

OGMORE VALE WEEKLY NEWS



Headteachers Message

I cannot believe the Autumn Term is already over. OVP has achieved a lot in this term with many highlights. We were awarded the Bronze Welsh Award, recognised for sharing good practise in our cluster and had the highest engagement for parents evening for many years. Our pupils have also won the Historical Society Writing competition and the Poster competition for reminding local residents to keep our community clean and tidy. We have had great engagement with new extra-curricular timetable which offers pupils a range of additional experiences. However, the biggest achievement for us as a school is the progress our pupils have made. After a senior Leadership Team 'Book Look' for all classes it is evident pupils are making good progress and really engaged in exciting learning opportunities. We are keen to offer the 'extras' at Ogmores Vale but our priority will always remain pupils making strong progress in their learning. We are looking forward to welcoming our new DHT Mr Hanford in January and moving forward with our full Leadership Team in post. I wish all of our families a happy and enjoyable Christmas and a healthy New Year. We have lots of exciting things coming up next term which are highlighted later in this newsletter. Thank you for your continued support as always,
Mrs Leanne Brown (Headteacher)

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The First week back



Monday 6th Jan:

INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Tuesday 7th Jan:

- First day of the Spring term for our pupils.
- Ogmores Vale hosting Foundation Phase Professional Learning Community.
- Baby and Toddler group 9am.



'tis the season

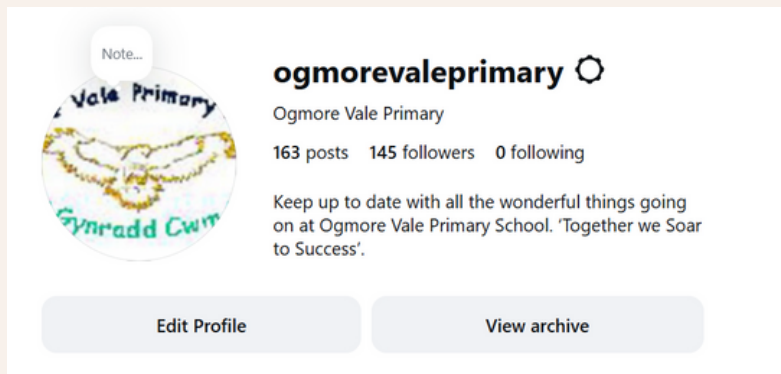
TO BE JOLLY

WISHING ALL OF OUR
FAMILIES A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR



DON'T FORGET WE WILL BE CHECKING THE SCHOOL
EMAILS OVER THE HOLIDAYS IF ANYONE NEEDS
ANY SUPPORT A MEMBER OF STAFF WILL GET IN
TOUCH. YOU ARE NEVER ALONE X

INSTAGRAM



We have had lots of really great feedback regarding our weekly newsletter to keep up to date with things going on and coming up in school. Don't forget you can also keep up with the interesting learning experiences the pupils are having via our **INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT**. We try to add updates to this weekly and hope it encourages conversations between families and pupils about the learning going on in school.

Follow us at: [Ogmorevaleprimary](https://www.instagram.com/ogmorevaleprimary)

Christmas at OVP!

It might be Christmas and we are having lots of fun but we are still learning at Ogmore Vale



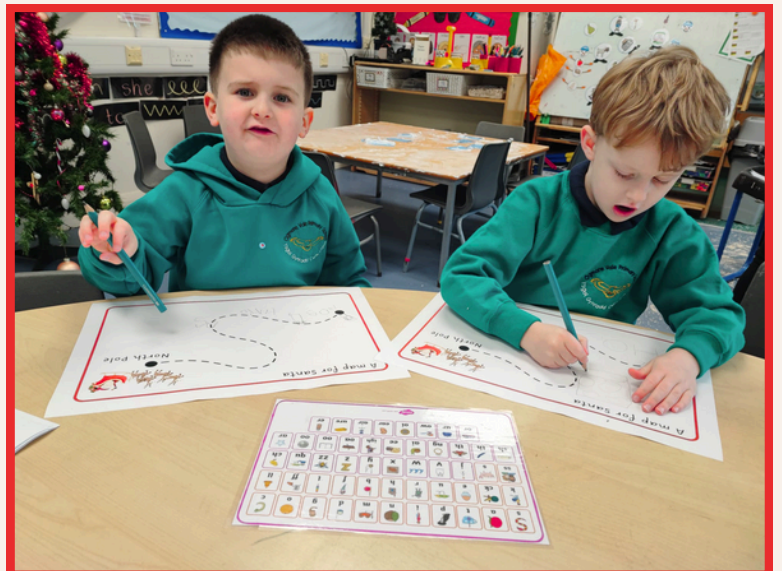
CHRISTMAS LEGO challenge



**Christmas
Numicon
Numeracy
Skills**



**Developing fine
motor skills by
following Christmas
patterns**



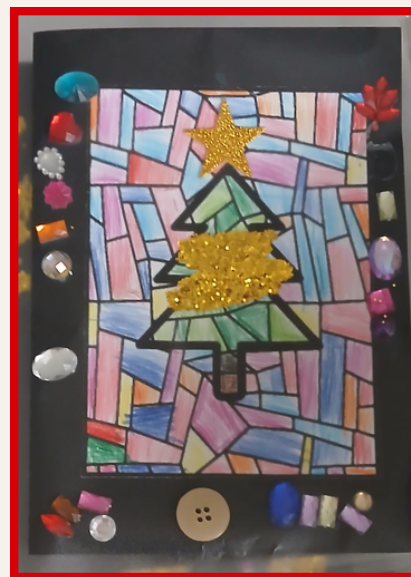
Christmas at OVP!



