



# Nant-y-Parc Weekly Newsletter

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## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Christmas concerts have been scheduled for the following dates and times:

- 05.12.22 PS2 Dress Rehearsal – 10.00 a.m.
- 06.12.22 PS2 Concert – 10.00 a.m.
- 06.12.22 PS2 Concert – 2.00 p.m.
- 07.12.22 PS3 Dress Rehearsal – 9.30 a.m.
- 08.12.22 PS3 Concert – 10.00 a.m.
- 08.12.22 PS3 Concert – 2.00 p.m.
- 12.12.22 PSI Nativity – 10.00 a.m.



(PSI = Nursery and Reception, PS2 = Y1, Y2 & Y3, PS3 – Y4, Y5 & Y6)

For your information, parts will be allocated to pupils prior to half term. Please keep an eye out for the letter informing you of what role your child is playing in their concert as this will also contain information on what costume they require. Please can you also encourage them to learn their lines on a regular basis.

## THANK YOU – MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We just wanted to thank you for taking the time to attend our coffee morning and for your generous donations. We are pleased to announce that the coffee morning and non-school uniform day raised a total of £154.20 for Macmillan.



## SPOOKY CLASS DISCO

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, each class will hold a spooky class disco.

For this event, the children are invited to wear a costume of choice, or non school uniform. The children will be provided with a variety of snacks to enjoy, but we kindly ask for a contribution of £1.

Half term homework – See Pumpkin Project attached



## BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, we will be fundraising for BBC Children in Need and invite pupils to wear spots or Pudsey/Blush theme clothes/pyjamas to school on this day. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Half term homework / competition – Create a Pudsey poster – see template provided.

## HEALTHY SNACKS

Reminder – We are a healthy school and therefore advocate for healthy snacks only to be consumed at breaktime. Please do not provide your child/ren with crisps, sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Value of the month: **Happiness**

A peek at the next few weeks...



## Diary Dates

- 28.10.22 Spooky class disco and Nant-E-Parc Day
- 11.11.22 Remembrance Day
- 14.11.22 Anti-Bullying Week
- 18.11.22 Children in Need
- 21.11.22 Universal Children's Day
- 22.11.22 Flu Vaccinations
- 01.12.22 Elf Day
- 05.12.22 Christmas Community Market
- 07.12.22 Christmas Lunch

## Term Dates

- 31.10.22 – 04.11.22 Half term week
- 21.12.22 End of autumn term – finish 1.15pm
- 09.01.23 Spring term begins
- 20.02.23 – 24.02.23 Half term week
- 31.03.23 End of spring term
- 17.04.23 Summer term begins

## Welsh Phrase of the Week

Week beginning 24.10.22 – Mwynhewch y gwyliau

Week beginning 07.11.22 – Ble est ti? / Beth wrnest ti...

## Admissions to Secondary School

Please see page 10 for further details.



## Nant-E-Parc Day

Parents are invited to attend a workshop on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15 in the school hall. This session will be delivered by Mr Tilley and there will be coffee and cakes available.



Add your own  
Spectacular doodle  
HERE



"GET creative for THIS year's  
BBC Children in Need 2022 !"

BY Liz  
Pichon

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**BBC  
CHILDREN  
IN NEED**

Pudsey



## NYP Pumpkin Project

Please take your time to work as a family to decorate a pumpkin as part of your half term homework.

1. Decide on a theme for the pumpkin and be as creative as you can!
2. With an adult, use appropriate tools to carve your pumpkin. Don't waste the pulp, keep it and put it in a container.
3. Take a photo of you and your family with your carved pumpkin and tweet us @NantYParcSchool using the hashtag #NYPumpkins
4. Using the pulp you saved in step 2, follow the recipe on the back of this sheet to make delicious, healthy pumpkin soup
5. Enjoy your soup as a family and display your creative pumpkin.

Happy Half Term!

Please remember that the purpose of this family project is to have fun spending quality time as a family whilst learning new skills.





## Pumpkin Soup



### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion finely chopped
- Pumpkin peeled and chopped into chunks
- Cup of vegetable stock
- Double cream



### Method

1. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a large saucepan, then gently cook 1 finely chopped onion for 5 mins, until soft but not coloured.
2. Add the chopped pumpkin to the pan, then carry on cooking for 8-10 mins, stirring occasionally until it starts to soften and turn golden.
3. Pour the vegetable stock into the pan and season with salt and pepper. Bring to the boil, then simmer for 10 mins until the pumpkin is very soft.
4. Pour some double cream into the pan, bring back to the boil, then purée with a hand blender.
5. Pour into a bowl and enjoy





# NANT Y PARC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WHY IS READING IMPORTANT?



Reading  
eggs



### READING EGGS

Encourage your child/ren to complete Reading Eggs lessons at home. Every child has their own individual Reading Eggs login that should be on their digital passport. Ask your child's teacher if you need another copy. To access Reading Eggs visit [www.readingeggs.com](http://www.readingeggs.com).

