

Newsletter Spring 2024

One Family, Shining Brightly



YSGOL GYNRADD
PARC LEWIS
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Thank you for your support last term.

Spring is always a shorter term with so much to fit in! Parent evenings, World Book Day, St Davids Day and of course Easter to name but a few.

Remember to follow our Twitter feed so you can see pictures, videos and reminders of what's taking place in every class.

On a more personal note, I have informed the Governing Body and RCT that I intend to retire at the end of this academic year. It is one of the hardest decisions I have had to make but I feel now is the right time.

I have enjoyed the constant support of the fantastic parents we have here and working together seen this school go from strength to strength.

I would also like to thank all the children – past and present for your wonderful contributions and of course to all the extremely dedicated staff who make this school such a fantastic place and who I am sure will continue to do so.

Good luck to you all at Parclewis for the future.

Kind regards
Mr. A Roberts
(Headteacher)



Term Dates	2023 — 2024
Autumn 2023	04.09.23 – 27.10.2023
Half Term	Monday, October 30 2023
Autumn 2023	06.11.2023 - 22.12.2023
Christmas Holidays	Monday, December 25 2023
Spring 2024	08.01.24 – 09.02.24
Half Term	Monday, February 12 2024
Spring 2024	19.02.24 – 22.03.24
Easter Holidays	Monday, March 25 2024
Summer 2024	08.04.24 – 24.05.24
Half Term	Monday, May 27 2024
Summer 2024	03.06.24 – 22.07.24



Thank you for your continued generous donations for Pontypridd Foodbank. Parclewis Primary School aims to continue supporting our Community as much as possible.



Important Information Parking

We actively encourage our families to respect the road markings outside the school and not park on the zig zag and double yellow lines – safety of our children is our priority at Parclewis. However, as parking is outside the school premises we ask that parents take responsibility to keep children safe by ensuring that parking of vehicles is done in a sensible and respectable way. Recently there have been several issues on the road outside schools' main entrance. Parking on the zigzags and double yellow lines is illegal and does mean that cars cannot pass one another resulting in much congestion and frustration at pick up time. (Particularly during rainy weather).

Traffic officers are currently monitoring the situation to see if extra road markings etc. would help. In the meantime, regular checks by Parking Enforcement Officers are taking place and several fines have been issued.

Office Hours – the school office is staffed between 8.30am & 3.30pm.

ALL children must be supervised by an adult until 8.45am on all school yards

Parents are not permitted to park in the car park due to pupil safety unless exceptional circumstances have been authorised by school.

Thank you for your help with these matters



World Book Day

World Book Day at School was a great success.
Thank you, Mrs. Henshaw, for organising a fun day!
The children and staff looked fantastic in their 'traditional tales' fancy dress costumes and loved settling down for reading activities.
Thank you, mums and dads!



St David's Day Eisteddfod

The entries for our Eisteddfod competition were amazing!
Thank you to everyone for working with the children to produce such fantastic pieces
Judging is an impossible task but winners and runners up were given a small prize and certificate during the eisteddfod.

It was a lovely morning/afternoon and the 'sea of red' in the hall was wonderful to see.

Diolch yn Fawr!



Parental Engagement

Thank you to the majority of our parents who met with class teachers recently to discuss progress made by pupils. Approximately 85% of parents attended and were able to look at children's work.

We also gave out attendance reports to ensure that parents are aware of children's attendance at school.

School INSET Days

Please see below the dates for the 2 remaining INSET days

School will be closed to all pupils on these days:

Friday 03.05.2024
Monday 03.06.2024



Important information – Parents/Guardians you could be eligible for.....

The majority of year groups in Primary school are now eligible for Universal free school meals (Year 5 & 6 will be eligible after the Easter holidays). Also many parents/guardians are entitled to School Essentials Grants once a year to aide with the cost of school uniform and equipment. In order to guarantee your entitlement to the grant you **MUST** be eligible for Free School Meals. Please see below the criteria and the link to apply.

Free School meals application link -

<https://forms.rctcbc.gov.uk/en/Web/Coronavirusfmsignup/ContactDetails>

You must apply for a Free School Meal even if you receive a Universal Free School Meal for your child as this will affect your possible entitlement to a School Essentials Grant

Please view the eligibility criteria before making your application below:

- Free school meals are available to children whose parents or guardians are currently receiving one of the following benefits:
- Child Tax Credit – where total annual income is also less than £16,190
- Income Support (with responsibility for children)
- Income Based Job Seekers' Allowance (with responsibility for children)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of state Pension Credit
- Pupils who receive Income Support or income-based Job Seekers' Allowance in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA(IR)).
- Universal Credit (if working, annualised net earnings must be £7,400 or lower)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.



STAFF CHANGES – April 2024

Mrs. Morgan – Year 3 & 4 class teacher will be absent from school when we return – we look forward to welcoming our new teacher Mrs. Glading who has met the class over the past few weeks and who will cover the class until Mrs. Morgan returns.



Have a lovely Easter holiday. Stay safe and we'll see all the children on Monday 8th April 2024.