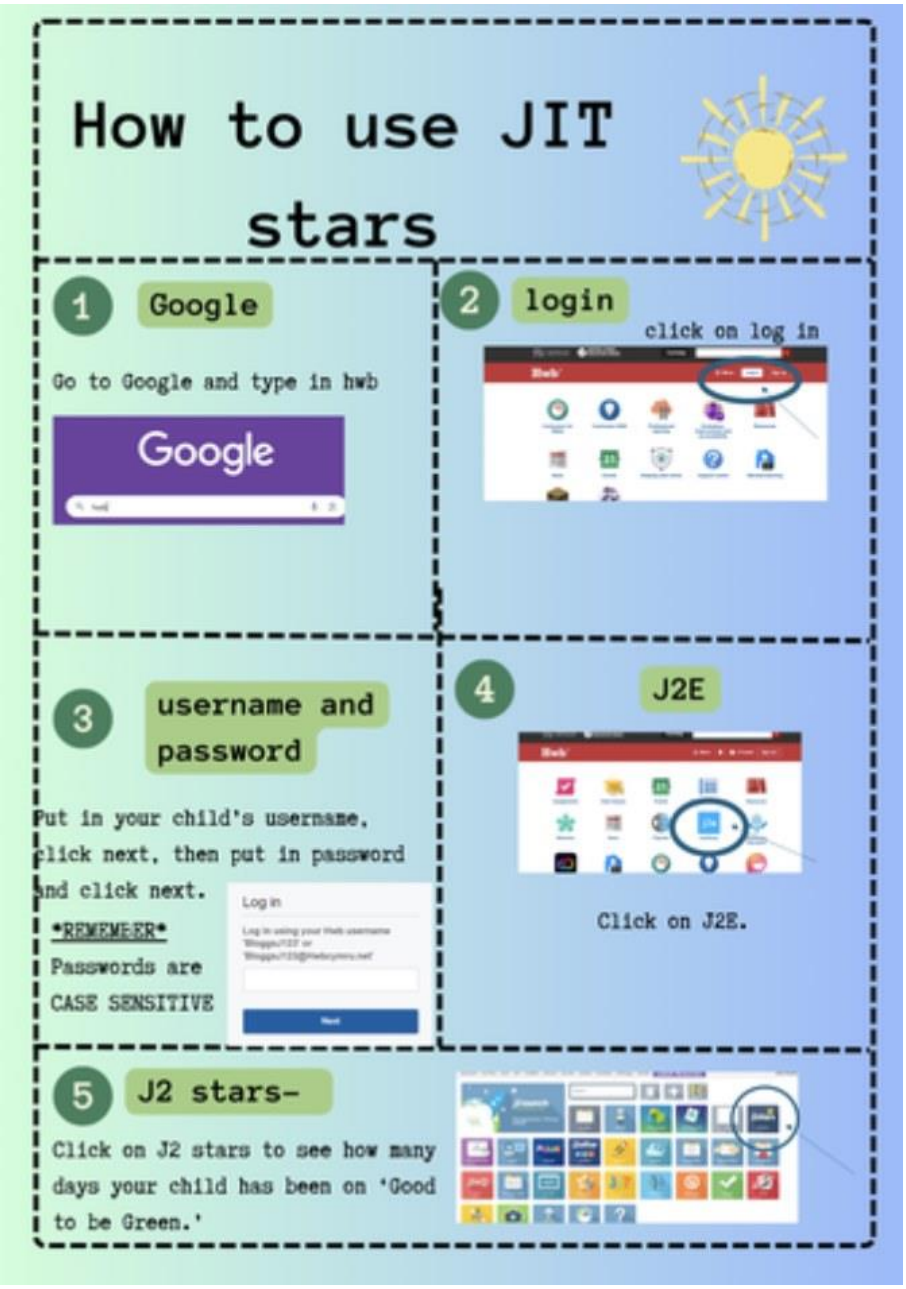
As is becoming tradition now, we had our panto in school. Thank you to the wonderful team at M&M for putting on a wonderful show. Mr. Blears and Mr. Hussey has already booked them in for next year!

