



Llangynwyd Primary School

Autumn Term 2 Newsletter - November 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting second half of the Autumn Term! I hope you all had a lovely and restful half term break. This month brings some important events for our school community, including our forthcoming ESTYN visit from the 10th to 12th November, followed by interviews for the Headteacher post on the 20th and 21st November. Over the holiday, work began to remove our old trim trail and start planning an exciting new outdoor learning area to further support our pupils' Health and Wellbeing. Our new whole-school enquiry topic, "What is in our Skies?", will inspire plenty of outdoor exploration and curiosity this term. As always, we'd like to remind parents of the importance of good attendance and punctuality so that every child can make the most of these opportunities. We're also looking forward to developing even more ways for families to get involved in school life. As ever, we continue to live by our school motto:

Gweithio Gyda'n Gilydd – Working Together.

Diolch yn fawr, Mrs Kehoe

Communication with Parents

Our main form of communication continues to be via Seesaw where we will share school updates and information on the Newsroom and photographs of your child's learning journey will be shared on their Class Pages. Log in details were shared at the start of last term but please speak to your child's class teacher if you need a reminder.

Our School texting service, Teachers to Parents, will continue to be used for urgent reminders and attendance updates.

In Llangynwyd, our Staff work tirelessly to provide the best quality education for all our pupils and I kindly request that messages / emails outlining concerns are not sent directly to my Teachers via Seesaw whilst they are spending much deserved family time at home in the evenings and on weekends. The correct procedure is to speak directly to your child's class teacher in the first instance either at the end of the school day or by telephoning to arrange an appointment. Members of staff, including myself, are also available in the yard every morning and are more than happy to speak to you and to answer any questions you may have. Many thanks for your cooperation. By working together, we can build the foundations needed for your child to shine.

School Improvement Priorities

This year, our School Improvement Priorities are focused upon the following key areas:

1. Improving teaching and learning and raising standards in writing.
2. Improving whole school attendance & further developing opportunities for outdoor learning and family engagement to improve pupils wellbeing.
3. Continuing to improve leadership at all levels.

We are excited to continue to build upon our Family and Community Links and look forward to welcoming Parents into School at every opportunity this year!



Meet our Pupil Voice Groups

for 2025!



Big Bocs Bwyd

Open on Fridays

3:15pm - 3:45pm

Big Bocs Bwyd is more than just a food initiative — it's a movement that strengthens communities, reduces food waste, and supports families. By offering affordable, surplus food in a welcoming, school-based setting, it helps ease food insecurity while teaching children and families about sustainability, sharing, and healthy living.

Our Big Bocs Bwyd creates a sense of connection and care, showing that small changes — like rescuing good food — can make a big difference for people and the planet. Not only does it help out our families, but it provides key life-long learning opportunities in the Curriculum for our children to explore Healthy Eating, Budgeting and Recipe Writing to name just a few!

Our Big Bocs Bwyd also hosts our uniform swap shop so come along and join Mrs Corthine, Mrs Wilson & Mrs Pullen every Friday from 3:15pm - 3:45pm.



Update your contact details:

Please complete the form below if you have changed mobile numbers, moved house, changed email addresses or want to add a name and number to the contact list. It is vital we have the most up to date information on record. It is your responsibility to inform us of any changes: <https://www.llangynwydprimary.co.uk/update-details-form/>

Safeguarding Update

Please continue to be considerate when parking at drop off /pick up times and refrain from parking in the bus stop or on the zig-zags outside school. We also ask that you show consideration to the local residents when parking outside School.



The designated safeguarding officers for the school are:

Mrs K Kehoe - Acting Headteacher

Mr D Volausek - Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Price - ALNCO

Mrs Gwynne - Family Engagement Officer

Mr R. Breeze - Chair of Governors

Should you have concerns about the safety/welfare of any child, please speak to one of our safeguarding officers.

Healthy Eating

We continue to promote healthy habits and children are encouraged to bring a healthy fruit snack and water bottle to school daily.

Please click the link below for top tips on preparing healthy lunch boxes for your child:

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#)



Attendance & Punctuality

As a school, we are committed to supporting our families and pupils to attend regularly in order to give them the best chance of success. Parents/carers can support the regular and punctual attendance of their children by:

- Ensuring that their child arrives at school on time.
- Ensuring that their child only misses school for reasons which are unavoidable or justified, such as illness or days of religious observance.
- Notifying the school as soon as possible of any absence and confirm this in writing when the child returns to school.
- Not booking family holidays during term-time.
- Talking to the school if they are concerned that their child may be reluctant to attend.

Examples of attendance concerns include:

- Pupils arriving late at school and missing essential lessons.
- Pupils being collected early and therefore not accessing the full school day.
- Absence for non-essential reasons, such as hair or other personal appointments during school hours.
- Time taken off when a child is not genuinely unwell.

We encourage all parents and carers to be open and honest when reporting absence so that we can work together to support good attendance.

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

Dosbarth Melyn's Week in photographs

This week we read the story "Aliens Love Underpants" and then we made our own underpants.



Dosbarth Porffor



Class News

A great start to this terms Enquiry 'What is in our skies?' and another wonderful week of learning at our little school! Our classes have been busy exploring, creating, and discovering new things this week.

Remember, you can follow your child's learning journey via Seesaw on Class Pages and in our Newsroom.

