



Spring 2 Newsletter

THIS TERM

Spring has been very full and busy with lots of experiences taking place including the beach, the 5G classroom, netball, swimming, balance bikes, the Great Big Bug show, science STEM workshops and lots of maths workshops supporting the use of real life maths, We have also been very fortunate to end this term with a very kind donation of Easter eggs for our pupils from the Town Council.

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NEWS

Ystruth's Got Talent

We have been blown away by the range of talent on offer at Ystruth. This years Ystruth's Got Talent was absolutely out of this world. Every single one of the them were outstanding!

A huge well done to the 'Idol' group for winning the overall performance, showcasing some rather mean moves.



BLAENAU GWENT TERM HOLIDAYS

EASTER HOLIDAYS:

28TH MARCH - 12TH APRIL

HALF TERM: 25TH - 29TH MAY

SUMMER HOLIDAYS:

21ST JULY - 31ST AUGUST

MAY DAY:

MONDAY 4TH MAY 2026

INSET: MONDAY 20TH JULY 2026

NEXT HALF TERM DATES

27.03.26 - INSET DAY - Closed to pupils

30.03.26 - Easter Holiday

07.05.26 - Election Day. School open as normal. Owls to use the community suite.

11.05.26 - 15.05.26 - PACT week

08.06.26 - 12.06.26 - Sports Week

11.06.26 - Summer Fete @3pm

08.07.26-10.07.26 - Rock UK Y6 residential

15.07.26 - Leaver's Assembly @1:30

16.07.26 - Year 6 Leaver's Party

17.07.26 - Last day of term

20.07.26 - INSET Day

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LANGUAGES

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Excuse me



LEARNING

To continue to help improve our learning, we would truly appreciate our families supporting home learning, helping with reading and times tables. We believe reading is the gateway to learning and as many opportunities as possible to read, the more impact this will have. Times tables are also a vital recall skill for maths. Please practise these as often as possible!!

Next term we are starting our new topics with lots of new learning taking place, as well as building on what we already know.

Nursey - Me and My Garden
Reception - Me and My Outside
Year 1 and Year 2 - The World is your Oyster
Year 3 and Year 4 - To Infinity and Beyond
Year 5 and Year 6 - Bookslam
Robins - The Weather and Seasons
Owls - The Weather and Seasons



FRIENDS OF YSTRUTH

Friends of Ystruth have continued to fundraise and support Ystruth Primary School. This term, the children have had a visit from Animal Encounters, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

They also supported Ystruth's Got Talent selling some raffle prizes and raising over £150.00.

Thank you for your ongoing support. The money raised goes straight back into our pupils.

RIGHTS OF THE MONTH



March - Article 17 Every child has the right to reliable information, including from the media. Article 2 all rights in the Convention apply to every child without discrimination, regardless of race, gender, religion, language, abilities, or family background

April - Article 20 You have the right to special protection and help if you can't live with your family.

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In the last newsletter, we featured information about the importance of sleep and having good bedtime routines. Here's a reminder about why we are sending these messages to our families within our community.

WHY SLEEP MATTERS

A good night's sleep helps children to:

- ✓ Concentrate and learn more effectively
- ✓ Manage their emotions and behaviour
- ✓ Feel calmer and happier at school
- ✓ Get up more easily in the morning
- ✓ Cope better with challenges and friendships.

Children who are tired often find school harder, even if they are trying their best.



Sleep and Our Learners

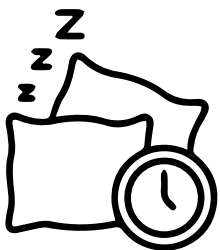
Recent SHRN survey data shows that sleep can be challenging for many children.

- As children get older, bedtimes tend to get later, Around **1 in 3** children in Years 3-4 go to bed after 9pm, and **1 in 6** children in Years 5-6 go to bed after 10pm.
- Many children report sleep problems. Around **three quarters** of learners say they have difficulties with sleep.

