



Blaenbaglan Primary School

February Newsletter

January

- **Mon 9th** – School Closed – INSET
- **Thurs 12th** – Young Carers – Y6
- **Mon 23rd** – KS2 Parents' Meetings
Swansea City Football Tournament
- **Thurs 26th** – Bee1 – Carbon Capture
Science Project – Y6
- **Mon 30th** – FP Parents' Meetings

February

- **Mon 6th** – Design To Smile – Fluoride
Varnish
- **Tues 7th** – Hearing Screening - Rec
- **Tues 14th** – Drama Session – Yrs 5&6
- **Thurs 16th** – PTA - Valentine's Disco
- **Friday 17th** – PTA - Non-school
Uniform day
- **Mon 27th** – Welsh Week

March

- **Wed 1st** – St. David's Day
- **Thurs 2nd** – World Book Day
- **Fri 3rd** – World Book Day (If strike
action on 2nd goes ahead)
- **Tues 7th** – Morfa Bay Residential Visit
– Y6
- **Fri 24th** – Swansea Community Farm
Visit – Y3 & Y3/4

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 now receive Universal Primary free school meals. The roll-out is a part of the Welsh Government's commitment for every primary school pupil to receive a free school meal by 2024. Staff encourage pupils to try unfamiliar foods, however sometimes pupils may refuse to do this. There is always an alternative option on offer. Please take a look at the menu to see days that may not be to your child's liking.

<https://www.broccolibob.co.uk/documents/Menu-Jan23-Apr23.pdf>

Vegetarian option -

<https://www.broccolibob.co.uk/documents/Menu-Jan23-Apr23V.pdf>

ParentPay

Please pay for school dinners and school trips via ParentPay. Copies of your unique code are held in the office – please get in touch if you are having problems. Meals need to be paid for in advance. The Local Authority have bought in this system and pay less for a more basic version for primary schools, which doesn't enable parents to see their balance. If you wish to know your balance at any time, please ring the office.

A Schoop has been sent out regarding dinner money arrears. Please settle any outstanding money owed. If you would like to arrange a payment plan, please contact the office

Attendance 22/23

September	- 93.0%
October	- 92.6%
November	- 90.7%
December	- 85.4%
January	- 95.9%

Please let us know if your child / children cannot be in school for whatever reason on **the day** of their absence. Please notify the office or report the absence through Schoop, phone or e-mail. Our Education Welfare Officer monitors attendance and punctuality and follows the NPT School Attendance Referral Process. If you are taking a term-time holiday, there is an Absence form for you to fill in on Schoop or you can get a copy from the school office.

Article 28 - You have the right to a good quality education.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. We would like to encourage pupils (and staff) to dress up as a character from a book. If the planned strike action goes ahead on this day, we will hold our World Book Day on Friday 3rd instead.

Read Write Inc.

Pupils will be re-assigned Read Write Inc. groups after half term. Pupils will receive a letter explaining their new Read Write Inc. literacy group and what you can do at home to support them. Please could all pupils bring their book bag to school every day – thank you.

Welsh Week

This will run from Monday 27th March – Friday 3rd March. Pupils can wear traditional Welsh costumes or something red for the whole week. On Wednesday 1st March we will hold an Eisteddfod to celebrate the St. David's Day and Welsh Culture. Pupils will participate in an assortment of activities throughout the week.

Industrial Action

Members of the NEU will be on strike on Thursday 2nd March. This has been confirmed and school will be closed to pupils. Please be aware that further strike action is planned for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023. These dates will be confirmed closer to the time.

Parking

Please do not use the entrance to the school drive to drop off or pick up your child. The school staff parking area at the front of the school and the school yards should also not be used for parking and when collecting your child from after school club or extra-curricular clubs. Thank you for keeping our pupils safe.

Have a lovely half term break. See you all on Monday 27th February.

Term	Term begins	Mid Term Holiday		Term Ends
Autumn 2022	06/09/22	31/10/22	04/11/22	22/12/22
Spring 2023	09/01/23	20/02/23	24/02/23	31/03/23
Summer 2023	17/04/23	29/05/23	02/06/23	21/07/23