



# Blaenbaglan Primary School

## March Newsletter

### March

- **Wed 1<sup>st</sup>** – St. David's Day
- **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>** – World Book Day
- **Tues 7<sup>th</sup>** – Morfa Bay Residential Visit – Y6
- **Wed 8<sup>th</sup>** - School In-reach info. - Understanding & Supporting Worries
- **Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** - TATA Steel Graduate Programme – Garden Reveal
- **Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** - Red Nose Day – Dress Up For Joy!
- **Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** – Swansea Community Farm Visit – Y3 & Y3/4
- **Fri 31<sup>st</sup>** – End of Term

### April

- **Mon 17<sup>th</sup>** – Start of Summer Term
- **Mon 17<sup>th</sup>** - Bumbles of Honeywood – Yr 2
- **Tues 18<sup>th</sup>** - School Nurse – Puberty Talk – Yr 5
- **Wed 26<sup>th</sup>** - INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

#### Read Write Inc.

Following our Spring assessments, all pupils have now been placed in their new literacy groups. All children following our Read Write Inc Phonics scheme will bring home a letter this week to explain their new group. Pupils in Literacy & Language groups in Key Stage 2 will only bring home a letter if their group has changed.

As you are aware, once a book has been completed in school, this book and a phonics quiz will be allocated on Oxford Owl as homework (pupils in Ditty groups will bring home a Ditty sheet instead of an online book). Following parent feedback, we are in the process of putting together an online phonics pack, which will contain additional activities pupils can complete at home and will contain some links to videos to help you better support your child. We will contact you once this is ready. In the meantime, please refer to our RWI Parent Booklet, which was originally shared with you when we began this scheme back in October and is available on our website:

[https://cdnfiles.i2bloggy.com/30631\\_b/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Parent-Booklet-RWI-Phonics.pdf](https://cdnfiles.i2bloggy.com/30631_b/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Parent-Booklet-RWI-Phonics.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. If you wish to know your balance at any time, please ring the office.

A large amount of dinner money arrears has been cleared, however, there is still over £200 outstanding. Please contact the office to set up a payment plan.

#### Red Nose Day - DRESS UP FOR JOY!

This Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March is Comic Relief red Nose day. It feels like we all need a laugh right now, and this Red Nose Day is all about coming together, spreading joy, and having the best day ever in school. Pick a theme, don the best home-made costume ever, go red from head to toe or simply dig out your brightest socks. Wear something that makes you and your school smile, in return for a donation (ParentPay has been set up)

#### Industrial Action

The planned industrial action by NEU on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 was cancelled earlier this week. I am hopeful that the ongoing discussions between Welsh Government and the teaching unions will resolve the dispute and will prevent future strike days being taken. I will notify parents as soon as possible of any dates which result in school closure to pupils.

#### 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.

#### Red Nose Day

The children have had a lovely day today participating in some fun activities with their class. Thank you for making your donations to Comic Relief – we have raised £135 so far. Thank you for your continued support!

#### World Book Day

Thank you for helping your child to decorate their paper plate to celebrate World book Day. The School Council selected winners from each class who received a book which was kindly donated by the PTA.

Congratulations to:

|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Nursery | Evelyn Williams / Marina Phillips |
| LSC 1   | Mason Harber                      |
| Rec     | Aylin Kelly                       |
| Rec/1   | Jaxon Richards                    |
| Y 1/2   | Aiya Jones                        |
| Y 2     | Rowan Davies                      |
| LSC 2   | Kaci-Leah Child                   |
| Y 3     | Lucia Finselbach                  |
| Y 3/4   | Lottie Twomey                     |
| Y 4/5   | Myles Richardson                  |
| Y 5/6   | Bella Pugsley                     |
| Y 6     | Freya Gow                         |

#### Attendance 22/23

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| September | - 93.0% |
| October   | - 92.6% |
| November  | - 90.7% |
| December  | - 85.4% |
| January   | - 95.9% |
| February  | - 92.7% |

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.**

#### Mr. Davies' Class

Mr. Davies' class have been busy at home making their eco-houses. He has been very impressed with the detail and imaginative ideas that have been sent in. The pupils are looking forward to sharing their ideas with the rest of the class.

| 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  |