



# TREMAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEPTEMBER 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.**

#### **Values Education**

Here at Tremains Primary School, we believe the ethos of the school should be built upon mutual respect of each other. To promote this, our school endorses core values each month. Each month a pupil from each class will be selected as 'Value Champion' and receive a certificate for their efforts.

#### **Our values 2023—2024**

**September: Selflessness**

**October: Respect**

November: Commitment

December: Ambition

January: Determination

February: Inquisitive

March: Trust

April: High Standards

May: Confidence

June: Kindness

July: Creativity



**During October, all classes will focus on the value of 'Respect' – an excellent value to promote early in the year as our school rules are 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'.**



**Attendance is important**

**Miss School, Miss Out**

**Tremains Primary is working hard to improve the punctuality of our pupils and school attendance.**



**Punctuality**

Please support us and foster good routines with your children, please ensure that your child is in school before the doors close at **8:45 am**. Doors open 8:35 am.

Your child's punctuality and attendance is monitored each week and discussed with the Education Welfare Officer.

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

## Attendance

Please support us and promote good attendance with your children. Missing school has an impact on your child's learning and progress so we would encourage you to send your child to school whenever possible.

If your child has been prescribed medication four times a day, we will administer a dose for you during the school day. This will allow your child to return to school as soon as they are feeling well enough to attend.

**Holidays in Term Time** – The school will only authorise 10 days holiday in any academic year. All other holiday absences will be unauthorised and discussed with the Education Welfare Officer.

Please try to avoid booking holidays during term time. Thank you for your support.

### Need Help?

If you sometimes find it difficult to get your child to school on time - we can help!

Contact

Mrs McDonald  
on

01656 815900

**MISS SCHOOL MISS OUT!**

"Attending school every day is important for our learning, wellbeing, achievement, and overall development"

Research shows that missing out on just 17 days of school will cause a drop in grade across all subjects at GCSE level. The higher your school attendance rate, the higher you will achieve.

#attendtoachieve

Attend to achieve!

Make everyday count

Miss school, Miss out!

www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/school-attendance/

BRIDGEND Council

### Need Help?

Does your child sometimes try to avoid coming to school? We have trained staff and access to services that can help.

Don't leave it until the problem gets worse!

Contact

Mrs McDonald on  
01656 815900

# Bridgend School Savings

Bridgend LifeSavers Credit Union

## School Savings Club - Every Thursday



We were delighted to hold two assemblies at Tremains Primary School recently and very pleased with the interest shown by children and staff. Following this, we are re-launching the weekly savings club.

Money management is an important life skill, and through the scheme, it is hoped that your child will learn the importance of looking after money and saving regularly.

### How it works

The school will run the Savings Club with the help of the children every **Thursday**. They can save as much or as little as they want; it all adds up. The money can be withdrawn by completing a withdrawal request online, by contacting the credit union directly, or by bringing a form along to the Savings Club. Your child will receive their own Savings Book, one of our new Eco Piggy Banks, and a plastic wallet.

### What is a Credit Union?

A Credit Union is a not-for-profit co-operative – which means they are owned and controlled by its members. Credit Unions are regulated in the same way as banks, so your money is protected, and any savings will be eligible for an annual dividend (or 'interest' payment).

Bridgend Lifesavers has been serving the community since 2003 and is committed to supporting every member across Bridgend County. We already run a number of successful school savings schemes and look forward to continuing our partnership with Tremains.

### What do I need to do next?

Your child can join anytime by bringing a completed application form to school or filling in a membership form online at [www.bridgendschoolsavings.com](http://www.bridgendschoolsavings.com). Once completed, your child will receive a plastic wallet, paying-in book, and piggy bank and can start saving straight away.

If your child is already a member, there is no need to do an application; they can bring savings in, and we'll carry forward any balance and provide them with a new paying-in book, pig, and wallet. We look forward to meeting both our old and our new savers over the next few weeks!

