Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 4

Dates for the Diary…

- 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 Years 3-6 children's Christmas concert (2pm).
- 6.12.24- Christmas Immersion Day- wear Christmas outfit e.g jumper.
- 9.12.24 & 10.12.24 Christmas Pop up shop- gifts available from £1-£5- children shoppers only! #daytimeshop
- 10.12.24 Xmas disco (in school hours). 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. Donations welcomed!
- 12.12.24 Toy sale- hall (starting 2pm)
- 13.12.24 Bike blinging
- 16.12.24 Nursery-Year 2 Christmas assembly with Rev. Walker.
- 17.12.24 Christingle service at Mawdlan (Years 5&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.
- 7.1.25 Y4 start swimming lessons (10am) daily until 17.1.25.
- 7.1.25 Y5 start swimming lessons (11am) daily until 10.1.25.
- 13.1.25 Y6 start swimming lesson block (11am) daily until 17.1.25.
- 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.

Library loans…

Did you know you can borrow e-books and e-audio books from your local library?
Download to your phone or computer with the Borrowbox app.
A great collection of popular children's books available!

Welcome…

We are beginning to really feel the magic of Christmas as the Christmas concert week begins. We look forward to you seeing you. We will be selling tea/coffee and treats! Concert spaces are limited to ensure we adhere to fire safety regulations. however, we try hard to ensure we meet the needs of our families.

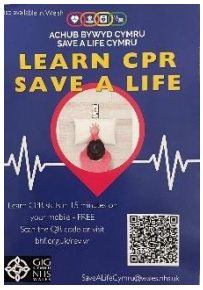
I'd like to update you about our Executive Headteacher Mrs. Nicola Williams. She has informed us that she will be sadly retiring at the end of this term and will therefore not return to Afon Y Felin. She has so many fond memories of her time here and will miss the children, families, staff and governors. We will be organising a special event for Mrs. Williams, to thank her for her service to the school, community and Local Authority and of course will let you know the plans as they unfold, should you wish to be a part of them!

As this is my final newsletter for 2024, the staff, governors and I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope the two-week break is filled with love and laughter.

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

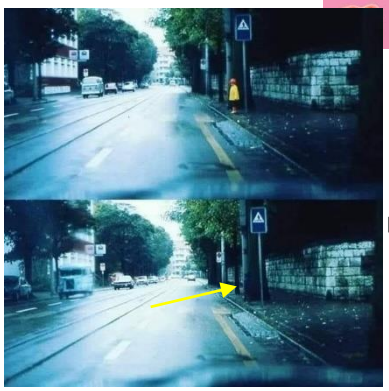
Nursery Provision survey…

Are you a parent/carer of pre-nursery aged children (0 to 2-years-old) or an expectant parent? Bridgend County Borough are reviewing their nursery provision across the borough as part of their Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA). They are keen to hear about your current and future childcare provision needs. Scan to comment.



Safety…

Are you worried about someone you care about walking home alone?
Strut Safe is a nationwide phone line which is run by volunteers to someone feel safe on their way home.
For more information, visit https://strutsafe.org/



As the evenings are getting darker, have you thought about what your child/ren are wearing? This photo collage shows how dangerous it can be to not be seen! There is a child in each photo!
#reflectiveclothing
#brightisbest

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: November's attendance was **89.1%**, which is lower than October!
Our November class attendance:

Little Acorns… 79.4%
Hollies… 90.2%
Willows… 88.5%
Birch… 88.8%
Cedars…95.1%
Oaks… 89.3%

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 5 days 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

Your views…

Please scan the QR code and complete the survey.
Closes 13.12.24.

#yourviewsmatter

Criw Cymraeg…

Sion Corn - Father Christmas

Dwi'n hoffi canu carolau- I like singing carols

Ar trac

Brighter futures together
Dyfodol disglair gyda'n gilydd

One-to-One Support Work

Ar Trac is able to provide one-to-one specialised support work to children and young people between the ages of 5-16 who have experienced or witnessed domestic abuse and, who are exhibiting difficulties with their families and peer relationships.

