

OGMORE VALE WEEKLY NEWS



Headteachers Message

On Monday it was a delight to hear pupils Ambitions in whole school assembly. We had lots of children who wanted to be a famous footballer or You Tuber.

We had the most fantastic Halloween disco yesterday which the pupils thoroughly enjoyed, a huge thank you to all members of Friends of OVP who organised and supported the event. These fantastic experiences for our children would not be possible without your time. I want to personally thank them for their time and dedication to the school. I also want to give a 'shout out' to our pupil helpers who volunteered their time after school to support the event. Thank you all!

OVP have been sharing best practise this week with our Cluster Primary school colleagues and leading the way for school to school working. Find out more later in this newsletter....

And finally....

Miss Stafford teacher of class 5 is leaving us to go and teach in another local primary. We would like to thank Miss Stafford for her hard work and dedication over the last 3 years. We all wish Miss Stafford the best of luck in her new post. Our new class teacher is Miss Hale who will start her appointed after half term and has said she is excited to work in such as friendly and inclusive school.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable half term and we looking forward to welcoming back our fantastic learners after half term.

Leanne Brown (Headteacher)

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The week ahead

Next week is half term week. Below is first week of Autumn Term 2.

The first two weeks of the half term will be ASSESSMENT WEEKS' in school. Your child/ children will be undertaking a range of assessments so we can ensure we have an accurate picture of where your child is and the next steps we need to take to ensure progress in their learning.

Monday 3rd Nov:

HT Assembly - Belonging

9am -Family engagement - Welcome back

Coffee Morning - all welcome

Tuesday 4th Nov:

- **9am-Baby and Toddler Group in the Zen Den.**
- **Employability and Credit Union coffee afternoon 2pm-3pm**

Wednesday 5th Nov

- **Saver Club**

Friday 7th November:

- **Ospreys working with Year 6**





Cuppa with the Headteacher

It was great to catch up with parents/ families on Thursday morning and we had some really interesting things to discuss. We talked about some future ideas. We also discussed how parents felt about uniform. As a group we felt uniform is a great 'leveller' for pupils and that it also instils a strong sense of belonging. It also helps parents/ families not have to sort different clothes daily for their children.

'ALL IN DAY'

Results:

- Nursery- 93%
- Reception-100%
- Class 2 (Year 1)- 96%
- Class 3 (Year 1)-98%
- Class 4 (Year 2)-98%
- Class 5 - 98%
- Class 6 (Year 3)- 98%
- Class 7 (Year 4)-98%
- Class 8 (Year 5)- 100%
- Class 9 (Year 5/6)- 100%
- Class 10 (Year 6)- 98%
- Class 11 (KS2 LRC)- 96%
- Class 12 (CARE Class)- 100%

Extra - Curricular Activities

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime		Lego Club (Rec- Year 2) Year groups will go on a 3-week rotation.	Puzzle Club (Year 3-6)	School Rangers (Pupils have been selected)	Criw Cymraeg (Pupils have been selected) Skills practise/ Homework club (Year 3-6)
After school	Darts (Year 5/6 pupils with a family member)	Tip-top Dance (Year 2-6)	Yoga and Mindfulness (Rec- Year 2) (Welcome to bring a family member) Netball club (Year 4-6)	Multi-sports (Year 3-6)	

We are aware nursery are not included then this timetable- however in the Spring/ Summer terms pupils will be offered 'Stay and Play' sessions. If a letter has already been completed to attend a club this half term you DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE ANOTHER. We will be allowing all of those pupils who were on waiting list for TIP-TOP Dance to join after half term. If your child wants to join anything as a 'new starter' you will need to complete a permission slip for AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS ONLY. These can be obtained from the school office.

Pupil Voice

We now have new SCHOOL RANGERS. These pupils are our Healthy School and Eco-School advocates.

