

Blaendulais News

“Making a Difference”

**Rights Respecting Article 28-
You have the right to learn and to go to school.**

Croeso Nol! Welcome Back!

We are very happy to be back in school and excited to see what a new term fetches us with lots of learning opportunities and new challenges ahead for all of us. The children continue to make us all proud by being excited to learn, good friends, trying their best and working hard. The summer transition programme and meet the teacher parents' sessions have proven very successful with first day nerves quickly diminishing and the children (and parents) quickly settling into their new routines.

What a busy and interesting start to the school year we have had! The main building had a major job completed during the summer break and it is beginning to look like normal. All staff have received training on a reading system that we are implementing - the staff are already very enthusiastic! There will be more news on that to follow with a parents meeting to explain this clearly to be announced!

Finally I would like to thank you for choosing to send your child or children to our school and for your continuing support. I look forward to working with you all to ensure the children are the best that they can be.

CM Wheadon - Headteacher

Attendance & Punctuality.

We have seen a positive start of the new school year. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time daily to avoid disruption – the school day starts at 8.50am and teaching and learning begins immediately. From the first day your child is off school please inform us of the reason absence and every day after as it helps to keep our registers up to date. If we do not hear from you by 9.15am on the first day of absence, school will contact you to find out why your child is off. If your child's attendance falls below 95%, their progress could be seriously affected. Our Education Welfare Officer Mr S Jones is monitoring Attendance very closely this term as our overall percentage last year was only 86%. He will be contacting all parents whose child's attendance drops below 90% - this is a new initiative by Neath Port Talbot Council.

Time spent in school and learning is very important.

GOOD ATTENDERS = GOOD ACHIEVERS!

If your child is half an hour late every day that adds up to 2½ hours every week of lost learning.

Breakfast Club

*Breakfast Club pupils are admitted at 8.10a.m. **Pupils must not arrive any later than 8.25am.** Please ensure your children are fully supervised when waiting for doors to open. Breakfast Club is run by the School Meals Service and any issues should be reported to that Service at Neath Port Talbot CBC .*

School Meals.

All children in primary schools in Neath Port Talbot are now entitled to a Free School Meal at lunchtime. The school menu can be found at <https://www.broccolibob.co.uk/parents/schoolmeals.asp>

If you think you are entitled please apply for discretionary clothing grant- these grants also mean the school receives more money to support your child.

Pre-loved school uniform is available in school for a small donation (£1) or to swap with your pre-loved uniform.

Important Dates

<i>28th September</i>	<i>Y6 Transition Day & Parents Evening Llangatwg</i>
<i>16 -20th October</i>	<i>Harvest Collection for Dulais Valley Foodbank</i>
<i>20th October</i>	<i>Show Racism the Red Card – Wear Red Day</i>
<i>26th October</i>	<i>Halloween Disco</i>
<i>30th October – 3rd November</i>	<i>Autumn Half Term</i>
<i>6th -12th November</i>	<i>Children's book week.</i>
<i>11th November</i>	<i>Remembrance Day</i>
<i>13th -17th November</i>	<i>Anti-Bullying Awareness Week.</i>
<i>17th November</i>	<i>Children in Need Day.</i>
<i>28th November</i>	<i>Influenza Vaccinations – Reception – Year 6</i>
<i>30th November</i>	<i>Fluoride Varnish – Nursery – Year 2</i>
<i>22nd December</i>	<i>Inset Day</i>

Llangatwg on Tuesday 28th September and there will also be an opportunity for parents to visit the school in the evening. More details from Llangatwg will follow

Brass Music Tuition for pupils will now be held on Monday afternoons, if your child participates please ensure they bring their instrument to school every Monday.