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Coronavirus

In addition to the advice below, which has been given to us from Torfaen County Borough Council, the school's governing body requests that if your child or any member of your family develops a new persistent cough or fever then your child should be kept away from school while they self-isolate. Thank you.

ADVICE FROM TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Dear parent/carers

CORONAVIRUS – SCHOOLS TO REMAIN OPEN

The UK Government made some important changes yesterday (12.03.20) to the way we are all currently being asked to help manage the Coronavirus outbreak.

The two main messages about schools announced were that:

- schools should remain open so that children can continue their learning, but
- anyone with a **new** persistent cough or high temperature should stay at home (self-isolate) for 7 days, and let their school know.

At this time we are doing all we can to minimise the disruption being caused by the current outbreak. We know that we can rely on you to help us by following the advice about sending your children to school, good hand hygiene and, if necessary, self-isolation. We are also taking additional measures in school to re-inforce hand hygiene messages, and our building cleansing teams are focusing their work on key areas within school such as door handles, bannisters and desks.

The key messages from the Government's advice are:

- **If you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild,** stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started. (See **Ending Isolation** below for more information). This action will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious.
- Plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home
- Ask your friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home.



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- Stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible.
- Sleep alone, if that is possible.
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.
- Stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible. If you have underlying health issues you may need to consult with your own healthcare professionals.
- You do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Further information is available on the following websites if you need it:

- What to do if you have symptoms of Coronavirus - <https://gov.wales/what-do-if-you-have-symptoms-coronavirus>.
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) - self-isolation advice <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>.

Ending self-isolation

- You should remain at home until 7 days after the onset of your symptoms. After 7 days, if you feel better and no longer have a high temperature, you can return to your normal routine. If you have not had any signs of improvement and have not already sought medical advice, you should contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111.
- A cough may persist for several weeks in some people, despite the coronavirus infection having cleared. A persistent cough alone does not mean you must continue to self-isolate for more than 7 days.
- Further updates will be available from the PHW webpages available <https://phw.nhs.wales/>.

We know that people will have lots of questions over the coming days and weeks, and the best place to start to get answers is the UK government Coronavirus dedicated website <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>.

You will appreciate that the situation is fast moving, and that further changes may be announced in the coming days and weeks.

Significant changes will be reported in the mainstream media and we will contact you again if there are any changes which significantly affect the running of your school.



Please make sure that any outstanding payments for Techniquet Starlab are brought in next week.

This should be a unique and enjoyable experience for the children, while saving the expense of a trip.

A Belated Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you to Asda Cwmbran, and in particular our Community Champion, Kate, for providing us with enough welsh cakes for all the children on our Eisteddfod day.

Diolch yn fawr!

MAIN ENTRANCE FRONT DOORS

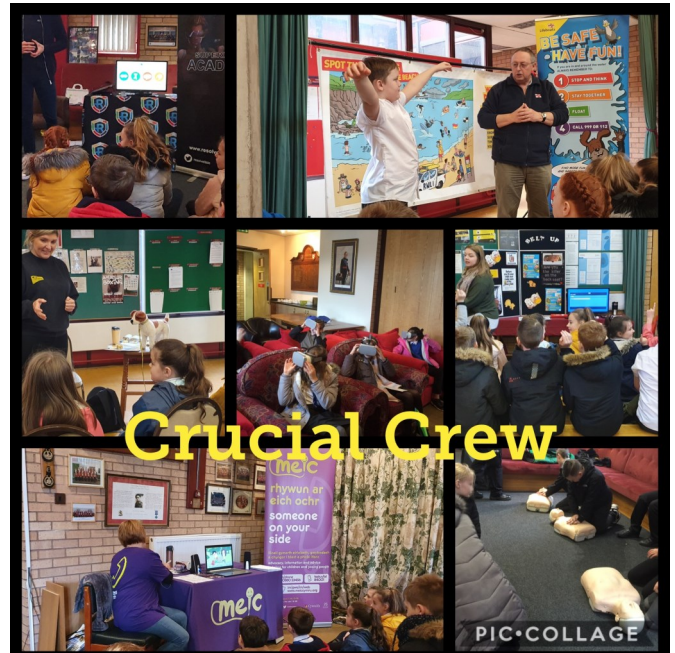
As many of you will have noticed our 'automatic' doors into the main entrance of the school are not functioning very well at the moment.

