



# Newsletter



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## **How is the internet and technology affecting your child?**

The development of technology has changed modern society. There are positive and negative effects and it is important that you consider this with your children. Research is now available for us to see how technology and the internet affect children's learning, wellbeing, communication and social interaction. There are definite positives including entertainment, research, tutorials, interaction, increased skills in subjects, creativity, problem solving and much more. However, there are disturbing negatives such as compulsive use and addiction, increased stress and anxiety, worries about self image, loneliness, bullying, access to pornography, exposure to racism, grooming and hate speech, headaches, obesity, eye strain and much more. As parents in today's world we have to consider this research to safeguard our children. Please ensure your child uses technology and the internet to support their development and nothing else. There are many children who are starting to suffer negative effects for technology usage. Please don't let it happen to your child. Suggestions:

- notice how your child reacts when using their device, are they happy / sad / cheerful / anxious / angry / laughing?
- Balance online activities with real world experiences - indoors and outdoors.
- Talk to your child about how they manage their social networks - communicating with friends.
- Ask your child what's the best and worst thing about being online / gaming etc
- Do some research yourself on how to support your child and how to talk to them about their feelings e.g. childnet resource.

Please remember - your child relies on you to keep them safe. They trust you to do what is best for them. Be safe not sorry. If you are in any way worried contact us at school and we will access the appropriate advice. We don't have all the answers but we know people who do!

## **Class newsletters**

You will have received a newsletter from your child's class teacher about what your child is learning in school this term. This contains useful information that will help you support your child at home. If it doesn't help please let us know because we will need to ensure it does!! Please let us know.

### Banksy

We are disappointed to hear they will be removing the art work from its current location. It has become a political and financial debate unfortunately. Disappointing news for the children in school. However, it will remain in Port Talbot so we can still continue to work on our project. We are hoping that the new owner will consider our views.

We continue to support the message of environmental issues and delighted to see the collection of soft plastic for eco bricks. Thank you!! 330g per litre is certainly becoming a challenge! We recognise that so just aim to get into the bottle as much as you can so that the sides of the bottle do not buckle. We have a few on display if you want to see them.



### Nursery & Reception

Sorry to nag BUT...every time someone is late a member of staff has to leave the children to open the gate. It stops the teaching. Can we ask you please to aim for 8.45 to avoid upset. Thank you. Staff in the unit are very good at making sure the doors are open at 8.50 for the children. Please help us and it will also avoid you having to come to the main school to sign in! That's a winner surely!

If your child has any learning difficulties the local authority are giving you the opportunity to discuss any concerns you have. You will need to make an appointment to see them on Feb 22nd at St Paul's centre. You can make the appointment by emailing [education@npt.gov.uk](mailto:education@npt.gov.uk)

### Welsh Week

Reminder - St David's day approaching. The children can wear Welsh costumes and appropriate Welsh clothing. Think ahead. What's available? If you have any costumes, shirts etc that are too small for your children please send them into school so that we can offer them to families in need. We notice that some charity shops are already selling welsh themed clothing. Now is the time to look!!

### Head lice

The dreaded word in a newsletter! We know! Unfortunately they are out and about again! Please check your child's hair regularly, ensure long hair is tied back, use treatment only if you have seen lice or nits. Treat the whole family.

### Welsh Phrase - are you practising?

Bore da ...Good morning.... Sut wyt ti ..... how are you? .... wyt ti'n iawn....are you ok? .....

**New phrase**  
**Dw i'n hapus**  
(Do ween hapis )  
**I'm happy**

### Diary Dates

<b>Feb 13th</b>	Year 1 trip to Cardiff Castle! Looks amazing!! Valentine disco - to be confirmed.
<b>Feb 20th</b>	Fire service to talk to children about safety at home. Years 2 & 5
<b>Feb 25th</b>	Half term
<b>March 1st</b>	St David's day
<b>March 4th</b>	Welsh week - dress code - welsh theme all week
<b>March 25th</b>	Parent meetings with teachers. Pupil progress.
<b>April 1st</b>	Parent meetings with teachers. Pupil progress.
<b>April 11th</b>	Easter bonnet parade. Nursery & Reception 10.30am. Years 1-6 1.30pm
<b>April 12th</b>	Easter raffle Last day of term.