



# TREMAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FEBRUARY 2023

### NEWSLETTER: CYLCH LYTHYR

#### New admin email address

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

#### The App

Can we please remind parents to check that their email address and telephone numbers are correct on the Edulink App. If any parent has lost their log in details and/or password, can you please email [admin@tremainsps.bridgend.cymru](mailto:admin@tremainsps.bridgend.cymru)



Spring is here! A change of weather and lighter nights will improve our well-being.



**The recent disco was a huge success.**

**You helped us raise £150.65**

**We plan to purchase new lighting for the junior hall which all children will benefit from during future discos and concerts.**

***Thank you very much. Diolch yn fawr.***

# Big Bocs Bwyd – BBB

## PLEASE HELP!

We are delighted that we have parents/carers who are willing to support this wonderful resource. Just a few more volunteers will enable us to re-open. Thank you to those that have already volunteered. We will be in touch shortly.

If you are thinking about joining us but just want more information, please contact Mrs McDonald who is based in the infant department. Thank you in anticipation of your interest.

- Big Bocs Bwyd is a valuable school and community resource which is in desperate need of a team of volunteers to open the shop across the week.
- BBB has had valuable support from many local supermarkets and together we can reduce food waste.
- If we had a small team of volunteers, it would mean that each volunteer would only be required for one hour every two weeks.

Without volunteers, Big Bocs Bwyd may have to cease operating.

If you could support the project by giving one hour a week, we would be able to reduce more food waste and help save the planet.

If you would like to know more about how you could help, please contact Mrs McDonald in the infant department, on 01656 815900 or email [admin@tremainsps.bridgend.cymru](mailto:admin@tremainsps.bridgend.cymru).

### **New School Lunch Menu**

Please follow the links to find the new Catering Services Menu together with menu schedule.

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/media/14986/new-primary-menu-2022-23.pdf>

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/media/14578/menu-schedule-2022-2023.pdf>



## Blwyddyn 5

### **'It's Your Choice'**

P.C. Matt came to talk to us. His talk was called 'It's Your Choice'. We learnt that there are legal and illegal drugs and medicines. We worked in groups to talk about what we knew and what we didn't know. We then talked about making positive choices, resisting peer pressure and staying safe.

### ***Online Safety***

On 'Safer Internet Day', we spent time discussing our use of the internet. We made a timeline of our tech experiences – what we do with tech and how old we think we should be when we do those things like when we have our own phone for example. We made an 'Alphanet': A is for apps, B is for BBC Bitesize..., C is for clipboard... We read a story together called 'The Magic Window'. We thought about our feelings when we see things that may be inappropriate on the internet and talked about how it is important to show respect to others online just like it is when we see people face to face.

We are looking forward to the Eisteddfod and World Book Day after half-term!

**Reporters:** Ania Jones, Amelia Seymour, Emily Richards, William Curtis and Lester Morris

### **Smart Watches**

We would really appreciate your support to ensure that your children leave their **smart watches or watches that record, take photographs or have games installed on them, at home.**

We have had many incidents recently where pupils are taking photographs of other children, and this has caused distress to those concerned. In addition, we would wish to discourage the playing of video games during school time.

We would be delighted to see your children wear a watch to help improve their skills in telling the time either digital time or analogue.

Thank you for your understanding.

Diolch yn fawr.

## YEAR 2

In January we researched the work of local artist Jenny Lambert. We think her work is amazing! We tried to paint in the same style and we noticed that she always has a dog in her paintings. We are proud of our work and have some displayed in Year 2.

By Emma and Paige



In Year 2 we are writing our own leaflets about Brackla. First, we looked at leaflets and decided what a good leaflet looks like. Then a few weeks ago, we went on a research walk. We now have lots of information to put in our leaflets.

By Esme, Sophie and Nyla

A few weeks ago, a Policeman called PC Mat came to talk to us about feelings and people who we can trust to help us. He also told us a story and we thought he was 'bendigedig' because he spoke some Welsh.

By Elijah, Willow and William



## Year 3 have been very busy!

### Visit from Community Police.

Year 3 had a fantastic workshop with the community police on internet safety. We learnt about importance of not sharing personal information online and having strong, secure passwords. We now have a better understanding about how to protect ourselves online. Thank you, South Wales Police! Diolch yn fawr!



### Visit to Techniquest.

Wow, what a day! We had a blast at Techniquest learning about space flight and how to get a rocket into space. We experienced bangs and pops and saw a model rocket take off. We also had plenty of time exploring the exhibitions and experienced things like an earthquake, hurricane, and magnetism. However, the most popular exhibition was the giant slide.



