



TREMAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

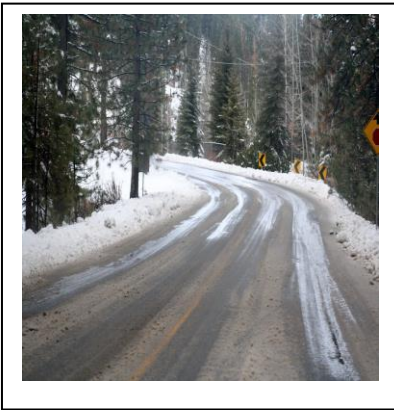
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NEWSLETTER: CYLCH LYTHYR

New admin email address

Please note that the admin email address is now admin@tremainsps.bridgend.cymru. **Please remember to state your child's full name and class in your email.**

All children and staff returned safely to school after a well-deserved Christmas break and we are very pleased to report an excellent start of 2023. Children have settled back into the school routine well and are showing enthusiasm about their new topics.



Severe Weather

Thank you for your patience and co-operation when we had to interrupt our normal drop off and pick up routines during the recent dangerous icy conditions. We are pleased to report that everyone adhered to the designated safe routes and everyone arrived safely and returned home without incident. Diolch yn fawr.

Wellbeing

The school is working hard to ensure that the wellbeing of our pupils, staff, parents, community and Governing Body are supported.

There will be new and exciting ways that the school will provide this support and we will share this information with you throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Big Bocs Bwyd.

An invaluable community resource.

Please bring your own reusable shopping bag and choose a variety of groceries to feed your family for £2.50. At present, we are only able to accept cash.

You will find a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables available every week as well as frozen and tinned products. Bring your children along to choose something for tea! This is a great way of encouraging your children to try new foods and develop cookery skills as they help you prepare the evening meal.

Female sanitary products are available free of charge!

Big Bocs Bwyd is open each Tuesday and Wednesday between 8:30 am – 9:00 am and 2:30 pm-3:30 pm.

Help Needed

This fantastic community resource is overseen by Mrs Rees-Howlett our Family Engagement Officer. We would be delighted to bring together a small group of parents, carers or grandparents who can support this project on a Tuesday and Wednesday during the times given above. Please contact Mrs Rees-Howlett, 01656 815900 if you can support the school in this way.

The Value for January was Creativity.

Children in all classes have demonstrated their creativity in a variety of classroom tasks. There have been models, artwork and dance sessions which have challenged the children to work collaboratively and be creative. Thank you to all staff that run the after-school clubs and encourage this Value.

Value for February is Imagination

Fire your children's imagination with stories and experiences.

Staff have planned new and exciting activities that will explore and encourage imaginative discussions, writing and experiences.

Ask your children about their learning – Find out if they can identify when they have had to use their imagination.



Savings Club.

Children can save every **Thursday** with the Credit Union.

When your child joins the Credit Union, they will be given a Money Pig in which they can save their money and a paying in book to keep track of what they have in their accounts.

You can join at any point online [Bridgend School Savings - Part of Bridgend Life Savers Union](#)

Please note that Savings Day is Thursday.

KIND REQUEST – Year 1

The children are using our outdoors regularly. We have some spare welly boots in school but we kindly request that children bring their own wellies into school. They are welcome to leave them here. Please label the boots with their name.

Also, please pack spare clothing in their school bags because they are all very good at finding MUD and we do not have enough spare change of clothes. Thank you.



During the month of January, **Year 1** came up with their own New Year's Resolution that we can all work towards achieving.

In order to keep our classroom tidy and to respect the objects in the room, we are trying to remember to put things away in their correct places when we finish using them. E.g. pencils in the correct pots and lids on the pens.

We hope the children tidy up at home too!



Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their first ever school trip this month. They visited Swansea Museum and participated in a 'Toy Workshop.' The visit gave them first hand experience of the types of toys children played with in the past. The staff in Year 1 recognised a few!

