



# Newsletter



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**SPECIAL EDITION**

## **Brilliant News !!!!!**

We are super delighted to tell you that Eastern Primary has been removed the list of schools in special measures due to the significant progress that has been made since the last inspection. School has known since October 18th but we were unable to inform parents until it was fully published to the public. The full report is on the Estyn website

[https://www.estyn.gov.wales/sites/default/files/documents/MonitoringReport\\_8930.pdf%20-%20Eastern%20Primary.pdf](https://www.estyn.gov.wales/sites/default/files/documents/MonitoringReport_8930.pdf%20-%20Eastern%20Primary.pdf)

"Teachers provide effective opportunities for pupils to develop their reading skills..."

"By year 6 many pupils write well in a broad range of contexts."

In numeracy, "most pupils make good progress".

In Welsh, "many pupils express themselves confidently in familiar contexts".

"The school's provision for skills has a positive impact on pupils' standards and progress".

"The school has addressed all shortcomings in safeguarding procedures identified in the core inspection".

"The school provides a wide, and effective range of targeted interventions to support pupils with additional learning needs".

"The headteacher, senior leaders and governing body share their vision for the school improvement very successfully".

"School leaders ..... ensure that they monitor standards and provision in a structured manner".

"Pupil standards have improved ...".

It is a lovely read for the school!! We are so so proud!!

Please do not think that this is the end of our journey! This is just the start! We have a staff who are passionate about ensuring children make good progress, creative in ensuring learning is exciting, committed to their role, have high expectations to ensure your children achieve the best and want nothing but the best for your children! What more could one ask for!

We also now have fantastic parents who support their children in school and strive to ensure they achieve their full potential. We have worked together and wow, we have achieved some fantastic goals! Thank you! You're part of a VERY SUCCESSFUL school!

**THANK YOU FOR STICKING WITH US AND BELIEVING IN US. WE DID IT TOGETHER!!**

### **ANTI BULLYING WEEK (Keeping Safe)**

We have made a good start this week and it is likely that topics will continue throughout the year. We placed a focus on "It'll Never Happen To Me". This has two meanings. Your children will be educated enough to ensure they keep themselves safe or they will chose to take risks thinking it will never happen to them. We have taken a strong stance on this during the week, because we are finding that although children know what they should or should not be doing, they seem to get lured into situations that pose risks to themselves, and they are placing themselves in very vulnerable situations. Before they know it they are caught up in situations where they are in trouble!

We are covering elements of bullying, physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, domestic violence, homophobia, racism, online safety, grooming. There is so much they need to know! Please help us in ensuring your children are safe. Make sure you know where they are, who they are with. Check their phones and tablets for unusual messages. Check the apps they are using. Check the security settings. It's a very dangerous world on line! We have requested support from police to help us ensure that parents are fully aware of current concerns. We are awaiting a response. We would like to hold a parent awareness raising session. Please attend when you see it in the diary. You will be alarmed at what our children are / could be / will be subject to.

### **Year 6 parents - CWM BROMBIL**

Apparently, parents will be informed on March 1st if their children have a place or not. We have tried to get information for individual queries but this is all we could get. If your child does not get a place you have the right to appeal.

### **HEADLICE**

Oh no!! They are out and about again! Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Staff get them too! It's not pleasant for us either. You can help us eradicate them - make sure you treat and check all the family. Nits will hatch every 20 minutes and the lice will continue to feed on the scalp and lay further eggs. If they are not treated your child will have head lice infestation which can result in bacterial infection and make your child extremely unwell. Make sure you treat and do not keep your child off school. It will be an unauthorised absence. We will accept them being late due to treatment.

### **Sienna & Joey**

Hey hey! Well done the two fo you for your charity run, raising money for cancer! Very proud of you both and a worthy cause!

### **Christmas concerts**

This year we are trailing something new. We hope you like it! Please get involved!

Nursery and Reception classes will be having their own little concert in the church hall. This decision was made because the younger children perform better with a smaller audience. Years 1 - 6 will perform a concert for you in the school hall because we now have a stage!! See dates and times below.

## **Diary Dates**

<b>Nov 26th</b>	Parent meetings to discuss pupil progress
<b>Nov 29th</b>	Year 5 class assembly Clothes bags being collected from school.
<b>Nov 30th</b>	INSET day - no school for pupils
<b>Dec 3rd</b>	Parent meetings to discuss pupil progress
<b>Dec 6th</b>	Eastern Christmas Market in the school hall. Santa available!
<b>Dec 7th</b>	Nursery Reception concert 10.30am (one more date to be confirmed)
<b>Dec 10th</b>	Male voice choir with Eastern choir 6-8pm.
<b>Dec 11th</b>	Christmas concert years 1-6 9.30 am & 2pm. School hall
<b>Dec 12th</b>	Christmas concert years 1-6 9.30 am & 2pm. School hall
<b>Dec 21st</b>	Last day before the end of term
<b>Jan 7th</b>	INSET day - training day for staff
<b>Jan 8th</b>	Children start back to school for spring term