

Headteachers Message

Our Monday assembly this week was all about 'Giving to Charity'. It is Comic Relief today and we want our pupils to fully understand the purpose of giving to a charity and what happens to the money.

We have had a super busy week with trips with classes 8,9 and 10 all visiting the Cenin Renewables site to find out more about renewable energy and sustainable living.

Our School Rangers were invited to take part in a Woodland Cluster Project working with 9 other local primary schools and finally classes 6,7, 11 and 12 went to Cadbury World to find out more about the rainforest and how it contributes to the making of chocolate.

Next Tuesday is our ALL IN DAY for the Spring Term. We are trying to get as many classes as possible with 100% attendance. The children will come to a special assembly to see who managed to achieve this or got close to it. Lets finish the term on a high with our attendance! Please do read this newsletter in its entirety, as there is a great family engagement opportunity- 'Cooking with families' towards the end of this letter, however it has very limited spaces available. It was lovely to see lots of our families at Parents Evening yesterday and we are looking forward to welcoming more of our families next Thursday. We have had really great enagement and will share some figures on this in next weeks newsletter.

Thank you as always for your continued support,
Mrs Leanne Brown (Headteacher).

Next Week

BIG WALK AND WHEEL FORTNIGHT (Week 2)

Monday 23rd March

- Assembly led by HT - Easter
- Coffee Morning - All welcome
- INNOVATE session for classes 2,3 and 4- 1.30pm.

Tuesday 24^h March

- ALL IN DAY (Attendance)
- Ospreys session for classes 11/12.
- Baby and Toddler Group 9am
- INNOVATE Session for classes 8, 9 and 10- 1.30pm

Wednesday 25th March

- Savers Club.
- Rugby Tournament for those pupils selected.

Thursday 26th March

- Easter Bonnet Parade 9.10am on KS2 yard- families welcome to stay and watch.
- INNOVATE Nursery- straight after Bonnet Parade go to Nursery.
- Football Tournament for those pupils selected.
- Parents Evening (2)

Friday 27th March

- Last day of Spring Term
- Autism Awareness Day- Wear Blue to school (see page 3)
- Swimming Gala for those who have been selected



Criw Cymraeg .



Phrase of the week

Wyt ti'n gallu siarad Cymraeg?

Can you speak Welsh?

BIG WALK AND WHEEL



Huge thank you to everyone who have walked, cycled or scooted to school this week to add points to our **Walk and Wheel score.**



We will be continuing this next week, and with weather having been a little brighter maybe we could get some additional walkers next week.

RESULTS SO FAR

TOTAL JOURNEYS SO FAR : **287**

DAILY AVERAGE SCORE -PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOL INVOLVED: **34%**

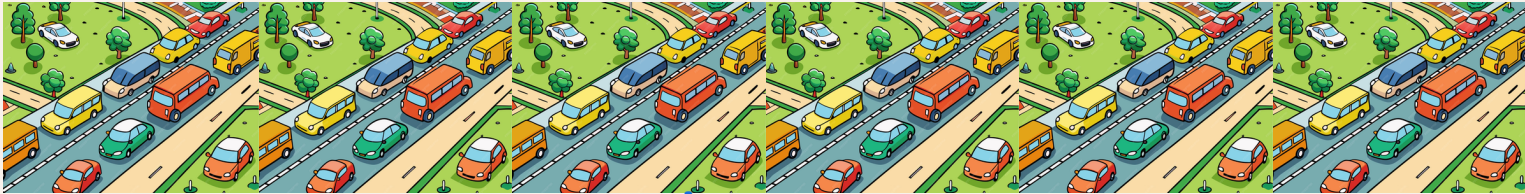
LETS TRY AND TOP THIS NEXT WEEK!



Arriving and leaving school site

We just wanted to remind everyone about arriving and leaving site safely.

Our main pedestrian gate next to the gates on the staff car park is used for our bus pupils to enter school and for those families with a pass. We encourage everyone else to use the side gate. This is for safety reasons as there is far less traffic movement in this area. If you are dropping off older children for them to walk into school by themselves please remind them to use the side entrance so they are not crossing a busy road or behind a large bus. We thank you for this, we want to keep all of our pupils and their families safe.



Next Friday 27th March we will be marking World Autism Day

World Autism Awareness Day is observed annually on April 2nd:

to promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of autistic individuals worldwide. This is during the Easter Holidays, therefore we will be marking this day in school on Friday 27th March.

What we will be doing:

- All children can wear something blue
- All classes will learn more about Autism and undertake an Autism friendly classroom audit.
- We will be holding a special whole school assembly ensuring our pupils have a better understanding of Autism. Some of which will be led by our pupils with an ASD diagnosis.

OUR NEXT ALL IN DAY IS TUESDAY 24TH MARCH (THE LAST WEEK OF TERM)

Ogmore Vale Primary

ALL IN DAY!

Tuesday 24th March

Every day counts! Being at school helps us learn, grow, and succeed together. Let's make sure everyone is 'All In' for a fantastic day of fun and teamwork!

Ogmore Vale Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Cwm Ogwr

LATE ON THE GATE!

Once in a while all of us will have a morning when we are running late.

However, if children are consistently late for school it can have a huge IMAPCT on both their learning and wellbeing:

- 1. Being late is disruptive , it causes children to feel unsettled to start their day.**
- 2. Impacts academic progress. At Ogmore Vale we start learning straight away, there may be class challenges to undertake, interventions or group activities.**
- 3. Impacts social and emotional wellbeing. Pupils who are often late are usually the children who struggle the most to make bonds and strong friendships.**



Foundation Phase Easter Bonnet Parade Nursery to Year 2

This will be held on

Thursday 26th March

**Pupils can bring in their bonnets
into school from**

Monday 23rd March

**Parents can stay and watch parade
from 9am on the junior yard on the
Thursday. We will be selling raffle
tickets to win an Easter Hamper.**

FAMILY ENAGAGMENT

Cooking Together at OVPS



Our family cooking sessions will be once a week for three weeks.

During the sessions, you will learn about healthy eating and work together to prepare simple, healthy, economical and age-appropriate dishes.

Wednesdays 15th, 22nd & 29th April

9:30am – 11:30am

**♥ Only 10 spaces ♥
available!**

Email Balchinm5@hwbcymru.net to reserve your spot.

Book quickly as spaces will go fast!

PARENT GOVERNOR POSITION

We are seeking enthusiastic parents to join our governing body and make a positive impact on our school community!

Position: Parent Governor

We are excited to announce a vacancy for a **Parent Governor** at our school. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to contribute to the strategic direction and governance of our school, ensuring that we provide the best possible education for our children.

Responsibilities:

- **Support the School's Vision:** Help shape the school's vision, ethos, and strategic direction.
- **Accountability:** Hold the school accountable for the educational performance of pupils and the effective management of staff.
- **Financial Oversight:** Oversee the financial performance of the school and ensure that funds are spent wisely.
- **Community Engagement:** Act as a link between the school and the parent community, representing their views and concerns.

If you are interested please email our school admin address.