Tonysguboriau Newsletter 5th June

Message from Mrs Harries



It has been lovely to see the children return following a glorious half term. It has been wonderful to hear their stories and to see them settling back so positively. Many of our

pupils played their part in caring for our local community by taking part in a litter pick during Bethel Church's *Love Pontyclun* week. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and pride in helping to look after our local area, as you can see Hannah doing in the photograph. We are very proud of everyone who got involved.

We have also been working hard over the past two years towards achieving the Siarter Iaith Gold Award. Mrs Gill has led this work incredibly well, and we are very proud of the progress made. We are crossing fingers. As part of this, we would really appreciate your support in completing the parent questionnaire. We will continue to keep you updated.

Our lovely Mrs Rice will be retiring this year after over an incredible 22 years of dedicated service at Tonysguboriau Primary School. During her time with us, she has supported the school both in the office and alongside pupils across many classes. More recently, she has been a caring and familiar presence with our younger pupils. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Rice a very happy and well-deserved retirement. We hope she enjoys lots of time walking her dogs and going on holidays.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Harries

A note from Mr. Blears



Shwmae pawb!

I hope everyone had a lovely half-term enjoying the sun. The weather clearly doesn't realise it's June, but regardless, we have a very busy remaining six weeks ahead.

We have Sports Day coming up, and we are making a change to how parents access the event. We will be opening the gate by the Scout Hut, allowing parents to enter from the bottom of the field rather than crossing it. We hope this improves access for all parents, as the grounds can be quite challenging.

We also begin our Welsh National Tests next week. This is a great opportunity for us to see the progress our children are making in reading, procedural maths, and reasoning skills. It is a snapshot of where they are and just one part of their overall learning journey. We will be doing everything we can to ensure they feel as relaxed as possible going into these assessments.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.

Mr. Blears

Sports Day 2026



Tonysguboriau Primary

SPORTS DAY

THURSDAY - JUNE 18th



Refreshments provided BY PTA

Reception/Y1 /2: 10am - 11:30am

KS2 (Years 3/4/5/6): 1pm - 3pm

Cheer on the children!

Children dress in house colours!

Wear hats and sunscreen!

Bring a refillable drink!

Entrance/Exit will be at the bottom of the field/ through the gate - please use the community centre to park.

Girls Football Tournament 3.5.26



A huge congratulations to the girls from Year 5 and Year 6 who represented the school excellently during the Game ON CRT festival at USW this week. Every year this tournament becomes bigger and bigger with 32 teams involved this year, and it is fantastic to see how the girl's game is growing in Wales.

All of the girls were amazing, many of them playing football for a team for the first time, and to finish second in their group with 4 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss was a great achievement.

Special mention to Emilee from Year 5 who was named one of the players of the festival, scoring nine goals over the six games.

Pictured are: Amelia, Emilee, Georgia, Hannah, Mia, Sophie and Sienna








SPORT
PDC
USW


CRT GAME ON
PLAYER OF THE FESTIVAL WINNER
FAW AFFILIATE PARTNER
CRT GAME ON
Coalfields Regeneration Trust
PROGRAMME

Parent Questionnaire - Gold Award (Welsh)



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Diolch yn fawr!

Mrs Gill

☼ Preparing for Warmer Summer Weather



As we move into the summer term, we are beginning to experience warmer and sunnier weather. To help keep children comfortable and safe during the school day, we kindly ask for your support with the following:

- **Sun protection:** Please ensure your child has sun cream applied **before coming to school**, especially on sunny days. Staff are unable to apply sun cream unless specific arrangements have been made. A named sun hat is also recommended for outdoor activities.
- **Clothing:** Children are welcome to wear **shorts in warm weather**. If wearing shorts or lycra-style legging shorts, these should be an appropriate length and **cover most of the thigh**, in line with our school uniform expectations.
- **Hydration:** Please send your child to school with a named water bottle each day so they can stay hydrated.

Please see the school's uniform policy for further information:

https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/tonysguboriau-primary-school/UploadedDocument/ce69211d-87ea-4105-bdbd-f48d15276256/school-uniform-policy.pdf

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe, comfortable, and ready to enjoy the summer term.

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

Smart Watches in School



As part of our **safeguarding procedures**, we would like to remind parents that **smart watches are not permitted in school**.

Watches that only record steps or tell the time are allowed, however, **any watch with additional functions** — such as **communication (calls or messages), cameras, audio recording, or internet access** — is **not allowed**.

If a watch with these functions is brought into school, it will be **kept securely in the school office during the day** and **returned to your child at the end of the school day**.

https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/tonysguboriau-primary-school/UploadedDocument/14894230-ff14-463b-9863-8a5c3d5cbaa2/mobile-phone-policy.pdf

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all children safe.

