



Newsletter/ Cylchlythyr

21st December 2018



Together We Soar to Success

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I can't believe how quickly these years fly at Ogmore Vale Primary. We have seen many challenges and highlights throughout the year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and governors for all their hard work and commitment.

I would also like to thank Mr Kyle Winter for doing a sterling job as acting deputy head this term and we would like to wish him every success for the future. After the February half term we welcome Ms Anna Price to the school as our new deputy head and we are very excited to start a new chapter at OVPS.

I would like to wish the children an amazing Christmas break and as the festivities grow I would like you to spare a thought to those families for whom the Christmas period will be a struggle.

We have received some sad news over the past few weeks, a young man in our year 6 has been diagnosed with cancer and has just started his treatment. The school together with the PTA are setting up a Go Fund Me page (<https://www.gofundme.com/support-for-james-amp-his-family>) and we politely ask that you show your support through a donation. The funds raised will be to support the family through this difficult time and help fund everyday things such as taxis to the hospital instead of having to take the bus. We will do everything we can to help this young man fight and beat this terrible disease and I'm sure we can count on you for your support!

With this in mind, please take every opportunity to spend quality time with your children this Christmas as your presence is the best present you can give!

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you in the New Year to ensure our children Soar to Success!
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

Attendance

This week, our whole school attendance is 90.8% (our target is 96%).

Congratulations to GOLDFINCH Class with 94.3% and KINGFISHER Class with 95.5% for coming top of your departments!

Attendance Letters

Today we are sending this letter home with your child informing you of their attendance at the end of this term (03/09/2018-17/12/2018). The table shown on the back of this letter shows the impact attendance has on your child's opportunity to achieve their full potential. The information and figures in this table are based on a full school year.

To clarify: If your child's attendance is e.g. 91.18% at the end of this term, they have missed 6 days of school. If their attendance was 90-92% at the end of the school year they would have missed more than 3 weeks of school.

Fancy trying something new for 2019?

If you are interested in becoming a Relief Supervisory Assistant in the school for the Dinner hour, please contact the school office.

Emergency contact Number...

Just a reminder that we have an out of hour's mobile number for parents to contact us in an emergency **ONLY**. From the hours of 8.30am to 3.30pm please contact the main school phone number on 01656 815640, if you need to contact us in an emergency the out of hours phone number is 07596232043.

Dates for the diary

24th December 2018 – 4th January 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

7th January 2019 – Pupils return to school.

1st February 2019 – GO ORANGE – Muscular Dystrophy.

22nd February 2019 – St David's Day Celebrations.

25th February 2019 – 1st March 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

15th March 2019 – Comic Relief - Red Nose Day.

Week beginning 25th March 2019 – Parental Consultations

15th April 2019 – 26th April 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

6th May 2019 – BANK HOLIDAY.

7th May 2019 – 14th May 2019 – Welsh Government National Tests.

27th May 2019 -31st May 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

3rd June 2019 – 14th June 2019 – Year 4 Swimming Lessons – Ynysawdre Pool.

17th June 2019 - 19th June 2019 – Year 6 Manor Adventure Trip.

24th June 2019 – 28th June 2019 – Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons – Ynysawdre Pool.

1st July 2019 – INSET DAY.

22nd July 2019 – INSET DAY.

23rd July 2019 – 1st September 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

School Council.....

During the Autumn term, the School Council have been very busy asking the children for suggestions every week on how we can improve our school and feeding the information back to senior management. They have met with the Director of Education and local Councillors with regard to improving our outside spaces and also have met with parents about helping to raise money to help send two of our pupils who are representing Wales to the World Dance Championships in Portugal. The Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls have also been involved in the interview process for our new Deputy Head Teacher. In the New Year we hope to meet with the Chair of Governors and Huw Iwan Davies to discuss the promotion of The United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child within our School. More busy times ahead!!

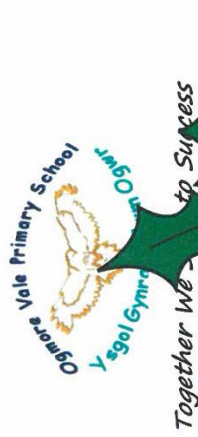


Digital Leaders.....

The Digital leaders team have had a productive start to the year. They have reviewed the current apps on the iPads and have been researching new apps which they will install in the New Year.



Pupil Voice at OVPS



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Criw Cymreig.....

Shwmae! We have been meeting each week to discuss ways to enhance the Welsh culture in our school. We are working towards the bronze award for the Welsh Language Charter. We have checked and taken pictures to show that every classroom has a general Welsh display. This was our first step toward the bronze award and we are so excited to be on this journey. Next term we will be introducing a Brewdddeg yr Wythnos (sentence of the week) each week in assembly for the children and staff at school to use as much as possible. Diolch am darllen amdano'r Criw Cymreig. Thank you for reading about the Criw Cymreig!



ECO

It's been a busy half term for the Eco Committee thinking up different ideas and sorting through suggestions we have been given. We are hoping to put some of these ideas into a New Year Challenge.



Look out for this when we return to school. So from all of us on the Eco Committee we would like to wish you a fab Christmas break. See you in 2019.

Healthy Schools.....

A Healthy Schools team

has been appointed. We are currently thinking about a January challenge to start the New Year.

It will be something small that will encourage healthier habits.

E.g. completing the 'walk a mile' around the school twice a week.

Welsh Scheme of Healthy Schools Schemes



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