We are in the process of trying to get them repaired but please take care when using entering or exiting the building.

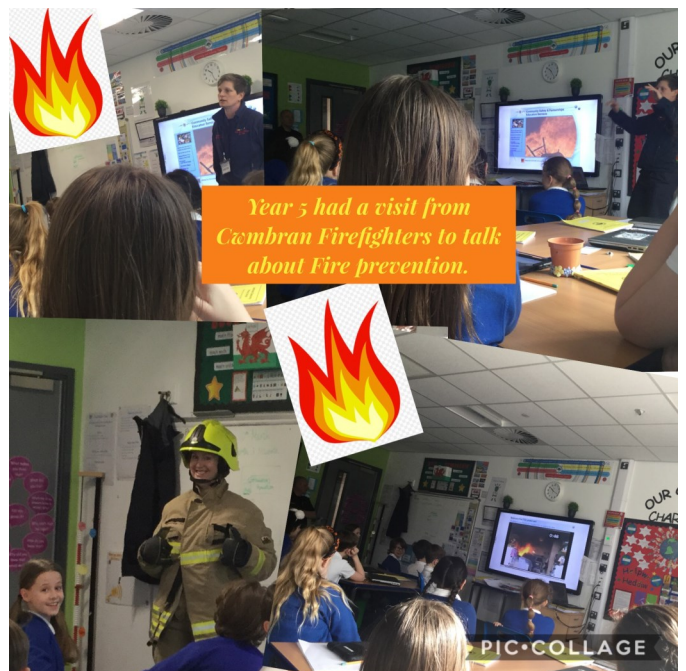


The upper junior Eco council members led assembly about ways to reduce energy use following an energy walk and meeting with the local authorities energy officer.

Dosbarth Maple and Apple's theme exit point will be on Tuesday 24th March, at 2pm



Year 6 visited 'Crucial Crew', which is a an initiative to deliver free safety and PSE workshops to all year 6 children.





World Down Syndrome Day is on March 21st. To help raise awareness and show support, we would like everyone to wear odd socks on Friday 20th March.

There is no donation needed, but we'd love everyone to get involved!



Easter Celebrations

In the last week of term we will be holding our Easter competitions:

KS2 - egg decorating

Foundation Phase - Easter bonnets



We are taking part in Torfaen's stretchy plastic recycling scheme.

Please send your stretchy plastic recycling into school:

Bread bags, carrier bags, bubble wrap, six pack rings are all suitable for recycling if they are clean and uncontaminated.

Of the schools taking part, the three schools who collect the most plastic win a prize of up to £300!

**Monday 1st June is now an INSET day
- this is an additional training day allocated by the WAG to support schools in their work towards the new curriculum.**

**Dosbarth Chestnut and Acacia's
Theme Exit afternoon will now
be held on Wednesday March
25th, at 2pm.**

Llantarnam Book Day - Thursday 26th

March

On Llantarnam Book Day children can come dressed as their favourite book character and parents are invited to come into school to read with their children between 11.00am and 11.45am.

During the afternoon staff will perform a traditional story for the children, and older pupils will read to younger pupils.

SAFETY ON SCHOOL SITE

We are still getting reports of unsafe behaviour on the school site at drop off and pick up times.

It is always busy in the mornings and afternoons so please consider parking away from the school, or walking instead of driving.

Please be aware of, and adhere to, our traffic management policy - e.g. reverse into spaces and remain stationary until 3.30pm when the gates open.

When walking around the site with children please make sure that they use the footpaths and cross at the zebra crossings and always ensure that young children remain under close supervision at all times.

If your child walks or cycles to school unaccompanied please take a moment to explain to them the importance of crossing the road safely and being aware of moving vehicles, even in what may seem like a safe place such as school grounds.