### The Life of Katherine Johnson: 1918 - 2020.

Year 3 have studied the life of Katherine Johnson. She was a woman of colour who worked for NASA for many years. It was her mathematical talent and calculations that got the first American astronauts into space and helped to land astronauts on the moon. Her work was not globally recognised until later in her life, but she now has a building named after her at NASA. We drew portraits of this wonderful lady, who overcame many challenges and obstacles in her life to fulfil her dream of working for NASA.

## Year 6

We are delighted to announce two of our pupils are now a part of the school's Health & Safety team. Katie Ballinger and Sam Llewelyn will be working with Mrs Todd and the Governing Body as pupil representatives. Well done both, we know you will be superb in this new role!

The Designated Safeguarding Officers for Tremains Primary School are Mrs D Todd, Mrs K McDonald and Mr I Davies.



Eco Club  
thoroughly  
enjoyed  
making a den  
and a camp



### Great Changes that support our learning

Our Upper School has had a few changes. A new staffroom, a wonderful new KS2 observation class and several new break-out spaces for Y2-Y6 to work both independently and alongside their teachers.

One of the new and exciting areas is the creation of a new library space which is enjoyed by all. Even though technology is a huge part of our children's lives – we are still nurturing the love of reading a real book.

### Internet Safety

Learning how to stay safe on-line is part of the curriculum and is taught in each year group at an age appropriate level.

We are committed to supporting our families to continue teaching on-line safety at home and would be happy to support you with information or websites. Please contact the school if you would like information or the link below will provide valuable advice.

[Is my child safe online? Parent's questions answered | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](#)



### Extra-curricular activities

Our range of after-school clubs are very popular. They provide opportunities for your children to try out new sports and activities that can support their physical and emotional well-being.

The sessions offer time to develop new friendships and relationships with different members of staff as well as improving social skills and resilience to persevere with a new skill.

**Look out for the clubs available to your children and please encourage them to step outside of their comfort zone and try something new.**



#### Celebration Assemblies

Did you know that your child's achievements are celebrated each week. This takes place in either a class-based assembly or a phase assembly.

Your child is able to bring certificates, medals or trophies and will have the opportunity to share their success with their peers.



Music tuition is provided by Cardiff and Vale Music Service and is available to pupils in Year 2 – Year 6.

Please contact Cardiff and Vale Music Services for more information.

Phone No. 02920891231

Web site [cavms.co.uk](http://cavms.co.uk)

Email [office@cavms.co.uk](mailto:office@cavms.co.uk)



### Outdoor Learning

Thank you to all families that have donated welly boots to our school.

More are still needed – any size!

All classes use the school grounds and local area to enhance their learning across all areas of the curriculum.



### St David's Day

The staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed a range of activities that were able to enrich our children's knowledge of Wales...

The March Newsletter will have many photographs and articles for you to enjoy.  
Please spend time with your children discussing the activities that they took part in.

Diolch yn fawr.



## Your suggestions/ Your voice

Our Newsletter is for our parents and carers. If you have a suggestion about how to improve this communication or what information you would like to read about – please email Mrs McDonald on [admin@tremainsps.bridgend.cymru](mailto:admin@tremainsps.bridgend.cymru).

### School Uniform

Please label each item of your child's school uniform.

We have a growing number of items of clothing that we cannot find the owner for!

If you have lost items, please contact your child's class teacher to look through the items to see if you can.

**Ready,  
Respectful  
and Safe**

### Our School Rules

**Ready** – to learn

**Respectful** – to others, our school equipment and environment

**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.



## Seesaw

### **A window into the classroom**

Seesaw is being used in all classes as a digital portfolio of the tasks, events and activities that your children are involved in.

If you need help or support to access or use this App, please contact your child's class teacher and they will be able to provide the information you need.

We hope that you will engage in your children's learning by discussing the posts with your child and making a comment. Your children have opportunities during the school day to view your comments and this will encourage them to continue discussing their learning and progress with you.

January's Value was Creativity  
February's Value was Imagination

### **The Value for March is Positivity**

We would appreciate your support in discussing this value with your child/ren.

Our staff will be developing this value in school and will be nominating a Value Champion at the end of the month.

Values Champions have received a certificate and their achievement has been celebrated within Celebration Assemblies.

