



# YSGOL CWM BROMBIL PRIMARY PHASE NEWSLETTER

**Friday 25th October 2024- Dydd Gwener 25 Hydref 2024**  
**Autumn Term Newsletter**

Dear parents/carers,

It's been a busy, but enjoyable first half term since returning for the start of another academic year! Our children have settled back in to their new classes with a positive mindset and all classes have all been busy with their learning. This next half term is filling up to be just as busy, we will continue to send reminders out via ClassCharts of all upcoming events. As always, thank you for your continued support. We all hope you have a wonderful half term break!

## School Events



### Harvest

Each class had a different colour and were asked to bring a tin/packet of food. We created our own rainbow and donated it to our school food bank. Thank you all helping us support our community.

### Parent drop in session

We held our first 'parent drop in session' after school this week. It was brilliant to see many families joining us to discuss and look at ways we can support further. There were opportunities to discuss literacy, numeracy, digital platforms and Additional Learning Needs (ALN) support. A variety of booklets were provided to help support reading, mathematics and digital platforms. There will be similar events throughout the academic year!



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

We held a Macmillan coffee morning and invited family and friends into school. A huge thank you to our school community. It was lovely having so many families join us. We raised £362 which was donated to Macmillan cancer support!

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## Primary Phase- Parent Questionnaire Feedback

As part of our on-going school improvement work, we are reviewing our primary phase homework policy in preparation for spring term.

A questionnaire was sent out to parents/carers to gather viewpoints on our current policy. As a school we are constantly looking at ways to improve experiences for our children. We appreciate your feedback and support in helping us to review and make amendments. Thank you all for taking the time to provide us with valuable feedback.

**Currently, we use class Microsoft TEAMS pages to upload our homework. Do you find the platform suitable for its current use?**

It was positive to see that around 75% of responses supported the use of Microsoft Teams. We will be looking at ways to develop this further by making the class pages more active and also purchasing books for children to complete their homework in if they wish.

**Overall, do you support the current homework arrangements? Week 1- Activity linked to class. Week 2- Maths focus. Week 3- 'Free choice'.**

68% of responses supported the current homework arrangements. From looking at responses to other questions it is clear to see there is a want and need for a greater focus of reading, spelling and maths as part of home learning. Please be aware we will be making amendments inline with the opinions of all stakeholders within our school community. Again, we greatly appreciate all of the feedback we receive.

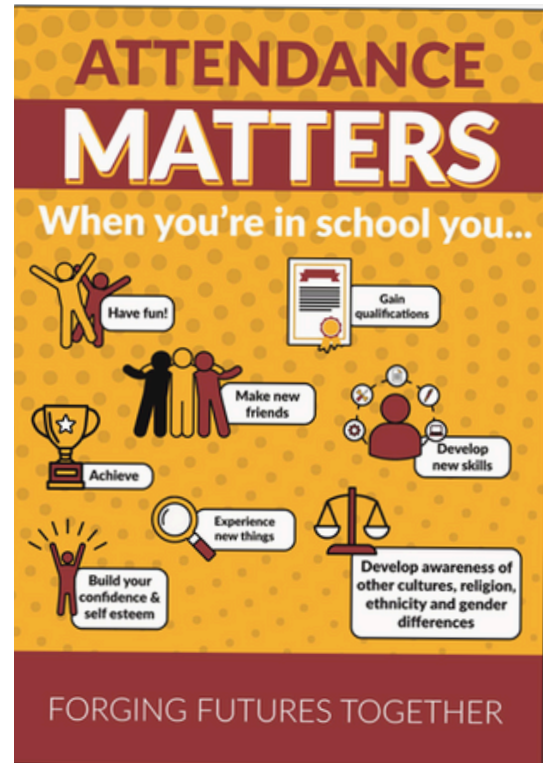
There will be more information sent out prior to the Christmas break which will explain our reviewed homework policy for Spring term.

All children should have come home from school today with a folder including booklets to support literacy and maths, as well as their reading book and reading record.



## Attendance

We have been busy trying to help and support families to improve attendance in primary. Our primary phase weekly attendance was 92.7% last week. Our school target is 95%.





## CHRISTMAS @ YSGOL CWM BROMBIL

We will be holding our first Christmas Fayre at Ysgol Cwm Brombil on Thursday 28th November 3.30 -7pm. It would be fantastic to see as many of you including your family and friends attending in support of our Christmas Child Appeal 2024.

We have lots of exciting things for children and adults. We have lots of amazing stalls from people within the community along with Santa, Storytelling with Mrs Claus, Elf letter writing, Wreath making in our Christmas themed garden. We have music from local bands along with our school choir, to get everyone in the festive mood.

Entry to the Fayre is free, with some bookable activities. If you would like a stall on the night please complete the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/8PAy4FAPuD>

## YCB Community- The Pantry

The Pantry Our weekly food bank is open every Thursday from 3.15. This is available to anyone within our school community, no referral needed, please just drop in as and when needed. We all need a little help sometimes.

Entrance to the Food Bank – The Pantry is accessed via the pupil entrance in the senior phase school, inside the canteen area. Refreshments will be provided for everyone waiting, we look forward to seeing you, please remember to bring your bags with you.

## PTFA- Halloween Disco

Fantastic support for our Halloween disco. It was great to see everyone with a smile on their face having fun and enjoying a dance! All of the costumes were amazing!

Thank you for your continued support and a special mention to our YCB PTFA (Community Unite) for giving their time and organising another brilliant event.



## Upcoming events

**15th November - Children in need-** Children can wear non school uniform on this day. Additional details will follow after half term. We are asking for a small donation.

**18th & 19th November- Parents Evening** - A link will be sent out today on ClassCharts for parents/carers to make parents evening appointments.

**18th November - Year 6 Humanities Transition** - A Year 6 humanities has been organised. This will either be a morning or an afternoon session. A ClassCharts announcement will be sent out closer to the time to make you aware.

**21st November- Swimming Gala** - We have entered a swimming gala that will include schools from across Neath Port Talbot. 12 children from Year 5 & 6 will attend to represent our school. Information will be sent out to those involved closer to the date.

**28th November- Ysgol Cwm Brombil 'Family Festive Fun' 3:30pm - 7pm.** For all information please see 'YCB community' social media.

**29th November - INSET Day**

**2nd December- INSET Day**

**3rd December- Badminton Wales-** Badminton Wales will be attending our school to deliver a taster sessions to Year 4, 5 and 6 children. Children will need to wear their PE kit on this day.

**11th December - Year 3 - Year 6 Carol Concert-** There will be 2 performances for our Key Stage 2 carol concert. There will be an afternoon (1:30pm) and an evening (5:30pm) performance which will both take place on the 11th December.

**17th & 18th December - Nursery - Year 2 Nativity.** Our younger classes in Foundation Phase will be performing 'A Little Bird Told Me' nativity performance on these dates. There will be a morning (10am) and an afternoon (1:30pm) performance on each day.

We are currently finalising all arrangements for end of term Christmas trips. This information will be sent out on ClassCharts shortly.

**20th December - Last day of half term 2.**

To keep up to date with all school information please make sure you're signed up to each of our school communication platforms:



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