

# Blaenavon Heritage VC Primary School

## Newsletter

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### Dates for the Diary!

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Training Day – School closed</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Holidays
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations

### Who put the colours in the rainbow?

Our theme for the Spring Term is 'Who put the colours in the rainbow?' The children are planning lots of exciting learning opportunities. Please avoid booking appointments during the school day and try to keep holidays outside of term-time. We want all our children to be in school as much as possible, enjoying learning and not missing out. Sometimes absences are unavoidable. Please make sure that you telephone the school office or send a message via Class Charts, clearly stating the reason for the absence. We need to know the type of illness, e.g. cough, stomach bug, etc, and cannot simply record that they are "unwell".

### Strikes

As you may be aware, one of the largest education unions is planning strike action which could result in 4 days of school closures in Wales. The first proposed strike date is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. At the moment, we believe that we will be able to open to all learners on this date, however this is subject to change. We will update you as we receive further information from unions.

### Bake Sale

You are all welcome to visit the Bake Sale at Victory Church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Choose some tasty treats and support a worthy cause!



### Celebrating Success

Lily brought her rugby medal into school for today's celebration assembly. Well done Lily on representing Blaenavon in the Dowlais tournament!

We are also very proud of Hope who has donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust. Hope, you are so kind and thoughtful!

### Curriculum

This week Mrs Britten and Mrs Roberts have been talking to children about how they feel about our school and how we can make it even better.

The children were really positive about school and nearly all said that they like being in school. Only 3 children said they'd rather be at home! The children are really proud of their new Learning Journals and can't wait to show them to you at the end of term.

Each class will be inviting parents and carers into school just before Easter to see all the fantastic work the children have completed this term. Details will follow nearer the time.

## Residential Trips Update

Despite our best efforts, we have been unable to reduce the cost of the proposed Year 6 trip to London and the Year 5 adventurous activity residential. We want all our children to have the opportunity to enjoy the residential trips so have come up with a new plan!

Year 6 children and Year 5 children will have the opportunity to stay on the school site overnight and enjoy activities available in our wonderful local area. More details will follow over the next few weeks. The "on-site residential" will cost a maximum of £50 per child and will take place during the Summer Term.

We want to say a huge thank you to Mr Booth for taking the time to organise all our residential trips!

## Torfaen Play

Torfaen Play have launched a new club to support children's wellbeing. If your child would like to attend, please contact Torfaen Play to book a space: [torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk)

Don't forget Torfaen Play also run a club here in school on Wednesdays. Places are available for children in Years 3-6.

## Clubs

All children should have brought home letters regarding the range of clubs available after school this term. Children who have requested a place in a club will bring home a letter today informing you if they have been allocated a place in a club. Please do not assume your child will be staying for club unless you have received a confirmation letter.



### Twitter

Follow our Twitter account @bhvcprimary to see all the fantastic things happening in school. You can see us taking part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch, investigating the weather and even boarding a plane!

**Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service**  
Providing a variety of fun and accessible options in the heart of the community.

**Play, Wellbeing & Mindfulness Club** with Isabelle

Activities connected to '5 ways to wellbeing'

**Ages 8 to 11 years**

**Tuesdays 4:30pm – 5:30pm**  
The Old Abersychan Library,  
Brynteg,  
Abersychan,  
NP4 7BG

**Thursdays 4:30pm – 5:30pm**  
Greenmeadow & St Dials  
Community Hall (The Cockrel),  
Off Pandy,  
Cwmbran,  
NP44 4LA

**Booking is required**  
For further information please contact: [torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk)

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