



# Newsletter



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## **Happy New Year**

Welcome back everyone and happy new year to you all. We have had a good start to the new term and it has been great to chat to the children about their holiday and their family Christmas time. Everyone is also happy to get back to routine and the classroom learning has made a good start once again. Class teachers will be sending their class newsletters out to you next Monday so you know what your child is learning and how you can help.

As always, if you have any questions / worries / concerns / comments, please let us know so we can answer / help / solve / respond. The answers are in school, not on Facebook obviously.

## **Reading letters coming home**

Do you know how well your child is doing with reading? To help you find out, teachers are sending home your child's reading test results. School provides extra reading sessions for every child who is not achieving what they are supposed to achieve. We have programs and additional reading time for these children. We are asking for your help in addition to this if your child is not achieving the appropriate level. When you receive your letter please speak to the class teacher about what you can do at home to help your child get their reading at an age appropriate level. Reading is key for success as we all know. We can help you, to help your child. Just let a member of staff know that you need help in supporting teaching your child to read.

## **Behaviour policy**

This has been updated and placed onto the school website for reference. It states that as a school we want everyone to be kind and respectful. (As we want in society). The policy has clear steps as to how we will respond to acts of unkindness and disrespect. Please take a look and we welcome your comments.

### **Banksy**

This has caused a great deal of publicity, debate and discussion. It certainly has put Taibach and it's community on the map. The work has most certainly had an impact on school and the message Banksy gave has inspired the learning at school and we intend to exhibit our work towards the end of this term. The children have been very responsive and have amazing thoughts on the work and where it should belong. For us, it is shame to hear that it may be taken away from our vicinity. It was placed there for a specific purpose and the children's learning has been based around this; their community, the environment, pollution, the future, values, care, freedom, happiness and so on. Hopefully, the grown ups will listen to what the children want too.



As part of the Banksy political message of global issues the school is looking at environmental changes that need to happen, one of which being the problem of soft plastic and the effect on marine life. We have learned about eco bricks. Take a look here -

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Please fill a 1litre or 2 litre empty, waste drinks bottles with soft plastic that cannot be recycled. 330g of soft plastic per litre. Challenge on!

### **If your child is ill**

If your child has sickness and / or diarrhoea they must be 48 hours clear from the last bout before they return to school. This is to reduce the risk of other children and staff suffering with the illness also. Some illnesses are very contagious and we have to take every precaution to keep ourselves well and healthy.

If your child has any learning difficulties the local authority are giving you the opportunity to discuss any concerns you have. You will need to make an appointment to see them on Feb 22nd at St Paul's centre. You can make the appointment by emailing [education@npt.gov.uk](mailto:education@npt.gov.uk)

### **Welsh Phrase - are you practising?**

An early morning phrase as they wake and as they come into school.....Bore da ...Good morning....  
Sut wyt ti ..... how are you?

**New phrase**  
**Wyt ti'n iawn?**  
(oy teen eeown)  
**You ok?**

### **Diary Dates**

<b>Jan 14th</b>	Class newsletters will be out for parents. Year 3 - visiting speaker from Keep Wales Tidy
<b>Feb 13th</b>	Valentine disco - to be confirmed.
<b>Feb 20th</b>	Fire service to talk to children about safety at home. Years 2 & 5
<b>Feb 25th</b>	Half term
<b>March 1st</b>	St David's day
<b>March 4th</b>	Welsh week - dress code - welsh theme all week
<b>March 25th</b>	Parent meetings with teachers. Pupil progress.
<b>April 1st</b>	Parent meetings with teachers. Pupil progress.
<b>April 11th</b>	Easter bonnet parade. Nursery & Reception 10.30am. Years 1-6 1.30pm
<b>April 12th</b>	Easter raffle Last day of term.