Using the Outcome Star, the support worker will work collaboratively with the children and young people in order to shape and manage how their support will look. The child's/young persons voice is key in this type of support, and we encourage them to use it in order to facilitate the individual support they need to build resilience.

The Star is an outcomes tool that enables us to measure and summarise changes made by a range of children and young people with different needs. It is also a keywork and coaching tool that helps children and young people make changes by providing them with a clear picture of their journey, enabling them to take manageable steps and plotting their progress along the way. The Outcome Star is a child centred tool used to aid our successful one-to-one support, that allows the young people to have complete control of their support which allows them to gain self-efficacy, confidence and self-esteem.

We use creative methods to engage young people in their support work.

This support work is child led. Sessions last between 45-60 minutes.

Sessions are carried out in a safe environment (school, office).

Support usually lasts anything between 10-14 weeks depending on the individual needs of the child (but can last longer in some instances)

Support work will be carried out by the same support worker.

The child or young person is able to participate in group work after their support has ended if they want to or feel that they need more confidence or support in other areas.

To refer into the service or make an enquiry in Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend:

Calan DVS
Neath
Tel 01639 633580
Email artrac@calandvs.org.uk

Ar Trac is a Beacons Consortium project, funded by Welsh Government and delivered by Calan DVS, Cardiff Women's Aid, Cyfannol Women's Aid, Gorwel and West Wales DAS

Sources of Support

CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE 101
IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

NHS 111 Wales
This is the home of health advice for anyone living in Wales.
Call **111 / www.111.wales.nhs.uk**

ChildLine
You can talk to childline about anything. No problem is too big or too small.
Call on **0800 1111** or chat online.
www.childline.org.uk

fearless.org
Fearless is a dedicated young person's charity where you can get info and give info about crime 100% anonymously.
Call **0800 555 111 / www.fearless.org**

ACT ACTION COUNTERS TERRORISM
ACT is an organisation providing information and advice for people with concerns about radicalisation.
Call **0800 011 3764 / www.actearly.uk**

Umbrella Cymru is a gender and sexual diversity support service that works in Wales.
Call **0300 302 3670 / www.umbrellacymru.co.uk**

SAMARITANS
Whatever you're going through, a Samaritan will face it with you, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
Call any time, day or **night 116 123 / www.samaritans.org**

HELPA FI STOPIO / HELP ME QUIT
If you're thinking about stopping smoking, there's no better time to quit than now.
Call 0800 085 2219 / **www.helpmequit.wales**

DAN 24/7
Dan 24/7 is a free and confidential drugs helpline.
Call **0808 808 2234** or text **DAN to 81066 / www.dan247.org.uk**

Gyrfa Cymru Careers Wales
For help with your career, preparing to get a job, and finding and applying for the right apprenticeships, courses and training.
www.careerswales.gov.wales

drinkaware
An organisation dedicated to give advice on all things concerning alcohol.
Call **0300 123 1110 / www.drinkaware.co.uk**

barod
Barod specialises in substance misuse support for both adults and young people in S Wales.
Call **0333 3202751 / www.barod.cymru**

meic
Meic is the helpline service for children and young people up to the age of 25 in Wales.
Call **08088023456** or text **84001 / www.meiccymru.org**

mind
Mind is a mental health charity that is committed to improve the mental health of the nation.
Call **0300 123 3393 / www.mind.org.uk**

CEOP
For any online sexual abuse make a report to CEOP using:
www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre

Show Racism the Red Card
An organisation dedicated to eradicate all forms of racism.
Call 02920 236 057. www.theredcard.org

H8 Haters Belong HERE!
To report a hate crime use the online form on **www.report-it.org.uk/your_police_force**

Cymorth i Ferched Cymru Welsh Women's Aid
Live Fear Free.
For confidential advice or support around domestic violence, sexual violence or violence against women call **0808 8010800 / www.welshwomensaid.org.uk**

The Children's Commissioner works for every child in Wales.
Call 01792 765600 / **www.childcomwales.org.uk**

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