Tonysguboriau Newsletter 10th July

Message from Mrs Harries

As we reach the end of another successful school year, there is so much for us all to be proud of. Our pupils have achieved, progressed and represented our school so well. Throughout the year, they have shown kindness, respect, resilience and ambition, to name a few, during sports days, educational visits, school trips and transition activities, as well as through the important leadership roles they undertake within our many pupil voice groups. It has been lovely to see pupils feeling confident and excited about next year following our transition morning.

A special mention must go to Shivaughn Bedeau who was recently awarded (today) the overall Tonysguboriau Bronze Positive Achievement Award. This prestigious award recognises consistently high standards in attendance, punctuality, presentation, attitude to learning and respect for others. Achieving over 95% attendance while demonstrating these qualities on a daily basis is a fantastic accomplishment. These are not only the values we promote in school, but also the attributes that underpin future employability and success in later life. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and the positive example it sets for others.

We say a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. Hearing them talk about their ambitions and aspirations for the future in their Leavers' Assembly demonstrates the high expectations they have of themselves and the confidence they have developed during their time at Tonysguboriau. They have been outstanding ambassadors for our school and have

contributed so much to school life. Our recent prom was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their achievements and the memories they have created over the years. It was a pleasure to spend time with them on this special occasion, and we wish them every success and happiness as they move on to the next stage of their education. They will always remain an important part of the Tonysguboriau family.

A reminder to parents to check the INSET dates that have been shared and make a note of these before the new term begins.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. On behalf of all the staff and governors, I wish you and your families a restful, safe and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Best Wishes

Mrs Harries



A note from Mr. Blears

We have come to the end of another great year in Tonysguboriau and what a year it has been. With our achievements in the Welsh Award, Sporting endeavours with Mr. Hussey, class assemblies and showcases, it has been a year that has been non-stop!

A fond farewell to our 2026 Dosbarth Gelert. When I joined Tonysguboriau last year, they were the first class I taught and what a 2 years of development, success and achievement they've had. It has been a privilege to have a little hand in their education and I look forward to hearing about their successes in the years to come. All the best in the future.

A special thank you to our PTA. I have been very privileged to have been a part of a number of PTAs in my past experiences in schools but as I feel I have always said, that Tonysguboriau's success is through the community we have built up and I feel a focal point of that is the PTA. Thank you for their continued support in our events and supporting the children with considerable donations to trips, experiences and events across the school year. Diolch.

I hope everyone has great plans for the summer, whether it is at home or further abroad, there are a wealth of experiences to be head and I hope the weather is kind to you, (may be not the blistering heat that we're currently experiencing but not the torrential rain we're familiar with either...)

If there are any issues over the summer, I still pick up my emails and will try to help and support the best I can. Please email on blearsb2@hwbcymru.net and I will try and get back to you as soon as possible.

Have a great summer and stay safe.

Mr. Blears

Sports Day 2026

It was another great Sports Day, we have many people to thank. Thank you to the PTA for the their support and fundraising on the day. Mr. Hussey and the Play Leaders from Y5 and Y6 for organising all the equipment, the year 6 children for organising their houses ready to compete and all the staff for their roles in organising it.

As always, each child really did excel themselves and there were many caring and great sporting conduct for those that injured or got embarrassed.

After the adding of the other competitions that we held outside of Sports Day, we are proud to announce that Trisant were our winners of the Sports Day.

Thank you again for all your support and we look forward to next year's Sports Day.

