Tonysguboriau Newsletter 26th September

Message from Mrs Harries

At Tonysguboriau Primary School, we are continually working to create an enriching and inspiring environment for our pupils—one that celebrates who we are, where we come from, and the values we hold dear.

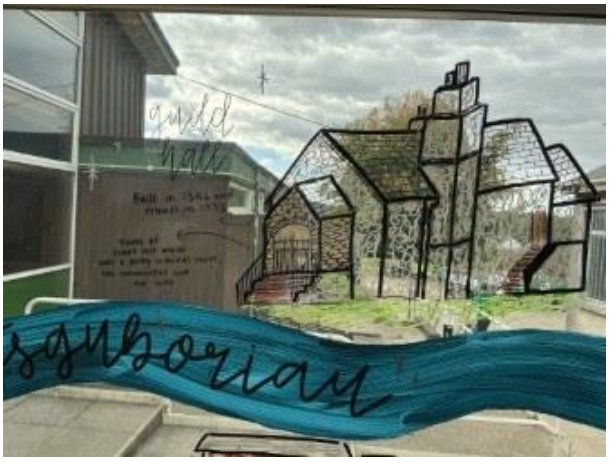
As part of this commitment, we were delighted to welcome a local artist to our school recently. They serve as daily reminders to our pupils of the pride we take in our Welsh heritage and the importance of belonging, creativity, and self-expression. The response from pupils has been overwhelmingly positive, and we look forward to building on this initiative in the future.

We have also upgraded our 'School Pantry', by installing new shelving. What do you think? We are so lucky to have staff and a community who take real pride in our school. Their enthusiasm and care help make Tonysguboriau a special place for our children to learn and grow. Look forward to be sending you more pictures soon.

We would like to share that Ms Roberts, a valued member of our school team, will be leaving Tonysguboriau Primary School next week to pursue an exciting new opportunity in estate agency.

Ms Roberts has been with us for nearly five years and has made a significant impact on the wellbeing of our pupils through her dedicated work as an ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant). Her compassion, care, and commitment have helped many children feel supported and empowered, and she will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.

While we are sad to see her go, we are also proud of her as she takes this next step in her career. We wish her every success and happiness in her new role. Pob lwc Mrs R :)











Update from Mr Blears

Shwmae!

Another fantastic couple of weeks in Tonysguboriau. I have enjoyed seeing a lot of the play on the playgrounds this week as our new playground leaders have been working with the Urdd to bring new and exciting games for everyone to get involved it.

Further to Mrs. Harries comments above, I want to wish Ms. Roberts a fond farewell. Since joining Tonysgubriau last September, I have worked very closely with Ms. Roberts and seen first hand how much she cares for all the children here. I hope you will all wish her only the best and that her new career's gain is our loss. Thank you.

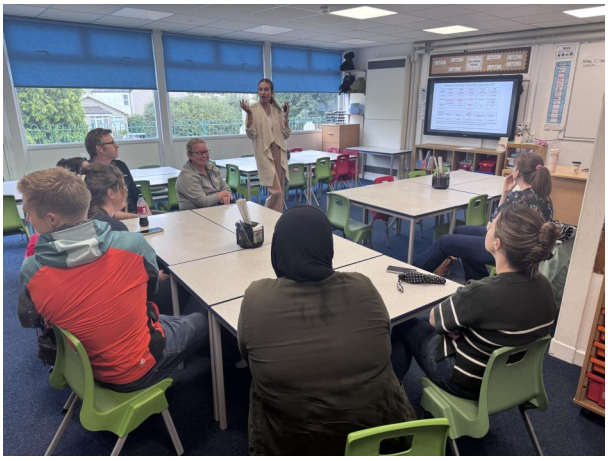
Have a great weekend and stay safe!