Good To Be Green

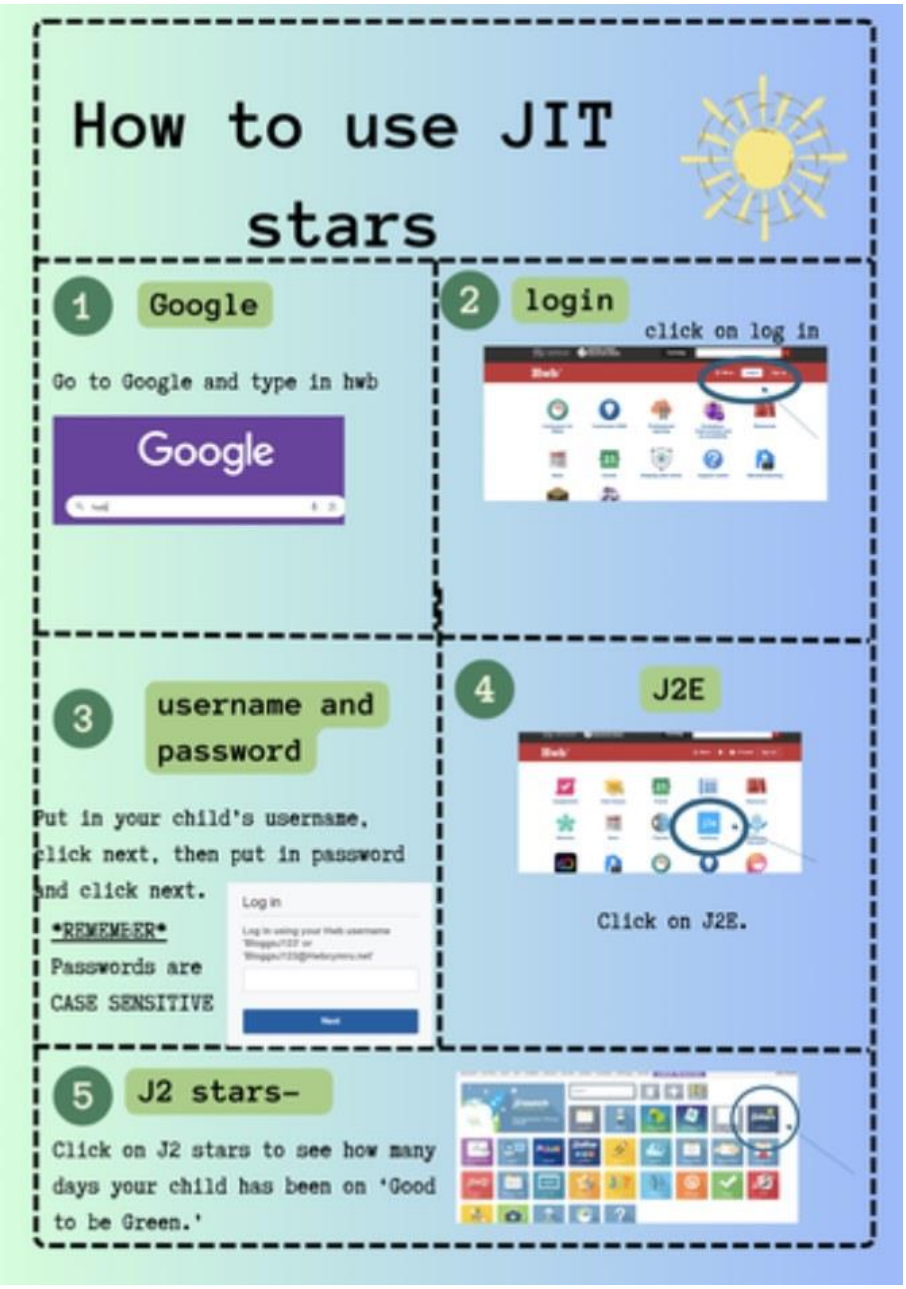


The new term has started and a new Good To Be Green challenge has started. Children will receive:

- 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:







James and his family and friends visited the Hay festival over half-term. They saw Michael Rosen and MC Grammar perform. The children loved it (as did his parents), and James bought their book, got it signed and finished it very quickly.

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



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.

Wellbeing and Behaviour Strategy

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

Dosbarth Dwynwen



This week in Mathematics, we have been developing our understanding of number bonds and solving number sentences using a range of techniques. The children have been

encouraged to explain their thinking and explore different strategies to find solutions. We have also been developing their mathematical vocabulary, helping them to discuss their ideas confidently and explain their reasoning using appropriate mathematical language.

In Language, we have been exploring the pros and cons of different modes of transport. The children have taken part in discussions, sharing their opinions and explaining their reasoning using the word *because*.

