



Newsletter



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Spring Term - March 2nd, 2018

Snow Days

All schools in Neath Port Talbot were advised to close due to the adverse weather conditions. The headteacher and chair of governors took the decision to follow this advice. The local authority would not have taken this decision lightly and their communication with schools has been extremely helpful and supportive. Closing a school during the school day or within short time limits is very stressful, as parents cannot always get to the school and this poses high risks for pupils, parents and staff. Therefore, the LEA advice gave parents and schools plenty of time to make necessary arrangements. Many thanks to the LEA for their support. Two snow days for the children too! That doesn't happen very often so we hope you all made the most of it for the children. There have been some short clips of children sledging and some snow sculptures. If you want to send us yours please do so, it'll be great to see what fun the children had. What a great opportunity for the children and time to make special memories. We hope you all enjoyed! School is due to reopen on Monday as the weather forecast is far better. If this changes at all over the weekend we will let you know as soon as we can. Have a great weekend all!

St. David's Day

As the school was closed on this day we will now be holding our St David's day celebrations next Wednesday, March 7th.

World Book Day

As we missed our world book day due to the snow day, this will now take place on Thursday next week, March 8th.

Space for a joke!

What never asks a questions but is often answered?

A door bell

Mother's Day gifts

There are gifts on sale in school at £2 per gift as from March 7th. Just send in the money with your child and they will choose a surprise gift for their mum, grandparent, or female person in their life.

Director of education visit

The director and his deputy met with parents last week. The main points raised as a result of the meeting were:-

- Trips. Some felt that there wasn't enough though others felt there was an appropriate number. Teachers plan for at least one trip per term that links with the classroom learning. As trips can be costly for parents we also take this into consideration, especially at particular times of the year.
- Clubs. Some parents are happy with the number of clubs and others feel that there should be more. Teachers who run clubs do so on a voluntary basis. It is not in their pay and conditions that they have to run clubs so we rely on volunteers. However, if you would like us to employ outside agencies to run more clubs we can do so. However, we would then need to charge for this.
- Homework. Inconsistencies within classes. Some get lots and other classes don't get any. Staff and governors will put this on their agenda and develop a homework policy for Eastern. We would also like to know what you think is reasonable for your child considering their age, the amount of activities you take them to outside school in the week and also your family time at the weekend.
- Communication. All parents were satisfied with the home/school communication at present.



Adult Community Learning invites to a

FREE

Family Learning Day

on

Wednesday 21st March 2018

From 10.00 am—2.00pm

In

The Orangery, Margam Park

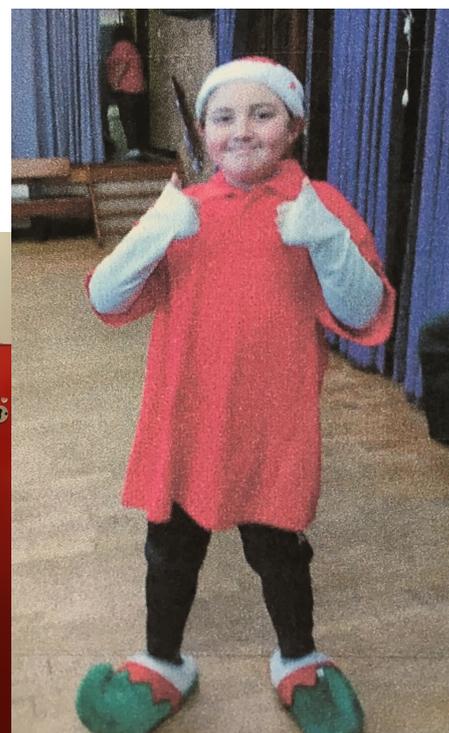
Fun indoor and outdoor activities
Transport and lunch provided

Entry by ticket only—ask your school for more details

 Neath Port Talbot ACL 

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Extremely proud of these two pupils!!



This 5 year old little girl grew her hair long enough for her to donate it to charity. Kaydi's hair was cut and is now being used for making wigs for cancer patients who have lost their hair through treatment. What a thoughtful, caring young lady! Well done to you for your act of kindness. That is very very special and we are all very proud of you!

This 10 year old young boy gave up his Christmas Day to serve lunch to the homeless, disadvantaged and lonely people amongst our community. He is the youngest person to have done this within the local volunteer charity. What an amazing, thoughtful, generous boy! Well done Kian. We are all very proud of you. A very special boy!

Diary Dates

March 5th	Cycle craft year 6
March 7th - 9th	Mother's Day gifts on sale for children to buy. PTA organising.
March 11th	Mother's Day
March 14th	PTA meeting 2.30 at school
March 15th	Foundation Phase - wheels day Rugby and netball fixtures
March 16th	KS2 wheels day
March 19th	Parent meetings 3.30 - 5.30. Appointments only.
March 21st	Free family day at Margam Park
March 26th	Year 5 visit to Dyffryn - dress rehearsal for show Parent meetings 3.30 - 5.30. Appointments only
March 28th	Easter bonnet parade
March 29th	Last day before Easter holidays