

Blaendulais Primary School

'Making A Difference'

Important Dates

Influenza Immunisations - Tues 6th Dec  
School Xmas Fete— Weds. 7th December  
Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day—  
Thurs 8th Dec

Community Carol Service—4:00 p.m. 11th  
Dec at Community Centre

Infant Xmas Concert - Tues 1:30 13th Dec

Infant Xmas Concert—Tues 5:30 13th Dec

Junior Xmas Concert—Thurs 1:30 15th Dec

Junior Xmas Concert—Thurs 5:30 15th Dec

Early Years Xmas Concert—Fri 10:30 16th  
Dec

Tea with Santa—EY & Infant pupils—3:20  
Mon 19th Dec

Disco & Games Night—Junior pupils— 3:20  
Mon 19th Dec

School Xmas Dinner—Thursday 22nd Dec

Xmas Parties for all—Thursday 22nd Dec

End of term normal time Friday 23rd Dec

Term begins Monday 9th January for pupils

*Season's  
greetings*

*All staff would like to  
wish parents and pupils a  
very happy Christmas and  
a healthy New Year.*

2022



Message from Mrs Wheadon

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy and exciting Autumn Half term, the children and staff are practising hard for their Christmas Concerts and we are all looking forward to seeing a hall full of parents enjoying it.

I am very proud and pleased to tell you that as from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 I am the permanent head of Blaendulais Primary School and look forward to leading the school through its present Welsh Government Reforms.

Our School Development Priorities are currently:

Priority 1- To enhance and develop the health and well-being of the school community.

Priority 2 - To develop the new curriculum and progression throughout the school including higher order thinking skills.

Priority 3 - To establish and develop the language of numeracy throughout the curriculum.

Priority 4 - To establish a reading culture throughout the school, developing higher order reading skills.

As always I want to thank you for your continued support and interest in the school and your child's progression and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.



## Christmas Concert 2022

The children have been working hard learning their lines and practising their songs in preparation for our Christmas Concerts. Tickets on sale from Monday 5th December



## Thank you for Your Support

This term the school council have asked during Harvest Time for your support to donate items to a local food bank, the response was amazing and as always you have been very generous. The Dulais Valley Food Bank were most appreciative.



A total of £108 was raised for Children in Need. Thank you to all who donated during these difficult times.

## Christingle

Our friend Captain Andy is visiting our School on Wednesday 7th December to celebrate the Christingle Service with our pupils. He is going to show our pupils how to make Christingle Oranges and explain their meaning. Everyone is looking forward to this.





This term the Early Years have been learning about the weather and seasons. They have written their letters to Santa and have been practising for their Christmas Concert, all the school have been doing this and are nearly ready now. Year 1/2 have been working hard with Welsh, their lasts and their times tables. LSC have also written letters to Santa and making decorations for the Christmas Fete. Year 3/4 & 5/6 have both been lucky enough to make wreaths in the forest school area. Welsh Water have visited both classes and we have been learning about saving the environment. LSC2 have been making items from recycled materials. A busy but fun half term.

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### Attendance



Time spent in school and learning is very important. Children thrive on routine and understanding. Each day that is missed is a day they can never get back.



### **Rights Respecting Article 28**

**You have the right to learn and to go to school.**

Attendance overall at school is quite low, hopefully in the new term we can work together to improve this and arriving at school on time.

### **Breaking News**

Our school is very excited because the Education Minister for Wales is coming to visit our school on Friday afternoon 16th December. Mr Jeremy Miles is coming to chat to us about our visit to Llandaff when we met with King Charles and ask us about our views on the new curriculum in Wales. We are looking forward to this.



## King Charles Visit to Llandaff



On Friday 16th September, we were invited by the Education Minister of Wales to Llandaff Cathedral to welcome the new King and Queen Consort to Wales... and what a welcome we gave!

There was flag waving, whooping and a chance for our children to showcase our school as the world watched on.

The children were selected using names in a hat and the lucky 5 travelled with Mrs Wheadon and Mr Astley (they weren't missing out on this opportunity!) to the capital.



The children (and staff of course) shared some very memorable moments, shaking hands and conversing with the new monarch.

There is a rumour that King Charles and Mr Astley still haven't washed their hands after this handshake! Although Mr Astley has stopped nodding!

The children made the BBC News, Sky News, ITV News and even an Australian news programme. They represented Blaendulais wonderfully and did the whole school very proud.

We would like to thank Jeremy Miles AM for allowing us this opportunity. A great day in the history of Blaendulais Primary.