Summer Fair

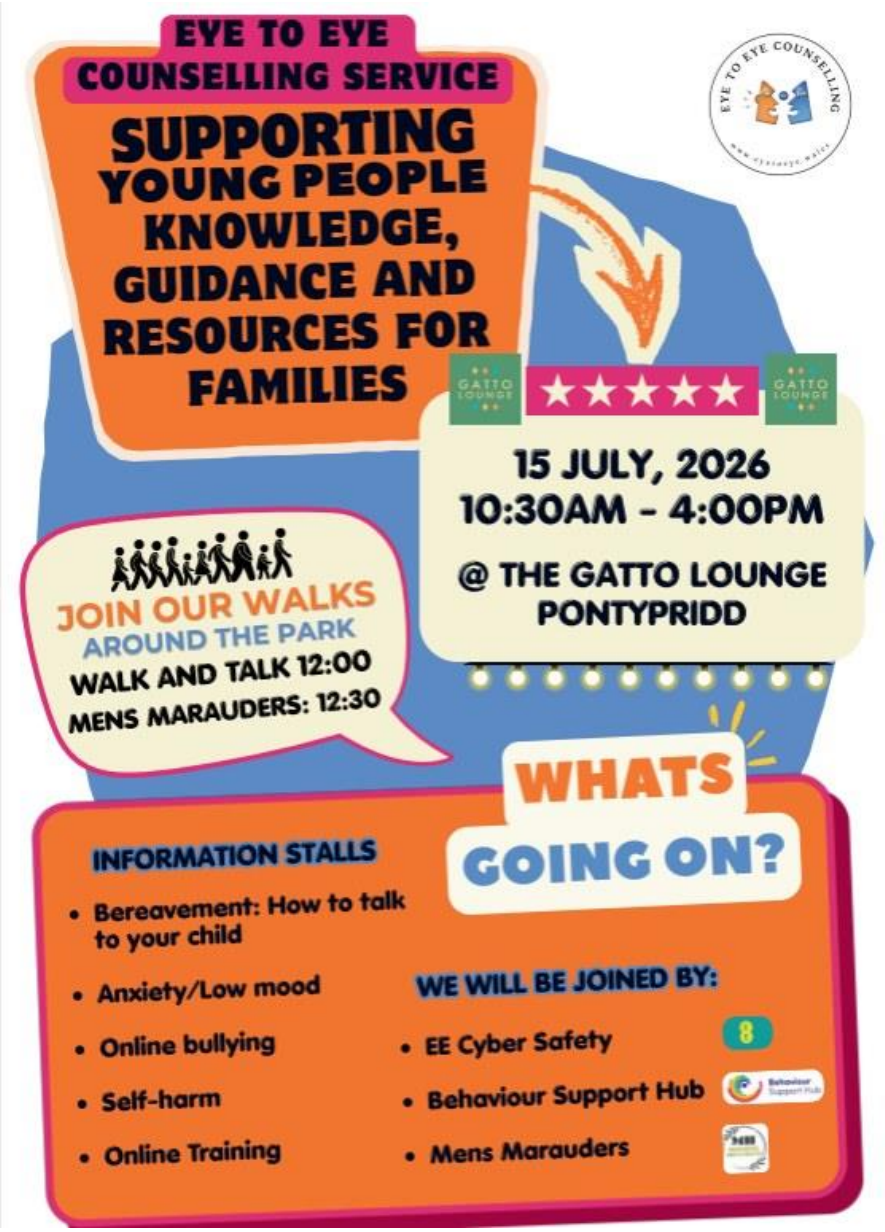
What a wonderful Summer Fair we had! A huge thank you to the PTA and staff for giving their time. The cycling was a great one this year and you can even do some fundraising too!

Here are some instructions for children to create their SuperKind fundraising page, affiliated to the *Tour de Tonysguboriau* cycle challenge campaign, for the newsletter. Instructions poster also attached + details of the snack bar we are raising funds for, from Mrs Harries.

1. View our school campaign here: Tour de Tonysguboriau | SuperKind

2. Click on 'Join this Campaign' button at top of the page.
3. Login (if you've used this website before) or create account as 'Child/Parent'.
4. As parent/guardian you will need to approve the account and fundraiser via email.
5. Create a fundraising page and share it with friends and family! If you didn't previously enable auto-approval you will need to approve your child's page via email before it goes live.If you have any issues, please email hello@superkind.org, They respond very quickly. OR check out their FAQs

Eye to Eye Counselling



Love to read? Discover BorrowBox!

Here at Tonysguboriau, we are always looking for ways to encourage a love of reading and BorrowBox is a fantastic free resource that families can enjoy together.

BorrowBox gives children free access to a wide range of eBooks and audiobooks, including books in both English and Welsh. Whether your child enjoys exciting adventures, funny stories, favourite characters or discovering something new, there's something for every reader.