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Advice on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) for members of the public

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze

- Catch it with a tissue
- Bin it
- Kill it by washing your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

- After breaks & sports activities
- Before cooking & eating
- On arrival at any childcare or educational setting
- After using the toilet
- Before leaving home

- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles
- If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels

Stop germs spreading by using the e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene available through e-bug.eu

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus.

If you think you have symptoms of coronavirus, call NHS Direct Wales on 0845 4647 or NHS 111 if available in the area, for advice. Follow the Welsh Government advice for childcare or educational settings: gov.wales/guidance-educational-settings-about-covid-19

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from some specified countries should self-isolate for 14 days even if they do not have symptoms: gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas

phw.nhs.wales.uk/coronavirus

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Traffic Management Policy Summary

- All vehicles must park safely and in a designated space
- Speed limit on site 5mph
- Vehicles must reverse into spaces
- No vehicles are to move on site from 3:10-3:30pm (whilst the gates are closed)
- All vehicles must remain in parking spaces until the gates open (3:30pm)

Site Manager Mr Pitt, along with staff, pupil representatives (JRSOs – Junior Road Safety Officers) will monitor the situation regularly, issue tickets to and report any parents or visitors who do not adhere to the policy to the Head Teacher and Governing Body.

Repeated offenders will be banned from site



The choir will be performing at the Congress Theatre as part of Cwmbran Community Council's Choral Festival.

The Choral Festival will take place on Tuesday 24th March, at 6pm.

Tickets to watch the concert are available at £2 each, limited initially to 4 per family.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Chloe was awarded her 'Learn to Swim' 3 certificate

Evie has earned two sporting badges from Girl Guides

Well done!

Special Assembly

Class	Seren Y Wythnos
Maple	Charlotte & Millie
Apple	Grace & Isabelle
Sycamore	Sophie & Laila
Rowan	Catherine & Isabelle
Elm	Aurora & Riley
Beech	Lorna & Llewyn
Magnolia	Gracie & Kacey
Acacia	Chloe & Seb
Chestnut	Elliott & Ali

POLITE REMINDER

We are now a nut-free school. Due to a pupil with a severe allergy we ask parents to be mindful of the food they provide for lunch and snacks, and avoid products containing nuts e.g. hazelnut chocolate spread, nutty cereal bars etc.

TRAVELLING BOOKS
TAKE ON OUR
AUTHOR READING CHALLENGE
AND WIN AN AUTHOR VISIT FOR YOUR SCHOOL

ROLL UP AND READ AT THE BOOK FAIR

NEW **DOG MAN** Fetch-22 **DAVID PILKEY**
Hardback Only **£7.99** £10.99 £7.99

NEW **The Dinky Donkey**
£6.99

NEW **TOM GATES** SPECTACULAR SCHOOL TRIP (Book 1) **BY LIZ HODGE**
Hardback Only **£7.99** £12.99 £7.99

NEW **Taylor TURBOCHASER** **DAVID BADDIEL**
Paperback exclusive **£6.99**

NEW **David Walliams** **BEAST**
Hardback Only **£7.99** £14.99 £7.99

NEW **MICHAEL MORPURGO** **The Sandman and the Turtles**
Only **£2.99** £5.99 £2.99

TEST YOUR READING STRENGTH AND TAKE ON THE AUTHOR CHALLENGE

HUNDREDS OF THE BEST NEW BOOKS TO CHOOSE

The Book Fair will be held after school from Thursday 26th March to Wednesday 1st April, after school every day.

Microsoft Office 365 is now free to learners in Wales

Every child in Wales has a Hwb account - simply log in to Hwb (<https://hwb.gov.wales/login>) and download Office 365 (worth up to £69) on up to 15 of your personal devices. Microsoft Office includes: Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint, OneNote, Outlook, Access and Skype for Business.

You can also access Minecraft Education Edition for free too! Minecraft Education Edition is an open-world game that promotes creativity, collaboration and problem solving in an immersive environment.

If you need your child's log in details, please contact their class teacher.

Our new website has gone live:

www.llantarnamcommunityprimary.co.uk

We would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to parent and governor Ross Bigmore for putting so much work into creating it for us!