Good To Be Green



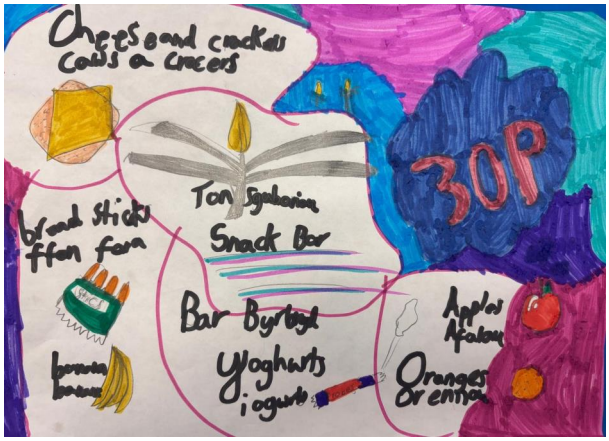
Children will receive a bronze certificate for 50 stars, a silver certificate for 60 and for achieving 65 stars, they will receive a gold certificate and a special Christmas treat.

See the below image to learn how to see your child's stars using J2E on the HWB.



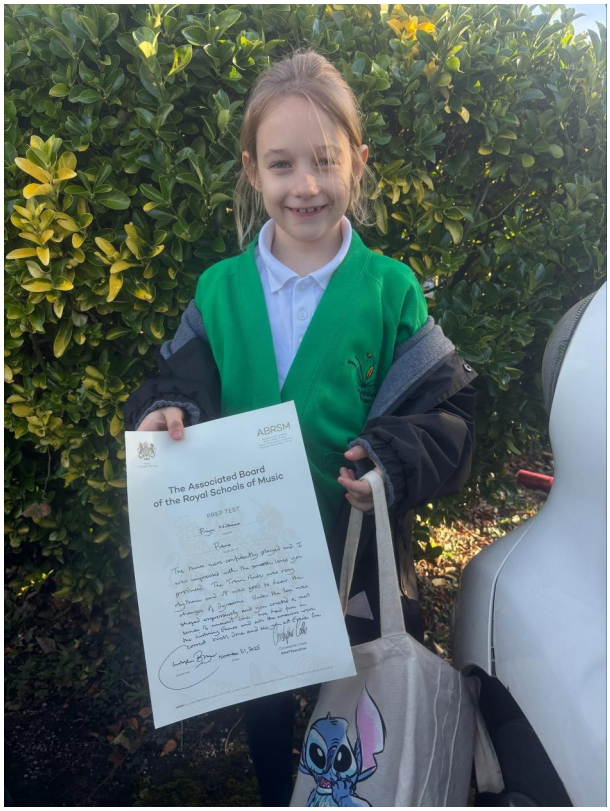
Healthy Snack Bar

The Healthy Schools Committee have enjoyed leading playground games to the foundation phase, developing their leadership skills and Welsh. The next step for our committee is to set up a healthy snack bar for Key Stage 2 pupils. This snack bar will be open every Friday break time, starting on Friday 21st November. The healthy snacks that children can buy include bananas, clementines, apples, yogurts, bread sticks and cheese and crackers. Each snack will be 30p and allows all pupils to have access to a healthy snack.



Tonysguboriau Stars





Priya had her 'prep piano' test to prepare her for grade 1. Priya, had to play two warm up pieces, two full pieces and answer some theory questions about musical notes. She had fantastic feedback and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



George achieved 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in a kick boxing tournament .Da iawn!

Phoebe would like to share she's achieved her Wave 2 certificate in swimming lessons this week. She's one step closer to fulfilling her dream of scuba diving with tropical fish!

Dosbarth Dwynwen



Christmas has landed in Dosbarth Dwynwen and the festive season is in full swing. We've been busy as Santa's elves decorating our classroom in time for Christmas. The children have been practising for our Christmas concert and enjoyed their dress rehearsal today. Alongside this, we've been getting creative with lots of festive arts and crafts. In our enquiry learning, we've been noticing the seasonal changes as we move from Autumn into Winter, making observations, sharing our own experiences, and thinking about where we'll explore next. We have also been learning about Road Safety and practising the important steps: stop, look, listen and think to check when it is safe to cross the road. We put our learning into action by going for a walk around the local community and enjoyed making links with the community pre-schoolers who will be joining us next year.

