

## Headteachers Message

There is definitely no winding down for the summer at Ogmores Vale Primary School! The next two weeks are full of activities and fun for our pupils as they enjoy the remainder of the summer term.

We have our sporting events taking place in the final week of term, which the children are really looking forward to. They have recently enjoyed extra practice time to help refine their racing skills and prepare for the events.

This week, Year 6 attended their residential trip to the Llan Activity Centre in Cardigan. The behaviour of the pupils was impeccable, and we were incredibly proud of the way they represented our school while away. Please see the next page for some photographs of the activities the pupils took part in.

Nursery are at Cefn Mably today, enjoying time at the farm and play centre.

Don't forget that Thursday and Friday next week are Transition Days for our pupils, with Year 6 attending CCYD on both days. This is an exciting time for our older pupils, but it can also bring anxieties and lots of questions. We encourage parents and carers to talk through any worries with their children and reassure them as they prepare for this important next step in their educational journey.

On Monday, I will be leading an assembly about change and how it can sometimes make us feel nervous. However, change also brings exciting opportunities and new adventures, and it is important that we embrace these experiences with a positive mindset.

I am currently collating and analysing the parental questionnaire data. The results will be shared with families at some point next week. A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire – your feedback is greatly valued and helps us continue to improve and develop our school. Thank you for everyone's attendance at the Summer Fete and have a fabulous weekend!

Mrs Leanne Brown (Headteacher).

## Next Week

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

- HT Assembly - Changes and how we manage these
- Intergenerational Halo project for selected Year 6 pupils

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

- Cricket Wales for KS2 pupils
- Baby and toddler group (*this will be the last group of the year - none next week*)
- Trip to Barry Island for classes 2,3 and 4

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

- Savers Club
- Nursery Sports Day 1.15pm Halo Leisure Centre

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

- Year 6 Transition day to CCYD
- TRANSITION TO NEW CLASSES FOR ALL PUPILS
- Bounce and Play session for Best Attenders of the Year

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

- Year 6 Transition day to CCYD
- TRANSITION TO NEW CLASSES FOR ALL PUPILS
- Annual Reports out to families
- Stay and Play for NEW SEPTEMBER Nursery starters

# ADVENTURES IN LLAIN



Year 6 had an amazing few days at Llain Activity Centre in Llanarth, Ceredigion. Firstly, we would like to commend the pupils for their outstanding behaviour, enthusiasm and positive attitude throughout the visit. They embraced every activity, including some that were particularly challenging, showing great resilience, determination and, at times, real bravery as they stepped outside their comfort zones and tried things they had never done before.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the staff who generously gave up their evenings and sleep to care for the children and ensure they had a safe, enjoyable and memorable experience. Their dedication and support helped make the trip such a fantastic success for everyone involved.



Mud Run



Canoeing

Climbing and Bouldering

Bush Craft and Forest Schools



In door rock climbing

# Fun at our Summer Fete



It was great to see so many of our families at our Summer Fete. The weather held out for us.

This years Summer Fete was the most successful the school has had in many years. Thank you to everyone who attended to support the event.



One of our pupils had their own stall which was lovely to see. A budding entrepreneur!



**SOAK THE STAFF** was one of our most popular stall! That was no surprise!



- **FACEPAINTING**
- **INFLATABLES**
- **CAKE STANDS**
- **TOMBOLA**
- **ICECREAM VAN**
- **BARBECUE**

# Celebrating Strong Attendance

## Attendance Reward

We have worked hard to improve school attendance this year through initiatives such as our All In Day, celebrating pupils who have improved their attendance, and working together to ensure that class attendance is the best it can be.

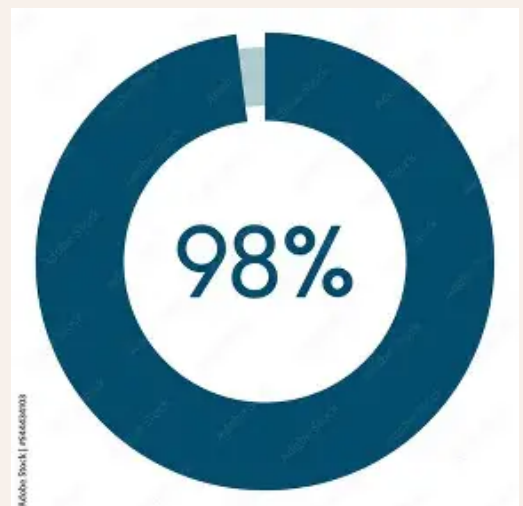
With the end of the academic year fast approaching, Mr Hanford will be compiling a list of pupils who have achieved excellent attendance this year. The pupils selected have 98% attendance and above ( this does NOT include Year 6 pupils who will be at their CCYD transition and are going out on a trip the week after).

These pupils will receive a special reward.

On Thursday afternoon, they will be taken to Halo Leisure to enjoy a **Bounce and Play session**, with access to all the fun inflatables and equipment available.

If your child is one of these pupils, you will receive an email informing you that they will be attending. You do not need to take any action, as permission has already been provided through the local visit forms.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us improve attendance across the school.



# REMINDER- Next Thursday and Friday

## 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



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

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Additional note from Mrs Brown**

If you have any concerns regarding the class your child has been placed in for September we would like families to follow the procedures for any further discussions.

- First speak to your child- do they have friends in the class? what are they concerned about?
- If still concerned please EMAIL ADMIN. I will then personally phone you to discuss the class structure and reasoning behind the decisions.

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# HWYL YN Y PARC FUN IN THE PARK

I dathlu y laniad o'r Sialens Darllen y Haf  
2026 a'r Rhaglen Weithgareddau'r Haf!

To celebrate the launch of the Summer Reading  
Challenge 2026 and the Summer Activities!

## CYFROLAU'N CANU READ to the BEAT



Gorsaf Gofrestru  
Sign-up Station

Crefftau  
Crafts



Amser Stori  
Storytime

Plannu Blodau Haul  
Sunflower Planting



Cornel Dawel  
Quiet Corner

Gemau Anferth  
Giant Games

DYDD SADWRN SATURDAY

**4** GORFFENNAF  
JULY 12-3pm

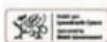
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Newbridge Fields,  
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