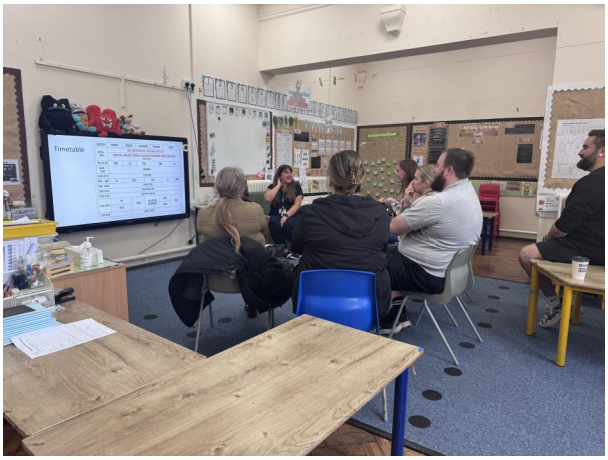
Mr. Blears

Meet The Teacher

Thank you to all the parents that attended the meet teacher sessions. Staff were bowled over by the attendance. For anyone who did not attend, please visit your child's class page where you can see the powerpoint that was presented on the "Meet the teacher" page.







Survey from the PTA

Tonysguboriau PTA, would like some feedback on their events from the past year. The survey ranges from rating their communication with our school community to your preferences on the cost/how you pay for items at events. The PTA have put on some really fabulous events last year and they are looking at improving on this further with your support.

Follow this link to complete the survey: https://forms.gle/NfDZqfujmsKggCXk9

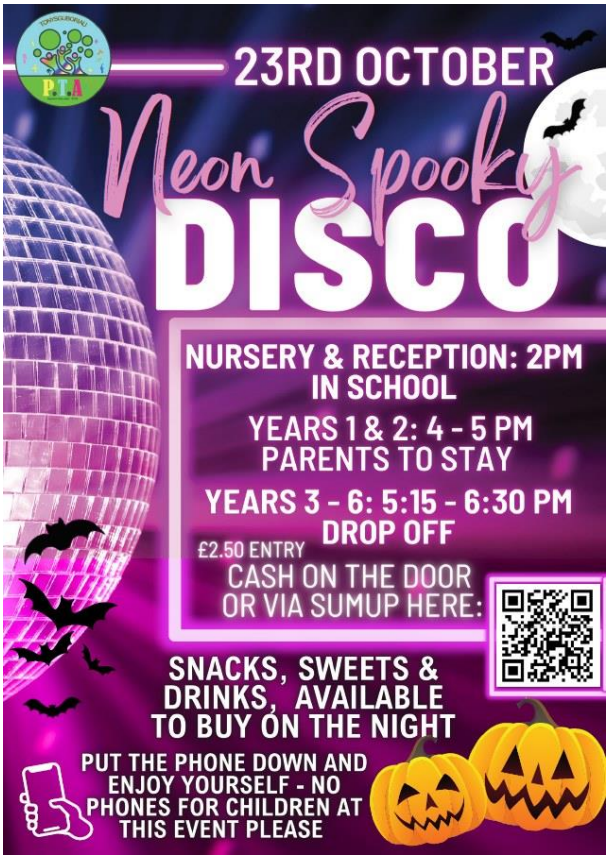


Macmillan Coffee Morning



On Fri 3rd October @ 9am, we will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning hosted by the student council and PTA. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible for a coffee and cake, please feel free to invite others that may wish to attend from the local community.

Neon Spooky Disco



🚴‍♂️🍏 Healthy School Committee Kicks Off with Pupil Power 🍏🚴‍♀️

This week marked our first *Pupil Voice Assembly* of the year, led by the Healthy School Committee, and what a brilliant start it was. Pupils shared exciting updates and launched three fantastic initiatives to boost wellbeing, pupil agency and healthy choices.

🎨 Healthy Snack Bar Poster Competition

We are inviting all pupils in KS2 to take part in our exciting poster competition. Pupils can design their posters using pen and paper, or create them digitally. The winning designs will help promote our upcoming *Healthy Snack Bar.*

📨 Please return all entries to:

Emily.Larkins@tonysguboriauprimary.rctcbc.cymru

👟 Cardiff Half Marathon Challenge

KS2 pupils are taking on a collective fitness challenge, running laps of the school field to see if we can reach the distance of the Cardiff Half Marathon together. Pupils choose their own

pace and distance, and we are already seeing incredible effort, some Year 5 stars have run the track 30 times already.

