



Our UNICEF right this month is:

Article 14: The right to follow your religion.



## Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

### 100% Attendance

Good attendance in school helps contribute to pupils' academic capability and happiness. Congratulations to our pupils who have achieved 100% last half term (03.09.19—16.12.19). Da iawn Isacc J, Charlotte, Lyvia, Zeeshan, Theo, Aimee, Vinny, Owain, Evie, Georgia, Bartoz, Taya, Daisy, Jacob W-J, Benjamin, Lucas, Elsie, Jessica, Jessica D, Ruby D, Poppy, Owen, Alfie, Isabelle, Jack, Alexa, Josh, Fletcher, Moli, Thomas, Madison, Jason, Sophia, Edward, Leah, Gabriel, Ashton, Ciaran, Eleanor, Oisin, Ffynan, Aiden, Carys, and Lilly.

Da iawn pawb. #ardderchog

### Thank you—PTA—Diolch

On behalf of the children, parents, staff and wider community may I offer a sincere thank you to the members of our PTA. The experiences, memories and additional funds raised have been invaluable to the success of this academic year. Diolch o'r galon.

### National Reading and Mathematics test (Years 2-6)

Between the 2nd and 9th of May every pupil within Year 2—6 will complete the National Reading, Procedural and Reasoning Mathematics tests. Please make every effort for your child to be in school between these days. If you would like to discuss the tests please contact your class teacher. Diolch.

### INSET Days

We've planned 4 of our 5 INSET days for 2019/20:-  
Thursday 07.05.20 & Monday 20.07.20 .Diolch yn fawr.

### Thank you = Diolch

Thank you for attending this term's PTA events. The money raised during these events has been used to supplement the cost of the Pantomime tickets, purchase our Christmas dinner crackers and our Foundation Phase gifts. Thank you all. Diolch yn fawr.

### Diary Dates 2019-20

(Dates, times and venues may be subject to change throughout the year)

- 20/12/19—Last Day.
- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
- 06/01/20—1st day back.
- 20/01/20—Year 3 swimming block fortnight.
- 30/01/20—Year 2 class assembly.
- 06-07/02/20—Year 4 residential.
- 13/02/20—Year 1 class assembly.
- HALF TERM
- 05/03/19—Year 4 class assembly.
- 06/03/20—St. David's day homework celebration.
- 12/03/20—Year 5 Writing Celebration Assembly. (9.00—10.00am)

**Attendance**  
Our whole school attendance to date is...  
**94.80%**  
Our target this academic year is **95.50%**.

During our termly Q&A the school was requested by parents to explore the possibility of purchasing an online payment system. We have therefore worked alongside our local authority and <https://www.parentpay.com/> to provide this service from January 2020. There is an annual charge to the school to deliver this facility, therefore, with little confirmation on future school budgets we cannot guarantee that we will be able to afford this service indefinitely. If there is a poor take up of the provision the school would need to consider its 'value for money' and alongside the Governing Body make a decision accordingly. Please see the following information on the roll out of this service...



Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Coming soon: Online payments to school with ParentPay!**

Starting in the New Year we will be introducing a more convenient way to pay for school meals using a secure service called ParentPay.

ParentPay will be live at school in January; from this date we will be working towards no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, making school dinners a cash-free service. Parents who need to continue making payments by cash may do so using the current method.

### **Making secure payments online using your credit or debit card**

ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available.

You will have a secure online account, activated using a unique username and password; you will be prompted to change these, and to keep them safe and secure. If you have more than one child at our school, or children at other ParentPay schools, you can create a single account login for all your children.

Making a payment is straightforward and ParentPay holds a payment history for you to view at a later date; no card details are stored in any part of the system. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.

**You will receive your unique ParentPay Account activation details w/c 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

For further information on ParentPay please see the FAQs overleaf or visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com).

Yours faithfully, Diolch yn fawr,

Mr O.G. Hyett

## ParentPay FAQs

### **When can I log in to my account?**

Once you have received your activation letter from school with your activation login details you will be able to activate your account and start making payments. This letter will be sent to you soon by your school.

### **Which cards can I use?**

ParentPay accepts MasterCard, Visa and American Express credit cards, and Maestro, Switch, Delta, Electron, Solo and Visa debit cards. Some schools may limit the use of credit cards for some transactions; you will be informed by the school directly of any such restrictions.

### **Is it safe to make payments on the internet?**

Yes. ParentPay uses leading technology to process your card transactions securely. All communication with the bank is encrypted and neither ParentPay nor the school have access to your card details.

### **How can I check that it's secure?**

Standard website addresses begin with *http*: the address for a secure site will always begin with *https*. You will also see a padlock at the bottom/top right of the screen on our login page and after you have logged into your account; never enter your card details or personal data on any web page whose address does not start *https*.