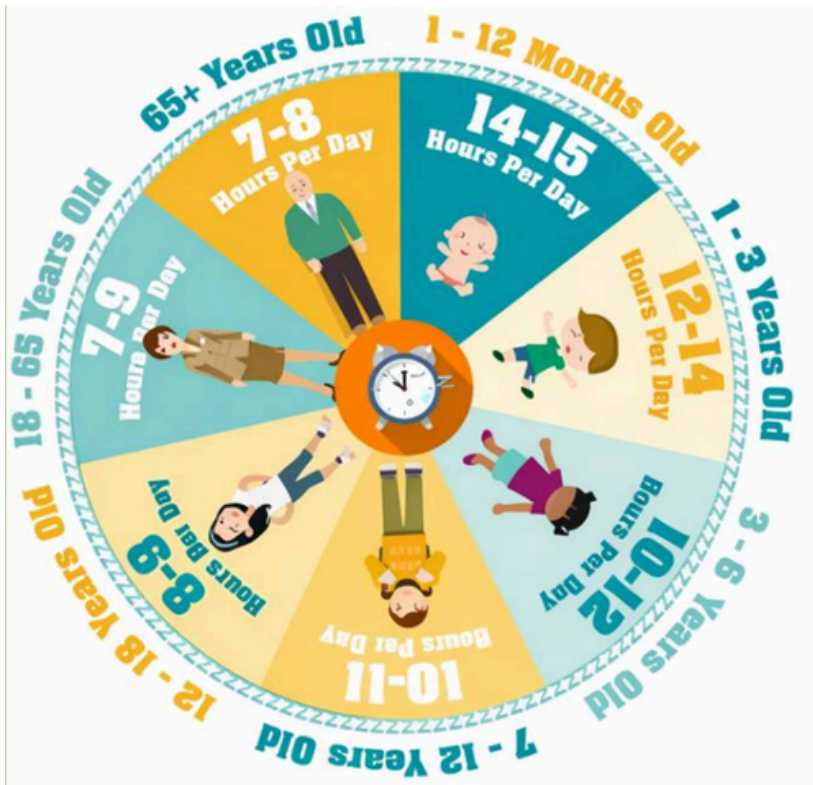
In Years 5 and 6, many children find it hard to fall asleep, even when they go to bed on time.

Our school's results are similar to the Wales average, showing this is a common issue for families.

Good sleep routines, such as **regular bedtimes** and **reducing screen time before bed,** can help children feel more rested and ready to learn.



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This shows you how much sleep you should have for your age. Are you getting enough?

ONLINE SAFETY

Online safety is very important.

In order to pass information to support parents/carers in keeping children safe online, we are focussing on parental controls.

Below is a link to the NSPCC website, where you can find advice on setting up parental controls to help keep your child safe online. Click on the icon below to discover how to set up parental controls on home broadband and wi-fi, games consoles, mobiles, tablets and computers, apps and online services, and search engines.

Parental controls

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Attendance Matters!

WE ARE TACKLING
PERSISTENT ABSENTEEISM.
TAKE A LOOK AT THE POSTER
BELOW.

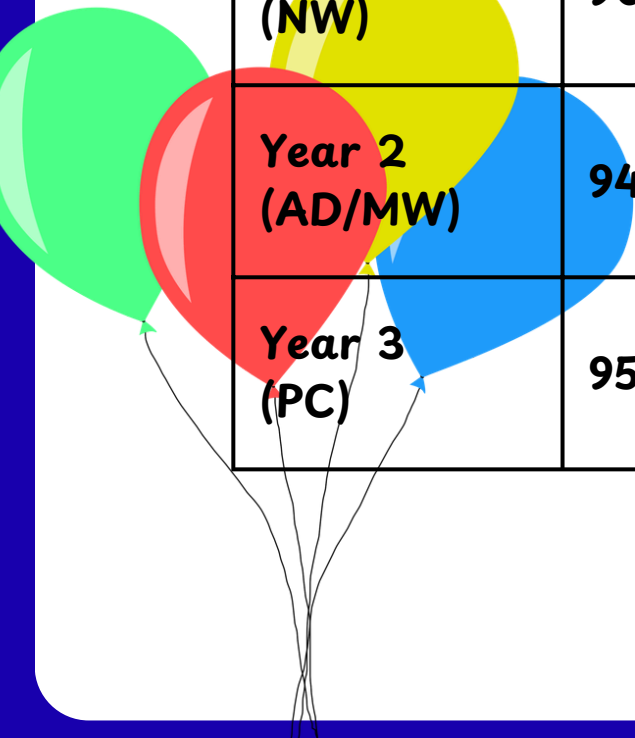


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ATTENDANCE THIS TERM

Nursery AM (EH)	88.1%	Year 3/4 (SH)	93.9%
Nursery PM (EH)	79.2%	Year 4 (AM)	95.9%
Reception (LC)	91.7%	Year 5 (KM)	93.1%
Year 1 (SH)	91.1%	Year 5/6 (SP)	89.8%
Year 1/2 (NW)	96.9%	Year 6 (JY)	95.7%
Year 2 (AD/MW)	94.3%	Robins (DH)	90.4%
Year 3 (PC)	95.1%	Owls (AW/HA)	88.6%



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The class with the highest attendance for
Spring term are....

