Newsletter Week ending 9th October 2026

Jack and the Beanwalk
The children thoroughly enjoyed the Jack and the Beanwalk theatre production and workshops, which brought important road safety and active travel messages to life in a fun and engaging way. Through drama, discussion and practical activities, pupils learned about making safe choices when travelling, the benefits of walking and cycling, and how they can play a positive role in keeping themselves and others safe. It was a fantastic learning experience that was both educational and highly enjoyable for all involved.

Parking Reminder
To help keep all children safe at the beginning and end of the school day, we kindly ask parents and carers to park responsibly when dropping off and collecting pupils. The **school gate opens at 9:10am** and the **school day ends at 3:30pm**. Please avoid parking blocking the driveway or stopping near the school entrance, and consider using Cwmtawe's drop off bay or walking part of the journey where possible. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe.

Shwmae Day- Thursday 15th October
We are looking forward to celebrating Shwmae Day, a special day that encourages everyone to use and enjoy the Welsh language. "Shwmae" (or "Sut mae?") is a friendly Welsh greeting meaning "Hello, how are you?" and the day aims to promote pride in our language and culture. To join the celebrations, children are invited to wear red, white and green, the colours of Wales. We look forward to seeing everyone taking part and using a little Welsh throughout the day!

Show Racism the Red Card Day – Friday 16th October
Pupils and staff will be taking part in Show Racism the Red Card Day, a national campaign that promotes equality, respect and inclusion for all. Children are invited to wear something red to school to help raise awareness and show their support for standing against racism. Throughout the day, classes will take part in age-appropriate activities that encourage understanding, empathy and the importance of treating everyone with kindness and respect. We look forward to coming together as a school community to celebrate diversity and show racism the red card.

Paned a Sgwrs- Community Focused Schools- Tuesday 13th October
Join us each week for a cuppa and a chat (Paned a Sgwrs). Our Family Engagement Officer, Miss Ceri-Anne John is a friendly face so don't be afraid to come by yourself. Please help us make this ongoing event a success by popping in when you can and together overtime we can tailor this session to our school community needs. It really would be lovely to see you there- **Every Tuesday** meet at the school gate for 9:10am and once the children are safely in their classes we'll invite you in.

CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshop
We are pleased to be hosting the first of our School In-Reach Parent/Carer Workshops, Self Esteem and Resilience, on **Wednesday 14th October 9:30am to 11:00am**. This workshop offers practical strategies and support to help children manage their thoughts and feelings supporting their wellbeing both at home and in school. Building strong partnerships with families is at the heart of our vision at Godre'rgraig, and we encourage parents and carers to take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

Attendance

Neath Port Talbot schools continue to place a strong emphasis on improving attendance through the local authority's attendance initiative, recognising that "Every Day Counts." We ask for your support in ensuring children attend school regularly and arrive on time wherever possible. By working together, we can help every child make the most of the opportunities available to them and achieve their full potential. At Godre'rgraig we aim for a whole school attendance of 95%.



Whole School attendance 94.21%

F.A. (full attendance) Cup winners were Dosbarth y Mynydd 95.91%
Dosbarth y Glowyr with 94.78%
Dosbarth yr Afon 91.53%



Dosbarth yr Afon

Dosbarth yr Afon used Google to follow the route to school from Ystylafera to Pontardawe before creating a map of the area, sequencing landmarks on the way. They have also talked about the characters in The Enormous Turnip, using descriptive language, before drawing and describing their favourite. The children have been learning about addition, with the younger children finding 'one more' and the older children adding groups and using number bonds.

Dosbarth y Mynydd

This week in Years 3, 4 and 5, we have begun writing our biographies. The children have successfully completed and edited their introductions, focusing on making them clear, engaging and informative. In Numeracy, Year 3 have been halving numbers using the partitioning strategy and explaining the value of digits in numbers up to 1,000. Year 4 have been developing their understanding of multiplication and division by 10 and 100, as well as adding a 2-digit number to a 3-digit number. Year 5 have been multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by 10 and 100, alongside adding 3-digit numbers together. In Topic, we have been comparing the contributions of Mary Anning, Gideon Mantell and Richard Owen, exploring how their discoveries and work helped shape our understanding of the past. The children then considered why these individuals are regarded as significant figures in history and discussed the lasting impact their contributions have had on society and scientific knowledge.

Dosbarth y Glowyr

This week Dosbarth y Glowyr started maths with an 'anchor' question where they had to activate their prior knowledge to answer the multiplication question. They worked collaboratively and shared their methods on how to answer the strategic competence question. After that, Y Glowyr learnt different methods on how to answer long multiplication, chose which one they liked the best and apply the method to answer different types of questions. In literacy, Y Glowyr have been writing their news broadcast script and have been practicing learning it ready to act it out in the style of a news broadcast! To help us answer our big question 'What does our village tell us about the past?' Y Glowyr have been looking at census data focusing on religion in Godre'rgraig. The children looked at the data to identify patterns, turn the data into bar charts on J2E and finally turned the data into percentages. Gwaith bendigedig!

Diary Dates
28.9.26 Year 6 skills day at Cwmtawe Comprehensive School
30.9.26 - CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshop 2- Managing thoughts and feelings
5.10.26 NPT Road Safety Jack and the Beanwalk
6.10.26 - School photos
14.10.26- CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshop 3- Self esteem and resilience
15.10.26 - Shwmae Day (Wear red, white and green- the colours of Wales)
16.10.26 - Wear Red Day (Show Racism the Red Card)
19.10.26 - Annual Flu Vaccinations
21.10.26 - CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshop 4- Relationships
23.10.26 - Dosbarth y Glowyr Educational Visit to Dylan Thomas Theatre and Swansea Museum
26.10.26 - Half-Term Holiday Begins
2.11.26 - Children Return to School
13.11.26 **INSET Day school closed to all learners**

Thank you for your continued support.
Cofion cynnes / Warmest regards,

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