### **What about our personal information?**

ParentPay Limited, and its group companies, operate in full compliance with Data Protection Law; Including the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

The ParentPay Terms and Conditions include a Data Processing Agreement (DPA), compliant with the GDPR, which details both parties' obligations relating to Data Protection.

<https://www.parentpay.com/schools/school-terms-and-conditions/>

The ParentPay Privacy Notice, which is available to end users, provides further information on the processing activities undertaken by ParentPay.

<https://www.parentpay.com/privacy-policy/>

ParentPay will NEVER contact you by phone, email or mail and ask you to divulge confidential information like passwords or card numbers. If you are ever contacted by someone claiming to be from ParentPay, please contact us immediately on 02476 994 820.

### **I do not have a home PC so how can I use ParentPay**

Why not visit your local library, internet café or see if you can get access to a computer at work.

**For more information please visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)**

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YOUR  
COMMUNITY FOR  
SAVINGS &  
LOANS**

Celtic Credit Union Schools Savings Club Programme continues to grow from strength to strength.

*We are now considered the Number One Credit Union in the UK for Schools Savings.*

Hundreds of pupils all across Neath Port Talbot are saving in their schools with our Credit Union. Some of these pupils are developing their numeracy and communication skills by helping to operate the Savings Club, with some of the older pupils linking their involvement to the Welsh Baccalaureate or Duke of Edinburgh Award.

More than 40 schools are currently taking part in the scheme and new schools are applying to join us every month.

We believe that **ALL** pupils in Neath Port Talbot should have access to a School Savings Club.

**So what are you waiting for?**

**Join Today  
and**

**Save for Tomorrow!**

Celtic Credit Union is the parent company of Neath Port Talbot Credit Union (NPTCU) and Swansea Bay



**To Parents & Carers of Pupils in  
ALLTWN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Did you know that Celtic Credit Union operates a  
Schools Savings Club in your school?**



Since starting our Schools Savings Club programme in 2009 we have helped thousands of pupils save thousands of pounds. Our Savings Clubs aim to show each new generation of pupils the value of saving - a habit which seems to be in decline.

YOUR Savings Club is operated by pupils from Y5/6 supported by a member of staff every Thursday morning from 09.00 - 9.15 in the CWTSH. If you would like to help your children start saving - whether it's for something special or nothing in particular - we would love to hear from you!

*It takes just £1.00 to open a Junior Account then you can save as much or as little as you like every week (or as often as you can). Just complete the Application Form on the back of this Newsletter and return it to the school with a minimum of £1.00 to get your child started.*

*Savings can be withdrawn during the last week of each term - but many children choose to just keep on saving.*

Grown ups are welcome too!

Come and see us at THE HUB in Pontardawe. We are open from 10am until 3pm every Tuesday. Why not pop in to pick up a leaflet, have a chat or maybe open an account? Adult Savers can get access to our ethical, affordable loans .... much cheaper than credit cards and payday lenders.

Come and see what your Credit Union can do for you!

You can contact the Credit Union on our main number 01639 632100 or check out the website at



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# Junior Membership Application

Personal Details (please complete in block capital letters)			
Full Name:		Gender:	Male/Female
Date of Birth:		Telephone Number:	
Email Address:		Mobile Number:	
Address:			
		Post Code:	

## Important Information about Junior Membership:

- Children over the age of seven are able to withdraw money from their account without the consent of a parent/guardian
- Parents/Guardians wishing to access the account will need to have the account holder present or hold a signed declaration from the Junior Member allowing them to make a withdrawal

Declaration	
I wish to be a Junior Saver with Celtic Credit Union. I agree to follow the rules of the Credit Union and confirm that all information given on this form is correct.	
Signature:	Date:

Parent/Guardian Details (Please complete in block capital letters)			
Full Name:			
Address:			
		Post Code:	
Contact Number:			
Are you a Parent or Guardian?	Parent / Guardian	Membership Number (if existing CCU member)	

Declaration	
I hereby apply for membership on behalf of the named child and agree to abide by the rules of the Credit Union. I declare that the information given by me on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that Celtic Credit Union will process my data in accordance with my rights under the Data Protection Act 1998. I understand and agree once the child is seven years or older I will no longer have access to the account and will require the presence of the account holder or declaration from the account holder to be able to gain access.	
Signature:	Date:

For Office Use Only			
Membership Number Allocated:		Amount of First Deposit:	£
Passbook Issued:	Yes / No	Identification Verified:	Yes / No
Signature:		Date:	

For School Use Only (Please complete in block capital letters)			
I confirm that:		Date of Birth:	
Is a pupil at:	Alttwen Primary School	FSM:	Yes / No
Signed:		Date:	
Position held:	Administration		