**Congratulations to all Value Champions this month.**



### **Attendance**

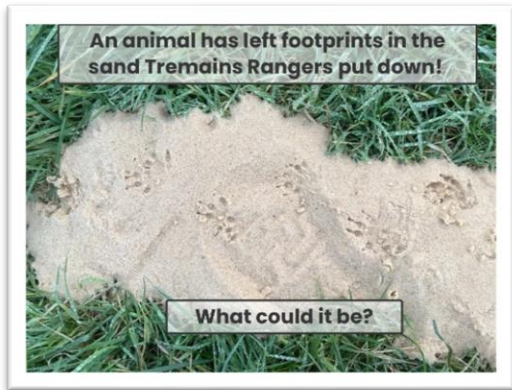
There are many ways that we can help you to ensure your child makes it to school every day.

Whenever possible

- Book routine GP and dental appointments in advance so that you can secure appointments after school hours or during the holidays
- If your child is receiving **prescribed** medication, that requires a dose 4 times a day and is fit enough to attend school, we will be happy to administer a dose during the day.
- Talk to us if your child is experiencing anxiety about coming to school. We have expert support available to assist your family.
- On occasion, lateness is unavoidable. If getting your child to school on time is difficult, again we may be able to help you – so please have a chat with your child's class teacher or speak with our Family Engagement Officer, Mrs Rees-Howlett who is based in the infant building.

**Attendance is constantly monitored to ensure that all pupils can maximise their learning experiences by being present in class.**

We are here to help.



**Year 1** had noticed little pathways left in the grass in our school grounds. Our after-school club 'Tremains Rangers' placed sand across some of these paths. We waited patiently and finally, after 4 days, the children and staff were excited to discover these tracks had been left! After some research of animal footprints, the children decided that they might be from a squirrel or hedgehog. What do you think? Any other suggestions are welcome!



**Children in Year 1** have had opportunities to prepare, cook and taste foods from Big Bocs Bwyd. They loved making potato wedges, helping to slice the potatoes and add olive oil. They couldn't wait to eat them with a humous dip. Our class smelt delicious all day!

They also helped to whisk and taste Semolina and Angel Delight. We were very impressed with their attitude towards tasting something new. Well done!

It was wonderful to hear that some children had also made wedges at home too!

## Nursery had visitors!

A big "Diolch yn fawr" to Bryn-Y-Cae residents for visiting Nursery for a morning tea! The Nursery children had a busy week baking cakes, practising songs and making gifts for the residents to enjoy. We look forward to many more visits in the future.



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Our Criw Cymraeg have been meeting each week and have been involved in sharing their love of the Welsh language with their peers. Some of the actions already carried out include: developing Welsh phrase of the week to be used throughout the school by staff and pupils, as well as learning Welsh games to be carried out during play times and daily Helpwr Heddiw sessions. We have attached the Phrase of the Week grid for the Spring term for you to practise at home!

 <b>Wythnos</b>	<b>Infant</b>	<b>Junior</b>
1	<b>Esgusodwch fi!</b> Excuse me!	<b>Esgusodwch fi!</b> Excuse me!
2	<b>Ga i...?</b> Can I have...?	<b>Ga i...os gwelwch yn dda?</b> Please can I have...?
3	<b>Amser cinio/chwarae</b> Lunch / play time	<b>Amser tacluso</b> Tidy up time
4	<b>Barod?</b> Ready?	<b>Pawb yn barod?</b> Everybody ready?
5	<b>Gwnewch res!</b> Line up!	<b>Sefwch du ol y gadair.</b> Stand behind the chair.
6	<b>Dal y drws.</b> Hold the door.	<b>Eisteddwch yn dawel.</b> Sit down quietly.
7	<b>Sawl un?</b> How many?	<b>Wn i ddim!</b> I don't know!
8	<b>Dwylo i fyny.</b> Hands up.	<b>Wyt ti wedi gorffen?</b> Have you finished?
9	<b>Pwy sy' eisiau chwarae?</b> Who wants to play?	<b>Ateb da iawn.</b> Very good answer.
10	<b>Dilynwch fi!</b> Follow me!	<b>Bron yn amser ...cinio etc</b> Nearly lunch time etc

# Step back in time .... Year 4



As part of our topic Wonderful Wales, we have been using our chronology skills to find out about the past in Wales. We have been exploring: The Celts, Romans, Vikings, Normans, Victorians, World Wars ... all the way up to present day. Although we looked at daily life in general we focussed on how housing has changed over the years. What a better way to finish our historical look back and bring our learning to life then with a visit to the National Museum of Wales "St Fagans". On a beautifully crisp Monday morning in February, we enjoyed visiting the different sites. Highlights included exploring the Iron Age roundhouses, the Medieval court of Llys Llewelyn and visiting the Victorian school and finding out about how school was very different then!. We were glad of the opportunity to warm up a little when we attended a storytelling in The Age of the Princes workshop !!! We had such a busy day and it made us realise how grateful we should be for the homes we live in today!