Year 1 and 2 - Mrs
Wright's class

YAY!

ATTENDANCE ACTIONS

We will be celebrating attendance weekly in assembly with the winning class having an attendance award and an extra 5 minutes of play (as decided by our children).

Those that have 100% attendance for a week will also have 2 Dojo points!

We will be doing attendance certificates termly instead of half termly and there will be special rewards for those that have 100% attendance at the end of the year!



What's been happening?

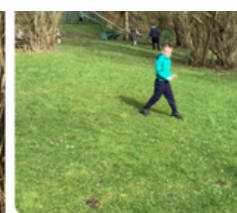


We have had a great uptake of lots of after schools clubs.

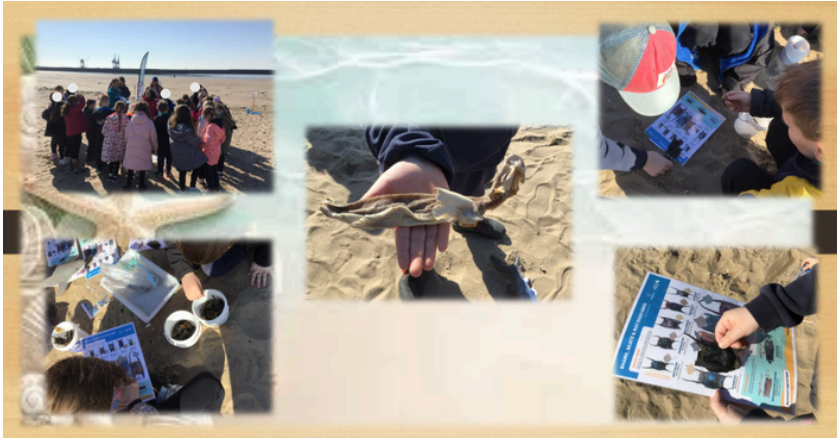
Amazing efforts from these children who represented Ystruth in the swimming gala, finishing 3rd and are now going to the Blaenau Gwent finals, Da iawn!



Owls have had a lovely time exploring the outdoor environment and doing some sensory work.



What's been happening?



Year 3 and 4 visited Aberavon beach to learn all about how plastic is affecting our oceans. They even used it to make some art!



We celebrated World book day in reception class



What's been happening?



Year 3 had a lovely day celebrating St David's Day.



The children in Nursery have enjoyed learning all about the Very Hungry Caterpillar. They have done some colour mixing, sequencing and lots of oracy as well.



7-10 APRIL

£20

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RUGBY SCHOOL DISTRICT

26/27 SEASON TRIALS



**26/27 SEASON
TRIALS**

FREE TO ATTEND!

For children currently in Year 4 and Year 5
who attend a school in Blaenau Gwent.

Please bring a passport style photo of your child

AND it's important to attend every trial session.

- ✓ 25th April 2026 9:30am-12pm
- ✓ 2nd May 2026 9:30am-12pm
- ✓ 16th May 2026 9:30am-12pm
- ✓ 23rd May 2026 9:30am-12pm

At Brynmawr Comprehensive School on the 3G Pitch

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Shine!

Families First Inclusive Youth Club

**Every Tuesday, 3:30pm-5:30pm
(Term time only) Newtown
Community Centre, Tre Newydd,
Newtown, Ebbw Vale. NP23 5FH**

**Does your child have a disability or needs
relating to one? Pop along and see us**

The age range is 0-25 years (under 18s
must be accompanied by a parent /
carer) Young adults (18+) can attend
independently where appropriate.

**For more information please contact the
Families First Team on Tel: 01495 369621
Email: thomas.brain@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk
Facebook: Families First - Blaenau Gwent**





HEDDLU
GWENT
POLICE



DIGWYDDIAD *Pasg* Easter EVENT

2 EBRILL/APRIL 2026
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GORSAF HEDDLU
BRYNMAWR POLICE STATION

Mae ein swyddogion wedi clywed y bydd Bwni'r Pasg yn dod i'r orsaf i ddosbarthu wyau siocled.

Our officers have heard that the Easter Bunny will be attending the station to give out chocolate eggs.

