

OGMORE VALE WEEKLY NEWS



Headteachers Message

This week the stage is up for classes to begin to practise their concerts on stage. I have heard lots of beautiful singing around the school and am excited to watch the wonderful Christmas performances.

We have been highlighting Children's Rights Day this week and the pupils have been getting involved by designing a range of posters and having class discussions. It has been delightful to see our pupils being very aware of what rights they have.

Next Thursday is Cuppa with the Headteacher, please come along to discuss your views. It is always a very casual discussion and a chance for families to share any ideas or ask any questions about what we do and why we do it.

We have some really exciting news for our school, we have now appointed a new Deputy Headteacher who will take up post in January. Mr Callum Hanford who currently teaches in Swansea will be part of the team in the spring Term. We are really looking forward to Mr Hanford starting with us and this will complete our Senior Leadership Team.

Mr Hanford will take the lead for several areas in school including Numeracy, which he has great expertise in. Look further in this newsletter to see the structure of our Senior Leadership Team for the Spring Term.

We are also really looking forward to our 12 new nursery pupils starting with us in January. It was a delight to meet with their families after school Wednesday and next week we get to meet all of our new starters during a 'Stay and Play' session. Don't forget to read the whole of this newsletter so you do not miss out on exciting things coming up!

Best Wishes- Mrs Leanne Brown

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The week ahead

Monday 24th Nov:

HT Assembly- Belonging (Part 2)

9am- Coffee Morning with Employability

Tuesday 25th Nov:

- **Baby and Toddler Group 9am-10am**
- **Baby Yoga with Dee- 10am**
- **Year 6 - Attendance Matters workshops**
- **School Rangers after-school Litter Pick.**

Wednesday 26th Nov:

- **New Nursery Starters Stay and Play session 1.30pm**
- **Closing date for Children's Rights Poster competition.**

Thursday 27th Nov:

- **Cuppa with the Headteacher (always last Thursday of the month)**

Friday 28th Nov:

- **Year 6 working with Ospreys Rugby**



What's been going on in classes ..



Year 1 have been colour mixing to paint beautiful sunsets. It was lovely to see our young pupils taking such care with their art work.



Class 5 have been trying to Splat the Elf in their bucket time activities.

Year 4 have been creating Tourist Pamphlets to encourage visitors to Snowdonia. This is linked to their work they have been doing regarding the story of Gelert. They had a range of success criteria to fulfil.



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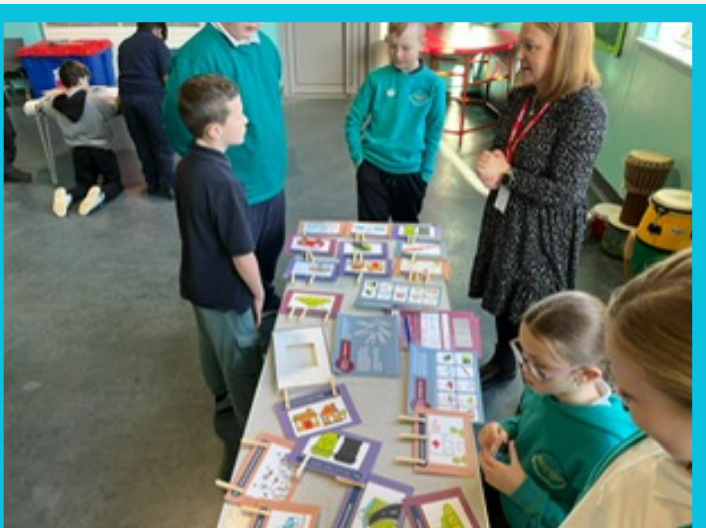
Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic inspirational talk from Helen Jenkins the Triathlete who competed in World Championships and the Olympics.



**Money
Ready**



Year 5 had a fantastic interactive workshop with a rotation of authentic numeracy tasks to complete with Money Ready.



