

OGMORE VALE

WEEKLY NEWS



Headteachers Message

The second part of the Autumn Term has begun. This is always the busiest half term in school with lots of exciting learning happening plus Christmas Concerts and school celebrations. It is a really magical time in school for both our pupils and staff.

This term pupils will continue their topic of Cynefin and engage in a range of indoor and outdoor learning activities.

I changed my Assembly this week to Bonfire Night safety as November the 5th fell on Wednesday. The children were very clued up on how to keep safe and make the most of an exciting evening outside. As you will know we are hosting two Parent Evenings over the next two weeks. The first Thursday 13th November and the second Thursday 20th November. We have made it easier this year to book an appointment with your child's teacher using an online booking system. Many families have already booked in their appointments which is great and we very much look forward to welcoming you.

As Class 5 have a new class teacher and have had a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting this week, we will be offering an appointment to these families a bit later into the term to ensure feedback from the class teacher is accurate and as detailed as possible. Please have a good look at our family engagement page this week, we have some exciting new things for our families and others in the community to get involved with.

This week visiting classes I have seen lots of great learning around Guy Fawkes and also our forthcoming Remembrance Day. View our Instagram page to find out about things going on in class.

Leanne Brown (Headteacher)

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The week ahead

Monday 10th Nov:

- HT Remembrance Day Assembly
- Booking system for parents evening appointments close 12pm.

Tuesday 11th Nov:

- Baby and Toddler Group 9am-10.30am

Wednesday 12th Nov:

- Saver Club
- Baby Yoga class 11am

Thursday 13th Nov:

- First of two parents evenings
- Helen Jenkins Olympian to meet with Year 3 and 4 pupils

Friday 14th Nov:

- Children in Need- see later page for more details about what our pupils want to do.



Topic of Conversation

This week we have asked pupils about **School Uniform...**

At OVP we ask our pupils lots of questions about school and how we do things to ensure we seek their views and they have a voice. This week we have been asking our pupils about wearing school uniform.

Welsh Government Guidance states uniform:

- Provides a sense of identity, community and cohesion within the school
- Supports positive behaviour and school discipline
- Ensures pupils dress appropriately for learning activity
- Removes peer pressure to dress in particular fashions
- Enables pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements
- Helps reduce inequalities between pupils and help reduce some triggers for bullying
- Benefits safeguarding and attendance policies through helping to identify truants
- Assists identification of strangers on school premises support and promote the ethos of the school

What our pupils said.....

We have to wear school uniform in secondary school- so its good to practise to do it in primary school!
Year 6 Pupil

Uniform makes everyone feel the same- no one is better than anyone else!
Year 4 pupil.

I feel smart in my school uniform
Year 2 pupil

Extra - Curricular Activities Autumn 2

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)	

Thank you to everyone who donated. We received this from Trussel Bridgend for our donations at Harvest.



Thank you!

Ogmore Vale Primary

Your incredible donation totalled 76kg! This will provide 22 food parcels to people in crisis.

You are what keeps this charity and its vital work going and for that we are eternally grateful.

Angela Rackham
Trustee

Pupil Voice

Mini SLT

Mini SLT have been super busy the last few weeks and have been taking their class questions and views to a range of stakeholders in the school. On Wednesday they had some tough questions for Claire who looks after our kitchen and school meals regarding school dinners. We will feed back to you regarding this in the coming weeks.



Phrase of the week

Pa liw wyt ti'n hoffi?

What colour do you like?

SCHOOL RANGERS AND WOW TRAVEL TRACKER

Our new School Rangers have started the role of looking after the school and those who attend it straight away. On Friday they met with Deryn Howell to be updated on all information regarding the 'Travel Tracker' Scheme which encourages our pupils to walk to school when they can. This not only helps physical well-being but mental well-being. Moving about and getting that shorter day sunshine to the back of your eyes can really help.



Children in Need 2025 at OVP

After lots of discussions with pupils and Mini SLT it has been decided we will mark CIN 2025 by wearing pjs to school.

Please ensure these are warm enough for school (maybe a vest underneath) as the children will still be accessing the outdoor spaces. Please do not allow any child to wear slippers, they need to wear a sensible shoe or trainer to ensure they can still access playtimes. The children will be engaged in lots of fun activities whilst gaining an understanding of why we mark this day and bring donations. A small donations would be greatly received if you are able to and can be send in on the morning. Thank you.

Family Engagement

Something new for our families

We are very excited to announce that Ogmore Vale Primary will be hosting weekly **Baby Yoga sessions**.

Dee is professional Yoga teacher and specialises in child and baby yoga.

There is a small cost to this class, as a school we have subsidised this cost down to £4.00 per family. This class is for babies aged 12 weeks to 18 months.

Please email our Family Engagement Officer Mrs Balchin to book your space at:
balchinm5@hwbcymru.net



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MORNING

Coffee Morning's are back!
Starting Monday 17th November
9am - 10am every week.
With Mrs Balchin our Family Engagement Officer

All welcome.....