Sharing a story, listening to an audiobook on a journey, or spending just 10–15 minutes reading each day can help build confidence, develop vocabulary and inspire a lifelong love of books.

Why not explore BorrowBox together and see what you can discover? We hope it helps every child find books they love and encourages them to enjoy reading both at school and at home.

If you are not already a member of the library, you can join at Llantrisant Leisure Centre Library, where they will be happy to help you get started with BorrowBox and answer any questions.

Diolch,

Mrs Gill & Mrs English

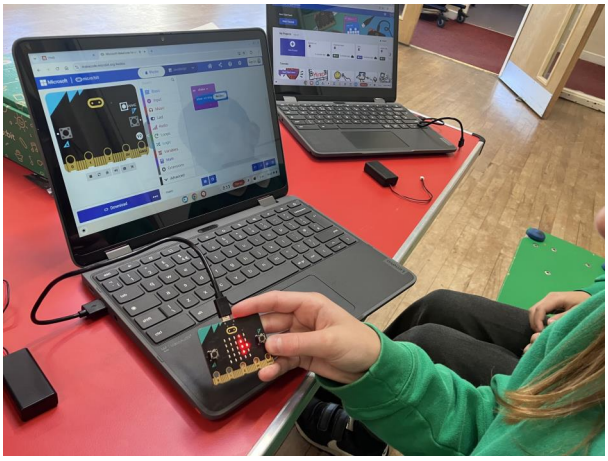
Digital Leader event



On Thursday 2nd July the Digital Leaders held a fantastic event to showcase their work towards the RCT Digital Ambassador award. They helped to present the 'Digital backpack' they had created - a guide for parents on how we use IT in school, how to keep safe online, create strong passwords and keep up to date with modern tech slang. They also showcased their 'Digital app and game guide' which they had produced after researching some of the games and apps pupils were using during Internet Safety week.

Their favourite part was talking to all of the parents who came showing them the different programs and applications that we use from Nursery to Year 6, impressing the parents with their knowledge of internet safety and their skills on the computers - especially with coding.

To download your own copy of the 'Digital backpack' or the 'Digital app and game guide' or to watch the Digital Leaders video please visit our Digital Leader page on the school website: https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/digital-leaders-arweinwyr-digidol/




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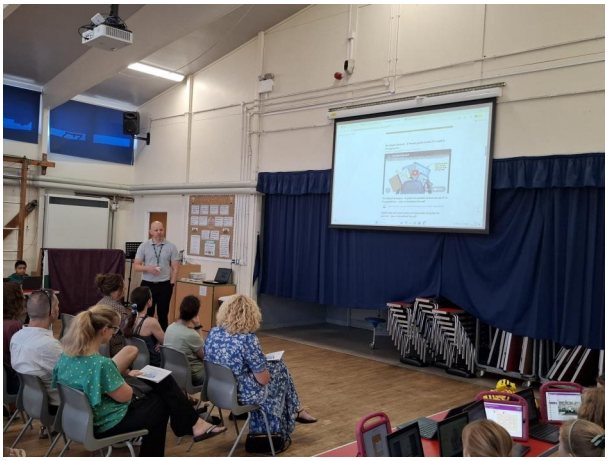












