



Weekly Pupil and Parent Newsletter



Friday 1st December

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Dates

Wednesday 6th December - Growth Mindset Workshop for Y5/6 pupils and parents at 9.20am

Thursday 7th December - Y1/2 trip to the Lego Education Centre

Friday 8th December (rearranged due to clash with Y1/2 trip) - Craft Workshop (Christmas Crafts) for Y1/2 pupils and parents at 2.15pm

Friday 8th December - ICT project for Y5/6 pupils and parents 2.15-3.15pm

Rights Respecting School

Thank you to the huge number of parents who attended our Rights Respecting School Assembly on Wednesday. Mrs Sarah Hooke, the RRS assessor representing UNICEF, was extremely impressed with the pupils' knowledge and understanding of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). As a result, we are pleased to announce that we have achieved the Level 1 RRS award.

Christmas Activities and Events

Thursday 14th December - Carols Around the Tree at 4.30pm

Wednesday 20th December - Pandemonium Theatre and Christmas dinner

Friday 22nd December - Christmas parties

Christmas Concerts:

Monday 18th December - KS2 performance 9.45am Main Hall

- Foundation Phase performance 1.30pm Main Hall

- SNRB performance 1.30pm Foundation Phase Hall

Tuesday 19th December - Foundation Phase performance 9.45am Main Hall

- Key Stage 2 performance 1.30pm Main Hall

- Nursery 10.00am Foundation Phase Hall

Family Engagement/Spice Time Credit Events

To allow for staff to be prepared for sessions and for pupils to be collected from classes, please could all parents who are going to be attending make sure that they have signed the register in the main office in advance of the session.

Healthy Schools

Maendy is a Healthy School and has a reward system in place for healthy lunchboxes. Please encourage your child to eat healthily by replacing chocolate and crisps with healthy options such as salad/raw vegetables and fruit. Similarly, snacks for break times should consist of fruit, carrot sticks, etc.

Welsh Phrase of the Fortnight

We continue to encourage everyone to use Welsh throughout the week. We are trying to use simple familiar phrases to help develop our speaking skills. Please encourage your child to speak Welsh as much as they can out of school.

Our Welsh phrases of the fortnight will be:

os gwelwch yn dda - please; esgusodwch fi - excuse me; diolch/diolch yn fawr - thank you/thank you very much; croeso - you're welcome

Attendance

Maendy is a 'Rights Respecting School'. The United Nation Article 28 states 'every child has the right to have a primary education'. We are linking our attendance performance to this article.

Our on-going attendance figures are shown below. With our overall attendance for this academic year being 96.3%

Nursery	86.3%	Reception	95%	Year 1	95.7%	Year 2	96.8%		
Year 3	97.6%	Year 4	94.5%	Year 5	95.6%	Year 6	98%	SNRB	91.6%

This year, Torfaen Council's education service have launched a 'Strive for 95!' initiative to improve pupil attendance and reduce unauthorised absence in all Torfaen schools. Every pupil who achieves 95% attendance or higher during each school term will be entered into a prize draw at the end of the school year to win £50 of high street vouchers. Please see Torfaen's website for further details;

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/EducationLearning/SchoolsColleges/AttendanceBehaviourWelfare/AttendanceatSchool/School-Attendance.aspx>

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