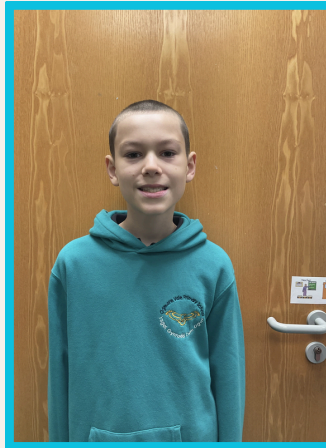
**Nevaeh
Year 6**



**Livvy
Year 3**



**Alfie
Year 6**



**Leilani
Year 4**



**Mali
Year 6**



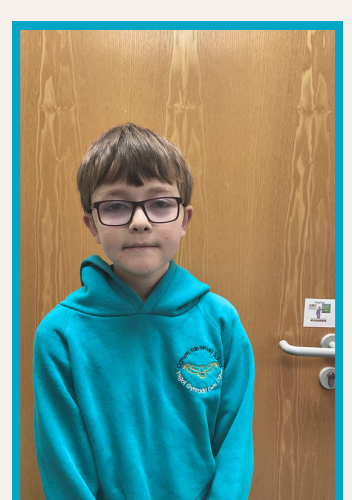
**Evie
Year 5**



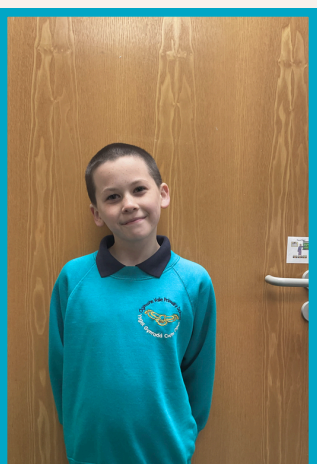
**Cory
Year 5**



**Jack
Year 6**



**Cariad
Year 4**



Our new School Rangers are going to be very busy next half term. They will be undertaking a range of activities to ensure our school is being as healthy as possible and that everyone is looking after the school and area around us.

HALLOWEEN DISCO 2025



A huge thank you to our Friends of OVP. Without these parents who give up their time to organise and sort these events they would not be possible. We are SO grateful!

The Friends of OVP would like to thank our pupil helpers who really supported the event.



Ogmore Vale is sharing best practise

One of our School Improvement Priorities this year is to further develop our Outdoor Learning Environments. On Wednesday we shared our amazing spaces with colleagues from our Cluster primary schools to share good practise and ideas. These areas have been developed by the staff through hard work and dedication. Our pupils have played a huge influence in designing and putting these areas together. Well done all, we were a very proud school when showing our visitors around. Our pupils were using the areas fantastically with such engagement.

New Numeracy development areas in Year 5/6 including furthering skills in money and time.

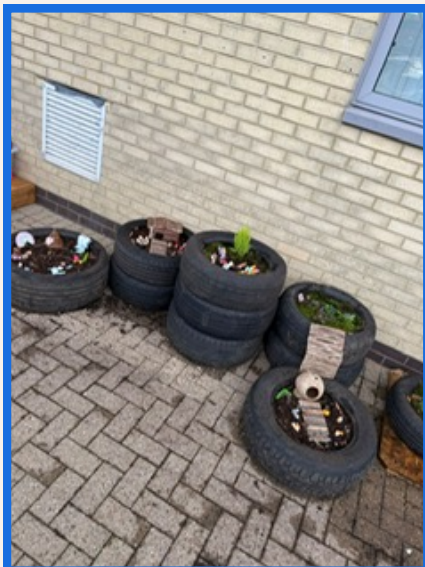


We have new markings on our yard including two new road maps.

We are so proud of what we have achieved in the first half term. Thank you to all of the staff for their hard work, dedication and determination to make these spaces so successful.

We have been sharing our great ideas with teachers from other schools.

Year 3/ 4 pupils have designed their own fairy gardens.



family Support



Save the date:

Tuesday 4th November 2pm-3pm in The Lounge

Employability Coffee afternoon

How Employability Changed My Life

Three years ago, I attended an Employability coffee morning at the school. At the time, I wasn't looking for work as my second daughter had just been born, but I wanted to see what support was available as I didn't want to have to go back to a job I hated when my daughter would eventually start school. A month later, my husband and I came across an opportunity to run our own mini golf business. I signed up with Employability, and they guided me through health and safety and COSHH courses, and even reviewed our tender. With their support, our application was successful, and our business took off.

Three years on and the mini golf business is going from strength to strength and my husband was able to leave his full time job, meaning more family time and better work-life balance. During term time when the business is quieter, I've also been able to pursue my dream of working with children. Once again, Employability was there to help, they supported me through my Level 2 Teaching Assistant qualification, safeguarding training, and paediatric first aid. I'm now working as a TA through an agency and absolutely loving my job and most importantly not sacrificing that family time that we had worked so hard to achieve.

Even now that I'm in work, Employability continue to support me with extra training and in-work support, helping me to keep developing my skills and confidence. Our family life is also so much better now, the working hours suit us perfectly, and both my husband and I truly love what we do. I'll always be grateful to them for helping me take these big steps toward my goals and would recommend anyone to attend a coffee morning with them to find out what they do and how they can help.

Laura Skinner (Parent of OVP)

Attendance Matters:

The schools overall attendance for this half term is 92.8%.

We are delighted as this meets the Welsh Government Target of 92%. However we do think we could improve on this a little next half term so look out for updates. I have to say a special congratulations to Miss Marchant's class who have exceeded the 92% attendance target every week this half term. A huge well done to all the pupils in this class.



Don't forget we have an instagram account to share all the exciting things that we are doing.

Search for us at Ogmores Vale Primary.

Instagram

Just to update everyone the Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £250.70 for Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations towards such a worthy cause.