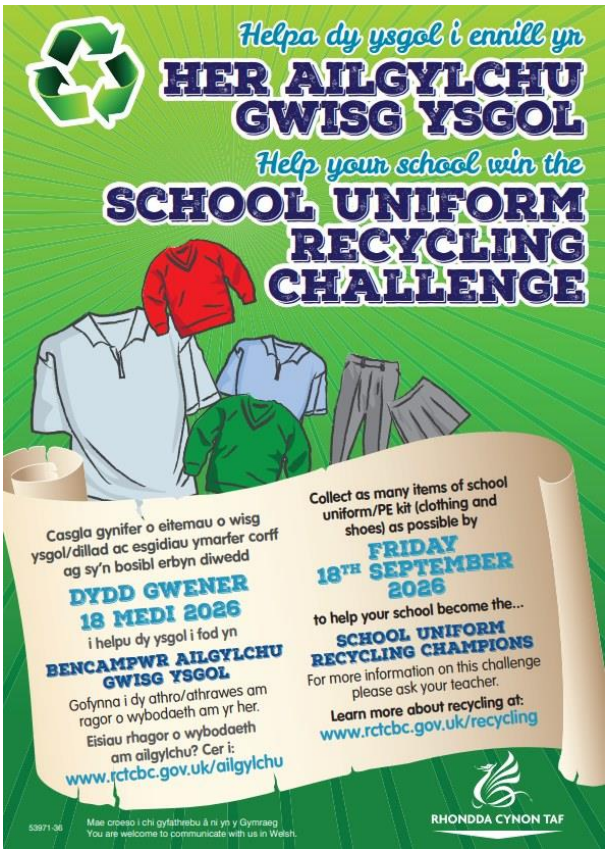
Active Travel Network Map

Rhondda Cynon Taf Council is undertaking a public consultation exercise on its Active Travel Network Map (ATNM).

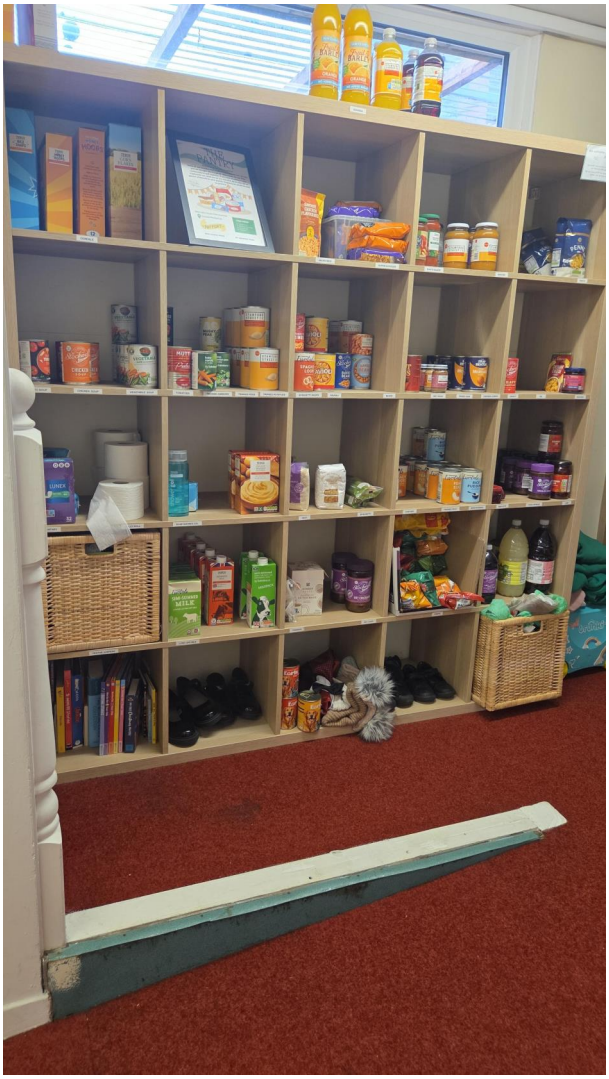
The Council would like to expand and improve the quality and provision of active travel routes throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf and we would welcome the views of pupils, staff and parents across schools and colleges.

Please fill out the following questionnaire: https://lets-talk.rctcbc.gov.uk/let-s-talk-active-travel

School Uniform Recycling Challenge



School Pantry



Don't forget we have a fantastic food pantry for you to access. We are looking for more families that may need to use this, please call in to the office no judgement at all, you can fill a bag to help you out. We understand the cost of living is difficult and we want to support where we can.

A huge thank you to BLT food Hwb for supporting us since we began, sadly they have now closed their doors but have given us a cheque fr £1,000 to support the future of the food pantry.

Also, thank you to Sainsbury who have consistantly supported the school with our school and PTA events and stocking the pantry, we really appreciate the support!