Keep up to date with what's going on by visiting our class page - https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/dwynwen/

Dosbarth Llewellyn



As we move closer to the festive season, the children have been working hard and showing fantastic progress across all areas of learning.

Languages, Literacy and Communication - We've started a new writing journey focused on persuasive writing. The children have been creating invitations and learning how to use 'If you… then you…' sentences, as well as making compound sentences using the word 'and'. They've also practised persuasive language in real-life situations - successfully persuading me to let them enjoy some GoNoodle dancing and even add extra stars to the reward jar!

Mathematics and Numeracy - Last week, we explored 3D shapes, sorting them and discussing their properties. This week, we've moved on to addition using number bonds within 10—a key skill for Year 1. The children are becoming more confident and accurate with this important concept.

Topic Work - Our topic has been full of creativity! We've been designing and testing games for the Christmas Fayre, making sure they're fun and ready for the big day. Preparations for our Christmas concert are also in full swing—the children have learned all the songs and are practising their lines in front of an audience.

Festive Activities - We've also been busy making beautiful Christmas decorations, cutting and folding paper to create angels for our school tree and for the Llantrisant Church Christmas Tree Festival. The children have loved contributing to these special displays.

We are so proud of the children's efforts and achievements this term. Thank you for your continued support - Please keep practising the concert lines at home!

Mrs English

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Dosbarth Dewi Sant



In literacy, we have been finishing our Hot Writes for letter writing. The children decided to write a thank-you letter to Ebenezer Church for teaching us all about Abraham. They produced some fantastic letters, full of thoughtful ideas and lovely presentation!

In maths, we've been busy working on addition and subtraction, measuring width and height, exploring number bonds to 100, and tackling problem-solving challenges. The children have shown great perseverance and are becoming more confident with these skills.

In topic, we learned about the inspirational environmentalist Wangari Maathai. The children were truly inspired by her work and enjoyed discussing how they can help care for the environment.

We also had a brilliant trip to Llantrisant Guildhall! The children learned about road safety and walked sensibly to the Guildhall, representing our school beautifully. Mr Lamb commented on how engaged they were and how insightful their questions were. The walk was challenging (especially climbing the cobbles to old Llantrisant) but the children were amazed by the stunning views from the top. During the visit, we explored the history of Llantrisant, discovering how people settled there and why it was such a good place to survive. We also learned about the castle's history and loved meeting the famous goats who guard it! It was a memorable trip that we hope the children will never forget.

Looking ahead, over the next couple of weeks in literacy, we will move on to persuasive writing, creating leaflets to advertise Llantrisant Guildhall. We are also making great progress with preparations for the Christmas Concert, next week we will be doing dress rehearsals. Please ensure your child brings their costume and continue to practise their lines at home.

As always, please get in touch if you have any questions.

Diolch yn fawr,

Mrs Gill

Keep up to date with what's going on by visiting our class page - https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/dewi-sant/

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🌟 Year 3 Weekly Highlights! 🌟

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 3!

🧱 Maths Magic: We've been tackling column subtraction with larger numbers like true problem-solving superheroes! After that, we jumped into the world of 2D shapes, exploring their properties, angles, and even measuring perimeter. Shapes have never been so exciting!

✏️ Literacy Adventures: Our new writing journey has begun with the hilarious book Dear Mrs. LaRue! The children are learning how to write friendly letters, making sure they include all the important details to keep their readers smiling.

🎄 Christmas Craft Fun: The festive spirit has arrived! We've started creating beautiful Christmas crafts for the school tree and the Christmas Fête next Thursday, **4th December**. We can't wait to see you there! Come along, enjoy the fun, and check out our amazing crafts – all to help raise money for our wonderful school.

Keep up to date with what's going on by visiting our class page - https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/y-ddraig-goch/

Dosbarth Caradog

Over the past two weeks, Year 4 have been working hard and having lots of festive fun!