Google have teamed up with various children's organisations to create an online resource to help keep children safe in the digital world.

There is information that can help everybody navigate online dangers plus a link to 'Interland' which is an online adventure which aims to teach children how to stay safe online while having fun.

Click or copy and paste the link below for more information:

https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_uk

More useful information about safety when online gaming can be found here:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/online-gaming-for-families-and-individuals>



Thank you to everyone who has been using our clothing recycling 'Dragon Box'. As well as helping to keep old clothing from going to landfill unnecessarily, it helps to raise money for the school too.

The choir will be performing at Torfaen's Choral Festival on Tuesday 24th March at 6pm.

Tickets are available now from the school office, at £2.00 each.

Tickets will initially be limited to 4 per child.

Attendance Letters

Llantarnam Primary follows Torfaen's 'Strive for 95' scheme, which aims to raise attendance at schools across the borough.

In line with the scheme we will regularly send colour-coded attendance letters home with the children. The letters sent are themed gold for 100% attendance, green for between 95% and 99%, amber for between 90% and 94% and red for below 90%.

There is usually no cause for concern when receiving attendance letters - the main aim is to keep parents and carers informed about their child's attendance, and the 'traffic light' system is a very quick and effective way of indicating what that is.

Parents may be asked to meet with Mrs Perrett if their child's attendance falls below 90% (as a guide, if your child's attendance is 89% by the February half term it means they have missed 10 days of school).

It is inevitable that children will sometimes become ill, but they don't need to be kept off for coughs and colds, and we are able to administer medicine and antibiotics if a medicine permission form is completed.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance please don't hesitate to contact us.

Attendance

Is my child's attendance good?

100% - Excellent

95%+ - Good

90%-95% - adequate

Below 90% unsatisfactory

What about holidays?

Schools have the discretion to authorise up to 10 days absence per year.

Absence for holidays will NOT be granted if your child's attendance is below 95%, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

A holiday form must be completed and handed to the school office at least a week before the date of the holiday.

Lateness

Please ensure your child is in school on time. Pupils who arrive late disrupt lessons and miss an important part of the school day.

Attendance over the whole school year	Days missed from school
100%	0
99%	1
97%	5
95%	10
90%	19
85%	28
80%	38
70%	57
60%	76
50%	95
40%	114

Attendance School target and Best class

School target: 95.5%

Current attendance: 95.6%

Best Class: Rowan & Willow 98.5%

DIARRHOEA OR VOMITING ILLNESS

If your child has had any incident of diarrhoea or vomiting, your child will have to be at least 48 hours absent from school from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. (This is a recommendation from the Health Service to control the spread of infection.)

Please always be mindful to the residents on James Prosser Way and try to park considerately and safely, particularly not parking across driveways/blocking parked cars.

GWENT MUSIC TUITION

Gwent Music provide music tuition to children in school, at a cost of £65 per term for a group lesson. The lessons will take place on the following days:

Monday morning – Violin, Carli Stone

Tuesday afternoon – Celtic Band, Scott Mkeon

Wednesday morning – Brass, Chris Turner

Friday afternoon – Woodwind, Sarah Murray

For information about registering for music lessons please visit www.gwentmusic.co.uk

Financial assistance may be available – forms can be found on the website, or from the school office.



Schools across Wales have been preparing for the new curriculum for Wales since the acceptance of the 64 recommendations made by Professor Donaldson in Successful Futures.

Our new curriculum will be built on the 4 purposes:

To make our children:

1. Ambitious, capable learners who are ready to learn throughout their lives;
2. Enterprising, creative contributors who are ready to play a full part in life and work;
3. Ethical, informed citizens who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world;
4. Healthy, confident individuals who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

After working and providing consultation feedback on the draft framework through 2019 the final draft of our new curriculum will be published on Hwb at the end of this month.

