



# Weekly Pupil and Parent Newsletter



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Annwyl Rieni

## Dates

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.20am - Maths and Literacy Workshop for Nursery and Reception parents.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm - ICT project for Y5/6 pupils and parents.

## Christmas Activities and Events

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Carols Around the Tree at 4.30pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Pandemonium Theatre and Christmas dinner

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas parties

## Christmas Concerts:

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 performance 9.45am Main Hall

- Foundation Phase performance 1.30pm Main Hall

- SNRB performance 1.30pm Foundation Phase Hall

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Foundation Phase performance 9.45am Main Hall

- Key Stage 2 performance 1.30pm Main Hall

- Nursery 10.00am Foundation Phase Hall

## Carols Around the Tree

The Friends of Maendy would like to invite you to join us for 'Carols Around the Tree'. Tickets for this fun event cost £2 per adult. Included in this price is a hot turkey roll and a drink. Entrance for children is free, but there will be a charge of £1.50 per child, for a visit to see Santa in his grotto. We will start at 4.30pm in the school hall and finish at 6pm. Come and join us for this very enjoyable evening, and really get your Christmas off to a cracking start!

## Family Engagement/Time Credit Events

A big thank you to everyone who has attended our Family Engagement events this half term. We are delighted at the response we have received, and hope that you have enjoyed participating. A new timetable of events is in the process of being developed and will be available next week. 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 event/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:

***Nadolig Llawen - Merry Christmas***

## 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 96.2%

<b>Nursery</b>	85.8%	<b>Reception</b>	95.1%	<b>Year 1</b>	96.6%	<b>Year 2</b>	98%		
<b>Year 3</b>	97.3%	<b>Year 4</b>	94.2%	<b>Year 5</b>	95.6%	<b>Year 6</b>	98%	<b>SNRB</b>	91.5%

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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