

# Tre Uchaf Times



**Belong- Believe- Be the best you can be!**

**Theme next week:** *Getting to know you/ New beginnings*  
*Welsh phrase of the fortnight: Pwy wyt ti? Who are you?*

*Attendance: 94.1% Whole school*

*Joint winners: Buttercups, Tulips and Aster with 100%.*

*Ardderchog pawb!*

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back! Croeso nol!

A very warm welcome to our **new children** and their families who have joined the nursery or other classes in our lovely little school. I do hope your children will be very happy here with us! Welcome back to all other children who have come back this week with lots of smiles and positivity.

It is wonderful to see every child wearing our school uniform, it really does help the children to feel belonging and part of the Tre Uchaf family. Our Year 6 children look very smart in their new Year 6 hoodies. They chose the colour and it was a great choice! Year 6 are already stepping up to become fantastic role models to our younger children and will be applying for monitoring and prefect jobs next week.

Please keep a look out in the Evening Post for an article about our recent Estyn Inspection. They are keen to capture the many positive statements in the report which show we are a welcoming school where children feel safe and valued.

Thank you for attending the meet the teacher meetings this week. We hope that this opportunity will help the children to settle into their new classes easily and any important messages can be shared informally at the very beginning. This will help to aid the transition from class to class which can be difficult for some children.

Please remember that I am always available if you have any concerns or feedback about how we can improve. You can contact me by telephone on the school number or via the school email address.

Kind regards,  
Mrs L. Davies

### Staff News



Mrs Morris, our Buttercups teacher has had her baby. Baby Arthur arrived before the end of term and is thriving. Mrs Morris will pop in with Arthur over the next few weeks and we are looking forward to meeting him. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Morris!

Welcome back to Mrs Mead and Mrs Twist who have both returned after maternity leave. Croeso nol!

### Consent forms and data collection

Each child will come home with a data collection sheet this week for emergency phone numbers, home address and consent for photographs, local trips in the locality etc. Please check the information is correct, amend the changes if needed and return it to school next week **only** if there are changes.

*The information we hold for you needs to be accurate especially if there is an emergency in school and we need to contact you quickly.*

### School Uniform

Please can I remind you that only stud earrings are allowed as part of our school uniform policy. Children should not be wearing hooped earrings as these are a health and safety issue. We kindly ask you to keep these for the weekends! We also request that false nails be kept for holiday times as they are not appropriate for school.

Please label all school uniform particularly jumpers, cardigans, coats and lunch bags. These items tend to be misplaced more than others and for us to return them to their rightful owner, it's much easier if they have a name on them.

Many thanks.



### Reminder of playground rules decided by the children.

- No climbing up the slide in case someone comes down too quickly
- DON'T use the playground equipment before school (Some older children were worried the little children might not want to get off and come into school!!)

- Wait your turn and no pushing on the steps
- No pushing anyone when using the bridge
- If people push and shove they should have 1 warning and if they don't improve their behaviour they aren't allowed to use it for the rest of the playtime
- No jumping off from the top
- Climb where it's safe to do so
- No little stones to be moved from the wigwam area to the slide
- Adults should be watching to help little children to be safe (Supervised at all times)
- Always be careful when using it to avoid people hurting themselves

### Pencil cases

The school council have been looking at ways to save money and they thought that **children in Years 3,4, 5 and 6 could** bring their own pencil cases to school to use in class. They were a bit worried that some children might forget so I have reassured them that there will always be pens, pencils, glue sticks, highlighters etc available for any child without a pencil case or might forget to bring one. They then thought it might be helpful to give families a list of things that might be useful.



Things that could be included:

- Black writing pens (**Not** gel pens or wet and inky pens like a fountain pen- more like a biro)
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Coloured pencils or coloured felt pens (Not Gel Pens)
- Glue stick
- Coloured highlighter in green, orange or blue (Not yellow)
- Small ruler that fits inside the pencil case



Obviously this is optional and please don't feel that you have to send in a pencil case filled with the items above but it would be really helpful.

**Please avoid very large pencil cases because there is only so much room on their desks!**

### Class Dojo

This is a great method of communication and a great way to send a quick message to the class teacher. However, when teachers are teaching during lesson time they won't be able to respond to you. Therefore, if somebody different is collecting your child you must contact the school office as the dojo message might not be read until after 3pm.



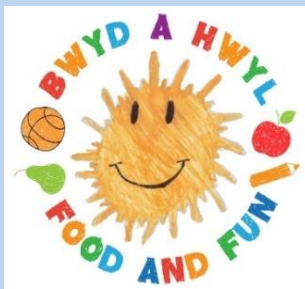
Teachers will respond to messages between 8am and 5pm on their working days. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Safeguarding and Child Protection**

The child protection and designated safeguarding officer for our school is **Mrs Louise Davies**, the Head teacher. In her absence the deputy safeguarding lead is **Mrs Stephanie Edwards**. The Governor with responsibility for child protection and safeguarding is **Mrs Rachel Rees**, the Chair of Governors.

### After school clubs

I am delighted to tell you that our after school clubs will start in the next fortnight. The staff are kindly drafting a timetable of activities and I am incredibly grateful to them for giving up their free time to enrich the children's experiences. The timetable will be available on next week's newsletter.



### Food and fun

The food and fun summer enrichment programme was successful again this year. Thank you to those families who supported the programme and the committed staff for organising the wonderful events. Feedback from children and families indicate that it was a positive experience but if you have any suggestions to improve it please let me know or come along to the next parent focus group or complete the questionnaire below.

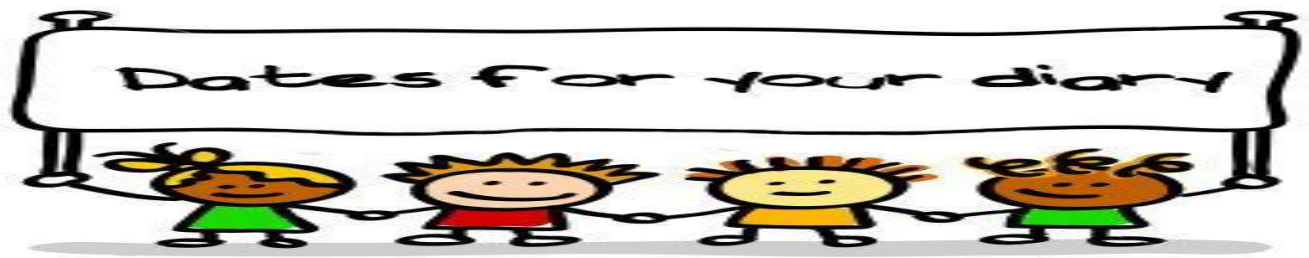
### Breakfast Club

A reminder that our free breakfast club starts at **8.20am**. For those children who would like to come earlier a fee of **£1per child** is payable from 8am-8,20am. This cost helps to cover the staff supervision.



Please can I remind all families that children should not arrive on the school playground **before 8.40am** if they aren't with a parent/carer.

We have a ten minute soft drop off from 8.40-8.50 and registration is between 8.50 and 8.55am so children should be in the school building by 8.55am at the latest.



<u>Dates</u>	
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Influenza programme for children in reception- Year 6. More information will follow.
15 <sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm	<b>Film in a fortnight sharing event Pupils only ( Parents/carers later on in the term)</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Monster phonics training for staff</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>School council elections</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> September- Harvest week	
24 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Daffodils to Kidwelly castle</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Hyacinth to Copper Jack</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Harvest Assembly</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Tulips to South Wales Mining Museum</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Shw mae day</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Year 6 to watch the Penyrheol Matinee performance of the annual show</b>