In addition, follow our Facebook Page by clicking the photo below!



Dosbarth Arian's Week in photos...

New enquiry alert!! What Can You See in the Sky?

Wow! What an incredible week we have had, jumping in to our enquiry, "What can you see in the sky?"

We investigated rainbows, and even grew some.



We had so much fun in our jump-in day. Look at our incredible hats and costumes.



We have started to explore shapes. Look at our awesome shape printing.



We explored clouds. We made a rain cloud in a jar.



DOSBARTH COCH'S Week in photos...

OUR NEW TOPIC 'WHAT IS IN THE SKIES?' IS OFF TO A SOARING START! WE ARE ZOOMING IN ON BIRDS.



WE STARTED OUR WEEK WITH A SPOT OF BIRD WATCHING AND HELPING TO SCREW A BIRDHOUSE TOGETHER; WE ARE STRONG, CAPABLE CHILDREN IN RED CLASS!



THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, WE HAVE LEARNED HOW TO READ DIFFERENT SCALES SUCH AS THERMOMETERS. WE ALSO BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND THE FEATURES OF DIFFERENT ANIMAL GROUPS. ONLY MAMMALS AND BIRDS HAVE WARM BLOOD!



THIS WEEK WE STARTED OUR JUDO SLOT AND ALSO USED PE TO EXPLORE THE CONTINENTS OF THE WORLD.



Key Dates - Autumn Term 2:

Please see key dates below for this half term.

November 2025	
Monday 3rd November	Pupils return to School following half term.
Tuesday 4th November	Rev. Lisa visit for Remembrance Assembly.
Friday 7th November	Purple Class to attend Remembrance Service at Llangynwyd Village Hall. Pupils to sing and lay school wreath.
Monday 10th November	ESTYN Inspection - Day 1. Parents invited to meet Inspectors at 3:30pm in the School Hall. Childcare provided by School.
Tuesday 11th November	ESTYN Inspection - Day 2.
Wednesday 12th November	ESTYN Inspection - Day 3.
Friday 14th November	Children In Need Fundraiser - Wear something Spotty!
Monday 17th November	9:30-11:30 Year 6 Parents only escorted tour of Maesteg School - please book by emailing transition@maestegschool.co.uk
Wednesday 19th November	Colorfoto School Photo Day - All children to wear School Uniform.
Monday 24th November	Parents Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm.
Tuesday 25th November	Parents Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm.
Thursday 27th November	Red Class visit to St Cynwyds Church - Experience Christmas.
December 2025	
Monday 1st December	School Nurse Visit - Year 1 Hearing Tests
Tuesday 2nd December	Blue Class & Purple Class - Christmas Carols for the Ty Iarall WI 6pm-7pm in the School Hall.
Tuesday 9th December	Infant visit to the Sherman Theatre.
Wednesday 10th December	KS2 Christmas Concert in the School Hall.
Friday 12th December	Choir visit to St Michaels Church-Carols at the Tree Festival. 10:45am Afternoon - Christmas Enterprise Fayre in School Hall.
Monday 15th December	Infant Christmas Concert at St Michaels Church.
Tuesday 16th December	Dentist Visit: Fluoride Varnish - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. Rev. Lisa visit for Christmas Assembly. Christmas Dinner Day - Special Christmas Menu for lunch.
Wednesday 17th December	KS2 visit to Town Hall - Performance of Rapunzel.
Thursday 18th December	Llangynwyd Pupil Reward: Polar Express Experience Day & Father Christmas visit.
Friday 19th December	Last day of School before Christmas Holiday.



Parents Evening

To book your appointment slot - click the following link:

[Parents Evening Booking Form - 24th and 25th November 2025 - CHANGE OF DATES DUE TO ESTYN](#)
- -- Fill in form

INSET Days 2025-2026

INSET Day 1: Monday 1st September 2025.
INSET Day 2: Friday 12th September 2025.
INSET Day 3: Monday 20th October 2025.
INSET Day 4: Friday 27th March 2026.
INSET Day 5: Friday 17th July 2026.
INSET Day 6: Monday 20th July 2026.



Community News

A big thank you to Rev. Lisa & Rev. Rick who delivered a beautiful Remembrance assembly for our pupils this week. Purple Class also visited the Village Hall to pay their respects at Village Remembrance Service.



Visit St Cynwyds Church in Llangynwyd on Saturday 8th November between 11am and 2pm to see the beautiful Remembrance art work from our children and members of our local community.



Many people across Maesteg, Bridgend, Wales and the UK have struggled or encountered difficulties. Below are a number of agencies that could be of help, if you need it at the moment. If you are struggling, please contact me in the school to discuss what we can do to help you. We can access Early Help to support you and there are a number of agencies at hand you can contact:

- Bridgend Women's Aid – 01656 766139
- WCADA (Substance Abuse Charity) - 01656 667717
- Child line - 0800 1111
- Safer Wales – Male Domestic Abuse Charity - 0808 801 0321
- Live Fear Free 24 hour telephone line – 0808 80 10 800
- Citizen's Advice Bureau – 01656 762800
- Samaritans – 116123 or email jo@Samaritans.org
- Shelter Cymru (financial and home advice) – 08000 495 495
- Al-Anon (Family support for Alcoholism) - 0800 0086 811
- Calan – Domestic Violence Charity - 01639 633580



Further information about our school can be found on our website:

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