### Reception

All of our Reception children have been involved in a science experiment.

They have tested various materials to see which ones are best at protecting water from freezing.

**'Amazing' said Oliver Howard 4KM**

**'I guessed the right one' stated Sophia 3SL**

**'I've seen my mum use the foil in the kitchen to keep the food warm' said Penny Percy 4KM.**

**'This material is just like my coat- thick and warm - this will be a good material' said Elliott Rand 4KM.**

Reception Classes - Our topic this term is **'A Time for Everything'** with a special focus on Spring this half term.

If you have any potted bulbs that you would be happy to donate to Reception classes – we will make good use of them to support our close observational drawing, investigations, word building and sentences building.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.





Reception children have been developing their digital competency.

Using the iPad they can...

- take photographs and videos and upload onto their Seesaw account.
- take a photograph and use the microphone to speak over the image.
- use colour palettes to change the colour of text and drawing tools.
- add text to a photograph they have taken.
- add text to a drawing.
- after taking a photograph, they can review it and make a decision to upload or try again to improve it.
- screen shot from another app and upload to Seesaw.
- explored QR codes that are linked to Nosy Crow stories.
- experimented with Green Screen technology.

**All children are developing at their own pace but surprise the staff on a daily basis.**

**Well done to all Reception children!**

## 14TM

'Pupils from 14TM thoroughly enjoyed their educational visits last half term. Year 3 explored all things science in Techniquest and especially enjoyed the lights and sound areas.

Year 4 pupils took a trip to St Fagans to find out more about the past of Wales, specifically about the Bronze Age and the Celts.'



## Dojo

14TM's next Dojo reward target is 1000 dojos. We are working well towards achieving this with currently 750 dojos. As a class we have agreed that our next reward will be a trip to the 'Spar Park' and the chance to purchase a snack from the local shop.

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## Classes 7JH/8RK/JW

Children in classes 7JH and 8RK/JW were excited to see the dinosaurs hatching from the eggs we found. We have a baby T-Rex and Triceratops.



We have learnt to recognise and name different dinosaurs by looking at their features. We learnt that dinosaurs lived long ago and we looked at some fossils. Then we made our own 'fossils' using flour, coffee grounds, salt and water. We used big and small dinosaurs to make footprints. Now they have dried they look just like real fossils!

### Enrichment

Apple & sunflower seed bird feeders



## New Holiday in Term Time Request Forms



Thank you to all parents/carers who have remembered to use the new form.

You can obtain a form from the school office.

Thank you.

## Credit Union Saving Club



Your children may have Christmas money that they would like to invest by opening a Credit Union Savings Account. Each Tuesday, a member of the Credit Union comes to school to collect deposits and update individual passbooks.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to learn about money and enjoy having savings – especially if they are saving for a special event or a specific item.

If you would like more information, please contact the admin team.



## Future Events for Your Diary: Am eich

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31 <sup>st</sup> March	Teacher Training Day
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Teacher Training Day

Industrial Action – Please look out for important information about further Industrial Action which has been planned for:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

You will have emails/ information on the App prior to each of the above dates.

### **Easter Break**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

## **This Year      2022/23 Term Dates**

### **Spring Term**

**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

## **Next Year      2023/24 Term Dates**

### **Autumn Term**

**Start:** Monday 4 September 2023

**Half Term:** Monday 30 October 2023 – Friday 3 November 2023

**End:** Friday 22 December 2023

### **Spring Term**

**Start:** Monday 8 January 2024

**Half-term:** Monday 12 February 2024 – Friday 16 February 2024

**End:** Friday 22 March 2024

### **Summer Term**

**Start:** Monday 8 April 2024

**Half-term:** Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024

**End:** Monday 22 July 2024

## Simply After School

Simply out of School is open and running from the Infant school hall for after school childcare Monday to Friday.

Open to all children from nursery to year 6. Fully CIW registered so all means of funding are accepted.

Open until 5.30pm starting at just £10.50. Varied activities, and food and drinks included.

Emergency, adhoc and set day bookings welcome.

Message [fionna@simplyoutofschool.co.uk](mailto:fionna@simplyoutofschool.co.uk) for more information and to book a free trial session.