Year 1/ 2 have been exploring the text 'Stick Man'.

They have been making him, measuring him using non-standard measures and putting him ascending and descending size order.

Christmas Craft



Wonderful craft this week including Year 6 who designed their Christmas Cards on Adobe Express.

Attendance Matters

In this afternoons' special assembly we celebrated our 100% Attenders for the Term.

We are super proud of them. What an achievement- not one day off for 15 weeks.
Well done all!

They all received a certificate and a bag of Christmas Chocolate Coins.

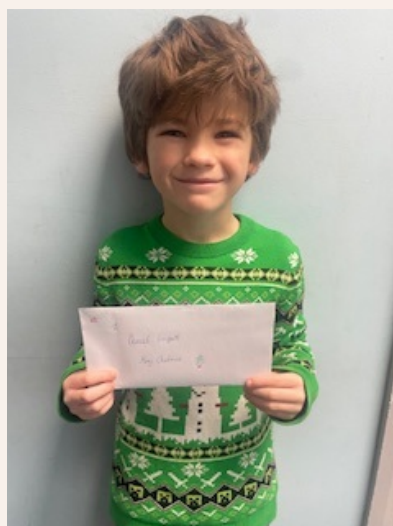
£50.00 Voucher draw

You may remember us adverting £50.00 voucher prize draw competition which all children will be entered into if they have 92% attendance (the Welsh Government Target) or above for the term.
The winner picked at random was.....

Daniel in Year 3

Congratulations

Daniel actually had 100% Attendance for the term which is amazing!



Next Term.....

We will get a Spring Term Calendar and important dates out to you by the end of the second week to ensure you can plan ahead.

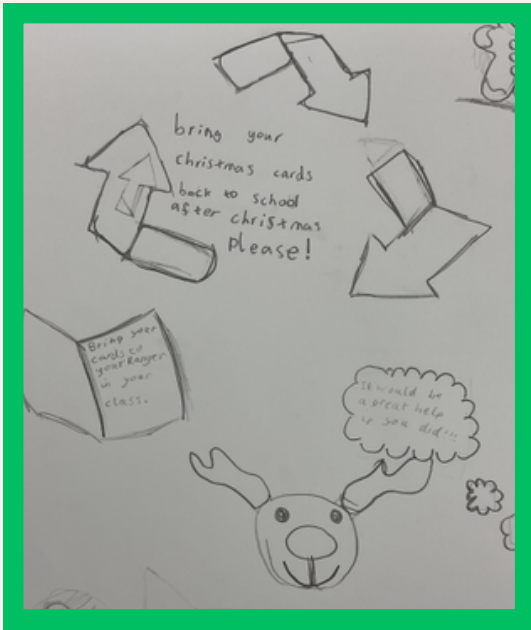
What else is coming up for OVP:

- **More work with outside agencies to enhance our Parental Engagement Offer.**
- **New Extra-curricular clubs will be added to timetable - which have been suggested via pupil voice.**
- **Additional community events and partnership working.**
- **Our Therapy Dog Pippa will be completing her training and joining us every afternoon from February.**
- **INNOVATE sessions will be taking place for each year group during the Spring for families to become actively involved in pupil learning.**
- **Family St David's Day event.**
- **Exciting school trips and visitors to school to further learning and skills.**
- **New incentives for recognising excellent behaviour and effort in school- WE NOTICE YOU!**