Playground Leaders in Action!

Pupils from our Healthy Schools Committee and Criw Cymraeg took part in a fantastic training session led by the Urdd, where they learnt how to lead and facilitate a range of playground games across the school.

The morning was packed with fun, skills-based activities designed to promote teamwork, physical activity, and the use of the Welsh language in everyday play. Our young leaders are now ready to bring these games to life during break times, helping to make playtimes more active, inclusive, and bilingual!

It was an exciting and engaging experience that empowered pupils to take the lead and share their enthusiasm for health and Welsh culture with others.

Healthy Snack Reminder

We also reminded pupils about the importance of bringing healthy snacks to school. Please see the poster below for further details and ideas to support nutritious choices.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Powell and Miss Larkins











1 - Please see the simplified groups of snacks that will be allowed from Monday 15th.

💧 Whole School Assembly: Water, Waste & Poo Power! 🌍

This week, our pupils took part in a fascinating whole school assembly all about water conservation and sustainability. We learnt how small changes, like turning off the tap while brushing teeth, can make a big difference, saving litres of water every day. Did you know a 5-minute shower uses around 35 litres of water?

We also discovered how Welsh Water uses an anaerobic digester to turn waste into energy, known as “poo power”! 💩⚡ This clever process helps clean our water and send it back to homes and the sea, continuing the natural water cycle.

It was a fun and eye-opening session that helped pupils understand how their everyday actions can help protect our planet. 🌱


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FIRE EXIT

Smoking/vaping on school grounds



We would like to kindly remind all families that **smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited on school property**, including the playground, car park, and all surrounding areas.

This policy is in place to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all children, staff, and visitors. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a smoke-free and vape-free school.

After School Clubs



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.

How to use JIT stars

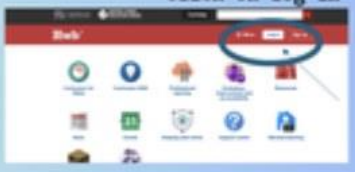
1 Google

Go to Google and type in hwb



2 login

click on log in



3 username and password

Put in your child's username, click next, then put in password and click next.

REMEMBER

Passwords are CASE SENSITIVE



4 J2E



Click on J2E.

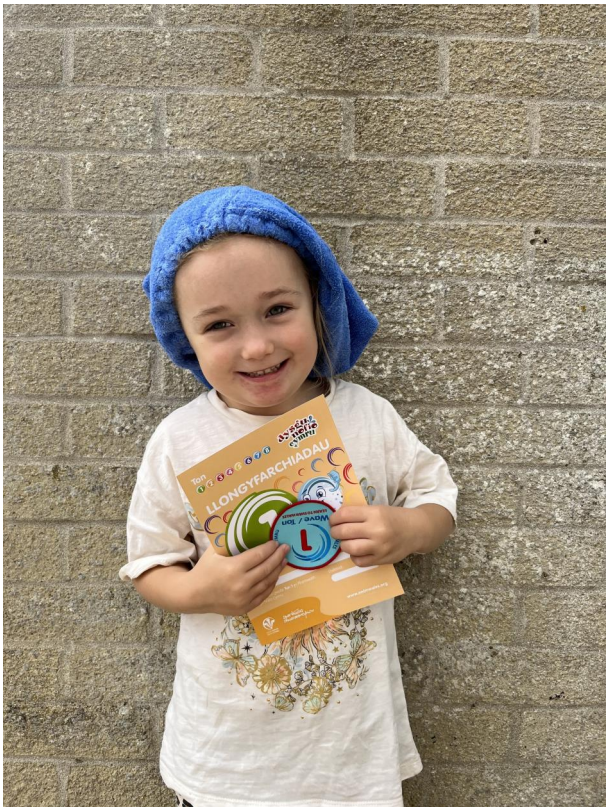
5 J2 stars-

Click on J2 stars to see how many days your child has been on 'Good to be Green.'



