Family Engagement Newsletter

Welcome back

What a great spring term we've had! I'd like to take the time, to say thank you all for your support in making our school community a great place. Looking forward to our summer term, summer term is always busy as we make use of the hopefully good weather, as usual any ideas are always gratefully received ready for some summer events. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Mrs. Walker at Walkera98@Hwbcymru.net.

We started and finished not one but two course with Cardiff and Vale College

FIZZY FUN SCIENCE

Years 4, 5 and 6 and their adults got the opportunity to learn lots of new skills and had a lot of fun doing various science experiments. Eggs were saved from breaking with parachutes, leaves were looked at under microscopes and volcanos erupted on the yard, Mrs Walkers room has smelt of vinegar for weeks!

MANAGING OUR EMOTIONS

Years 1, 2 and 3, joined us with their children to learn about how we can manage our emotions and tips to help us control our emotions. Lots of crafty fun was had while we looked at our emotions, and again vinegar volcanos explained what happens when we get angry, as well as using sweets for feelings talks.

COOK WITH ME

An afterschool cooking club for parents and children started and what a lot of lovely things we've made, the children have really tried to embrace new flavours, learnt some skills and got the hang of washing up too!

CARDIFF AND VALE CREDIT UNION

Children have continued to bring in their hard earned money on a Wednesday morning to be saved and earning interest with Cardiff and Vale Credit union. Some great saving going on and a huge Thank you to Gemma for volunteering her time to help out. Forms are available from the office or Mrs. Walker if you want to join. Its a great way to teach children the value of money and the art of saving!

WORLD BOOK DAY

We were very fortunate to be gifted a box of books from Pam the Community Champion at Morrisons Barry to help celebrate World Book Day, some of the children were so excited they started reading the books right away!

PLAYGROUND PALS

A group of 15 children from year 4 and year 5 had the opportunity to complete a day of training with a wonderful trainer Jay from Bullies Out. The children in year 4 and 5 were asked to email a brief paragraph explaining why they wanted to be a Playground Pal as if they were applying for ajob and the succesful candidates were then chosen.

Playground Pals have made a commitment to help encourage happier and sociable playtimes, encouraging children to play new games and support the virtues of good friendship. They are all wonderful and are enjoying their roles enormously.

EASTER SCAVANGER HUNT

A huge thanks to those who joined us for our first ever Easter Scavanger hunt. I must say the clues may have been tricky for some but you all had a good wander around the play areas and worked out the clues, unscrambled the letters earning yourselves a prize at the end. We hope you all enjoyed and would welcome feedback.

GLAMORGAN VOLUNTEER SERVICE GRANT

We were lucky enough to be granted a sum of money to stock our food pantry back in October. We were then gifted an extra £700 in January boosting our stock even more. The pantry is open at drop off and pick up in The Cwtch everyday. Either bring your own bag and stock up on 12 items for £5 or buy a bag from us for an extra £1.50

Recipe Cards are also available

Coming up in the summer term

BRAINS AND BUTTONS

YEARS 4,5,6

THURSDAYS 9–11:30AM

Try out coding, explore AI, learn how to stay safe online, make clay animation movies and much more. With creative challanges and team work parents and children get to learn a new skill and have fun together.

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NATURE NURTURERS

YEARS REC, 1, 2

THURSDAYS 1–3PM

Explore, Play and Learn together focusing on the benefits of the outdoors, booting well-being, creativity and connection with nature through practical activities, story telling and nature inspired fun.

INFORMATION WORKSHOPS

ALL 9:15 – 11:30AM

Join some of our non accredited information workshops

Addysg Oedolion Cymru
Adult Learning Wales

06/05/26 Understanding Neurodiversity	13/05/ 26 Roles and Responsibilites of a classoom assistant	20/05/26 Enabling access to learning
03/06/26 Communication & Social Support	10/06/26 Behaviour, Emotional Regulation & Wellbeing	17/06/26 Introduction to Safeguarding

On Going Info

PARENT COMPUTER AVAILABLE

A computer is now available in The Cwtch for parents to use, if you need to fill out application forms, produce a document, apply for a job, sort out benefits etc, anything that's tricky to do on a phone! come and use our computer.

If you need help filling out any forms, finding information for your family, or some advice with parenting life or mental health come and see Mrs. Walker

UNIFORM

If your child has grown out of their uniform don't forget about our swap shop available in the reception area and in the cwtch.

If you have any good quality uniform that no longer fits please consider bringing it in to us.

BOARD GAME LIBRARY

Bored of the games you have at home? In the Cwtch we have a selection of board games you can borrow for a week. Pop into the Cwtch on Wednesdays at 3pm to borrow one.

Support

Useful links and additional help

Vale Family Compass

Website: www.valefamilycompass.co.uk
Phone: 0808 281 6727
Email:
familycompass@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

One stop support for the entire family

SNAP CYMRU

0808 801 0608
enquiries@snapcymru.org
Information and advise for children and young people with additional needs.

CUBE
WHOLE FAMILY SUPPORT

tammi@cubecentre.co.uk
07801 978676
Free support to individuals, families, or children

Baobab Bach CIC Barry Pantry

Tuesdays 4:30-6:00pm
Margaret Alexander Community Centre
£1 joining fee then £5 per bag
everyone welcome

Castleland Community Centre

Wednesdays 1:30pm
Foodshare
Take a bag with you some items are free and some are heavily discounted.

Men Changing Lives Barry

Believing every man has a purpose and helping to find and build towards that one supported step at a time.
Thursdays 6:30pm Coastlands Church

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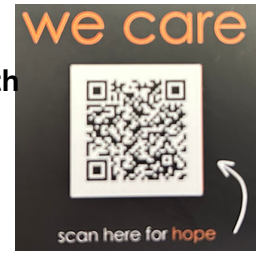
our goals are to:

1. **help people with their mental health**
2. **prevent suicide**
3. **reduce homelessness**



If your aware of any other support available let me know.