In literacy, we've begun our exciting narrative writing journey. Using the text *Lost and Found* as inspiration, pupils created their own imaginative maps to help plan and narrate their own story. This activity really encouraged creativity and gave everyone a chance to develop their ideas visually before writing.

In maths, we've started exploring fractions. The children have been using manipulatives to represent fractions in different ways which has helped them to visualise these fractions.

In topic, we used a digital world map to locate different rivers around the world. We couldn't believe how many countries some rivers flow through!

Christmas preparations are well underway! The class have been busy designing and decorating beautiful baubles for our school tree which they designed in the style of Welsh artist- Aled Thompson. We have also started to create our Christmas crafts. Thank you to everyone who sent in jars – the children are very excited to complete their snow globes next week!

We've also been practicing for our Christmas Carol Service, and the class are looking forward to sharing their hard work with you in the coming weeks.

Finally, please note that due to Christmas events taking place on Friday afternoons this term, Forest School will resume in the New Year. I'll send out more information about this closer to the time.

Thank you for your continued support – it's been a busy and joyful start to the festive season!

Keep up to date with what's going on by visiting our class page - https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/caradog/

Dosbarth Branwen

Literacy

This fortnight we have completed our *discussion hot writes* on the topic of climate change, where the children showcased their persuasive skills and used a wide range of facts to support their arguments. We are now moving into our next writing journey: *script writing*. As part of their cold writes, the children are turning the story of *The Gingerbread Man* from *Bake Me a Story* into a script, exploring the key features that make scripts unique. Their senses of humour shone through in some of their writing making the story unique to them. The pupils main features of scripts have been learning about the main features of a script

such as stage directions, use of narrator and writing using dialogue. They will now focus on developing this by using text features such as alliteration, onomatopoeia and similes.

Mathematics

The children have been working hard to deepen their understanding of fractions. They have learned how to convert improper fractions into mixed numbers, calculate fractions of amounts, and even translate fractions into decimals.

Topic

Our focus has been on explanation texts about fruits and vegetables, exploring why they grow best in different parts of the world. We have also investigated the fascinating process of plant pollination.Next week we will use our discussion skills to write about the many benefits of gardens and allotments. As our project draws to a close, pupils will combine their discussion skills with research to create biographies of inspiring figures such as Ravi Singh, founder of Khalsa Aid. They will also explore how his work connects to the Grow Well Project in Cardiff and reflect on the concept of cynefin- our sense of place and belonging. To showcase their learning, pupils will design an infographic that highlights key ideas from their discussions and research, linking global acts of kindness to local community initiatives.

Design & Technology

We have begun our Christmas Craft project, where the children have repurposed old clothes to create reusable gift tags and tree decorations. This project has encouraged them to think about sustainability while learning the life skill of sewing using a running stitch.

Art

Inspired by the work of Welsh artist Rhiannon Roberts, the children designed their own Christmas baubles to reflect what is important to them in Wales. We have been working hard learning our carols for the children to sing for their carol service and they are excited to share it with you. The children will need to bring in smart clothes. No branding please.

Keep up to date with what's going on by visiting our class page - https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/branwen/

Dosbarth Gelert

Literacy

This fortnight we have been busy completing our writing journey on scripts based on the Paper bag Princess by Robert Munsch. The pupils have learnt how to use the main features of scripts such as stage directions, use of narrator and descriptive features such as alliteration, onomatopoeias, similes and metaphors. They used this to create their own

script based on a real life event: Greta Thunberg's climate change speech. We will now move onto our next writing journey of poetry in the lead up to Christmas.

Numeracy

Over the past two weeks we have worked on developing our knowledge of negative numbers and fractions, learning how to read temperatures, order and calculate differences in negative numbers and use these to solve word problems. We have looked at how to order and add fractions and will be moving on to look at equivalence and problem-solving involving fractions, decimals and percentages. To practice more of what we have been doing in class follow the links below:

Negative numbers: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zxthnbk#zmxpdnb

Fractions: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhdwxnb

Topic

As part of our topic work the pupils have written discussions about how to maintain safety on our local roads following their survey work on Cowbridge road. They have also been looking at settlement patterns and why places are situated where they are. They used what they had learnt to research into settlements in our local area, finding out more about jobs and settlement patterns in the past and how they have changed over time. They discussed reasons why these changes had occurred and why local settlements had grown in the patterns that they had. They will now use this information to create their own settlement of the future thinking about how to make it environmentally friendly whilst offering housing, transport, services and opportunities for wellbeing. This will then be shared on our website before Christmas.