Tonysguboriau Stars

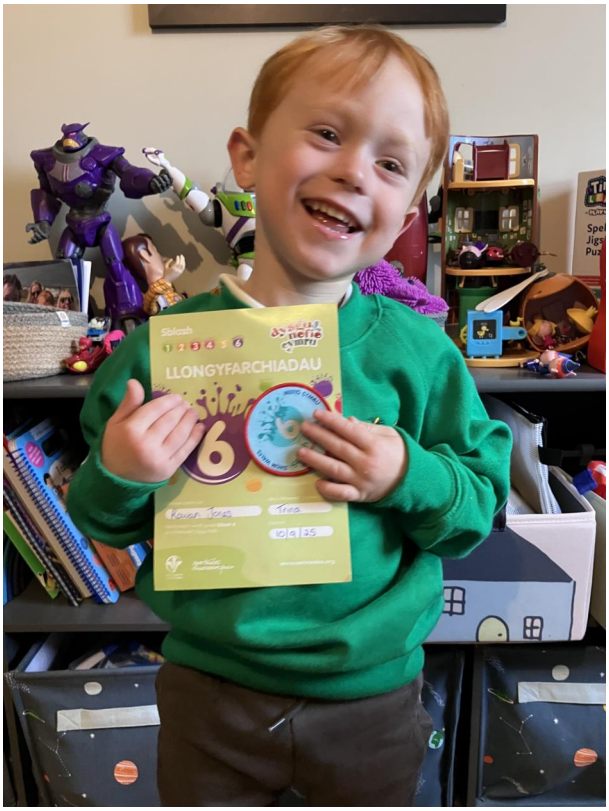




Roseanna is very excited to share her latest swimming award. After many months of her refusing to participate in swimming lessons, she spent a week on holiday in the pool and had an intensive 4 day crash course at the leisure centre. She has successfully achieved her 3 metre swim badge and has now moved into stage 2 of swimming lessons.



At the beginning of the year, Emilee was nominated for the RCT football trials. She attended the trials and was successfully chosen for the squad. Last weekend, she took part in her very first match with the team and scored a fantastic goal!



Rowan Jones from Reception, deserves a huge congratulations for getting his first swimming badge, he's worked so hard in lessons! Gwaith da!



Mia has achieved her wave 1 swimming certificate after only recently starting swimming lessons



George has achieved his red/black belt in kick-boxing. He overcame his nerves to grade all by himself in front of his peers and their parents. His parents are very proud of him.

At Tonysguboriau, we love to celebrate all children's achievements. There are some achievements that we don't get to see that happen outside of school. Please send in photos and details of any achievements that your children have outside of school so that we can post them here and celebrate them with our community. Email blearsb2@hwbcymru.net with details and photos.

Any emails sent will be included in the next sway.

Dosbarth Dwynwen



This week has been full of exciting learning and exploration! The children have enjoyed discovering the woodlands, going on a mini beast hunt, and working together to build dens with their friends. They even had the opportunity to chop their own wood, learning how to use tools safely, and roasted marshmallows over the campfire to make delicious s'mores—an experience they truly loved!

We've also focused on important safety lessons, including fire safety and understanding who can help us in an emergency.

In our wellbeing sessions, we read *The Colour Monster* to help the children recognise and manage different emotions. During our Wellbeing Wednesdays, they have been practising breathing techniques to support their emotional regulation.

Additionally, we've been teaching about our right to privacy and how to keep ourselves safe, with the help of the friendly Pant-o-saurs.

Thank you all for your kind donations. We can't wait to start making our sock puppets for storytelling!

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

Dosbarth Llewellyn



We've had another busy couple of weeks in Dosbarth Llewellyn!

In Literacy, we've been learning how to write fact files about ourselves or someone we know well. The children have been practising using adjectives and have planned their own fact files ready for next week.

In Maths, we've been working on number bonds from 5 to 9. The children are beginning to understand that numbers can be swapped around when adding — for example, 2 + 3 is the same as 3 + 2.

