



# Blaenbaglan Primary School

## May Newsletter

### May

- **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>** - King's Coronation Celebration Tea Party
- **Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>** - Ospreys Rugby – Yr 6
- **Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>** - Ospreys Rugby – Yr 6
- **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>** – Pottery Workshops – Yr 3 & Y3/4
- **Fri 26<sup>th</sup>** – Break up – half-term

### June

- **Mon 5<sup>th</sup>** – Return to school
- **Tues 6<sup>th</sup>** - Ospreys Rugby – Yr 6
- **Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>** – Gower Heritage Centre – Y1, Y2 and LSC1
- **Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** – Harpist Performance – Whole School
- **Tues 27<sup>th</sup>** - Sports Day

### July

- **Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>** - It's a Crucial Crew – Yr 6
- **Tues 11<sup>th</sup>** - KS 2 Show – Porridge 1.30pm / 6.00pm
- **Wed 12<sup>th</sup>** - KS 2 Show – Porridge 1.30pm
- **Fri 14<sup>th</sup>** - Margam Park – LSC 1 & 2
- **Mon 24<sup>th</sup>** - INSET – School closed to pupils

#### Read Write Inc.

The latest RWI assessments have been undertaken and new groupings will be arranged for next week. We are extremely pleased with the progress that pupils are making on the scheme and look forward to seeing this impact on their writing in the long term.

#### Walking Bus

The walking bus will be running again from the Tyn Y Twr car park after half term – Day and time to follow.

#### ParentPay

We still have a significant amount of outstanding dinner arrears. Please settle these as soon as possible.

#### Breakfast Club

A reminder that Breakfast Club doors are opened at 8.10am. Pupils should not arrive in school before then. Foundation Phase pupils should be signed in at the door by an adult.

#### Is your child getting enough sleep?

Primary school-aged children generally need around 10 to 11 hours of sleep a night, while teenagers need around 8 to 10. To promote good sleep you should be:

- Having a regular time to go to sleep and wake up.
- Having a predictable and consistent night-time routine.
- Making sure children and young people are in natural daylight for at least half an hour – particularly in the morning.
- Making sure children and young people get enough exercise during the day.
- Older children should avoid napping in the day.
- Avoiding caffeine, particularly in the afternoon.
- Turning off computer screens or other devices at least an hour before bedtime. Blue light from TVs, tablets and mobiles excite the brain and interfere with the sleep hormone levels, preventing the brain from feeling sleepy.
- Having low lighting and a quiet space in bedrooms.
- Avoiding checking devices, particularly in the middle of the night.
- Supporting children and young people to develop positive coping strategies for regulating their emotions and managing their stress levels.

#### Attendance 22/23

September	- 93.0%
October	- 92.6%
November	- 90.7%
December	- 85.4%
January	- 95.9%
February	- 92.7%
March	- 92.9%
April	- 93.3%
May	- 91.9%

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. We are seeing an increase in late arrivals at school – please ensure your child is in school at the start of the school day – 8.50am. On wet days, the school will open its doors at 8.40am. If you are late bringing your child to school or need to collect during the day, please phone the office on your arrival.

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

#### Sensory Garden

The Blaenbaglan Sensory Garden was open to learners today for the very first time. A lot of hard work and collaboration has gone into the planning and finalising of this outdoor space where it is hoped, the learners can have a safe, quiet space to relax and recharge during the busy school day. Tata Steel community projects brought together a team of hard working and dedicated individuals who cleared, weeded, planned, designed and planted over the last few months culminating in a space where the learners have a quiet place to sit and talk, read or just listen to the natural surroundings. The plants were specially chosen to encourage the learners to engage with nature through their senses. We aim to install a wooden xylophone, water feature and wind chime next at the request of the learners themselves who have been eager and enthusiastic contributors to this specific project.

On behalf of Blaenbaglan we would like to extend our sincere thanks to the team at TATA Steel who worked tirelessly to help us create this space. We have had kind donations from various people and businesses, without which, this project would never have been possible.

Diolch, from all of us in Blaenbaglan.

#### Eco Flag Renewal

We are pleased to announce that we have renewed our platinum eco-flag for the second time. Thank you to the eco-committee and Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Skelton and Mrs. Hill for all your hard work.

#### Sun Safety

Please send in a hat/cap with your child to protect them from the sun at break times and during PE. Applying an 'Once a Day' sunscreen before coming to school would also prevent the need for it to be reapplied when in school.