

OGMORE VALE



WEEKLY NEWS

Headteachers Message

We kick started the week with a really interesting assembly from Welsh Water. It was very engaging and got our pupils thinking about their use of water and how sometimes we can be wasteful. Year 3 and 4 then undertook some very hand-on and engaging workshops with Welsh Water which involved a lot of outdoor and Numeracy skills.

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the Macmillian coffee morning it is great to hear how busy the event was for such a wonderful cause. We hope everyone who came enjoyed the wonderful singing from our pupils.

I would like to offer an apology for not being there, I had to attend a cluster Headteachers meeting. I will always be present at family events when I can be, this is a very important part of my role and something I am passionate about.

I am very proud of the school this week for a huge achievement which you can read about later in this newsletter, this was only possible due to the commitment and hard work of all staff and pupils. You may have noticed our outdoor spaces are starting to look a lot cleaner, we have been having some work done and our pupils have also been helping by litter picking and weeding. We want our pupils to be really proud of where they go to school and take ownership for looking after it.

Next week I plan to get some information out to all families regarding all the support we offer families regarding financial support. Remember as a school we are here to help you and your family so your children can thrive.

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

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The week ahead

Monday 29th:

- **HT Assembly - Respect, one of our core values and pupil forum discussions**

Tuesday 30th

- **9.30am Baby and Toddler group in the Zen Den**
- **Whole school Photographs**

Wednesday 31th:

- **Savers club**
- **Mini SLT's meeting with HT**

Friday 2nd Nov

- **Historical Society hosting Coal Mining Exhibition for Year 5/ 6**



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

TARGETS 2025-2026

Below are this years' School Improvement Targets at OVP.

These have been decided after a thorough self- evaluation process including pupil voice, staff and parental questionnaires.

Target 1: Leadership:

To enhance strategic leadership by creating a senior leadership team with clearly defined roles, leading to strong accountability.

Target 2: Teaching and Learning:

To develop the teaching of Numeracy to ensure stronger progress across the school. To ensure opportunities for pupils to apply their skills through authentic and real -life context.

Target 3: Teaching and Learning and Pupil Well-being;

To ensure pupils are using the outdoor spaces as a resource to further their learning experiences.

Target 4: Pupils and Well-being:

To implement tracking systems to assess pupil well-being and use data to enhance pupil offer and experiences.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE- A MONTHLY REVIEW

TO HIT THE WELSH GOVERNMENTS TARGET WE ARE AIMING FOR 92% FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL OVER A WEEK.

RESULTS

WEEK 1: 94.3%



WEEK 2: 94.5%



WEEK 3: 93.5%



WEEK 4: 89.9%



DON'T FORGET IF YOUR CHILD IS IN LINE WITH THE WELSH GOVERNMENT TARGET OF 92% AT THE END OF TERM- YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE £50.00 PRIZE DRAW WHICH WAS OUTLINED IN THE ATTENDANCE LETTER SENT OUT TO FAMILIES.

Congratulations!



We are delighted to announce that Ogmore Vale Primary have been awarded the Bronze Siarter Iaith Award.

A huge well done to everyone for their hard work. A particular well done to **Mrs Hobbs and the amazing Criw Cymraeg** for all their hard work.

Pupil Voice Forums

It is really important our pupils have a voice at OVP and can lead change and improvement. We have our Mini SLT team and our Criw Cymraeg group but, next want to establish two more groups (listed below). On Monday in Headteacher Assembly we will be discussing these groups with pupils and asking for expressions of interest. This will include pupils from Year 2- Year 6.

Healthy School



Eco Committee





Say Cheese....

School photographs Arrangements: Tuesday 30th September

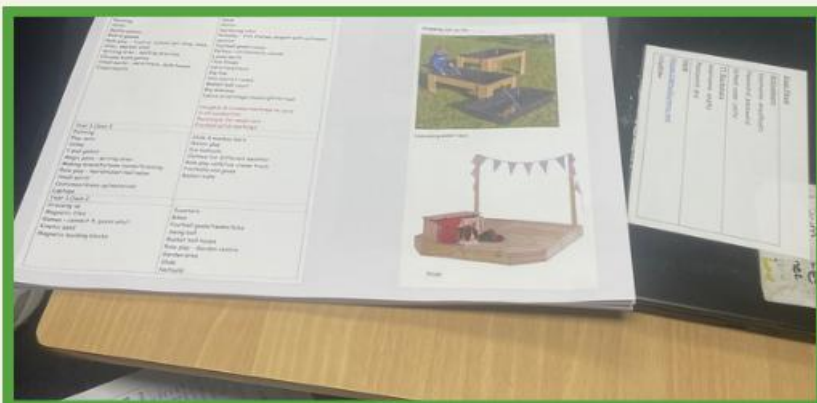
8.15am: Top hall will open for sibling photographs including pupils who are too young to attend school or in secondary school.

If your children are siblings in the school you do not need to come first thing these will be done during day. Morning sibling photographs are for those who are not pupils here.

Once done please leave the exit door and walk around to your child's class. Please do not walk through the school to drop your child to class (this is to ensure all safeguarding procedures are met).

We will keep registers open for longer, no one will get a late mark because they were waiting to have photographs taken so please do not worry.

OUTDOOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



One of our School Improvement Targets is developing our outdoor learning spaces so that they are part of our pupils daily learning experiences. Look out for lots of changes soon staff and pupils are planning big things!

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT @ OVP

Tempo

TEMPO TIME CREDITS

Over the past few years we have been using Tempo Time credits to recognise and reward our volunteers here at Ogmores Vale Primary. It has come to my attention that a lot of our parents and families don't know about this.

Tempo Time credits are a meaningful way to thank our families for their incredible dedication and time they volunteer to the school. The Time Credits model works simply:

- You earn a Time Credit for each hour of the Volunteering you undertake.
- The reward is in the form of being able to use a Tempo Time Credits.

What can you get with Tempo Credits

Some of these opportunities include a session at a local sports/leisure centre, seeing a film or going to the theatre, bike hire, a day out at a national attraction, play centres, as well as grocery and takeaway opportunities.

Previously our parents have volunteered in the school helping out in many different ways: from reading, helping out at events with our Friends of Ogmores Vale group and taking part on one of our many courses.

One of our Parents has recently commented:

'I love helping out in the school and find it so rewarding. The Tempo Time Credits feels like a little extra treat on top'.

If you would like to volunteer in school, please come and see Mrs Balchin at the school Office.

Shine Support for families

Our Shine support worker Gabriella is working with groups of pupils every other Wednesday to support well-being. If any parents/ carers of pupils would like some support you can email school and we can arrange an appointment for you. Gabriella is a well-trained practitioner who can offer well-being advice and has access to lots of services. .