We have also been busy creating our Christmas Tree decorations for the school Christmas tree and our Christmas craft for the Christmas fete.

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A message from the office



Holidays

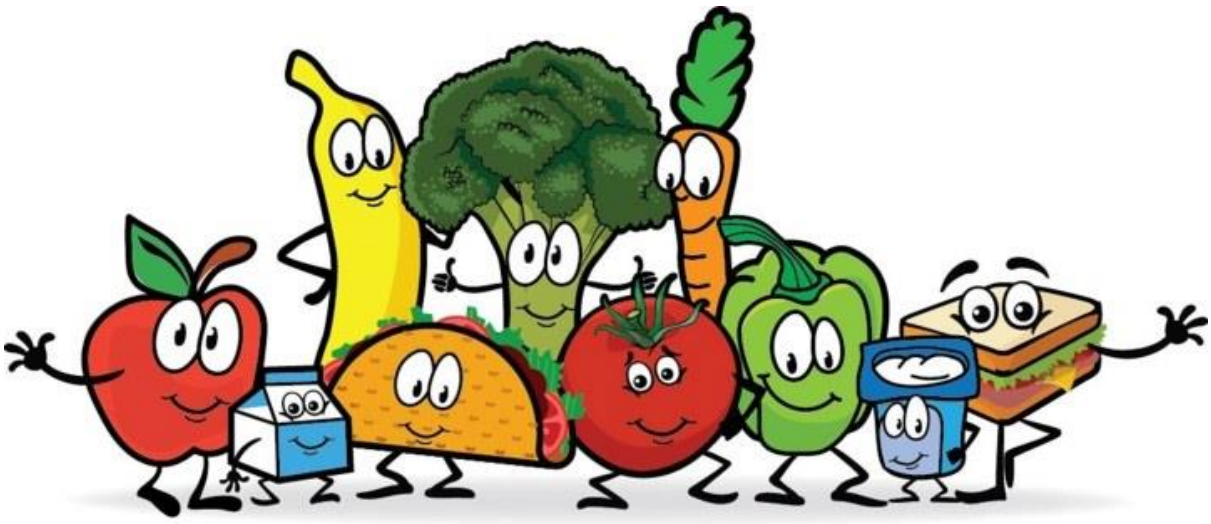
Just a reminder that holiday forms need to be submitted if you are planning a holiday in term time. They are available from our website or the school office.

https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/forms/

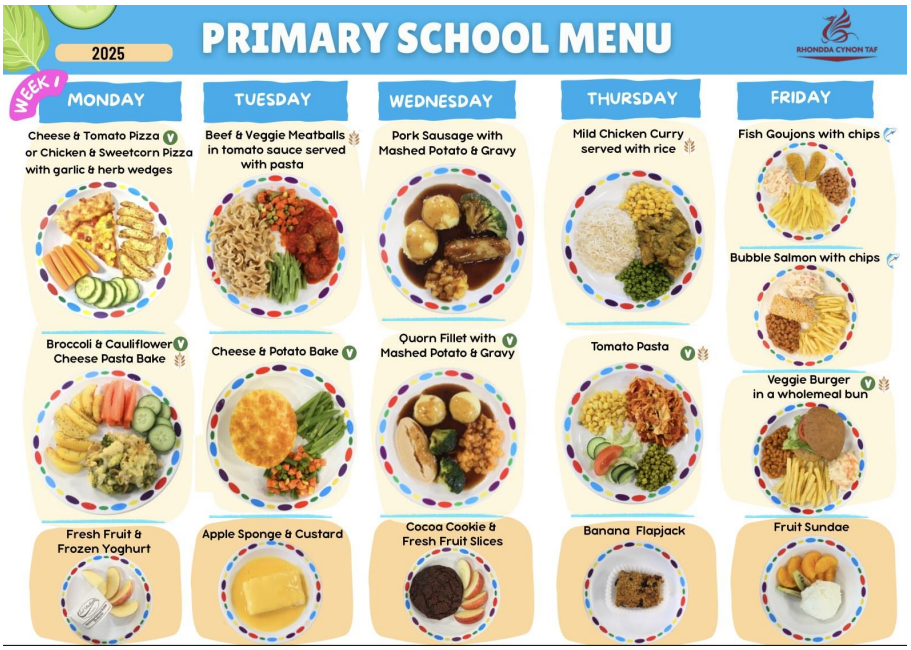
They must be submitted two weeks before a holiday is requested and if they have been submitted in advance of this we will not process until two weeks before you are due to attend due to us needing to review the attendance prior to authorisation. Fixed penalty notices are being issued if you take over 10 days per calendar year. Attendance and holidays are calculated one year back from the date of the holiday.