In our Topic work, we've explored the countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities. We've also learned about the equator and how countries near it tend to be warmer, while those further away are usually colder.

We had a fantastic Welsh Water workshop, where we learned what should and shouldn't be flushed down the toilet — ask your child what they remember!

On Wellbeing Wednesday, we practised calming strategies such as bee breathing, hand breathing, and rainbow breathing. Please ask your child to show you how they do these!

Reminders:

- Please bring **bookbags every Monday**.
- Make sure **all belongings are clearly labelled** with your child's name.
- Please **check your child's jumpers and cardigans** to ensure they haven't brought home someone else's by mistake.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs English

It's been a busy and exciting fortnight in Dosbarth Llewellyn! We've wrapped up our fact files about a friend, working hard to improve them with interesting adjectives and longer sentences using *and* and *because*. Our next writing adventure has begun — postcards! Inspired by *Meerkat Mail*, we received a surprise postcard from Sunny the meerkat and wrote our own, describing our 'virtual' trip to Africa to see real meerkats. In Maths, we've

been practising counting forwards and backwards, finding one more and one less using number lines, counters, and lots of hands-on fun. In Topic, we've explored different types of human settlements and learned about energy — including heat, light and sound — and how all living things need it. We also enjoyed a lovely visit to Ebenezer Church to learn about Christian beliefs and see a special place of worship. On Wellbeing Wednesday, we used roleplay to think about how to respond when someone makes us feel sad or angry — the children had some brilliant ideas.

Reminders:

- Please bring bookbags every Monday.
- Dress appropriately for PE on Mondays and Forest Schools on Fridays.
- Make sure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Please check your child's jumpers and cardigans to ensure they haven't brought home someone else's by mistake.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs English

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

Dosbarth Dewi Sant



Dear Parents,

We've had such a brilliant couple of weeks in Year 2! The children are really settling into their new classroom and are getting used to our new routines.

We've just finished writing our biographies about Queen Elizabeth the Second, and they are fantastic. The children have worked so hard and should be very proud of themselves. In maths, we've been exploring two-digit numbers and place value, ordering numbers, deciding which are bigger or smaller, and plotting numbers on a number line.

In topic, we've been learning about directions using north, east, south, and west. If you have any photos of your little explorers out and about, please bring them in as we'd love to add them to our topic display.

We're still waiting for a date for our Llantrisant Guildhall school trip, but we'll let you know as soon as it's confirmed.

Please get in touch if you need anything.

Mrs Gill

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

Dosbarth Y Ddraig Goch



This term, we've been exploring the fascinating world of Ancient Greece. Recently we've learned about the major cities, including Athens and Sparta, and discovered how they differed in culture, values, and daily life. We also studied the famous battle between these two city-states. Our investigations included looking at Greek soldiers and their equipment, as well as examining artefacts such as coins, pottery, jewellery, statues, masks, and buildings.

In maths, we've been building our mental addition skills. We've focused on using doubles and number bonds to 20, having progressed to adding 3 or 4 numbers together. If you'd like to support your child's learning at home, *Hit the Button* is a brilliant game available on the Top Marks website. It includes fun activities for practising number bonds and doubles.

In English, we've been learning how to research and write biographies. We've practised organising information under subheadings for the Ancient Green inventor Archimedes,

like Early Life and Inventions. Learning to organise our writing into clear, structured paragraphs.

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 busy exploring learning across subjects.

In literacy, the children wrote inspiring biographies about Tanni Grey-Thompson, celebrating the achievements of this remarkable Welsh Paralympian. They worked hard to include key facts and thoughtful reflections on her impact.

In maths, we've been deepening our understanding of place value, using number lines and linking our learning to our topic by ordering the heights of different mountains.

Our topic lessons have been hands-on and creative. Each group built a 3D model to show how different types of mountains are formed, using key vocabulary to present their findings to the class. We've also begun our study of the water cycle and will be undertaking an investigation into this next week.

Da iawn, Year 4.