Their behaviour was excellent and we are very proud of them.

Da iawn, Blwyddyn Un.

7JH and 8JW/RK

7JH and 8JW/RK started their new topic 'A Time for Everything' with a dinosaur hunt. We enjoyed following the clues to find out where the dinosaur was hidden. We found a dinosaur egg!! The egg is in the classroom, and we are waiting for it to hatch.



This term we will be finding out about dinosaurs. We will learn about their habitats, what they eat, when they lived and investigate fossils and bones. We have already enjoyed playing with the dinosaurs in the classroom.



Volunteers

There is a school disco on Thursday, February 16th. If you are bringing your child to this event - perhaps you can stay for the duration of your child's disco and help to supervise the event. – We would be very grateful for offers of help.

Please let your child's class teacher know if you are available to help out. Thank you. Diolch.

Year 3:

Supporting the NHS

Year 3 pupils designed and made 'Thank You' badges for NHS workers. Pupils used 'Shrinkles' to make the badges and the badges were delivered to NHS staff by Mr D Clarke. Here is a photograph of Catherine Theron – head of nursing accepting the badges from us. Thank you to all the members of the NHS.



Y3 Cinema Visit

Year 3 had a blast at the Odeon cinema watching 'Lyle, Lyle Crocodile'. The seats were comfy and we had fun dancing to the music. Lots of us wanted a friendly, singing crocodile for Christmas.



To Infinity and Beyond!

Year 3 are very enthusiastic about our 'Space' topic for the Spring Term. We are looking forward to our Technquest visit on Thursday 2nd February. We are hoping to learn more about the solar system and have fun exploring the exhibitions and interactive games.



Year 4 have enjoyed swimming in January and have been working hard on developing their water confidence and ability. All the children have embraced the challenge and have been very independent, remembering their kit each day. We have seen all pupils make great progress and we are very proud of them all. Da iawn pawb.

Independent Learning

Year 4 are becoming increasingly independent. As well as Mission Time we have introduced Bubble Time and Challenges. Bubble time is directed time with the teacher whilst the other pupils engage in an independent challenge. The children have 4 independent challenges to complete on their challenge card each fortnight. At the end of the week, we reflect on what we have achieved independently and celebrate our success. Keep an eye on SeeSaw to follow our independent learning journey. Below is an example of our challenge cards:

Challenge Card

<p>Humanities Challenge</p> <p>Look at the Map of Wales. How many places have you visited? Can you complete the A-Z of Welsh place names.</p> <p>Upload your completed work to Seesaw (Humanities Folder)</p>	<p>Expressive Arts Challenge</p> <p>Make a card to give to someone you love to celebrate St Dwynwen's Day on Ionawr 25ain</p> <p>Upload your completed work to Seesaw (Expressive Arts Folder)</p>
<p>Literacy Challenge</p> <p>Draw and describe your favourite place in Wales.</p> <p>Use adjectives and adverbs to paint a picture in the reader's mind.</p> <p>Upload your completed work to Seesaw (LLC Folder)</p>	<p>STEM Challenge</p> <p>Can you complete the challenge and make a lego heart to celebrate St Dwynwen's Day?</p> <p>Upload your completed work to Seesaw (Science & Technology Folder)</p>



Are you trailing behind your children when it comes to technology?

If the answer is yes, then you will be interested in these FREE sessions.

Pyle Life Centre

Digital Drop-in Robert Shufflebotham Tues 2.00-4.00

Maesteg 7777s

Digital Drop-in Robert Shufflebotham Mon 2.00-4.00

Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre

Digital Drop-in Robert Shufflebotham Wed 2.00-4.00

On Friday 20th January pupils in Class 14TM had a fantastic party as a celebration of reaching the milestone of 500 Dojo rewards. The children chose to invite their friends from other classes to come and celebrate with them. We played party games and enjoyed some snacks whilst dancing to our favourite party songs. Well done on your continued hard work.

