Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 2

Dates for the Diary…

- 1.10.24 PS3 Swansea Blitz theatre company in school.
- 5.10.24 Bridgend schools cross country run 1 at Bryntirion Comp..
- 9.10.24 PS3 St. John's ambulance workshop 1.
- 10.10.24 Harvest donation deadline.
- 11.10.24 PS3 World War 2 workshop.
- 15.10.24 Shwmae, Sutmae Day!
- 18.10.24 SRTRC- wear red day.
- 23.10.24 PS3 St. John's ambulance workshop 2.
- 25.10.24 Last day of school for children- half term holidays.
- 4.11.24 Children return to school from the half term holidays.
- 4.11.24 Mrs. Hughes' parent consultations 9am-5pm.
- 6.11.24 PS3 Theatre Na Nog trip (Swansea).
- 6.11.24 Mr. Cottle's parent consultations 9am-5pm.
- 7.11.24 Miss. Santner's parent consultations 9am-5pm.
- 11.11.24 Colofoto Individual and siblings in school photos.
- 12.11.24 Mrs. Evans' parent consultations 9am-5pm.
- 12.11.24 Odd sock day- anti bullying awareness.
- 13.11.24 Mr. Brown's parent consultations 9am-5pm.
- 15.11.24 Children in Need day.
- 16.11.24 Bridgend schools cross country at Porthcawl Comp..
- 22.11.24 PS1 Party for parents.
- 2.12.24 Nursery-Year 2 children's Christmas concert (2pm).
- 3.12.24 Nursery-Year 2 children's Christmas concert (10am).
- 3.12.24 Years 3-6 children's Christmas concert (5pm).
- 4.12.24 Nursery-Year 2 children's Christmas concert (10am).
- 4.12.24 Years 3-6 children's Christmas concert (2pm).
- 5.12.24 Years 3-6 children's Christmas concert (2pm).
- 10.12.24 Xmas disco. Wear party clothes to school.
- 11.12.24 Do Re Mi Jambori Nadolig.
- 12.12.24 Christmas dinner and 'Save The Children' Christmas jumper charity event.
- 16.12.24 Nursery-Year 2 Christmas assembly with Rev. Walker.
- 17.12.24 Christingle service at Mawdlan (Years 3-6) at 1:30pm with Corneli Primary.
- 18.12.24 School choir- ASDA.
- 19.12.24 School choir- ASDA.
- 19.12.24 Last day of school for children- Christmas holidays.
- 20.12.24 INSET day school closed for pupils.
- 6.1.25 INSET day- school closed for pupils.
- 7.1.25 Children return to school from the Christmas holidays.
- 21.2.25 Last day of school for children- half term holidays.
- 3.3.25 Children return to school from the half term holidays.
- 6.3.25 London Houses of Parliament PS3.
- 7.3.25 Eisteddfod- whole school.
- COUNTY URDD Eisteddfod
- 13.3.25 Book Looks for parents (3:15pm in your child's class).
- 14.3.25 Red Nose day.
- 17.3.25 World Book Day.
- URDD Residential (Cardiff Bay) PS3, for 3 days.
- 10.4.25 Easter service with Reverend Walker.
- 11.4.25 Easter Bonnets / Crazy Hair Parade (2pm).
- 11.4.25 Last day of school for children- Easter holidays.
- 28.4.25 Children return to school from the Easter holidays.
- 5.5.25 May Day Bank holiday- school closed.
- 22.5.25 Last day of school for children- half term Whitsun holidays.
- URDD Eisteddfod Margam Park- competitors will be sent relevant details.
- 23.5.25 Cynffig cluster INSET day- school closed for pupils.
- 2.6.25 Children return to school from the Whitsun holidays.
- 19.6.25 Family Fun Day (Nursery-Year 2 Sports morning (9:30am), picnic lunch, disco and stalls in the afternoon.
- 20.6.25 Year 3- Year 6 Sports morning (9:30am).
- 25.6.25 Whole school transition day.
- 8.7.25 Year 6 Leavers Assembly.
- Year 6 Leaver's Trip
- 14.7.25 Parent consultation meetings, if required (from 3:15pm).
- 15.7.24 Nursery graduation day.
- 18.7.25 Last day of school for children for this academic year.
- 21.7.25 INSET day- school closed.

Welcome…

I can't believe it is October already! What a wonderful first month the children have had. I have thoroughly enjoyed working as part of Team Afon Y Felin and look forward to the months ahead! As you can see the diary for this year is jammed packed and I am delighted to provide you with a comprehensive overview of events we plan to offer this academic year. We may add to this list as the year progresses; the monthly newsletters will focus on upcoming events.

