



Family Engagement Newsletter

Welcome back

WOW! What a summer term!

Its been busy beyond belief, with temperatures I don't think we have ever had before and we ran out of tiptops! (SHOCKING) lots of great groups and sessions, a small inspection, trips, food drives and our summer fair too. Gosh its been wild, please take care over the summer holidays, my email is always checked so 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
BRAINS AND BUTTONS

Years 4, 5 and 6 and their adults got the opportunity to learn lots of new skills and had a lot of fun doing digital challenges. Luckily there was no vinegar in this course! so The CWTCH has smelt lovely. But brains were definately used with lots of coding, animation, and computing skills.

NATURE NURTURERS

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, Joined us for this course exploring what nature has to offer in our forest and seeing what else we could learn about nature. Seeing the frogs was a highlight as was the bird song identifier app, which Mrs W might be a little obsessed with now! Come back and tell me what birds you've found over the holidays.



LEARN WELSH FOR THE HOME

We all know learning a new language can be tricky, for 8 parents they set themselves the challenge of learning Welsh in 15 weeks! I can honestly say I'm mighty impressed to see the progress you have all made is incredible. I'm not sure the tutor will ever recover mind!!!!

Gwaith Arddechog pawb. If anyone would like to start a Welsh course let me know

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!

SUMMER FAIR

What fun we had at the Summer Fair, not as originally planned due to date changes and people unable to attend, but still a great afternoon. We raised just over £800 which is fabulous, this will be split between school funds and Helping Hands. I would like to say a massive Thank you to our handful of Helping Hands volunteers, without them helping to organise, set up, plan and help out non of the activities would be possible. A big thanks also to Rumi who visited she is available for parties etc.

**We are always on the lookout for more volunteers just come and see
Mrs Walker**

MORRISONS FOOD DRIVE



We were very fortunate to be offered a spot at Morrisons in Barry this term for a food drive. Armed with a list of foods a group of year 6s and 3 fabulous incredible volunteers, we stood in morrisons and asked if people would like to donate to our pantry. Overwhelmed does not even come close to how Mrs Walker felt. Through the generosity of the Barry community we have been able to provide over 25 families with food boxes to help through the summer holidays.



If you are struggling over the holidays or at any time, please email Mrs Walker she will help as much as possible with absolutely no judgement and no one else need know.

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

Families Learning Together



Join us for a fun and interactive free course where families can learn about emotions together! Through games, creative activities, and storytelling, you'll explore different feelings and discover positive ways to understand and manage them. This course is designed for children and their Parents, Carers, or Grandparents to learn side by side. You'll work together on hands-on tasks that help you build confidence, communicate better, and develop important social and emotional skills. By the end, you'll have created your own useful tools and strategies to help you handle emotions in everyday life - All in a friendly, relaxed space where everyone is welcome.

OPEN TO YEAR 3, 4, YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

CONTACT US families@cavc.ac.uk

Understanding Our
Emotions

High Street Primary
School

Wednesday 9th September -
9am

Sign up here!



it's okay to
feel your
feelings



TEACHING ASSISTANT COURSE



In September we will be running a course to train as a teaching assistant. This will be on a Friday 9:00am-3:00pm. If you haven't already signed up see Mrs Walker

FOREST HELPERS

Are you a keen Gardner or would love to help us out in the forest area? Maybe you know about willow, planting etc? We would like to put together a group of adults to help us make our forest area even better.

ND SUPPORT GROUP



We are looking to start a Neurodiversity support group, whether you have a neurodiverse child, family member or are yourself neurodiverse lets start a group of support in school. We can change or influence waiting times but we can try and support each other through the challenges. Dates and times to be arranged as well as a session with AP Cymru planned.

On Going Info



PANTRY

Our food pantry has grown from strength to strength, and is available to all £5 for 10/12 items open any drop off and pick up or let us know and we can arrange a time

SUMMER HOLIDAY OPENING DAYS
TUESDAY 28th JULY 10AM - 12PM
MONDAY 24th AUGUST 10AM - 12PM



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.



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

PARENT COMPUTER AVAILABLE



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 advice 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.

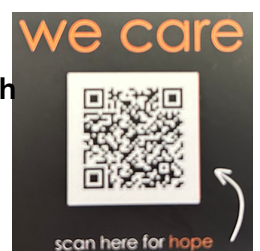
Men Changing Lives Barry

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



our goals are to:

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



If you are aware of any other support available let me know.