



Dinas Powys Primary School

Newsletter

April 2024

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Nursery have enjoyed hearing We're Going on a Bear Hunt in French as part of our termly French weeks.



Recycling Regulations

New regulations have come into force in Wales that affect businesses but also schools. Schools now need to ensure that waste is separated and there are fines where these regulations are breached. As a consequence we have removed all our outdoor bins. We would be very grateful if everyone could take their rubbish home with them. We ask children who bring a packed lunch to do the same. During the school day the children's fruit snack waste is recycled in school.



Our Eco-committee presented to the local community at our recent Fairtrade Fortnight event.



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New modular building

The new build at the juniors is on schedule for completion in early May which is very exciting! The building is made up of three classroom spaces, two for the school to replace the old classrooms that were demolished. The further space will be a Flying Start provision managed by the local authority which will have its own access at the rear of the junior site.

Sports Day

To ensure sufficient time for the junior field to recover after the completion of the new build and for classes to practice we have moved Sports Day to the **2nd July** with a reserve day of **11th July**.



Year 1 visited Dinas Powys Library to learn about Flat Holm and the seagulls that live there.

Attendance

We would like to thank parents for your support with the children's attendance. The school's overall attendance to date is 94.1% which is slightly below our target of 95% (95% is equivalent to 10 days absent over the whole year). However we have a significant number of pupils who are well above this target.

We are also very grateful that nearly all the children arrive on time for school which allows a smooth start and is beneficial to the children as the learning begins straight away. A reminder that school starts at 9am in the infants and 8.45am in the juniors.

**** Please ensure you inform the School Office of any pupil absence ****



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We are delighted with our new bike storage at the juniors.

We have scooter storage pods for both the infants and juniors which we hope will be installed soon. As soon this is done we will write to parents to explain how pupils will be able to bring their bikes and scooters.

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.



Our Year 6s were amazing performing 'Much Ado About Nothing' as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival in the Newport Riverfront Theatre.

Road Safety

In assembly we regularly remind the children of the importance of using the pedestrian crossings on the bridge and the red crossing point outside the junior site. We would be grateful if parents could re-inforce this message with all junior children who walk home via this route.



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Breakfast Club : Infant Site

The breakfast club opens at **8.10am** and breakfast is served until **8.30am** at which time the provision **closes**. Pupils will not be admitted if the entrance door is closed.

We had a visit from St Cyres to deliver an exciting science lesson to Year 6



Dates for your Diary

April:

- 16 Cricket Taster session Junior Site
- 23 Year 5 & 6 Dance Club Performance Barry Memo
- 25 Year 5 Educational visit to Cosmeston Lakes
- 26 Friends and Family DPPS After school cake sale further information to follow
- 30 Crucial Crew – Y6

May:

- 1 – 3 Manor Adventure Y6
- 8 **Bank Holiday**
- 24 End of term

June:

- 4 Rags to Riches Collection
- 20 Reception Pupils: Hearing Screening
- 21 Friends and Family DPPS Non-Uniform Day further information to follow
- 26 St Cyres Induction Day Y6
- Year 2 Transition to Year 3

July:

- 2 Sports Day
- 11 Reserve sports day
- 12 Summer Fun Day!
- 17 Year 6 Leavers Assembly Afternoon
- 18 Year 6 End of Term Trip Barry Island Quasar
- 19 End of term

Vale school term dates can be found at:

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



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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.

DINAS POWYS RFC
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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