

Weekly Newsletter week ending 15th December

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Dates for the Diary

INSET day on Monday 18th December (no school for children: teacher training)

PTA whole school Christmas film – Cost £2 to include popcorn,

sweets and drink - **Tuesday 19th December** -

End of School term – **Friday 22nd December**

New School Term – **Monday 8th January 2024**

Nurs-Yr3 really enjoyed their Christmas show and their visit to see Santa!

Year 4-6 have also enjoyed a well-deserved Christmas treat this week, going to watch Wonka!

A big thank you to you all!

What an amazing Christmas concert at Godre'rgraig Primary school. It was fantastic to see so many parents, grandparents, family members and carers. Thankyou to everyone who attended and watched our performances of 'Christmas around the World'. The children and staff were incredible. Thankyou all.

Attendance

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



Year 5/6 – 95.37%

Year 2/3 – 93.26%

Year 4/5 – 91.8%

Nurs/Rec/Yr1 – 88.7%

(we are all striving for 95%)



NPT council have 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.



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 C Strategic Outline Programmes. The report requests the following - Removal of the Swansea Valley scheme from band B and replace with new build Godre'rgraig Primary school.

The report can be accessed following the link [Agenda for Cabinet on Monday, 20th November, 2023, 2.05 pm: NPT CBC](#)

Some sad news this week, Mrs Raisbeck is leaving Godre'rgraig Primary School and taking a well earned retirement!

Mrs Raisbeck will be a massive loss to the school, but also to myself. She was going to leave in September, but being the generous person that she is, she kindly extended her stay to help myself (Mr Cole) out in supporting Godre'rgraig until Christmas.

On a personal note, I have worked with Mrs Raisbeck for many years not just at Godre'rgraig, but also for the local authority and she is one of the best and most dedicated teachers I have been fortunate to work with.

I'm sure you will join us as staff and pupils to make this last week the best ever for Mrs Raisbeck and do everything we can to give her the best send off. Good luck in whatever you do in the future Mrs Raisbeck, you will be sorely missed. Come back and see us soon!

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 at Godre'rgraig

This week Mrs Davies' class have been learning about the story Whatever Next. Pupils talked about what is important to them and made a list of items to take on Baby Bear's rocket trip! Pupils then justified their reasons for each item. Whilst learning about shapes; pupils have identified the properties of different 2D shapes, creating paint shape rockets and investigating shape Christmas presents.

Year 2/3 have had a busy week; In maths they have continued to look at money and talked about giving change and making amounts. The children have talked about the different machines they have learnt about this term and the children were discussing which machine they think is the most important and why.

Year 4/5 have been very busy this week using their Welsh vocabulary and ICT skills to write an @InstaWelsh' post!

This week, Year 5/6 have been completing their final drafts of their persuasive adverts for their inventions and their 1st person comic strips in Welsh. Year 5/6 have been reflecting on their work and self-assessed their next steps. They have started to look at percentages of quantities in preparation for their pitches for inventions next week.

Everyday counts... in large amounts



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