Senior Leadership
Team Spring 2026

Mrs. L. Brown
Headteacher

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Mr. C. Hanford
Deputy
Headteacher

Mrs. D. Bradley
ALENCo/ SLT
Nursery

Mrs. C. Hobbs
SLT
Year 3

Miss. J. Jones
SLT
Year 6

Rights Respecting



Comisiynydd Plant Cymru
Children's Commissioner for **Wales**

During a special focussed assembly on Children's Rights the pupils also sang along to the Rights Song. Don't forget our poster competition closes next Wednesday.

If you wanted more information regarding 'Children's Rights', here is the website for your child or you to access.

<https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/uncrc-childrens-rights>

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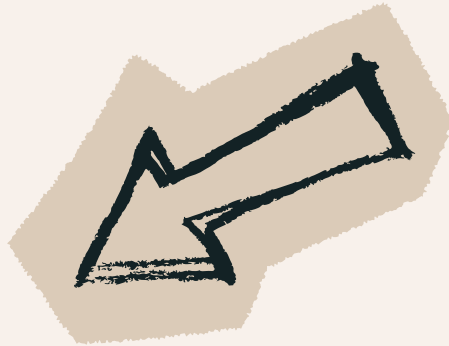
We will be having another
ALL IN DAY

Friday 5th December. Let's see how many
classes achieve 100% this time.

Website Updates

We have added a section with some hints and tips on how to help your child at home.

 Information for Parents
Attendance and Punctuality
Additional Learning Needs (ALN)
Family Engagement @ OV
Term Dates
Extra - Curricular Activities
Helping Your Child at home
Newsletters
Supporting child Wellbeing
Termly Calendars
Uniform



On our Safeguarding page we have added some really useful website links relating to the care and safety of children.

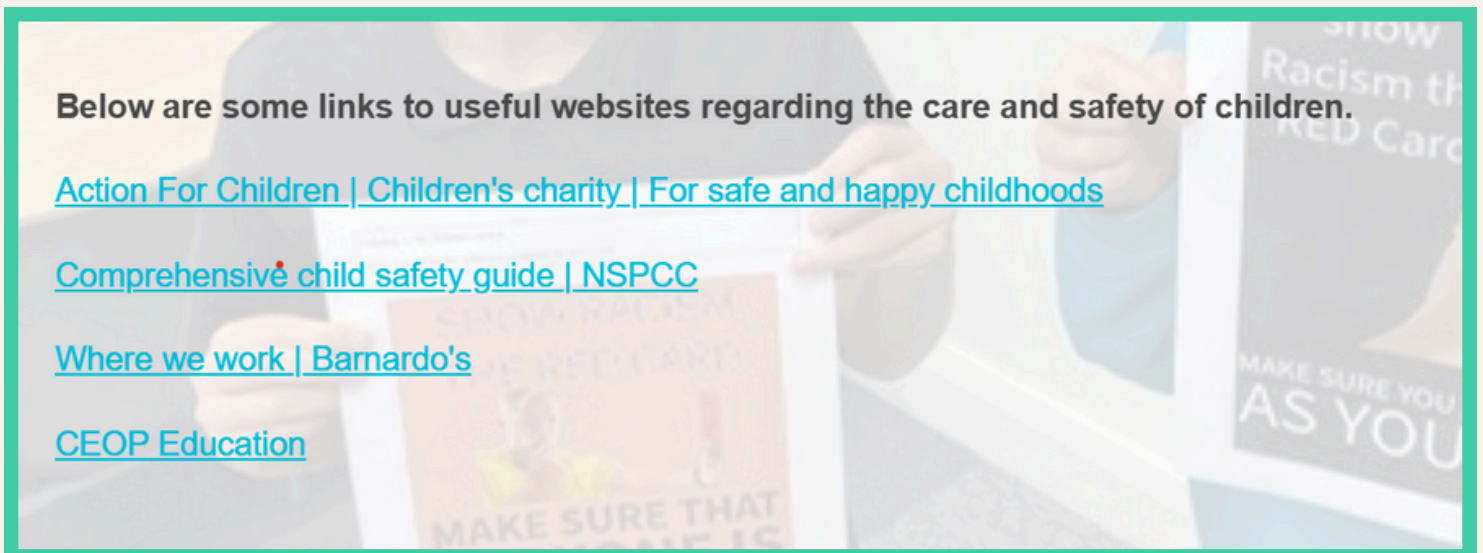
Below are some links to useful websites regarding the care and safety of children.