### TOP 10 BENEFITS OF CHILDREN READING



- Their vocabulary is larger and more extensive
- They perform better academically
- Their imagination can run wild!
- Their creative skills develop
- They develop empathy
- They gain a deeper understanding of their world
- Their concentration levels improve
- The parent and child bond improves
- Their cognitive development is supported
- Their social skills and interaction improve



### VENDING MACHINE

You may have noticed the new vending machine full of wonderful and exciting books in the school foyer. These books are a reward for the child who completes the most Reading Eggs lessons in a week. The results will be shared in celebration assembly every Friday and the child will receive a token to collect a book from the vending machine.



### LITERATURE FIRES IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY

Reading is such an important skill and this is recognised in the Curriculum for Wales. Reading has its own statement of what matters for Languages, Literacy and Communication.



### LENDING LIBRARY

Don't forget to pick up a book from our lending library on the way home from school. Enjoy reading to your child at home and bring the book back for someone else to enjoy. Book donations are kindly appreciated.

### SPEND TIME READING TO YOUR CHILD



Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns.

**NEW INFORMATION**



HELEN O'GRADY  
DRAMA ACADEMY

DEVELOPMENT THROUGH

# DRAMA

CONFIDENCE COMMUNICATION CREATIVITY

Our innovative and imaginative curriculum incorporates role play, improvisation and structured performance.

Our one-hour classes for young people from 4-18 encourage:

- Enthusiasm and energy
- Ongoing confidence
- Self-esteem
- Communication skills
- Effective social interaction

**Unlock your child's potential!**

Your local Academy:

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## NEW INFORMATION



## DEVELOPMENT CENTRES NEAR YOU...

Our development centres are for boys and girls aged 5 - 12 of all abilities. They are designed to get children active and develop their football skills in a safe, FUN environment. All coaches are fully qualified with up to date DBS, First Aid and Safeguarding certificates.

**The venue will also be guaranteed a visit from our founder Joe Ledley at least once during each block help to inspire and motivate all of our players.**

### ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL, CAEPRHILLY, CF83 1UW

Wednesdays from 5th - 26th October (4 Weeks)

Under 5 - 8 (Reception - Year 3): 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Under 9 - 12 (Years 4 - 7): 6:00pm - 7:00pm

**£34.00 for 4 weeks or book weekly for just £10.00 per session!**

**CLICK HERE TO BOOK**

For more information, email Community Co-ordinator James Jennison at [james@joeledleyfa.com](mailto:james@joeledleyfa.com) or visit [www.joeledleyfa.com](http://www.joeledleyfa.com)

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# Free School Meal Rollout

For further information  
please [click here](#)





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**Be part of Wales' largest youth organisation!**  
**JOIN** today for a world of new opportunities...

### RESIDENTIAL CENTRES

Make memories and enjoy epic adventures with friends in Llangrannog, Glan-llyn, Glan-llyn Isa' and Cardiff.

[urdd.cymru/residential-centres](http://urdd.cymru/residential-centres)

### FUN

Trips abroad, arts, socialising, making new friends, clubs and volunteering opportunities.

[urdd.cymru/myarea](http://urdd.cymru/myarea)

### URDD EISTEDDFOD

With over 400 competitions, from singing to cooking, dancing to designing websites, and writing stories to starring on stage - there's something here for everyone!

[urdd.cymru/eisteddfod](http://urdd.cymru/eisteddfod)

### SPORTS

Rugby, swimming, football, basketball, gymnastics, urban games... There are all sorts of clubs, activities and competitions available through the medium of Welsh.

[urdd.cymru/sports](http://urdd.cymru/sports)

### MAGAZINES

Free, fun and informative Welsh magazines available digitally. IAW is a magazine for secondary Welsh learners.

[urdd.cymru/magazines](http://urdd.cymru/magazines)

### TO JOIN

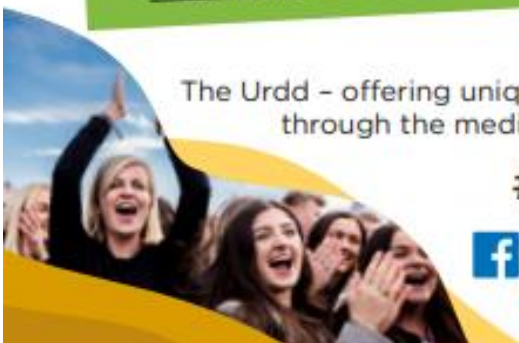
Membership cost:      Family membership:  
**£10**                              **£25**  
per child                              (three or more children)  
(Discounts available\*)

Visit [urdd.cymru/join](http://urdd.cymru/join) to start your journey as an Urdd member.

\*We know that there are changes to school meal payments in Wales. However, if a child receives 'free school meal vouchers', the school uniform grant or education maintenance grant scheme then the price for membership is £1.

The Urdd - offering unique, exciting and unforgettable experiences through the medium of Welsh to the youth of Wales.

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# Admission to Secondary School September 2023

As your child enters Year 6 it is now time for you to apply for  
their place in secondary school

**You must apply by 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

You can apply by visiting [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk) and searching for  
school admissions or by scanning the QR code below  
For help and support call the Admissions team on 01443 864870

