



AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

What's been going on this term?

Trip to Big Pit- Year 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to 'Big Pit' last week as part of their concept 'Remembrance'.



Thank you to 'Cerdd NPT Music' for inviting us to this year's peripatetic roadshow in the Princess Royal Theatre! It was a wonderful experience!

Rainbow Rooms- The pupils from the Rainbow Rooms have been very busy this term enjoying lots of sensory experiences, practicing their letter formation and even going out into the town to visit the fair!



We have all enjoyed visiting Neath Library! We have been lucky enough to all have our own library cards and to borrow a range of texts to enjoy back in school! The staff are also going to be supporting us with our whole school concept this term, 'Remembrance'.

Family Learning Groups- ALL WELCOME!

We will soon be welcoming partner agencies into school to run some wonderful groups including:

'BABY TALK'- This is a class for parents and carers to bring children aged 1-3 to play, learn and have fun whilst developing their early speech and language skills! This class is open to all members of the community, not just parents of current pupils, and will be starting after half term, details to follow!

MULTIPLY YOUR SKILLS- This is a group run by NPT College to support adults to upskill in Mathematics! It is a free program which will run for either 5 or 10 weeks. This will be starting after half term, details to follow!

Parent/ Carer Focus Group- Let's Talk About Progress!

In line with new curriculum developments, we would like to invite a small group of parents and carers to termly meetings to look at pupil progress. What do you want to know? How? When? Why?

We will be sending out slips about this within the next few days and would love to have some insight from parents and carers as to how we can embed a shared understanding and approach to progression throughout our whole school community!



After School Clubs-

This week has seen the welcome return of after school clubs! The children have been enjoying Dance Club with Miss Colman, Football Club with Mr Graham and 'Reduce, Reuse, Remake' with Miss Madden! A huge thank you to the staff who dedicate their own time to giving the children these fantastic experiences!

School Uniform and PE Kit

Well done to everyone who comes to school looking so smart in your school uniform and in your school jumper, white top and dark bottoms on PE day! This ensures that the children retain their sense of pride and community brought about by wearing their school uniform, even on their PE day!

Please ensure that all clothing worn to school is appropriate i.e. **no** cropped tops or excessively short shorts. Thank you.



Healthy Snacks- We are a healthy school and so pupils are only permitted to bring fruit or vegetables for snack time in school. Please avoid giving your child crisps, biscuits etc. Also, pupils are encouraged to drink water or milk, which is provided. Please refrain from flavoured water or squash. Thank you.

Pupil Voice:

The children have been busy voting for their peers to represent them on our various pupil voice groups. We are very proud of the children's strong voice here at Gnoll Primary School and how seriously they take their crucial roles on these committees.

'Rights Respecting Committee'

We are a 'Rights Respecting School' with a wonderful committee of passionate young people who drive and promote the UN Convention of Children's Rights throughout our school.

Through our important work, we aim to ensure that

- Children are healthier and happier ;
- Children feel safe
- Children have better relationships

- Children become active and involved in school life and the wider world

The Right of the month for **October is... 'Setting up or joining groups'**



'Y Senedd'

Our Senedd group will continue with their attendance and punctuality project with our EWO, Mrs Bryant, our attendance governor, Mrs Hopkins and Miss Evans to work on a project to improve our attendance and punctuality.

Our target is 90%, our current attendance is 87%. Let's keep working hard to improve and achieve our target!

Remember:

- To inform school if your child is off at all.
- We are able to administer medication in school providing you complete a form in the office.
- School starts at 8.50am, please try to be on time as literacy lessons start straight away!
- School finishes at 3.20pm, please try to avoid collecting pupils early unless there is a valid reason/ medical appointment.
- Regular late arrivals/ early collection seriously impacts upon children's learning time.

ECO Committee

We are very proud to have earned our Platinum Eco Award due to our strong focus on looking after our environment and the elements of Eco schools which is embedded throughout our curriculum. A huge thank you to Mrs Harcombe and the Eco Committee for their hard work in this area!

School Council-

Our School Council members have been voted in by their peers and have already been busy organising their first event! We are thrilled to announce that we will be holding a cake sale on Friday October 13th in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research, a cause with is very close to our hearts here in Groll Primary School. We would welcome donations of shop

bought cakes for the sale- please remember, we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL and children are welcome to bring money into school to purchase a cake.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school throughout the year to join us for lots of lovely occasions such as family learning groups and class assemblies. Your contribution to developing our school as a happy, nurturing, exciting environment where your child will grow, progress and develop lifelong skills are truly invaluable.

Kind regards,

Miss Faye Evans

Acting Headteacher