

Ysgol Gynradd Porthcawl Primary School

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Welcome Back!

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to you and your child as we embark on a new academic year at Porthcawl Primary School. It has been great to see everyone again after the six-week holiday and we were delighted that the rain decided to come back along with the pupils on Tuesday!

We have many exciting activities and experiences planned for the months ahead, details of which will be shared in our weekly newsletters. We are currently finalising our events for the Autumn Term and will share these dates with you next week.

At Porthcawl Primary, we are committed to fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment that promotes academic excellence, personal development and a love for learning. This year, we are placing a strong focus on outdoor learning and will be developing our Forest School area. This means all pupils will benefit from regular Forest School activities. Further details will be shared later in the term.

Throughout the school year, we will strive to create a variety of learning experiences- focusing not only on academics, but also on character development, critical thinking, creativity and interpersonal skills. Our goal is to help every pupil to discover their unique strengths and talents, empowering them to become confident, compassionate and responsible individuals who can make a positive impact on the world. Each class will send home an information leaflet with details of this term's learning on Friday 11th September.

We believe that effective communication between home and school is vital to your child's success. Our doors are always open to address any questions, concerns, or feedback. Staff are on the playground every morning and afternoon, so please feel free to come and speak to us or contact Mrs Jenkins in the school office.

We have planned two upcoming opportunities for parents and carers to meet the teachers:

- **Classroom Visit: Monday 14th September**, from **3:30 pm to 4:30 pm**. You are invited to visit your child's new classroom and meet their teacher.
- **Parents' Evening Week:** Week beginning **Monday 19th October**. More details will be sent closer to the time.

Attendance

Good attendance is essential for your child's academic progress, social development and overall well-being. We want to work in partnership with you to ensure every pupil is in school every day. Last year, we unfortunately fell short of our school target of **95% attendance**. While 95% might sound like a high figure, it actually equates to missing **9 full school days - or 45 missed lessons** - over the course of an academic year. Every single day in the classroom counts. By working together, we can give our children the best possible consistency and support for their learning.

Thank you for your support!

Parent Behaviour Meeting

The staff have been working over the last year to develop a new whole school behaviour system. The new system is being introduced to the pupils this half term and focuses on recognising and rewarding positive behaviour. There will be a parent meeting led by Miss Nixon on **Wednesday 30th September** from **4.00- 5.00**.

During the meeting we will go through-

- Dojo points
- Celebration assemblies and rewards
- The new school rules

We will also be able to answer any questions.

Weekly Attendance (95% target)

Class	Attendance
Taf	96%
Garw	94%
Eweni	100%
Teifi	99%
Conwy	100%
Llynfi	96%



Diary Dates:

New School Year 26 / 27 INSET Dates:

Tuesday 1st September

Friday 2nd October

Monday 4th January

Friday 28th May

Monday 19th July

Tuesday 20th July

Meet the teacher

Monday 14th September 3.30-4.30

Wednesday 23rd September

Reception class trip to St Fagans

Wednesday 30th September

Parent Behaviour meeting 4.00- 5.00

Wednesday 7th October

Year 6 Open Evening PCS 5.30 -7.30

Parent Evening Week

Week beginning Monday 19th October