Year 3 pupils from 14TM will be joining the upcoming Year 3 trip to Techniquest in Cardiff.

Year 4 Pupils from 14TM enjoyed their two-week block of swimming this term. They always put in 100% effort and made good progress with their swimming skills development. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and represented the school wonderfully through continually demonstrating our values of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'.

Well done Nursery children! You have walked from Breakfast Club 'on the train' to your classroom. You always have fantastic smiles.



We all have a responsibility to improve behaviour

At Tremains, our Behaviour Policy is firmly based around a consistent approach. We are committed to creating an environment where exemplary behaviour is at the heart of productive learning. Everyone is expected to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct, to accept responsibility for their behaviour and encourage others to do the same.

Paul Dix, the Author of 'When the Adults Change, Everything Changes' has influenced our policy and supports our three school rules: Ready, Respectful, Safe. These are displayed in all areas of the school and referred to daily. We would like to share information about our approach with you by giving you tips that you may wish to use within your family environment. Your child will understand this approach and, if you choose to use this at home, your child will have consistency of approach between home and school. If you would like more information or explanation, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to discuss this with you.

Get in and get out quickly with your dignity intact

To effectively deliver a sanction to your child's inappropriate behaviour choice, the message you give your child needs to be simple, clear and not negotiable; in practice it is easy to get caught up in a lengthy argument or confrontation.

- Focus on initiating the conversation, delivering your sanction as discreetly as possible and then moving out quickly.
- Choose a phrase that you will withdraw on: 'I need to see you thinking more considerately about the family, like yesterday when you did all that washing up, thank you for listening' or 'I will come back and ask about what just happened in 10 minutes, we both need to calm down first.'

Avoid waiting around for your child to change their behaviour immediately; they may need some time and space to make a better choice.

Engage in a productive task or move elsewhere in the house and only check back once the dust has settled. No one likes receiving negatively perceived consequences and the longer the interaction the more chance of a defensive reaction or escalation.

Get in, deliver the message and get out with dignity; quickly, efficiently and without lingering.

Blwyddyn 5



We visited Parc Slip on 13th January. We had used maps to find out that Parc Slip is north-west of our school. We were looking for clues to the past. We walked around and got quite muddy. We found clues like carved wooden totem poles, a statue and a monument. We found out that this had been the site of a coal mine and that there had been a large explosion. At the monument, we saw a pavement with names of the miners who had lost their lives engraved in the stone.


Jacob Kelly-Hocking



Mrs Allen and Mrs Beer would like to say well done to all Year 5 pupils for completing their swimming module. Everyone tried their very best and made good progress.


Talking about Good Manners

Year 5 have talked about the importance of good manners this week and the difference they can make when we are with other people. We all agreed that the classroom is a much better place when everyone is treated respectfully.




RECEPTION

Our Topic ... A Time for Winter



Reception children have recently been on a Winter Walk. They explored the signs of Winter in their immediate environment taking time to take photographs, finding out how ice is formed and why the grass is white in the mornings. They had many questions and were able to share Winter experiences that they have had with their families.

The children are continuing to explore this topic with a focus on researching animals that hibernate, weather patterns and why we wear hats, scarfs and gloves during cold weather.



Good Manners

The Reception Team are very proud of all Reception children as they have been practising how to be polite to others and to demonstrate good manners. Many children have been given praise by their peers when they have been good role models in the classroom, the dining room and other areas of the school.

It would be wonderful to have the support of our parents and carers to reinforce politeness and good manners.

The Reception Team have encouraged all children to:

- Say please and thank you in every scenario.
- Say 'excuse me' if they need to get the attention of an adult.
- Offer help to others if they are able.
- While in class, put their hand up to ask or answer a question.

Thank you for your support.

