



Dinas Powys Primary School

Newsletter

January 2024

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Croeso nol! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school this past week. We have been very busy already. Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have commenced swimming lessons at Hebron Hall while Year 1 are enjoying their milk bottle castle. Dates for your diary are contained at the end of the newsletter.

Parent Workshops

We have been discussing the possibility of running parent workshops with Parent Forum. These would offer parents some ideas on supporting the children's learning. We want these sessions to be as productive as possible and therefore we would be very grateful if parents could complete the following short survey at the link below. We will use this information to develop our ideas.

<https://forms.office.com/e/k3cwmpXYbw>



Coding in Year 6 We recently applied to the BBC for free microbits and fortunately we have just received 30! They are small LED computers that allow the children to code different programs on the PC then download them to the Microbit.

Attendance

I would like to extend my thanks for your support as we aim for high levels of attendance. Our attendance figure was 94.2% in the autumn which means we are getting close to our target of 95%. We have a significant number of children that attained 100% in the autumn which is a fantastic achievement. We appreciate that there are times when children will be unwell and cannot attend school. However if there are days when they're not 100%, please continue to send them in as we will monitor them closely and contact parents if needed. Often, once in school and playing with friends they brighten up. Please note this doesn't apply to sickness and diarrhea where the NHS guidance is to stay off school for 48 hours.

Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering in school please email school to let us know. If you are able to volunteer on a regular basis or just for some occasions such as educational visits we would love to hear from you.



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INFANTS

- Please ensure your child's **blue book bag** is returned on Mondays.
- If possible , can you please label all jumpers, hats and gloves. Thank you

Dogs

Please note that dogs are not allowed on school grounds. Thank you for your support with this.

SMART watches

Some children had smart watches at Christmas. We would be very grateful if parents can remind the children that these are for telling the time only rather than other features such as game playing.

INSET DAYS

As previously circulated, we will be closed on 9th February for an INSET. On this day we will be working with other local schools on curriculum development. We will also be closed on 8th April 2024 for an INSET day. Again we will be working on curriculum development.

Road Safety

In assembly this week we have reminded the children of the importance of using the pedestrian crossings on the bridge. We would be grateful if parents could re-inforce this message with all junior children who walk home via this route.



Year 1 : The Grand Opening!

Thank you to all the parents who sent in milk bottles for our special construction



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Dates for your Diary

January:

15–31 Swimming for Year 5 and 6

February:

6 Colorfoto Class Photos

6 Internet Safety Day

9 **INSET day** – school closed to all pupils

12–16 Half term

26 Rags to Riches Collection

28 Y6 to St. Cyres

29 Y3 to Cilfynydd

March:

1 Dydd Gwyl Dewi

4 Fairtrade Fortnight

6 Griffin Books in school

7 World Book Day

14–21 Scholastic Book Fayre

15 Comic Relief

20 Y6 Shakespeare to Newport

22 End of term

April:

8 **INSET day**

30 Crucial Crew – Y6

May:

1 – 3 Manor Adventure Y6

June:

5 Sports Day

12 Reserve Sports Day

26 St Cyres Induction Day Y6

Vale school term dates can be found at:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/School-Term-Dates.aspx>

Contact School:

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact school.

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A copy of our complaints policy can be found on our website.



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MINIS & JUNIORS

Recruiting now across
all age groups. Players
of any ability welcome.

Contact
U8/9: Shane - 07581 368503
U11/12: Tom - 07595 725838
U13+: Kyle - 07747 463713

Interested in coaching or
volunteering to support
your local rugby club?
Contact Kyle on
07747 463713

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