

Headteachers Message

I cannot believe that we only have one week left of this half term! I would like to remind all families that our INSET Day will take place on Friday 23rd October. During this time, staff will be engaged in work linked to this year's School Improvement Plan. We are focusing closely on our indoor classroom environments to ensure they provide the most effective learning spaces for all pupils. We have also invited members of our Governing Body for part of the day to support our work. As part of this work, Mrs Bradley is undertaking a "Listening to Learners" session, gathering the views of a range of pupils about their classrooms and how these environments make them feel. This week, we held our first Family Bingo session. It was great fun, and everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the event. Due to the success, we will be extending the invitation to all pupils from Reception to Year 6 for our next session. Please note that all pupils must be accompanied by an adult, as we want this to be a true family event. We also welcomed more families to our second parents evening event on Thursday and saw lots of very happy and proud families. We would like to thank everyone who kindly completed our initial parental survey. Results from this and how we will be acting on information received will be emailed to our families next week. Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Leanne Brown (Headteacher)

Week Ahead

Year 3 and 4 Intensive Swimming Course Monday- Thursday.

Monday 19th October

- HT Assembly- Great Athletics
- Selected Year 6 pupils attending Halo Leisure for Inter Generational Project

Tuesday 20th October

- * Baby and Toddler Group
- Classes 6 and 11 trip to Pumpkin Patch

Wednesday 21st October

- * Savers Club

Thursday 22nd October

- Flu Nasal Spray
- * Halloween Disco after school
- Classes 7 and 12 trip to Pumpkin Patch
- Last day of school for pupils
Break up for half term

Friday 23rd October

- INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

OGMORE VALE WEEKLY NEWS



Safeguarding Team at Ogmore Vale Primary

2026-2027

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs L Brown (Headteacher)



Deputy Safeguarding Leads:



Mr C Hanford
(Deputy Headteacher)



Mrs D Bradley
(ALNCo)



Mrs C Hobbs
(Senior Leader)



Miss J Jones
(Senior Leader)



Mrs M Balchin
(Family Engagement Officer)

Mrs C Llewellyn (Chair of Governors) is our lead Safeguarding Governor

A reminder of who our Safeguarding Team is. If you have any concerns about your own child(ren) or another child who attends our school, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. We are here to help and can offer a range of support, advice, and guidance to ensure that every child is safe, happy, and supported.



Squishies and Toys



A gentle reminder to all of our families that pupils are not to bring squishies or toys to school. They often get lost or broken and we then have very upset children. Please support us and ensure your child does not bring toys from home into school. Thank you for your support in this.

OGMORE VALE WEEKLY NEWS



We are hugely proud to announce that one of our Year 5 pupils' Aurora is representing Wales in France at The World Championships for Martial Arts. What an AMAZING achievement.

We wish Aurora and everyone else selected for the Welsh team every success at the games.

Updated School Improvement Plan

We have already shared our School Improvement Plan targets for this academic year.

From time to time, we review and adapt these targets following discussions with a range of stakeholders, including our Governing Body and our BCBC School Improvement Partner.

Following these discussions, we have decided to merge:

Target 5: Implementing the PASS (Pupil Attitudes to Self and School) wellbeing tracking system

INTO

Target 2: Developing Effective Indoor Learning Environments.

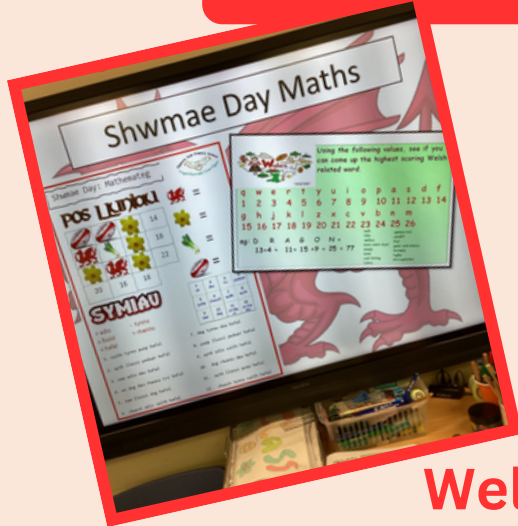
This will allow us to use PASS as a tool to measure whether the changes we make to our classroom environments are having a positive impact on pupil wellbeing and engagement.