Miss Larkins

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

Dosbarth Branwen

What a fast paced and fun, first four weeks we have had in Year 5. The children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and curiosity, and it has been a joy to watch them grow as learners and teammates.

We began by clearing our garden space, ready to plant our allotment. As part of our sustainability focus, pupils planted a range of items including a crisp packet, toy car and various food scraps to investigate how compostable they are. This sparked brilliant questions and thoughtful predictions.

We also welcomed Dŵr Cymru for a hands on engineering challenge. Pupils worked in teams to lay pipes around a model town, solving problems to keep water flowing. They calculated costs and added £100 every time a leak occurred, there was plenty of laughter and learning along the way.

We have just completed our biographies on Jane Goodall, and they are absolutely fantastic. The children worked incredibly hard to apply key writing skills and up-level their work. Their final pieces blew me away.

In Maths, we have been exploring numbers into the thousands and ten thousands, ordering and comparing, and applying our knowledge to real world problems. Pupils used their addition skills to calculate train journeys across the UK, some impressive reasoning and resilience on show.

In topic, we have been learning about food miles and sustainability. Pupils researched where their food comes from, calculated travel distances and explored the environmental impact. We discovered that while local food is often best, some imported items can be surprisingly sustainable. We also explored companion planting and how certain plants can help ward off pests or improve flavour.

It has been a pleasure getting to know your children and learning more about what they enjoy. Their energy, kindness and curiosity have made these first few weeks truly special.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need anything.

Warm regards,

Mrs Powell

Llangrannog

Here is the link for Llangrannog so that you can take a virtual tour.

https://urddgobaithcymru.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/llangrannog/index.htm

If you missed the meeting tonight the ppt is on the website. Please see the link below

https://tonysguboriau-primary-school.secure-primarysite.net/llangrannog/

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

Dosbarth Gelert

This fortnight we completed our writing journey, creating some great fictional biographies. We have now begun on recounts in the form of newspaper reports linked to the book- Can your believe it? which deals with 'fake news' and how to spot bias and mis-information.

In numeracy we have been working on associative, distributive and commutative law - learning more about the four operations of number (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), using these to solve problems including using algebra and BIDMAS - Go to https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znm8cmn for more information.

In topic work we have been focusing on developing map reading skills linked to scale, direction, co-ordinates and contours learning how to read maps effectively and understand more about our local community.

Reminder - PE lessons on Monday, Swimming lessons on Thursday.

There will be an information evening for parents regarding our planned residential trip to Storey Arms on Wednesday 1st October at 3:30.

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

A message from the office



Music Lessons

Music lessons have now started for children. Please see the music section of the website for the days of each instrument. If you are interested in Music lessons for your child these are booked and paid for directly with the music service.

https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/rct-music-lessons/

MCAS

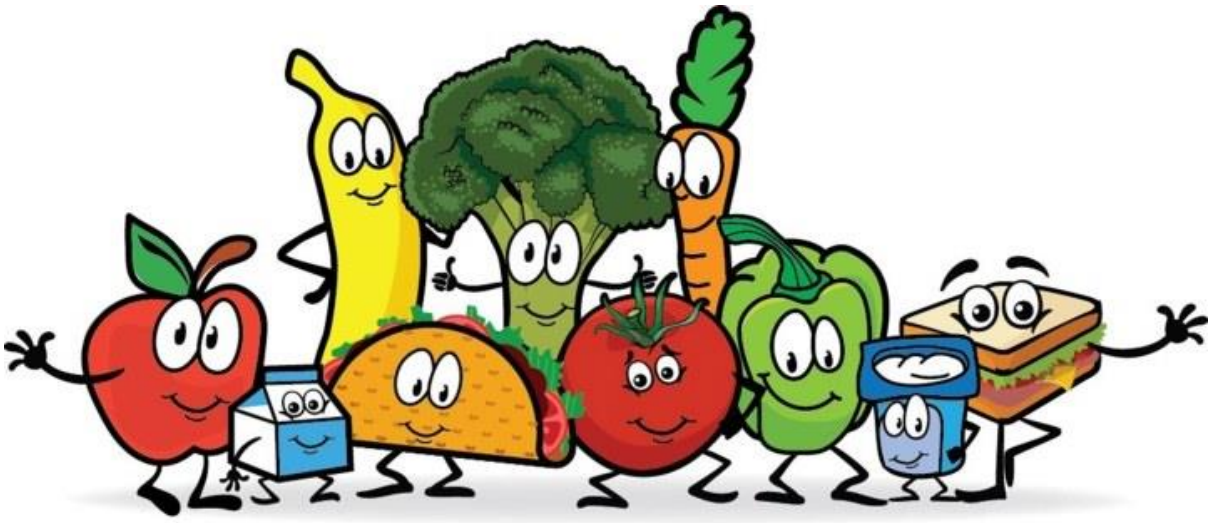
Please ensure everyone has the MCAS app, both parents can have access, we just need your email addresses. We are still showing that some parents have yet to download it. This will be needed for the booking of parents evening in the autumn term.