I wanted to share with you a charitable donation one of our pupils made last month. Peighton Walker donated her long hair to the Little Princess Trust. This charity helps children and young people experiencing the devastating effects of hair loss from conditions such as Cancer. We are incredibly proud how selfless and kind Peighton has been #hairhero.

You may be aware that Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Santner are expecting babies very soon. We therefore wave a fond farewell to them for the rest of the academic year as they enjoy precious time with their new little ones. In Mrs. Santner's absence, Miss Georgia Murphy will be the class teacher, she has been with us a few days in September, getting to know the class.

Harvest is fast approaching. We will be collecting food donations which will be donated to our local Big Bocs Bwyd. We have asked the cluster schools to support this too! **#foodforthecommunity**

Admin…

Contact us…
01656 815750 or
admin@afonyfelinps.bridgend.cymru
or check out our school website
www.afonyfelinprimary.co.uk
We also have a school Instagram page along with class Dojo pages too.

School attendance…

Overall: September's attendance was **90.5%,** a great start to the year!
Our September attendance are:
Little Acorns… 90%
Hollies… 87%
Willows… 88.6%
Birch… 95.1%
Cedars…90.8%
Oaks… 92.1%

If your child is ill, please inform the school office by 9:30am. You can leave a message if the line is busy. It is important for us to know why your child is absent as our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) checks our registers regularly. Any child that has been unaccounted for 72hours will result in Laurie Baldwin, our Education Welfare Officer calling to carry out a welfare check.

If a child misses school, they are missing out on vital learning.

#attendtoachieve

Year 6 parents…

Apply for your child's Year 7 school place.

SCAN ME

Criw Cymraeg…

Pryd mae dy benblwydd? When is your birthday?
Ble wyt ti'n byw? Where do you live?

Attendance…

Attendance, since Covid, has been an ongoing nationwide problem. When children are not in school, they are unable to achieve. Local Authorities have plans to monitor attendance and support parents so that a child's attendance is 95% and over, which is classed as good attendance. See below the general information the Local Authority has provided us.

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RE: **School Attendance- General Information**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a school, we strive to improve and encourage the attendance of all our pupils to ensure they achieve their full potential.

You will be aware attendance protocols were relaxed during the COVID-19 pandemic but Welsh Government announced that Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for non-attendance at schools have be reintroduced.

We understand that the last few years have been particularly challenging and hope to work closely with all families to ensure you and your child are fully supported in attending school, and that FPNs can be avoided.

However, FPNs may be considered in the following circumstances:

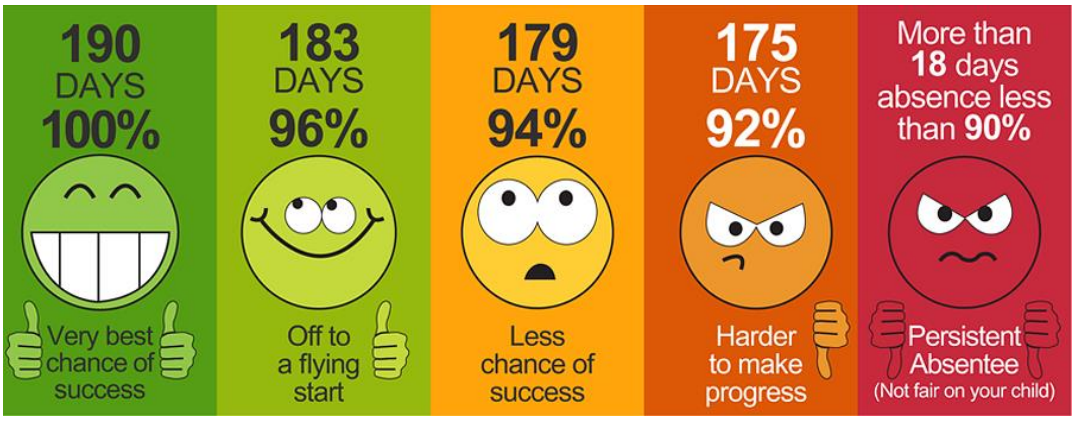
- where there is a minimum of 10 unauthorised sessions (5 school days) in the current term (these do not need to be consecutive);
- pupils are persistently arriving after the close of the registration period (that is, more than 10 sessions in the current term);
- where parent/carers have failed to engage with the school and/or the education welfare service in attempts to improve attendance but where court sanctions have not been instigated;
- a period of absence from school due to a holiday that was not authorised by school; and/or
- a pupil has regularly come to the attention of the police during school hours and is absent from school without an acceptable reason.

Attendance at school is compulsory and is a legal requirement. We appreciate that pupils may be unwell on occasions, but it is important in these instances that you inform the school in a timely manner with the reasons for absence.

Should you wish to discuss your child's school attendance in more detail or require additional support to improve your child's attendance, please do get in touch.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. K. Pryse
Headteacher

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