

# OGMORE VALE WEEKLY NEWS



## Headteachers Message

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre this week it was so lovely to talk to lots of our families and catch up.

Our Breakfast with Santa last Saturday was a huge success and I wish to thank staff who volunteered their Saturday Morning to ensure this could happen. I want to say a special thank you to the Friends of Ogmores Primary who organised and ran the event, your time is greatly appreciated.

All families received an email on Thursday with the arrangements for next weeks' Christmas Concerts. Please ensure you have read this so no-one misses their concert and pupils arrive on time for evening performances. Next week is very busy indeed with many of our concerts being performed along with some year group going on trips.

As a school we are continuing to share good practise with our Cluster schools and next Monday are sharing the work we have been undertaking regarding Family Engagement and the work we have been doing to ensure our pupils do not miss out on opportunities due to financial reasons.

I cannot wait to watch the concerts in full next week and spend time with our families sharing these special moments. I am also pleased to announce 3 of our classes achieved 100% attendance during our second ALL IN DAY today, well done to these pupils!

Thank you to those families who have given permission for their children to sing with the Male Voice Choir next Friday evening at Canolfan Bethlehem we are really keen to build on these community links.

Mrs Leanne Brown (Headteacher)

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### The week ahead

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:

HT Assembly:

9am- Drop- in Coffee Morning



#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec:

- Baby and Toddler Group 9am-10am
- Baby Yoga with Dee- 10am
- Nursery and Reception Concert 1.30pm
- Year 6 - Attendance Matters workshops
- Year 5/6 evening performance 5pm

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

- Year 3/ 4 Concert 1.30pm
- Nursery and Reception evening performance 5pm

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec:

- Year 1 and 2 class trip to Rhondda Heritage Park
- Year 5/ 6 Concert 1.30pm
- Year 3/ 4 evening performance

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec:

- Pupils can wear Christmas jumper every Friday in December (please wear uniform other days)
- Nursery/ Reception/ Class 5 trip to FUSE
- Year 6 working with Ospreys Rugby
- Last Day for donations for Toy Pop- up Shop
- Carol Service at Canolfan Bethlehem 6.30pm

# ALL IN DAY - RESULTS

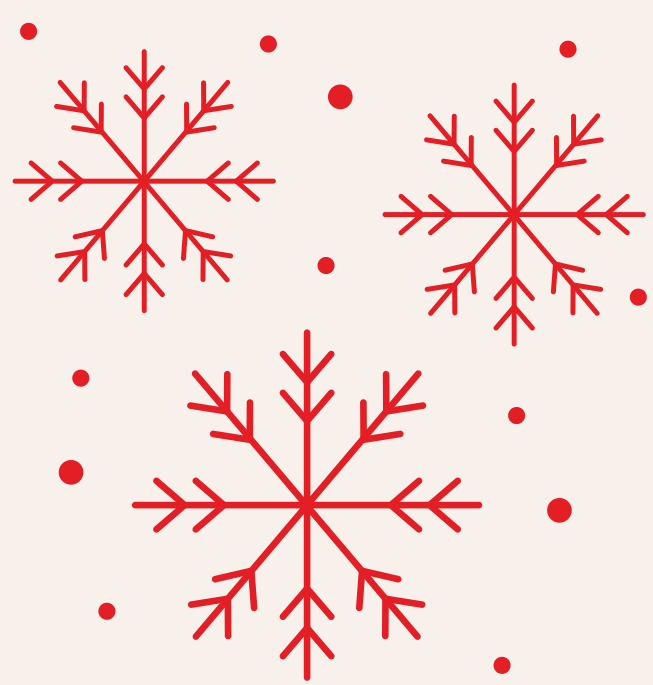
Classes with 100%

Well done

Class 2 100%

Class 7 100%

Class 11 100%



# POSTER *Competition*

**Well done to our winner Edie of the Children's Right Poster Competition. The poster will now be copied, laminated and put up around the school to remind our pupils of their rights.**



# We have some 'Pawsome' News.....

We are super excited to announce that Ogmores Vale Primary is going to be having a Therapy Dog.

Research shows that a Therapy Dog:

1. Provides emotional support to pupils.
2. Lowers cortisol levels therefore reducing stress levels.
3. Improves focus and social interaction for pupils.

This is Pippa and from February she will be our school Therapy Dog. A team will come in and train pupils, staff and Pippa- we are super excited and will keep you updated on all the developments.



# Our Library is Open



Our new family library opened on Tuesday and will be open every Tuesday in the **NEW YEAR 3PM-4PM.**



**Pupils can borrow up to 3 books of their choice. We have a huge selection and dedicated spaces to all ages and ability of reader.**

## HELP NEEDED:

To log all of our book onto our online software we need some help. If any parents/ carers have some free time please email school to support us getting all of our books on the system and ensuring they are all stickered correctly.





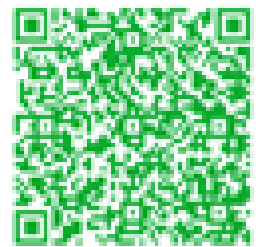
Thank you to all our families for visiting our Christmas Fayre it was so great to see the hall so busy. Congratulations to everyone who won a raffle prize.

5 tickets were drawn. If you were not present for the draw and have won a prize our admin team will phone you to let you know.

Please collect your prize from the office, thank you for everyone's contributions.



# Christmas Kitchen 2025



Do you, or someone you know, need a bit of extra help this festive season?

Scan the QR Code above to refer someone to receive FREE Christmas meals delivered on Christmas Eve or call community navigators on 01656 810400

- Anyone can refer (even self referrals)
- Open to anyone with a need
- Completely free

Deadline to refer is 16/12/25



## Volunteers Needed!

Do you want to give back to your community this Christmas?

We need volunteers on Dec 23rd/24th to:

- help prepare food
- organise area deliveries
- deliver meals Christmas eve (between 1-4pm)

Donations  
welcome  
too!

To donate, volunteer or for more information  
email [cllr.jane.gebbie@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.jane.gebbie@bridgend.gov.uk)

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# CHRISTMAS TOY POP UP

Collecting until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> December and 8:45am Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Balchinm5@hwbcymru.net) if you need extra support.



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