

Headteachers Message

It has certainly been a different kind of week this week. We are delighted to welcome our pupils back to school today, fit and well, after two days of extreme heat. Well done to everyone who managed to keep their children engaged in home learning during such high temperatures. It was lovely to see the photographs on Seesaw of our pupils taking part in a range of learning experiences at home.

Next week is a very exciting time for our Year 6 pupils, who will be attending their residential visit to Llain Activity Centre. Mr Hanford and I, along with several other members of staff, will be accompanying the pupils on this visit.

Meanwhile, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Hobbs and Miss Jones, three members of our Senior Leadership Team, will remain in school and will lead the school while Mr Hanford and I are away.

Later in this newsletter, you will find information regarding class transitions for September and how we will be preparing pupils over the coming weeks. It is really important that our pupils feel comfortable and confident about moving into their new classes and do not feel worried over the summer holidays.

We are looking forward to some cooler weather next week, keep safe over the weekend and a huge thank you to everyone for being so supportive this week.

Mrs Leanne Brown (Headteacher).

Next Week

Monday 29th June

Year 6 Residential Trip- Leaving at 9.15am

Tuesday 30th JUNE

- Year 6 Residential Trip
- Cricket Wales for KS2 pupils
- Baby and toddler group

Wednesday 1st July

- Year 6 Residential Trip- return home-we will text updates regarding time of return
- Savers Club
- New Nursery Parents open evening 3.30pm

Thursday 2nd July

- Presentation of Ogmores Vale Community Awards (we will reveal winners of these in next weeks newsletter)
- Bounce and Play session class 12
- School Summer Fete 3.15pm-5pm

Friday 3rd July

- Nursery Trip to Cefn Mably Farm

IMPORTANT MESSAGE IN HT ASSEMBLY



On Monday, I had only our Foundation Phase pupils in assembly, as KS2 were undertaking a practice session for Sports Day events.

The assembly focused on the theme raised in the recently produced film Toy Story 5 - Toys vs Technology - and how, as a society, children are increasingly using technology for entertainment rather than engaging in imaginative play with toys.



We discussed some of the emotions that can arise from spending too much time using technology, including anxiety, frustration and even anger. In contrast, many pupils spoke enthusiastically about how much they enjoy playing with toys and how this makes them feel happy, calm and relaxed.

Together, we made a pledge of "Toys over Technology" whenever we have a choice. While we recognise that developing digital skills is an important aspect of the Welsh Curriculum, we also understand the importance of balance and wellbeing.

As part of our School Improvement Priority focusing on wellbeing, we will be introducing a number of 'No Tech' Days across the school from September. The pupils were incredibly excited about this initiative and shared lots of creative ideas for alternative activities we could enjoy together.

[Keeping up to date with what is going on in Llain Activity Centre](#)

LLAIN ACTIVITY CENTRE

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES
Residential activity packages for schools with a range of accommodation and activity options

ACCOMMODATION
Llain provides a range of accommodation options...whatever your budget.

ACTIVITIES
Wide range of outdoor activities for all ages and abilities. On site and the surrounding countryside



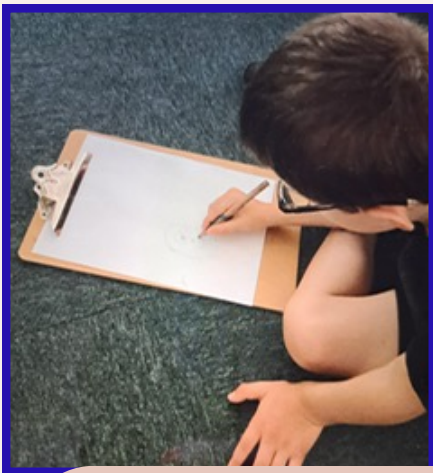
To see all the fun and exciting experiences pupils are having in Llain follow us on our school INSTAGRAM Page.

Trying to keep calm and cool



Staff did an amazing job of being creative inside the classroom to keep all of our pupils safe and happy on Monday and Tuesday

Here are some of the things they did.....



Pupils were completing work outside in shaded areas

Lots of classes engaged in live 'Draw Along' sessions which kept the pupils calm and cool. It also gave them something to focus on.



Early Years were cooling off in the tuff tray whilst using a hoop to create a bubble around them. Great fun and a good way to keep cool.

Older pupils also got involved in water play and learning to ensure they did not overheat.



Transition to new classes

As a team we have taken considerable time to decide on pupil classes for next year. This has involved two after-school staff meetings.

We have had to consider:

* Gender mix

* Ability mix

* Friendship groups



We have also carefully considered the dynamics and behaviour of pupils when making class placements. While some pupils may be close friends, and we would always encourage positive and healthy friendships, there are occasions when children do not work well together in a classroom environment. In these cases, being placed in the same class can become a significant barrier to both their learning and academic progress. Therefore, class decisions are made with the best interests of all pupils in mind, taking into account both their educational and social needs.

Pupils will undertake 2 transition days in their new classes on:

Thursday 9th July

Friday 10th July

Your child will arrive and leave school from their current class on Thursday. However, on Friday we would like them to arrive directly at their new classroom so they can practise using their new entrance and become familiar with the routine before the new term.

LAST ONE OF THE YEAR!



ALL IN DAY!

Friday 3rd July

Let's get every pupil in school!
Winning classes will receive a prize!
*Pre-booked absences are counted fairly.



Criw Cymraeg

WELSH PHRASE OF THE WEEK
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WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT?



Do not forget to email Friends Of if you wish to have your own stall at our Summer Fair -

NEXT THURSDAY



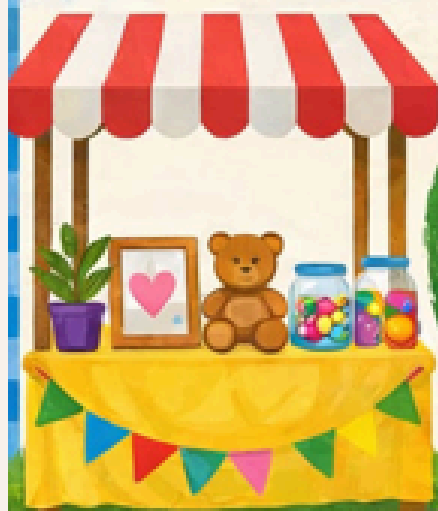
OGMORE VALE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FAIR

BOOK A STALL!

Be part of a fantastic day for our school
and local community! ♥

Thursday, 2nd July!



STALL
TABLES
ONLY
£10

- ♥ Promote your business
- ★ Support our school
- 👥 Great community event
- 🛍 All stalls welcome!
(Crafts, Gifts, Treats,
Toys, Pre-loved & more)

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♥ Let's make it a summer to remember! ♥

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♥
COMMUNITY