Good To Be Green

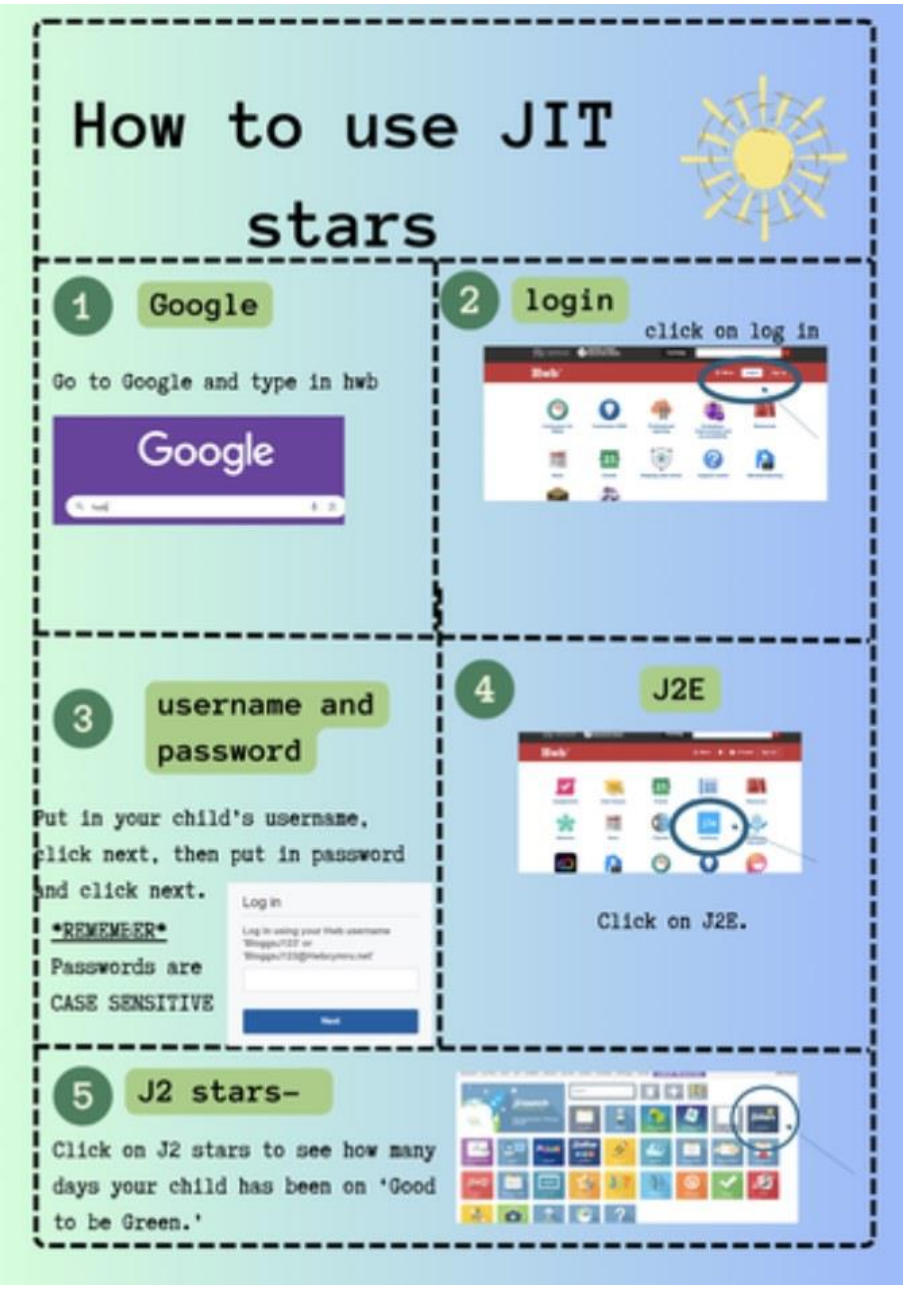


The new term has started and a new Good To Be Green challenge has started. Children will receive:

- A bronze certificate for 40 stars
- A silver certificate for 50 stars
- A gold certificate and a special Easter treat for 58

We have changed that children no longer lose a star when they are on holiday.

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



Out and about with Tonysguboriau

This is a new section of our newsletter. We know that our children and parents get up to some very interesting things so we will try and showcase some of these experiences:

If you have any special events that you want to tell us about, please email Mr. Blears blearsb2@hwbcymru.net and we will put it in the next newsletter,

Tonysguboriau Stars









Nora played Frenchy in her theater schools production of Grease and did brilliantly, including singing a solo and mastering an American accent. Well Nora, this is one of Mr. Blears' favourite shows and can see how much hard work went in to it! Da iawn!