As part of our Topic work, we have been discussing the importance of health through our new role play Health Clinic. The children have enjoyed taking on the roles of different healthcare professionals and learning about how they help others.

We also explored kindness, care, and consideration through the story *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*, discussing how our words and actions can affect the feelings of those around us.

In Computing, we have been learning about programming by giving instructions to Beebots. The children have been using positional language and sequencing instructions to help the Beebots reach their destinations.

We have also been busy practising for Sports Day and are looking forward to the event.

A big well done to everyone who completed our Welsh home learning activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their photos and videos during Show and Tell sessions.

On **16th June**, we will be welcoming special visitors to assess our progress towards achieving the **Welsh Cymraeg Campus Gold Award**. To support us, we would be extremely grateful if you could complete a short parent questionnaire. It takes less than a minute to complete and will help inform the verifiers' decision. For our Silver Award assessment, we received over 100 responses, which was incredibly helpful. **Diolch yn fawr!**

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Arlene Moss, Dawn Hibben, and Carole Gilder from Talbot Green Community Centre for their generous donations of arts and crafts materials, learning resources, and musical instruments. These contributions will greatly enhance our children's learning experiences and are very much appreciated.

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

Dosbarth Llewellyn



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! It has been another busy and exciting few weeks in Year 1, with lots of wonderful learning taking place across the curriculum.

Mathematics and Numeracy

Before half-term, we were focusing on money. The children practised ordering amounts, matching coins, and combining different coins to make totals. This week, we have moved on to symmetry. The children have been sorting shapes into symmetrical and non-symmetrical groups and are now beginning to create their own symmetrical patterns and pictures.

Languages, Literacy and Communication

Before half-term, we completed our information posters. The children worked hard to include labelled pictures and simple facts about their chosen animal. This week, we have started a new writing journey based on comic strips. The children have completed their cold write, explored a WAGOLL to identify key features, and are thoroughly enjoying our class story, *Bumble and Snug*.

Topic

In topic, we have been learning all about animals. The children have been sorting animals in different ways, exploring animal diets, and learning what animals need to survive and thrive. This week, we have also welcomed our new class pets, earthworms. The children have been asking thoughtful questions that we will be researching to deepen our understanding.

Thank you for your continued support. We are very proud of how well the children are engaging with their learning.

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Dosbarth Dewi Sant



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed your half-term break and had a well-deserved rest from the school routine. This week we have started our new writing journey, which is discussion. We have been talking about whether the children think it's okay to go to the park by themselves and giving reasons for and against.

In maths, we have moved on to telling the time to quarter past, quarter to, and to the nearest five-minute interval. Next week we will be beginning our national tests. Please

remember to practise the familiarisation assessments on Hwb, as mentioned during parents' evening.

This week we have also been learning about the story Cantre'r Gwaelod as part of our topic work. Next week we will be learning all about water safety in preparation for our school visit to Barry Island.

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Dosbarth Y Ddraig Goch



This week, we have continued to develop our understanding of persuasive writing. The children have explored different persuasive techniques by analysing strong examples, while also learning how to write in the first person and use emotive and powerful vocabulary to support their arguments.

In Maths, we have moved on to learning about angles. We have been identifying and recognising right angles, as well as acute and obtuse angles. We also explored vertical and horizontal lines, including spotting them in everyday objects around us.

In our topic work, we began the “Scrumdidlyumptious” part of our summer topic. We started by learning about the importance of fruit and vegetables in maintaining a healthy diet, focusing on nutrients and vitamins. The children then created detailed observational drawings of fruits and vegetables, paying close attention to colour, shading, and fine details. To finish the week, we enjoyed making our own healthy salad wraps!

In Music, the class is making fantastic progress. It has been wonderful to see everyone growing in confidence, and we are already beginning to play simple songs together. This week, the children were introduced to using the bow, which they thoroughly enjoyed exploring as they continue to develop their skills.

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Dosbarth Caradog

Literacy

We have begun exploring formal letter writing, using *The Day the Crayons Came Home* as our stimulus text. Pupils examined one of the crayon letters and practised making inferences about the character's feelings. They have also taken part in oral language games, focusing on using formal vocabulary and sentence structures to prepare for their own letter writing next week.

Mathematics

In Maths, we have continued our work on ratio and proportion. Pupils have been solving problems linked to real-life contexts, such as calculating ingredient quantities. They have shown good reasoning skills when explaining their methods. Next week, we will begin our new topic on time, starting with reading analogue clocks and progressing to solving time-based problems. Time - KS2 Maths - BBC Bitesize

Topic

We have continued our learning about the human body. Pupils have learned about major organs and worked practically by cutting out printed organs and organising them in the correct order to build their own human body diagrams. We have also compared the digestive systems of humans and animals, presenting our findings using Venn diagrams. The class enjoyed exploring similarities and differences between species.