As a result, our School Improvement Plan now consists of four key targets, which are shared via a target map on our school website under SCHOOL PRIORITIES 2026-2027.

OGMORE VALE WEEKLY NEWS



Shwmae Day



Pupils have been engaged in a range of activities this week for Shwmae Day.

Welsh Maths Problems



Welsh Bingo



Using our Welsh outdoors



Welsh Craft



Welsh Phrase of the Week: 'Shwmae'

Pupils planted Daffodils bulbs our Welsh flower ready for the Spring.

Parent Governor

Opportunity

We are seeking a Parent Governor to join our school Governing Body. As part of this role you would:

- **Represent the views and interests of parents within the school community.**
- **Attend governing body meetings and contribute to discussions and decision-making.**
- **Help set the school's vision, values, and strategic direction.**
- **Support and challenge school leaders to ensure pupils receive the best possible education.**
- **Monitor the school's performance, including pupil achievement and wellbeing.**
- **Help oversee the school's budget and ensure resources are used effectively.**

If you are interested in the role please email the school admin address to express your interest. The school will then get in touch with you.

JOIN US FOR FAMILY BINGO

O V P S !

★ Reception to Year 6 ★
All pupils must have a family member with them

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month
starting Tuesday 10th November

Eyes down
3.15pm - 4pm

£1
INCLUDES ALL
Your Bingo Cards



WHERE: SCHOOL MAIN HALL

No need to book just come along

Idea suggested by Mini SLT #pupilvoice



Mad Science Club is back

All pupils attended an engaging Mad Science assembly on Wednesday. We know many families were interested in their children joining the club after half term. It will begin the first Thursday after half term.

To register scan QR code on leaflet brought home by pupils or book online using the address
<https://madsciencesw.ipalbookings.com/>

They can accommodate a maximum of 15 pupils. It will be done on a first come first served basis.

Our next Family Bingo session



Our first Family Bingo session on Tuesday was so much fun. Lots of our staff joined in too making it a real community event. We are super excited for the next one and so are our pupils.

AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

HERE AT YOUR SCHOOL

The Club

Mad Science Afterschool Clubs provide the perfect mix of fun, interactive, educational content. Taking aspects of physics, chemistry and some biology to engage and excite all children enrolled. Our hands-on, enquiry based sessions encourage independent learning skills and discovery at their pace. They'll be immersed in a fully unique and different topic each week during the course, so there's plenty to explore as they get to grips with key science concepts and fun STEM based explorations.

They'll have so much fun, they forget they're learning

Booking

Scan QR code to access registration.

1. Create your parent account
2. Add your child's details
3. Book Your Course

Club Information

**OGMORE VALE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
THURSDAY
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November
3rd, 10th December 2026

Extended Deadline
21st October

6 Week Course
HANDS ON SCIENCE
£60 PER CHILD
Spaces are Limited
First Come First Served - Sibling Discount Avail.

<https://madsciencesw.ipalbookings.com/>
BOOK ONLINE TODAY

1 Hour
Term and of the school day

All Staff
Enhanced DBS
Safeguarding Trained

All Materials
& Consumables
provided

Spark Their Curiosity
REGISTER & BOOK TODAY!

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FRIENDS OF OV INVITE YOU TO
OUR SPOOKY
HALLOWEEN DISCO
THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/halloween-disco-58>

TICKETS £2

BOOK USING QR CODE OR THE WEBSITE



FOOD | MUSIC | DRINKS

**3:10pm-4:10pm - Foundation phase and
key stage 1** *(Parent/carers can change
children in classrooms after school and
stay with the children)**

4:20pm-5:20pm - Key stage 2

*(Parents/carers to drop off and collect
children from reception)**

In the Community

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES!

AT CENTRES AT BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH

FAMILY SWIM

Maesteg Swimming Pool | Pencoed Swimming Pool | Ynysawdre Swimming Pool

JUMPINGYM

Bridgend Life Centre | Maesteg Sports Centre

ACTIVE4LIFE

Ogmore Valley Life Centre

BOUNCE & PLAY

Ogmore Valley Life Centre

INTENSIVE SWIM LESSONS

Bridgend Life Centre | Pyle Swimming Pool

STROKE IMPROVEMENT DISTANT BADGES

Pyle Swimming Pool



CAN TO VIEW THE FULL TIMETABLE

visit: haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on

