





## Weekly Newsletter week ending 24th November Gary Cole Acting Headteacher

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### Dates for the Diary

Finesse photography individual photos – <u>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November</u> Godre'rgraig Christmas Fete - <u>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December</u> Next Step in Learning Meetings - <u>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December</u> Nurs -Yr3 Christmas Santa trip (Gwyn Hall Neath) <u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></u>

<u>December</u> Whole school Christmas concert – <u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</u>

(10am) and Thursday 14th December (2pm)

Christmas dinner day - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

New INSET day on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December (no school for children: teacher training)

### Back Home? (Best News Ever!)

NPT Council's aim is to seek funding from Welsh Government to build a new school for Godre'rgraig. There is some way to go yet before any of the details can be confirmed with any certainty but we will keep you all informed as things progress. A commissioned report seeks approval from Cabinet to make Changes to the Council's Sustainable Communities for Learning, Band B and Band C Strategic Outline Programmes.

The report requests the following variation -

Removal of the Swansea Valley scheme from Band B and replace with new build Godre'r graig Primary school.

The report can be accessed following the link <u>Agenda for Cabinet</u> on Monday, 20th November, 2023, 2.05 pm: NPT CBC

### A big thankyou to the PTA

Because of all the monies raised from raffles, disco and film nights, the PTA have kindly donated –

£485 for the leavers hoodies,

\$400 for the Welsh Whisperer

£275 for Maths reasoning resoucres
£112 for Christmas gifts for the children

We would like to extend the thankyou to all the parents for supporting the organised events to enable the PTA to support the school and the children. Diolch Pawb!

### It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Christmas is coming and that only means one thing (well three or four actually!)

Godre'rgraig PTA are holding their Annual Christmas fete at Godrer'rgraig School hall.

The Christmas concerts are also upon us (this year we are holding a whole school concert (ticket details to follow)

Mrs Davies and Mrs Jenkins Class are visiting the Gwyn Hall to watch 'Santa's Christmas Wish'. Santa will also be gifting presents to all the children

Ks2 Christmas trip to be announced soon!

### Attendance

This weeks winner of the F.A. Cup (Full Attendence Cup)

Year 5/6 - 95.43%

Year 2/3 - 93.83%

Year 4/5 - 90.5% Nurs/Rec/Yr1 - 88.7%

(we are all striving for 95%)

### Parking

To keep everyone safe at the beginning and end of the day please leave the bus bays clear.

Please try and avoid parking on the zig zags and any other bends that may cause a hazard.

Thank you for your support.



This week NPT council started their 'miss school, miss out' campaign. It highlights the benefits of regular and punctual school attendance, the available support for your child, and how you can help to prevent absence. To learn more please visit the webpage: www.npt.gov.uk/school-attendance.

### This week at Godre'rgraig

This week, Yr5/6 have had a wonderful experience practising and transfer their mathematical skills into real life contexts. Their visited 'Home Bargains' in Pontardawe retail park and purchsed items from their £2 spend. They had to learn to budget effectively, Calculate the total amount of their spend and then work out how much change they wold receive from their purchases. They now realise how exspensive the cost of living is and how lucky they are when Santa Calls!!!

This week the whole school and every class at Godre'rgraig have started to ramp up their Christmas preparations for the concert. It's been lovely visiting every class and hearing the beautiful angelic singing coming from the teachers (I mean children!). It really does start making you feel the special tingle of Christmas. We hope you will all join us on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at our school hall. Tickets will be available to purchase at the end of next week and we will contact you via Schoop to inform you when they are ready.

# Good attendance means being in school at least 95% of the time (180 to 190 days) 175 days ronterm days Al bas time for hospins, hospins and hospins and

# Godre'rgraig Class Structure 2023-2024

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Nursery Reception/Year 1	Mrs L Davies	Miss C Parry, Mr. R Probert
Year 2/3	Mrs H Jenkins	Mrs L Isaac, Mrs J Harris, Ms R Martin
Year 4/5	Mrs C Raisbeck	Miss J O'Brien
Year 5/6	Miss M Jones	Miss J Perkins