Police Visit

In January, Year 5 and 6 welcomed P.C. Matt into school. He came in to talk to the children about the different types of drugs (legal, illegal and medicinal) and about the importance of making good choices, and not giving in to peer pressure.



Head Pupils

We would like to introduce you to this year's head pupils! Alicija, Holly, Emily, Faye, Adam and Megan were all voted onto the committee after presenting speeches to their classmates, outlining why they would be good for the role. Then they had individual interviews, with Mrs Todd. Well done, all – you're doing an amazing job!



Friendly February

Vanessa King from Action for Happiness shares her top tips for Friendly February, based on the key of Relating (one of the 10 Keys for Happier Living).

Check out the following link and listen to Vanessa King. [Friendly February with Vanessa King - YouTube](#)

and this calendar with tips on ways to be friendly.

Friendly February 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1. Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them	2. Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3. Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	4. Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)	5. Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour 
6. Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7. Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	8. Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9. Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10. Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	11. Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12. Focus on being kind rather than being right
13. Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	14. Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	15. Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message	16. Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17. Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	18. Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	19. Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing
20. Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21. Really listen to what people say, without judging them	22. Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23. Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24. Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them	25. Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26. Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones
 27. Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28. Give positive comments to as many people as possible today	    				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Year 2 Cinema Trip



Picture by Chloe and Isabelle

In December we went to the cinema to watch *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile*. The film was so funny, and the seats went back and were so comfortable. We had a wonderful time at the cinema and enjoyed singing Christmas songs on the coach.

By Harriet and Tyler

Year 2 Health and Safety Team



This week we had an email from Mrs Todd because we are starting a Health and Safety team. We chatted about this in class and everybody had a chance to say if they wanted to be part of the team. We had a vote and decided who would be really good at this job. Mrs Pugh's class voted for Caden and Mrs Matthews' class voted for Josh. We think they will be fantastic at this job.

By James H and Isaac N

Nursery are enjoying their Spring term topic '*A Time for Everything!*' We have been exploring how we have grown since babies and enjoyed a visit from Mrs Vowles and her baby. The children were so well-behaved and asked lots of interesting questions!



The children have been so excited about Chinese New Year and have carried out various activities to explore the celebration further, including food tasting, making lanterns, having a dragon dance and learning to say 'hello' in Chinese!



Your suggestions/ Your voice

Our Newsletter is for our parents and carers. If you have a suggestion about what information or articles you would like to read about – please email Mrs McDonald on admin@tremainsps.bridgend.cymru.




Seesaw

Reminder – Please visit Seesaw as regularly as possible and let your children tell you about their learning. You will be surprised how much information they will have retained and you may be able to continue their learning with discussions, visits or projects as a family.

If you have mislaid your Seesaw code, please contact your child’s class teacher so that you do not miss out.

Future Events for Your Diary: Am eich

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20th to 24th February **Half term**

31st March **Teacher Training**
Day

24th July **Teacher Training**
Day

Industrial Action – Please look out for important information about further planned Industrial Action which has been planned for Tuesday 14th February 2023
Wednesday 15th March 2023
Thursday 16th March 2023
You will have emails/ information on the App prior to each of the above dates.

Easter Break **Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April**

This Year
2022/23 Term dates

Autumn Term
Start: Monday 5 September 2022
Half-term: Monday 31 October 2022 - Friday 4 November 2022
End: Friday 23 December 2022

Spring Term
Start: Monday 9 January 2023
Half-term: Monday 20 February 2023- Friday 24 February 2023
End: Friday 31 March 2023

Summer Term Start: Monday 17 April 2023
Half-term: Monday 29 May 2023 - Friday 2 June 2023
End: Monday 24 July 2023

Our school rules are Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Ready – to learn

Respectful – to others, our school equipment

Safe – on-line, around the school, in the classroom

These rules are easily transferrable to your home and your family. Keeping the same language, Ready, Respectful, Safe will reinforce to your children that home and school are working together.



Have a lovely February!