

# Blaendulais News

"Making a Difference"

## Croeso Nol!

Welcome back! Where did the summer go?! We are all extremely happy to be back and make every success of 2018/19 (is it just me, or do the years seem really futuristic nowadays!)

Can I take this opportunity to welcome all pupils, parents/guardians and staff for what promises to be an action packed year. Also, a big Blaendulais welcome to Mrs Timmins who joins our Early Years department.

Amongst many other things, we are focusing on two key areas this year - **Standards** and **Relationships**. **Standards** of work, play, respect & behaviour are to be at the forefront of our minds - we want the very best for our children. Similarly, I am sure you will agree that **Relationships** are key to successful working environments, and this is no different in schools. We aim to create amazing working relationships throughout school - from pupil to teacher, from teacher to parent/guardian and so on. Let's really prove the old adage that 'it takes a village to raise a child'.

## Building Work

You will have noticed that the school has received, and continues to receive, a significant amount of building work. The exterior and interior playground fencing has been replaced around the junior yard and the refurbishment of the infant toilet block continues. Whilst building work continues, please take care in and around the school grounds.

**Half Term - Monday 29th Oct - Friday 2nd Nov**



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## UNCRC

No, it isn't a spelling mistake! It stands for The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child!

This year, we will begin to embed the UNCRC into our daily practice.

You might well hear your child talk more about their 'Rights' this year.

We will begin with **Article 28 'Your right to learn and go to school'**.

Of course, with every right comes a responsibility! We'll focus on this, too.

## School Day

A reminder that the school day begins at 8.50am. A member of staff is on duty on the Junior Yard from 8.40am - pupils arriving before 8.40am will not be supervised and it is advisable not to allow them to arrive before this time. Infant pupils (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will be met at the classroom door from 8.40am onward. Nursery begins at 12.45pm. Pupils arriving after registration must inform the office of their arrival - this will ensure that attendance and dinner registers are accurate.

## Dinner Money

Dinner money must be paid for the week on Monday - £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week. Any credit will be returned the following week. If dinner money is unpaid, then a healthy packed lunch must be provided.

## Dates for the Diary...

22/10/18	-	Colorfoto - Individual Portrait Photographs
29/10/18	-	Half Term
07/12/18	-	Fluena Immunisations (see website)
21/12/18	-	INSET Day (3 of 5) - Provisional Date
24/12/18	-	Xmas Holidays
07/01/19	-	Return to school
25/02/19	-	Half Term
05/03/19	-	St David's Day Celebrations
12/04/19	-	INSET Day (4 of 5) - Provisional Date
15/04/19	-	Easter Holidays
29/04/19	-	Return to school
27/05/19	-	Half Term
22/07/19	-	INSET Day (5 of 5)



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