Mason, Elis, Tayo, Tommy, Brogan, Jack, Isaac, Harry R, Harry D, Toby - had their U7 presentation for Talbot Green on the weekend. The progress they've made is fantastic and they are so enthusiastic every week.



Thank you again for another wonderful year sharing your children's achievements. We take great delight in seeing everything that goes on.

A lot happens over the summer and we welcome more emails about all their achievements that go on during this time. Email blearsb2@hwbcymru.net with details and photos.

Any emails sent will be included in the next sway.

Wellbeing and Behaviour Strategy

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We are committed to putting wellbeing at the centre of school life across Rhondda Cynon Taf. Our Strategic Plan for Wellbeing 2022–2025 focuses on supporting the mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing of all learners, staff and school communities.

To help us understand what is working well and what could be improved, we are asking parents and carers to complete this short consultation questionnaire. Your views will help shape the next stage of our wellbeing strategy and ensure future support meets the needs of local schools and families.

Your feedback will directly inform our planning and help us develop fair, effective and evidence-based approaches to wellbeing across the local authority.

Thank you for taking part—your voice is an important part of improving wellbeing for all.

The questionnaire takes around 10 minutes. There are no right or wrong answers—please share your honest views.

Parent/Carer Consultation (Wellbeing and Behaviour Strategy) –

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=urld5xeqAE6lTjrUN9dAnmAQb17veZ5NkF8rZSF8fjdUMUhFSkcxUDVWWFFQQUhXVTE5ME1BN01TVC4u

KS2 Choir Performance - SAVE THE DATE!



We are incredibly excited to share that on 13th November 2026, our school choir will be performing at Llantrisant Leisure Centre alongside Pendyrus Male Choir and Llantrisant Male Voice Choir. This is a fantastic opportunity for Tonysguboriau Primary School and promises to be a very special evening. If your child is currently in Year 2, they will have the opportunity to join the school choir when we return in September and, as a member of the choir, will be able to take part in this exciting event. I look forward to sharing more details with you in the new academic year. Diolch, Mrs Gill

Dosbarth Dwynwen



The children have thoroughly enjoyed their transition sessions, meeting their new teacher and exploring their new classroom. We have also been keeping cool during the warm weather with plenty of water breaks, ice lollies and ice creams.

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Mountain View Ranch. A huge thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help on the day, without your support, the trip would not have been possible.

We are excited to invite you to our **Cook and Connect Showcase** on **Monday 13th July at 2:00pm**, where the children will share their learning about healthy eating and demonstrate the cookery skills they have developed throughout the term.

We hope you all have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer holiday. Thank you for your continued support this year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning.

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

Dosbarth Llewellyn



As we move towards the final days of Year 1, the children have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm, resilience and hard work, making the most of every learning opportunity.

Mathematics and Numeracy

In maths, we have been revisiting and practising key mathematical skills that needed a little more consolidation. The children have been working hard on their number bonds to 10, as well as using these known facts to help them find number bonds to 20 and 100. We have been encouraging the children to spot patterns and make links between different number facts to develop their confidence and fluency.

Languages, Literacy and Communication

In LLC, we have been working on newspapers. The children have enjoyed exploring the features of newspaper reports and learning how journalists share important information with their readers. They have been learning all about eye-catching headlines, facts and key information. It has been wonderful to see how much progress the children have made in their writing this year.

Topic

In topic, much of our learning focused on preparing for our Year 1 showcase. The children worked incredibly hard on this, demonstrating their learning from the summer term. We were delighted to share our showcase with you. Thank you so much to everyone who was able to attend. The children were incredibly excited to be part of it, and they did a wonderful job sharing their learning, talents and achievements. We hope you enjoyed celebrating their hard work with us. Please find some photographs from the event below.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this year. It has been a real pleasure to work with your children and to watch them grow in confidence, independence and maturity. They have brought so much enthusiasm, kindness and joy to our classroom each day, and I am incredibly proud of all they have achieved. We have one final week together and, with the warm weather continuing, we will do our best to stay as cool as possible whilst making

the most of our last few days together. Thank you again for all of your support and for sharing your wonderful children with us this year. 🌞😊

Mrs Engish, Mrs Quest and Mrs Rice












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Dosbarth Dewi Sant



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, I wanted to take a moment in our final newsletter to reflect on what has been a truly wonderful few weeks in Year 2.