Please update your details on there too it helps us to keep up to date with any changes. We have had some issues with the app crashing this week, please bear with us as these seem to be UK wide issues.

School Photos

School photos are on Monday 29th September, siblings can be taken together first. Please attend at 8am if you have younger/older siblings you would like in the photos. Please ensure children are in full school uniform.

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.

PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

2025

RHONDDA CYNON TAF

WEEK 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) or Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza with garlic & herb wedges	Beef & Veggie Meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta	Pork Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Mild Chicken Curry served with rice	Fish Goujons with chips
				Bubble Salmon with chips
Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (V)	Cheese & Potato Bake (V)	Quorn Fillet with Mashed Potato & Gravy (V)	Tomato Pasta (V)	Veggie Burger in a wholemeal bun (V)
Fresh Fruit & Frozen Yoghurt	Apple Sponge & Custard	Cocoa Cookie & Fresh Fruit Slices	Banana Flapjack	Fruit Sundae

PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

2025

RHONDDA CYNON TAF

WEEK 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Rainbow Veggie Pizza (V) or Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza with herby diced potatoes	Beefburger in a wholemeal Bun with wedges	Chicken Breast with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Tuna Pasta	Breaded Fish Fillet with chips
			Tomato Pasta (V)	
Mac n' Cheese with herby diced potatoes (V)	Fishless Fingers with wedges (V)	Glamorgan Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy (V)	Veggie Curry with rice (V)	Quorn Dippers with Chips (V)
Fresh Fruit & Frozen Yoghurt	Rice crispie cake with fruit slices	Carrot Cake & Fresh Fruit Slices	Cocoa & Orange Sponge Cake with custard	Waffle Finger & Ice cream

Dates



Important Dates

Thurs 25th September - Y6 Y Pant Open Evening

Fri 26th September - European Day of Languages

Mon 29th September - School Photos

Wed 1st October - Flu Vaccine N-Y6

Fri 3rd October - Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 10th October - Year 5 Trip Bryn Pica

Wed 15th October - Shwmae Day

Fri 17th October - Show Racism the Red Card

Thurs 23rd October - Spooky Disco

Fri 24th October - Last day of term

Tuesday 4th November - Parents Evening

Thursday 6th November - Parents Evening

Friday 7th November - Wed 13th November Scholastic Book Fair (after school)

Thursday 13th November - Children in Need

Tuesday 18th November - Fluoride Varnish (N/R/Y1/Y2)

Wednesday 19th November - Transition Day Y6 Y Pant

Friday 28th November - School Christmas Panto Y1 -Y6

Thursday 4th December - Christmas Fair

Tuesday 9th December - Foundation Phase Christmas Concerts (1pm - 3pm)

Wednesday 10th December - Foundation Phase Christmas Concerts (1pm-3pm)

Thursday 11th December - KS2 Christmas Carols Concert

Friday 12th December Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day

Friday 19th December - Last day of term

INSET DAYS for 2025/2026

Friday 14th November / Monday 17th November (long weekend)

Friday 22nd May

Monday 20th July 2026

There may be one additional day but we will let you know once this is arranged