# Blaenavon Heritage VC Primary School

## Newsletter

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Friday 19th April 2024



# Dates for the Diary!

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Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 visit to Abersychan
	(details to follow)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday	Half Term
31 <sup>st</sup> May	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Thursday	Year 6 Sailing Course
6 <sup>th</sup> June and Monday	(Junior Sailing
10 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Qualification) 2 days per
June	pupil (details to follow)
	(Church trust funded)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 trip to Techniquest
	(details to follow)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 visit to Abersychan
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Training Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Training Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Torfaen Religion, Values &
	Ethics Exhibition in the
	school hall (details to
	follow)
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Blaenavon World Heritage
	Day (details to follow)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 visit to Abersychan
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> –	Year 5 residential in
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Llangrannog
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Diocesan Leavers Service
	for Year 6 in Newport
	Cathedral (details to
	follow)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday	Year 6 residential
12 <sup>th</sup> July	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Move Up Day (details to
	follow)

Further trips and events will be added as they are booked.

Whole school attendance is currently at 92.35% We are on the way up! Thank you for all your support. Please note the two training days either side of a weekend in June. This may be an opportunity for a more reasonably priced weekend away without your child losing their mark in school ©

### **Blaenavon on Tour**

This is the season of sports club tours. We are really keen to partner with local clubs and support these fantastic experiences for our children. Please ask your coaches to get in touch with Mrs Britten if they have tours planned during term time.

Have a great time everyone on the Blaenavon RFC tours this weekend!

#### **Skiers**

Calling all skiers! Pontypool hosts an annual schools skiing competition. We have missed the entry date for this year but would love to know if we have any skiers in our school community who might like to take part next year. Please let Mrs Britten or Miss Wilson know if your child is a budding skier.

#### **Access to Site & Home Time**

This is a polite reminder that the main entrance is not for pupil use. We have some pupils walking through the reception area in the mornings. Please be aware that from Monday, they will not be allowed to enter and will be sent to the pupil entrances.

We are unable to permit parents and carers to cross the school yard in the morning. Please do not ask staff to let you through. This is important to keep all our children safe.

School finishes at 3.10pm. Pupils cannot be collected from the main reception area. This exit is only used for pupils collected by taxi.

It is very busy on site between 2.45pm and 3.10pm. No office staff will be available during this time, except for emergency. If you wish to speak to a member of office staff, please wait until 3.20pm. This helps us safeguard our site.

# Girls' Rugby



## **NSPCC Online Safety Workshop**

It's not too late to join us for the NSPCC Online Safety Workshop on Thursday. Please RSVP to the Class Charts message to give us an idea of numbers for refreshments. We are so excited that lots of you have already said you will be coming! It's going to be really useful for us all.

# **Blaenavon World Heritage Day**

Heritage Day will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The organisers are keen for all the children and their families to join in the fun. Please save the date in your diaries. This year's theme is Habitat and Happiness.

#### **Year 6 Leavers**

Year 6 are now in their final term in BHVC. Miss Williams and Mr Booth are busy making plans for a final celebration and will get dates out to you shortly. The plan this year is to invite parents and carers to a Year 6 performance one morning, and

then following the success of last year, to have BlaenFest for the children in the afternoon.

As in previous years, we will provide hoodies for all the Year 6 children.

We are actively working with the secondary schools to ensure a smooth transition for all our pupils. Please let us know if your child is having a transition day to a secondary other than Abersychan so that we know where we are when they aren't in school, but more importantly, so we can support them with what can be a daunting experience. The schools sometimes forget to tell us! Keep an eye on your emails as the secondaries will notify you of transition events using the email address you provided on the secondary admission form.

If your child is particularly anxious about the transition, please let us know, as we can provide additional support.

#### Welsh of the Week

Cynefin – Habitat (Place where we live)

Hapus – Happy

#### **Twitter**

This week's Twitter (X) is definitely worth a look! Digital skills, smoothie making and even a racing car! Follow us @bhvcprimary to see what we get up to in school.