Yours sincerely,

Damian Faulkner  
School Partnerships



### Bridgend Lifesavers Credit Union

Bridgend Lifesavers Credit Union is authorised and regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and is a member of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).

## Reception



Reception children have settled into their new classes and are enjoying the new routine, access to the infant yard and our outdoor learning area at the rear of the building.

It would help us greatly if all personal items: clothing, water bottles, school bags, lunch boxes are labelled with your child's name.

Your child has been provided with a reading pack. Please send this reading pack into school each day. The Reception Team will communicate with you via Seesaw on the progress your child is making with phonics and early reading skills. We would be delighted if you communicate with us to let us know how the practise at home is progressing. We will be happy to support you with strategies if your child is a little reluctant.

Daily short bursts with phonic flash cards and nurturing a love of reading, by sharing books within your home as well as books within your child's reading pack, will benefit your child and greatly improve their progress.

Please let us know if we can help in any way.



Reception

**We are demonstrating our  
understanding of number 0 – 10.**

**Well done girls!**

For all Reception parents/carers and extended family members.

## INVITE for Reception

*We would like to invite you into school to find out how you can support your child at home to learn phonics and develop early reading skills.*

*Date **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October***

*Mrs Kingston/Mrs McDonald's class **9:00 – 10:00 am***

*Mrs Songhurst's class **2:00 pm – 3:00 pm***



*Reception*  
*Nothing better than  
enjoying a good book!*



**'Wear it Pink' – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

In support of the 'Wear it Pink' fundraising events, Tremains has invited all pupils and staff to wear something pink to school and if possible, make a donation to this charity who are raising awareness of breast cancer.

**THANK  
YOU**

**Thank you to Bunzl Plc**

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We are extremely grateful to a local company called WBT Wholesale who specialise in the re-distribution of PPE (Personal Protect Clothing). They are part of Bunzl Plc who were formed in 1958 and supply goods and services throughout the world. Bunzl are a FTSE top 40 company in the UK and are committed to supporting local and national charities throughout the world.

Recently they have donated 13 boxes of pantry items to support our Big Bocs Bwyd. The donation has replenished our shelves and will support Big Bocs Bwyd to continue to support all families of Tremains and the local community.

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## Years 4 and 5

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Everyone has settled well into the new term. We are all working hard on our skills, particularly being independent. Having our own pencil cases in school is great!

Our topic this term is '**Travelling Through Time**' and we have recently had our 'hook day'. Some of us dressed up as characters from the past and some of us brought in objects from the past. Some of us did both! We shared our information in trios and presented to the whole class too. Well done everyone for such a great effort!



**Year 5 have also taken part in a recycling workshop.**

We talked about how important it is to recycle and how we can help save the planet. Here were some ideas:

- Turn off lights
- Don't charge your phone overnight
- Don't let the tap run when you are cleaning your teeth

**REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE**

## REMINDER

To keep everyone safe, we are unable to allow parents/carers to park in the school car parks when dropping their children off at Breakfast Club.

Thank you for your support. Diolch yn fawr.



## Year 2



## This is Me!



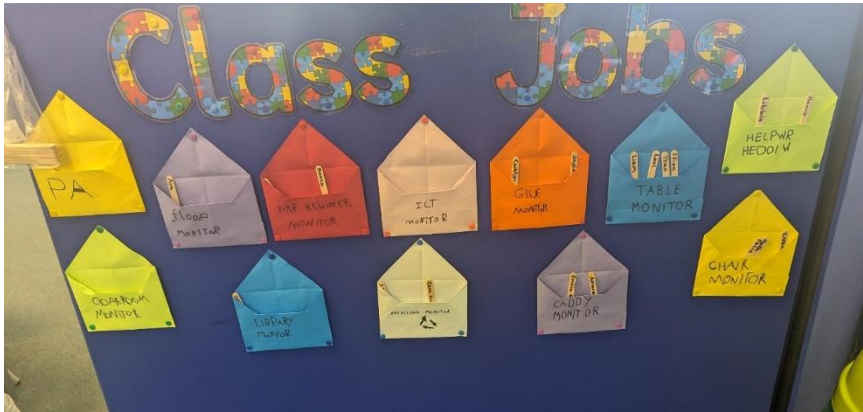
On our hook day we had the best time ever! We did lots of excellent activities, but our favourite was making fruit kebabs! They were delicious!

