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5th December 2024

**Right of the month
Article 14
Right to follow your
own religion**

Welsh Phrase of Week
Dim diolch
No Thank You

**Value of the
month
Teamwork**

Dear Parents/Carers, Annwyl Rhieni/Sy'n ofalwyr,

Enterprise Sale, Friday, Friday at 3:30pm in school hall

Please come along and enjoy a mulled wine (non-alcoholic) and a mince pie for £1 while visiting the stalls.

If you can't make the sale and would like to purchase your child's item, please send the money into school and your child can bring their item home.



Carols in the Community – Thursday 5th December

Everyone is welcome to join us for some carol singing in the local community and Residential Home. We will meet in school at 4:30pm, children must be accompanied by an adult. Hot chocolate will be served after the carolling!



Appeal for Santa to visit Cwmffrwdroer!

We still need a Santa to give out gifts to our children this year. If you know of anyone who can help us, please get in touch.

Family Maths Mission – Family Prizes awarded for November Mission!

Our Family Maths Mission, a monthly activity for families to enjoy together at home, started last month. Each mission highlights how math is part of everyday life, making it fun and meaningful.



Every family who completed November's mission was entered into a raffle and winners have been announced in school and prizes presented. Thank you to those who took part.

The December mission is at the end of this newsletter, simply send in your work, snap a photo, or tag us on the school's Twitter account and another prize draw will take place for all entries in January.





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Christmas Concerts

It's that time of year and our Christmas performances and singalongs start next week.

Please bring tickets to performances, due to health and safety regulations and numbers in the hall, we must keep to our capacity levels and will not be able to admit without tickets. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Raffle tickets will be sold at each event a raffle will be drawn after every performance.

Photographs/Videos

Please be advised that our school is committed to working within the Data Protection Act 2018 and the GDPR Regulations and take our obligations to safeguard our children and promote good practice extremely seriously. Whilst we have no legal basis to prevent you taking photographs/videos of your children please be advised that in doing so you will often capture the images of others who it may be detrimental for their images to be made available via social media sites. We would kindly request that you refrain from posting images of other children onto any social media sites and only use any images for your own personal use. The guidance from the ICO would be any further use could be deemed as non-personal and therefore the purpose would change, and we feel it appropriate to advise you that you could be treated as a Data Controller in your own right and therefore would need to comply with the afore mentioned legislation and be accountable to ICO scrutiny.

Date	Time	Teachers	Concert
Monday 9 th December	10am	Mrs Maguire, Mrs Cornwell, Mrs Howells	The Fleece Force
Tuesday 10 th December	10am	Mrs Maguire, Mrs Cornwell, Mrs Howells	The Fleece Force
Friday 13 th December	10am	Miss Gilbert & Mrs Jarman	Carols around the Camp Fire
Monday 16 th December	1:30pm	Mr Phillips, Mrs Brettell, Miss Smith, Mr Edwards	What on earth is Christmas?
Tuesday 17 th December	1:30pm	Mr Phillips, Mrs Brettell, Miss Smith, Mr Edwards	What on earth is Christmas?

After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs after this week. All clubs will resume after the Christmas holidays.





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Sharing Shack

We're thrilled to announce that the **Sharing Shack** is now open **every day!** This wonderful space is available to support our community, providing opportunities for sharing, exchanging quality products. A huge thank you to the amazing volunteers who have worked tirelessly to organise and reopen the Shack. Gentle reminder to not drop any donations in front of the school. Thank you for your support!

Monday	2-3
Tuesday	2-3
Wednesday	2-3:45
Thursday	2-3
Friday	2-3

Attendance



#NotInMissOut

Regular and punctual attendance at school or alternative provision is a legal requirement and is essential to enable children to maximise their educational attainments and opportunities available to them. Unless pupils are unwell, they should be in school.

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN)

Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued from September for 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absences.

Please note that no absences will be authorised unless attendance is 95% or above.