[Action For Children | Children's charity | For safe and happy childhoods](#)

[Comprehensive child safety guide | NSPCC](#)

[Where we work | Barnardo's](#)

[CEOP Education](#)



Parents Evening Engagement

Feedback from questionnaire

We have had lots of really positive feedback from our Parents Week Questionnaires and are delighted.

A more detailed response to these will be sent next week but so far we are seeing that:

Nearly all (over 95%), Most (90%-95%)

- *Nearly all parents/ carers are happy with their children's progress.*
- *Nearly all pupils enjoy coming to school.*
- *Nearly all parents feel the school settled their child well into their new class.*
- *Most parents/ carers feel the school communicates very well with home.*
- *Nearly all parents/ carers know who our family engagement officer is and how to contact them.*
- *Nearly all parents/ carers feel their child's well-being is supported by the school.*
- *Most parents feel the school supports low- income families well.*

Thank you to everyone who scanned the QR code to answer the short survey- your views are vital and we will respond with actions to feedback next week.





Family Engagement and services for those with younger children at OVP.



To make it easier for our parents who have young ones to come out, especially in bad weather we have tagged Baby Yoga straight after Baby and Toddler Group.



Baby and Toddler morning: Every Tuesday

9am-10am - Baby and Toddler Group
10am-11am - Baby and Toddler Yoga
(£4.00- this is a subsidised price)



You do not have to stay for the yoga session we are just trying to make it as accessible as possible for our families.





Christmas Fayre

4th December
15.00 til 16.30

Main Hall, Ogmore Vale
Primary School

*Come join us for our annual Christmas
Fayre!*

If you would like a stall please
contact
friendsofov@gmail.com or our
Facebook page





Our new Family Library at OVP

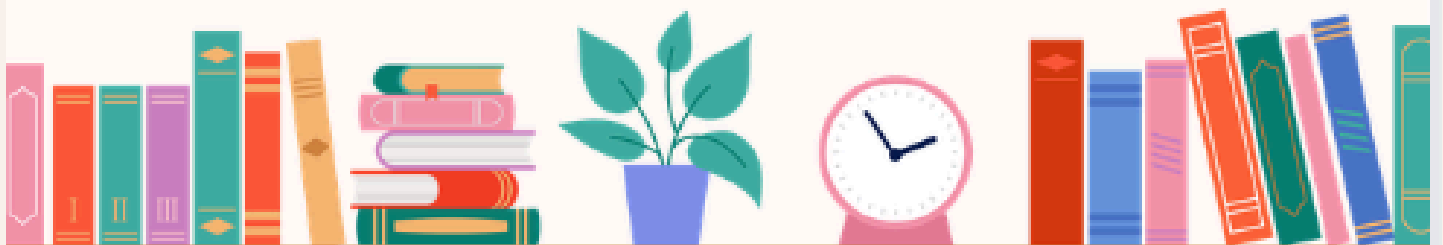


Opening Tuesday 2nd of December

3PM-4PM

We have a great variety of fiction and non-fiction books available to lend for a week.

We cannot wait to welcome you!



Ogmore Vale Primary's

CHRISTMAS TOY POP UP

Collecting until Friday 12th December

You can help spread joy and love this holiday season by donating new or nearly new toys for children. Your generous contributions will bring smiles to many faces, whose families may be dreading the Christmas season due to financial difficulties.

How to Donate :

Drop off your gifts at Ogmore Vale Primary School Office

What to bring? :

New or in excellent condition toys, crafts, books and games suitable for ages 0 - 19.

Please do not donate clothes.

Our Toy Pop Up will take place in the Lounge 2:00pm Tuesday 16th December and 8:45am Wednesday 17th December.

Don't struggle this year.

We know that many families will be dreading the Christmas period and this can be a difficult time financially. Please get in touch with Maria via Balchinm5@hwbcymru.net if you need extra support.



Let's create some special moments of joy this Christmas.