RVE (Religion, Values and Ethics)

Pupils have continued their learning about Judaism. They created their own menorahs to understand the significance of Hanukkah.

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Diolch yn fawr,

Miss Larkins

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My school email is larkinse8@hwbcymru.net.

Dosbarth Branwen

In Branwen this last fortnight, we have been continuing our *Scream Machine* topic, including an exciting investigation into friction. The children explored how a toy car moved across different surfaces and observed how friction affected its speed and movement.

In literacy, we have been focusing on relative clauses, the tripling effect, and exploring personality traits to help prepare for our upcoming *Hot Write*, which will be a Llangrannog diary entry. The children are showing great enthusiasm for this and are excited to begin their writing. We often try to make sure that their learning follows their interests and our Llangrannog trip was very popular!

In maths, we have been learning about ratio and developing our skills in solving word problems. These skills are key skills in understanding many everyday tasks that sometimes we as adults take for granted. Next week, we will be focusing on time to sharpen our skills just before their Welsh National tests.

In ICT, we have begun learning how to code and are starting to use Micro:bits to create simple programs. Micro:bits are great little pocket computers that have 5x5 led screen that can be programmed from our Chromebooks and then downloaded on to the Micro:bit. Children can access the coding page at home using this website if they wish to continue with their learning: https://microbit.org/

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Dosbarth Gelert

Welcome back to the last half-term in Primary school for Year 6.

Literacy

Just before half-term we started the story 'The Boy at the back of the Class' - and we are using this as a stimulus to support our abstract instructional writing, where we have been working on using powerful adjectives, imperative verbs, conditional steps, definitions, relative clauses and closing principles in our writing.

Numeracy

We have worked a lot on problem-solving approaches and how to use a variety of procedures and methods over the last few weeks, focusing on linear number sequences and algebra as part of our work. The children have become excellent at explaining the ways in which they have solved the problems using lots of different approaches and showing a mastery of the maths they have covered, which they will hopefully use in the Welsh National Tests coming up to really show how good they have become.

To practice some of the algebraic work we have been covering in class go to:

Algebra - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg36g2p

Topic

We have continued with our topic of Frozen Kingdoms by looking at animal adaptations and how polar animals survive in harsh conditions. We learnt how to group living things and experimented with a 'blubber' investigation to see how the layer of fat protects and insulates cold climate animals. We have also investigated the historical contexts of the polar explorers and how their leadership decisions and sacrifice can be used as examples for how we should govern ourselves in a modern world.

There is a lot to fit into the last half-term and some of the important dates are below:

- Wednesday 10th June - Y Pant Head of Year 7 to visit the Year 6 pupils
- Thursday 11th June - YEPS group from Y Pant to talk to Year 6 pupils about clubs and groups on offer for next year
- Thursday 18th June - KS2 Sports Day (pm) - (Back up date 4th July)
- Friday 19th June - Year 6 Transition to Y Pant - Health & Wellbeing focus - Pupils need to wear school hoodies/jumpers but wear PE kit underneath
- Wednesday 25th June - Transition service from Ebeneezer Church
- Saturday 27th June - Summer Fete
- Wednesday 1st July - Cluster Sports Day at Y Pant
- Monday 6th July - Year 6 visit to Y Pant to watch performance of 'Shrek' by Y Pant pupils
- Thursday 9th July - Leavers Assembly and Prom

A huge thank you the PTA who have funded the pupils Leavers books this year. These have been completed and will be given out to the pupils during their leavers assembly.

Leavers Assembly will be from 9:15 - 10:20 - all parents and family welcome.

The children have voted for their ideas from Prom and this falls very much in line with what we have offered to the pupils over the last few years. The previous Prom's have been very successful and very well received by the pupils. It is very important to us that the ideas for Prom are led by the pupils as this is *their* event. Also this gives us consistency from year to year so that siblings going through the school have a similar experience at the end of year 6. I will be in touch over the next few week with details on times, cost and what support may be needed in decorating, resourcing etc.

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Dates for the diary Spring 2026



- Monday 8th June - Reception Child Measurement Programme
- Friday 12th June - New nursery link-up sessions begin
- Thursday 18th June - Sports Day
- Friday 19th June - Year 6 Transition
- Friday 19th June - Y2 Trip to Barry Island
- Tuesday 23rd June - Back up Sports Day
- Saturday 27th June - Summer Fair
- Saturday 4th June - Summer Fair Back up day
- Tuesday 7th July - Y5 Transition Day
- Thursday 9th July - Leavers Assembly and Prom (Details to communicated closer to the date)
- Friday July 10th - P1 (N/R) Trip to Mountain View Ranch