Firstly, thank you to all the parents and family members who were able to attend our showcase today. The children were absolutely amazing. They performed with confidence, spoke so clearly and should be incredibly proud of themselves. It was lovely to see them enjoying the experience and sharing their learning with you all. We hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we did.

As we say our goodbyes to the Foundation Phase, we are also looking ahead to an exciting new chapter in Year 3. On Monday, the children had the opportunity to visit their new classroom and begin thinking about the year ahead. I am currently working hard to create a calm, welcoming and enjoyable learning environment for them. We are developing a peaceful reading corner complete with a tree, fairy lights and bean bags, creating a space where children can relax, unwind and enjoy a good book. I am also looking forward to

introducing areas where children can work more independently outside of their seats, as well as an ICT space where they can access technology to support and enhance their learning whenever they need it.

During our move-up morning, the children worked together to discuss what they already know, what they would like to find out and what experiences they would like to have as part of our first Year 3 topic, *One Planet, Our World*. Their enthusiasm and ideas were fantastic and have left me even more excited about the year ahead.

Throughout this project, the children will use maps to locate countries and read four-figure grid references. They will sort and classify human and physical features and begin using the eight points of a compass to locate geographical features on maps. They will study data to learn about life in different settlements, explore the layers of the Earth and find out about plate tectonics. They will also learn about the five major climate zones, begin using longitude and latitude to locate places around the world and develop their understanding of countries and capital cities across Europe.

The children will then explore significant human and physical features of the United Kingdom, learning about important counties and cities before carrying out fieldwork to investigate the effect of weather on our local environment. They will also learn about the five main types of land use and undertake enquiries to discover more about how land is used in our local area.

Over the summer holidays, if you are lucky enough to go on any trips or holidays, I would love to hear all about them. Please feel free to send photographs via email or bring them into school in September so that we can share them with the class. As our first topic is all about the world around us, why not make your travels a little educational too? Children could find out about the capital city of the country they visit, its population, language, currency, climate or even which time zone it is in. These experiences will provide some wonderful real-life links to our learning when we return in September.

I am absolutely over the moon to be taking your children with me into Year 3. They have come on leaps and bounds during their time in Year 2 and have grown tremendously in confidence, independence and maturity. They are now ready to embark on the next stage of their learning journey and take their learning to the next level. I hope you are happy with the decision too, and as always, you know where I am if you ever need me.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. It has been a privilege to teach your children and watch them grow.

Have a wonderful, relaxing and fun-filled six-week summer holiday. Make lots of special memories, stay safe and enjoy every moment. I look forward to hearing all about your adventures and welcoming everyone back for an exciting start to Year 3 in September.

Diolch,

Mrs Gill 😊

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Dosbarth Y Ddraig Goch



As we come to the end of a fantastic year in Year 3, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support throughout the year. The children have worked incredibly hard, made excellent progress, and should be very proud of everything they have achieved.

In **Mathematics**, we have been putting our learning into action through our work on **fractions**. The children have been solving problems involving fractions and learning how to **add and subtract fractions with a common denominator**. We have also enjoyed our work on **collecting and sorting data**, where the children created questionnaires and surveys to gather information. They investigated the most popular Sports Day races and presented their findings using **bar charts with appropriate scales**.

In **Literacy**, the children have developed their discussion and persuasive writing skills. They enjoyed debating whether the ant in the story *Hey, Little Ant* should be squashed or not and used their ideas to write thoughtful discussions, giving reasons to support their opinions.

Our topic work on **"Scrumdiddlyumptious"** has been a huge success. The children have explored the journey that different foods make before reaching the UK, learning about products such as **bananas, rice and wheat**. They have also shown great creativity by designing their own fantasy fruits and vegetables from clay and creating environmentally friendly packaging for their products.

It has been wonderful to see the children grow in confidence, independence and enthusiasm for learning throughout the year. They have embraced challenges, supported one another and created many happy memories along the way.