Keep up to date – hwb.gov.wales

For more information on the development towards Curriculum 2020 visit:

<https://gov.wales/education-changing>

<https://hwb.gov.wales/draft-curriculum-for-wales-2022/a-brief-summary-of-the-changes-planned-for-education-in-wales/>



School Run Clubs

CLUB NAME	LEADER	CLUB	AGE RANGE	DAY	TIMES	SPACES
MRS SEMPLE		FOUNDATION FUN CLUB	RECEPTION – YR2	TUESDAY	15:15 – 16:00	FULL
MRS PRITCHARD		LIBRARY	YR2 – YR6	TUESDAY	15:15 – 16:15	FULL
MISS ELLAWAY		CODING	YR3 – YR6	TUESDAY	15:15 – 16:00	FULL
MR BIGMORE		FOUNDATION PHASE FOOTBALL	YR1 & YR2	TUESDAY	15:15 – 16:00	FULL
MRS SPENCER & MRS CHARD		COOKERY	YR4-YR6	TUESDAY	15:15-16:15	FULL
MR BIGGINS		FOOTBALL	YR3-YR6	WEDNESDAY	15:15 - 16:15	FULL
MRS PERRETT		GYM FUN	YR1&2	WEDNESDAY	15:15-16:30	FULL
MISS BOSHEIN		YOUTH CLUB	Y2-Y6	WEDNESDAY	15:15-16:15	FULL
MRS BROWN & MISS COURTNEY		GARDENING CLUB	YR2 – YR6	THURSDAY	15:15 – 16:15	FULL
MRS ARCHER		DANCING	JUNIORS	THURSDAY	15:15-16:15	FULL
MISS MIGGINS & MRS FREEBURY		WELLBEING	YR1&2	THURSDAY	15:15 – 16:00	FULL
MISS MILLER		CRAFT CLUB	RECEPTION – YR2	THURSDAY	15:15 – 16:00	FULL
MISS GRIFFITHS		NETBALL	YR3 – YR6	THURSDAY	15:15 – 16:00	3

External Clubs

CLUB LEADER	CLUB TITLE	AGE	DAY	TIME
MRS URWIN	MINECRAFT (forms available from school office)	YR2-YR6	TUESDAY	15:15-16:15

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 18th March	Technique Planetarium 'Starlab' to visit KS2 - £5 per child
Friday 20th March	World Down Syndrome Day - everybody to wear odd socks
Tuesday 24th March	Dosbarth Maple & Apple Theme Exit Point - 2pm, parents invited
Tuesday 24th March	Choir to perform at Cwmbran Community Council Choral Festival - 6pm. Tickets available now @ £2 each
Wednesday 25th March	KS2 Theme Exit Points - 2pm, parents invited
Thursday 26th March	Llantarnam Book Day - pupils can dress up as their favourite book characters Parents can come in and read with the children 11.15am to 12.00pm
Thursday 26th March - Wednesday 1st April	Scholastic Book Fair
Week beginning 30th March	Easter celebrations - Foundation Phase to make Easter bonnets, Key Stage 2 to decorate eggs
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	Break up for half term - normal finish time
Monday 1st June	INSET day
Wednesday 1st July	Transition day - Year 6 pupils to visit new schools, Nursery to Year 5 spend time in their new classroom and meet their teachers, and new Reception and Nursery children visit the school
Friday 17 th July	INSET day
Monday 20 th July	INSET day

Term Dates 2019/2020

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 02.09.19	Monday 28.10.19	Friday 01.11.19	Friday 20.12.19
Spring	Monday 06.01.20	Monday 17.02.20	Friday 21.02.20	Friday 03.04.20
Summer	Monday 20.04.20	Monday 25.05.20	Friday 29.05.20	Monday 20.07.20

Term Dates 2020/2021

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Tuesday 01.09.20	Monday 26.10.20	Friday 30.10.20	Friday 18.12.20
Spring	Monday 04.01.21	Monday 15.02.21	Friday 19.02.21	Friday 26.03.21
Summer	Monday 12.04.21	Monday 31.05.21	Friday 04.06.21	Tuesday 20.07.21

PARENT SUGGESTIONS BOX

School Reception

Please share your ideas and thoughts of ways we can continually improve our school to give the pupils the very best.

Diolch

Laura Perrett

Head Teacher – Prifathro

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