By Sophia F, Ffion and Zach



## Year 2 Jobs!

We think it is important to look after our classroom, so we have class jobs. We take turns to do different jobs to keep our class looking tidy.



By Phoebe, Rowan & Felix

## YEAR 6



Year 6 have settled in really well and had a great time on our hook day. We dressed up in period costumes from across the decades and enjoyed taking part in a variety of fun activities, ending with a dance off to a range of music from different eras. The 80s proved to be particularly popular... bring on Rick Astley!



The children are excited to start our project creating a 'Through the Decades' theme park. Watch this space...

## 7JH and 8JWNH

Children in 7JH and 8JWNH have settled back into their school routine really well. They have enjoyed seeing their friends again after the long holiday. We have also welcomed some new children into our classes and we are looking forward to having lots of fun and learning together this year.

As part of our topic 'Harddwch yn y Byd' (Beauty in the World) we have been completing some activities learning about our bodies. We have an exciting messy play session planned soon where we will be exploring different resources using our senses. Keep an eye out for the photos in the next newsletter!

## Nursery

What a wonderful start to an exciting year! The children have settled in well and are enjoying exploring the classroom and the learning areas, particularly The Circus Area and Home Corner.



They have experienced lunch in our canteen and have been willing to try new foods. It would help us greatly if you could support your child to develop skills in using a knife and fork. We have created an area in class that helps support this skill, using plastic cutlery and playdough, which has become a popular area in class.

## Year 3

The children recently took part in a 'Wellbeing Festival' and despite the stormy weather, it was a great success. The children experienced a bubble fun, mindfulness sessions, dance, they explored their heart rates and enjoyed a team building activity with Kieron from Forces Fitness.

The children have settled into their new classes very quickly and adapted to new routines and challenges well. We have been giving out lots of Class Dojo points and stickers to praise their effort. Well done Year 3!

We will be doing lots of number work with the children and learning their times tables will be integral to this. Please practise 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables. There are lots of fun videos on YouTube - our particular favourites are the Super Movers (featuring Football mascots and other well know characters) and Percy Parker.



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## YEAR 1

The children in Year 1 have settled well into their new classroom. We have been talking about our school rules – READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE and learning all the new routines that come with a new year group. Well done, Year 1.



CLASS DOJO – For continually showing signs of being ready or respectful or safe, the children collect DoJo points that accumulate into a class pot. Along with the teachers they decided on a target number and reward. This month, already, they have collected 200 DoJo's and have received their chosen reward – a movie and popcorn and then got to 400 and are getting to look after Rambo, the bearded dragon!



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We are absolutely thrilled to announce that, as at 2<sup>nd</sup> October, we have raised **£675** to cover transportation costs to the weekly horse riding sessions for children within our Observation classes.

A big thank you to everyone that has donated so far.

If you would like to make a donation, please follow this link- we currently have a go fund me page set up - <https://gofund.me/0eaecb5c>

If you can donate, we would be so grateful. All those who donate will have a chance to win this amazing prize - **a spa day, dinner, and overnight stay for two in the Celtic Manor.**

Please also share with your family/ friends.

### KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE



#### Keep safe

**Reminder – Please ensure that you keep to the safe walking route whilst on school premises.**

**There is no pedestrian access within any of our car parks.**

## Future Events for Your Diary: Am eich

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#### INSET Days

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

#### Disco Dates

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Individual/sibling photographs Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**'Wear it Pink' – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Half term 30<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

## This School Year

### 2023/24 Term dates

#### Autumn Term

**Start:** Monday 4 September 2023 **INSET DAY**

**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. 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.