Thank you once again for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. We hope you all have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break, and we wish the children every success as they move into Year 4.

Mr. Jones

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Dosbarth Caradog

Literacy

Pupils have been learning how to write newspaper reports. They particularly enjoyed becoming real-life reporters and interviewees — asking and answering questions, interviewing classmates, and investigating different events. Their confidence in using formal language, time adverbials and the 5 W's in their introductions has really grown, and they've produced some excellent reports.

Maths

In maths, we have been recapping our multiplication and division methods, using concrete, pictorial and abstract approaches. Pupils have been practising using place value counters,

drawing part whole models and arrays, and applying written methods. Their resilience and problem-solving skills have been fantastic to see.

Topic

We are busy preparing for our Topic Showcase on Wednesday 15th July. The class have been working incredibly hard on a range of creative and practical activities. They have designed and built their own 3D digestive system models, filmed informative videos explaining how to make healthy lifestyle choices, and completed several engaging tasks linked to our topic.

If you are able to pop in between 14:00 and 15:00pm on Wednesday, the children would be absolutely delighted to share their work with you.

As this is our final newsletter of the year, I just wanted to say a big thank you to Caradog. You have made my first year in Tonysguboriau truly special, and I am incredibly proud of everything you have achieved. Good luck as you move up to Year 5 — you are ready, you are capable, and you will shine.

Have a wonderful summer break. 🌞

Miss Larkins

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My school email is larkinse8@hwbcymru.net.

Dosbarth Branwen

The countdown is on to the end of the school year, and the children are very excited about becoming our next Year 6 pupils! To finish Year 5, we have been busy designing and building our own marble runs. The children loved this project and enjoyed presenting their final creations to the class. It was a fantastic way to bring together all of the learning from our Science topic and gave everyone the opportunity to showcase their creativity and problem-solving skills. To accompany this work, the children completed their Hot Write, producing explanation texts to describe how their marble runs worked. They worked hard to use the features of explanation texts and were proud of their finished pieces. As we approach the end of term, we are focusing on persuasive language. The children will be writing speeches linked to the various leadership roles available in Year 6, helping them prepare for the exciting opportunities ahead. The class also thoroughly enjoyed our annual Sports Day, showing great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event. In addition, they have loved their transition activities at Y Pant, where they have embraced new experiences and are already looking forward to the next stage of their learning journey.

It has been wonderful to see how much the children have grown this year, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. We wish them every success as they prepare for Year 6!

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Dosbarth Gelert

What a fantastic few weeks it has been for Year 6.

Firstly, the Year 6 pupils were instrumental in helping to run a fantastic set of Sports Day events supporting the younger pupils brilliantly, setting up equipment and leading by example with excellent sportsmanship shown throughout the day.

The Year 6 pupils also performed brilliantly as part of our school sports team that took part in the Cluster Athletics day at Y Pant. There were some amazing performances by pupils, particularly in the cross country and relays and as a school we finished 2nd out of the six cluster primary schools, just 5 points behind the winning school.

As the school year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move on to comprehensive school.

Throughout their time at Tonysguboriau Primary School, they have been fantastic ambassadors for our school, demonstrating kindness, resilience, responsibility and enthusiasm in all that they do. This year, in particular, they have shown excellent leadership, supported younger pupils, embraced new challenges and worked incredibly hard in their learning.

We are immensely proud of everything they have achieved, both inside and outside the classroom. From school events and sporting activities to creative showcase projects and everyday acts of kindness, they have made a lasting contribution to our school community.

Whilst we will be sad to see them leave, we know they are ready for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. We wish every member of Year 6 the very best as they begin the next chapter of their educational journey. We are confident they will continue to shine and make us proud.

Good luck, Year 6 – remember that you will always be part of the Tonysguboriau family. We look forward to hearing about all of your future successes. This is not the end - it's just the beginning!

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Dates for the diary



Wednesday September 2nd - School starts back

Wednesday September 9th - Audiology Tests Year 1 Pupils

Friday 25th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am-11am

Tuesday 6th October - Fluoride Varnish N/R/Y1/Y2

Monday 12th October - Friday 16th October - Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 20th October - Flu Immunisation Programme