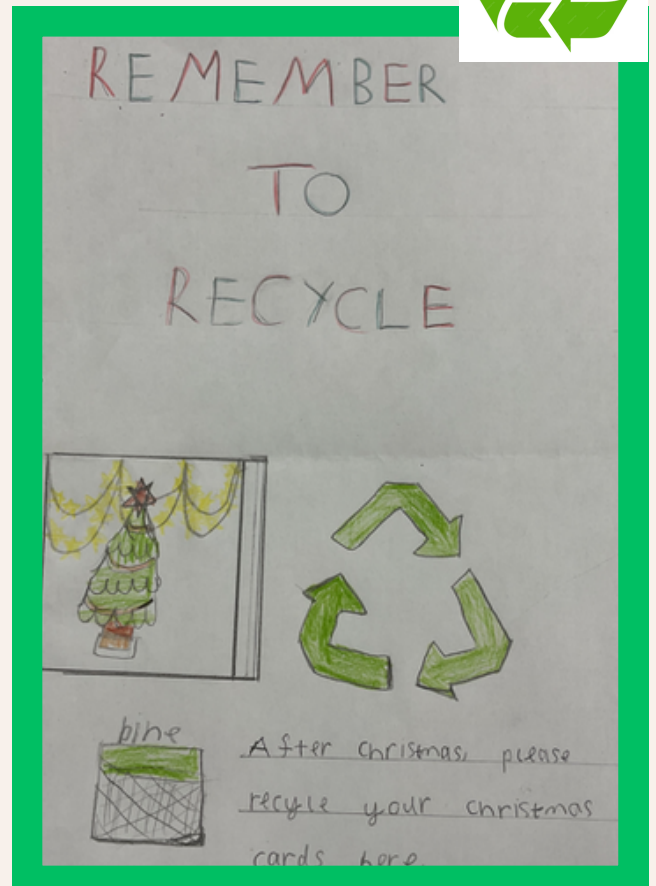
School Rangers

New Year Recycling Challenge

Our School Rangers are on a mission to recycle as many Christmas Cards as they can in the New Year. They have been designing posters for this.



They have also shared their idea with the school during assembly so everyone is aware. We will place a box in the main entrance for everyone to drop their Christmas cards into and The Rangers will ensure they are taken for recycling.



FAMILY SUPPORT AT OVP

NEW AREA OF SUPPORT

CITIZENS ADVICE SCHOOL FAMILY SERVICE

Our Family Engagement Officer has been working hard as usual to see what other networks of support she can bring to our families at Ogmore Vale Primary.

First session **Thursday 8th January**
How to book a slot: Come to office and complete a short interest form and your appointment will be booked for you.

Parental Engagement Maths course with Employability



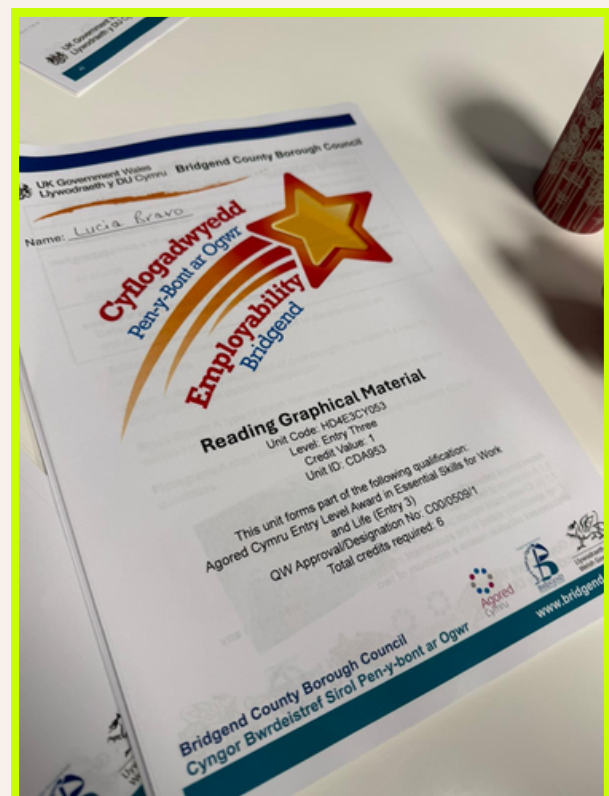
Fab to see a group of our parents engaging in our maths course with Employability. We are keen to support everyone in upskilling!

SCHOOLS FAMILY ADVICE
SOUTH WALES

Citizens Advice Bridgend provide free, confidential and impartial advice on a range of areas including debt, benefits, housing, employment and family.

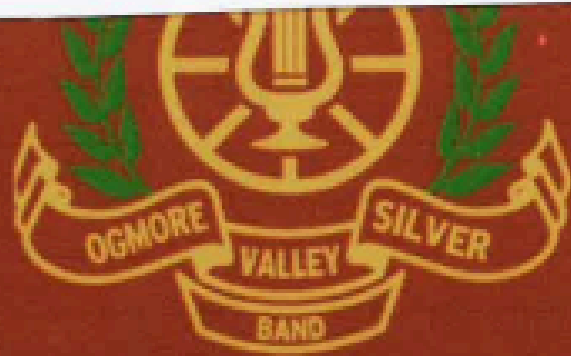
If you or your family need help to find your way forward, speak to one of our advisers:
Every other Thursday
at
Ogmore Vale Primary

CONTACT US
01656 762800
Monday - Friday 9am - 3.30pm



Community Event

Sunday 21st December



We're back for another
Valley Christmas Music Tour!

3pm - Nantymoel Clocktower

3:30pm - Court Colman Square

4pm - Wyndham Arms area

4:30pm - Clacks Ogmore Vale

5pm - Lewistown Post Office

6pm - Blackmill Community Carols

Subject to weather and parking availability

Supported by Ogmore Valley Community
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