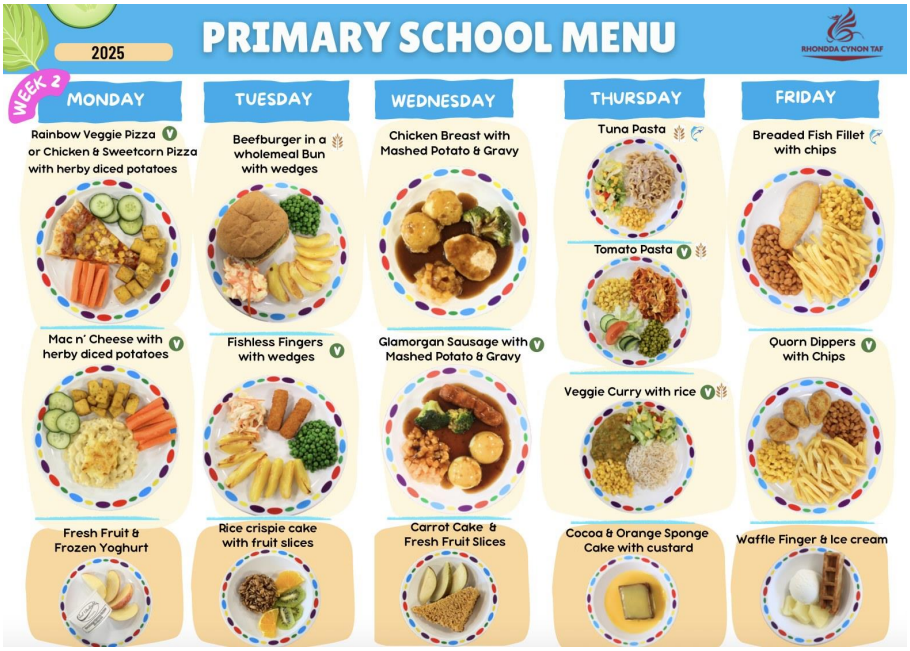
If you have any questions regarding the process I am happy to explain things or check holidays and attendance levels for you.

PRIMARY MENU-ENGLISH AND WELSH 2025



We now have an amazing photograph menu produced by catering services. This is great to share with your little ones to help them decide on their meal choice.





Important Dates

Thursday 4th December - Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December - Choir Singing in Christmas Tree Festival 12.00pm

Monday 8th December - KS2(Y3/4/5/6) Christmas Carol Concert 2pm-3pm

Tuesday 9th December - FP Christmas Concerts (N/R - 1:15pm - 2pm) (Y1/2 - 2:15pm-3:15pm)

Tuesday 9th December - KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Christmas Carol Concert 6pm-7pm

Wednesday 10th December - FP Christmas Concerts (N/R - 1:15pm - 2pm) (Y1/2 - 2:15pm-3:15pm)

Friday 12th December - KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Christmas Carols Concert 2pm-3pm

Friday 12th December Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day

Friday 19th December - Last day of term

INSET DAYS for 2025/2026

Monday 5th January

Friday 22nd May

Monday 20th July 2026