Class attendance is rewarded weekly with the Class Attendance Cup and a non-uniform day as well as extra playtime. Please see document on our website regarding FPN -

https://www.cwmffrwdorprimary.co.uk/files/ugd/683b80_90dc41ab67984db2a86839a3385c57e2.pdf

Days off school add up to lost learning		175 non-School Days a year		175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments	
365 DAYS IN EACH YEAR	190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 days absence	180 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	19 days absence	161 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR
	190 days for your child's education			29 days absence Half a term missed	152 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%
	GOOD		WORRYING		SERIOUS CONCERN
	Best chance of success		LESS chance of success		Not fair on your child
	Gets your child off to a flying start		Makes it harder to make progress		Court Action!
				38 days absence	143 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR
				47 days absence	
					75%






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Attendance

Our current attendance target is 93% for whole school.

Class	% Weekly Attendance	 Dosbarth Rhossili can wear non-uniform on Friday
Dosbarth Poppit Sands	76.9	
Dosbarth BaraFundle	93.7	
Dosbarth Ogmored	86.8	
Dosbarth Tresaith	89.1	
Dosbarth Aberdovey	92.5	
Dosbarth Pwll Du	88.3	
Dosbarth Rhossili	96.4	
Dosbarth Abersoch	92.1	

#NotInMissOut

We have noticed a rise in the number of unauthorised absences and holidays. We would like to remind you that our school follows the Torfaen Fixed Penalty Notice policy.

Please note that this policy applies to unauthorised holidays and a fine can be issued once your child returns to school.

Please can we also ask that if your child has a Medical/Dental/Optician etc appointment during school time, that the appointment card or letter is given to the office to copy. Thank you for your cooperation

PTA – ASDA Reward App

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, the supermarket will donate 0.5% of the value of their shop to their chosen primary school. For every customer who

Dates this term

Value of month - December	Teamwork
Week beginning 2/12/24	Business Enterprise Week – sale on 6/12 /24 – 3:30pm
05.12.24	Carols in the community at 4:30pm
12/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day
13/12/24	Christmas Community Breakfast – 9 am
9/12/24 – 17/12/24	Christmas Concerts 9/12/24 Performance 1 (Mrs Maguire, Mrs Cornwell, Mrs Howells) – 10 am 10/12/24 Performance 2 (Mrs Maguire, Mrs Cornwell, Mrs Howells) – 10 am 13/12/24 (Miss Gilbert & Mrs Jarman) – 10 am





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	16/12/24 Performance 1 (Mr Phillips, Mrs Brettell, Miss Smith, Mr Edwards) – 1:30pm 17/12/24 Performance 2 (Mr Phillips, Mrs Brettell, Miss Smith, Mr Edwards) – 1:30pm
19/12/24	International Human Rights’ Day
18/12/24	Christmas Dinner Day
20/12/24	End of Autumn term - 1:30pm
06/01/25	INSET
07/01/25	School reopens for children
10/01/25	INSET





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School Admissions 2025

Will your child be starting Nursery, Reception or Secondary school in 2025?



In Torfaen, there are a number of Welsh Medium, English Medium and Voluntary Aided (VA) Faith based Schools your child could attend.

Applications for school/nursery can be made online via our website. In submitting an online application, you will receive an instant acknowledgment that your application has been received and you will be notified of the outcome of your application via email on the decision date, rather than waiting for a letter in the post!

There is a deadline for making your application. If you miss this deadline, or change your preference after the closing date, it may increase the possibility of not achieving a place at the school of your choice.

September 2025 Admission Groups	Admission Round Commences	Closing Date for Applications	Decision Date
Nursery	10 June 24	15 July 24, 5pm	16 September 24
Reception	6 November 24	9 January 25, 5pm	16 April 25
Secondary	25 September 24	13 November 24, 5pm	3 March 25



Scan the QR code now to view the application process!

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What Children & Young People Need to Know about

FREE VS HATE SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to others. Whether online or offline, communication attacking or discriminating against groups or individuals (because of protected characteristics like race or religion) is hate speech, not free speech.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's ideas were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin's theory today. Freely exchanging ideas promotes progress.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having ours challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote or decent working conditions – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Freedom of expression includes the right not to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – which displays prejudice against someone's identity. Derogatory, demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes ...

Targeting people or groups because of who they are – including but not limited to aspects such as race, sexuality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on those same attributes: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions.

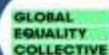
Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way.

Making up or repeating insults about a person or group because something about their identity is different to the person who's posting.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are.

Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses. A collection of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the DEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.



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Maths on Toast Bake-Off Maths Challenge

Are you ready to take on the ultimate maths baking challenge?

Practise measuring, explore spatial reasoning and tackle construction as you challenge your family and friends to see who will be crowned the best Maths on Toast baking champion.



Measurement Challenge

Show off your baking skills by making 8 delicious maths muffins. Remember, an important part of the process is measuring out ingredients - so make sure your measurements are exact!

You may have your own recipe or if you prefer you can follow the one for choc chip muffins below.

What you'll need:

- 100g self-raising flour
- 100g butter (softened)
- 100g caster sugar
- 100g chocolate chips
- 2 large eggs (lightly beaten)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Why's this maths?

Weighing and measuring ingredients will help you develop a better understanding of volume and measurement. Timing and calculation skills can help prevent soggy bottoms and burnt buns!

What to do:

Can you make 8 IDENTICAL muffins?

<p>1. Preheat the oven to 180°C</p>	<p>2. Cream the butter and sugar and gradually beat in the eggs and vanilla extract. Mix until smooth.</p>	<p>3. Fold in the flour and chocolate chips.</p>
<p>4. Spoon the mixture into muffin cases.</p>	<p>5. Bake for 20-25 mins.</p>	<p>6. Carefully remove from oven and let cool on a wire rack.</p>

For more fun activities visit www.mathsontoast.org.uk

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Every special cake needs a special box!

Have you ever opened or unfolded a box along its edges? The unfolded flat shape is called a net.



3D Challenge

Get hands-on and produce the perfect box template (net) to display one or more of your muffins. Remember to think about how it will look when constructed into a 3D shape (make sure your muffin will fit!). What 3D shape will your net become? Perhaps a cube or a pyramid!

What you'll need:

- A piece of paper or card (card works best!)
- A ruler or an object to draw around

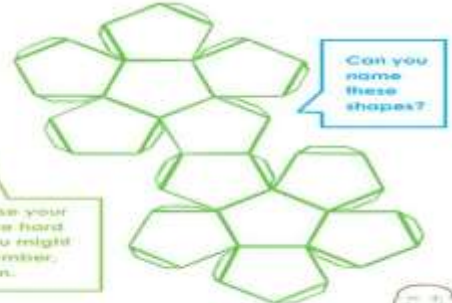
Why's this maths?

You'll be accurately measuring and drawing to repeat an identical shape and visualising how your flat piece of paper or card could become a 3D shape.



What to do:

1. Open out some boxes you have at home to see how shapes join together to form a net.
2. Use a ruler to draw your own or use a household object to draw around. Don't forget to add some tabs like the ones below.
 - Younger children may prefer to unfold and rebuild a box from home.



Can you name these shapes?

A tricky one! But a great opportunity to practise your perseverance skills. Sometimes challenges are hard and we make mistakes, but don't give up! You might find a new way of doing something and remember, making mistakes is good – that's how we learn.

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A cake box must be fit for purpose so it's time to put your construction skills to the test!



Design Challenge

This is the really creative part, now it's time to construct and decorate your shape net, turning it into a fully functional cake box.

What you'll need:

- Your shape net
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pens, pencils or craft materials

What to do:

1. Carefully cut out your shape net.
2. Decorate
3. Fold the edges and put glue on the tabs. Then bring the sides of your net together to form a 3D shape - use the tabs to stick the edges.
4. Pop your muffin(s) inside!

Why's this maths?

Nets are a practical and visual way to identify properties of shapes, including faces, edges and vertices. You'll be constructing your own 3D shape from a 2D sheet.



Where will you design the opening of your box to be?

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Tea with Santa

Lethbridge Community Centre
Mission Road, Pentwyn, Abersychan, Pontypool. NP4 7TH



3 – 5pm

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Children Tickets £5.00

Price includes: Party Food, Games & Stories with Santa plus a Gift to take home

Adult Tickets £2.50

Price includes: Hot Drinks and Festive Sweet Treat

Ticket available from:

- Pentwyn Post Office
- Jeff Manning – Cwmffrwdroer School
- Sandra Hancock – Mb: 07507397724

or

Scan Bar Code to Book on Line



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