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2025

January



Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 5

Dates for the Diary...



- 7.1.25 Y4 start swimming lessons (10am) daily until 17.1.25.
- 7.1.25 Y5 start swimming lessons (11am) daily until 10.1.25.
- 13.1.25 Y6 start swimming lesson block (11am) daily until 17.1.25.
- 21.2.25 Last day of school for children- half term holidays.
- 3.3.25 Children return to school from the half term holidays.
- 7.3.25 Eisteddfod- whole school.
- 10.3.25 Book Looks for parents (3:15pm in your child's class).
- 13.3.25 Young Carers Day.
- 14.3.25 Red Nose day.
- 17.3.25 World Book Day.
- 31.3.25 INSET day (Changed from 23.5.25)
- 2.4.25 Colofoto class photos and Year 6 leavers photos.
- 9.4.25 Easter service with Rev. Walker.
- 11.4.25 Easter Bonnets / Crazy Hair Parade (2pm).
- 11.4.25 Last day of school for children- Easter holidays.
- 28.4.25 Children return to school from the Easter holidays.
- 5.5.25 May Day Bank holiday- school closed.
- 23.5.25 Last day of school for children- half term Whitsun holidays.
- 23.5.25 INSET day cancelled
- 2.6.25 Children return to school from the Whitsun holidays.
- 12.6.25 Family Fun Day (Nursery-Year 2 Sports morning (9:30am), picnic lunch, disco and stalls in the afternoon.
- 23.6.25 Year 3- Year 6 Sports morning (9:30am).
- 25.6.25 Transition day.
- 3.7.25 Parent consultation meetings, if required (from 3:15pm).
- 15.7.25 Year 6 Leavers concert dress rehearsal for whole school.
- 17.7.25 Year 6 Leavers concert (2pm).
- 18.7.25 Last day of school for children for this year.
- 21.7.25 INSET day- school closed.



Food and Fun...



Welsh Government are offering their Food and Fun funding again for 3 weeks of the Summer 2025 school holidays. We have been asked to gauge if there is enough interest for us to consider offering this project to our families. Bwyd A Hwyl provides healthy and good quality breakfasts and lunches, food and nutrition education sessions, structured physical activity and enrichment activities to children. Your child's teacher will be asking if you are interested in us offering this, over the next few weeks. This will not be a commitment from you just an initial interest.

Welcome... Blwyddyn Newydd Dda pawb!



I hope your Christmas break was everything you'd hoped it would be. Welcome back! I am delighted to inform you that my Governors have agreed to extend my secondment for the Spring term with the understanding that this could be for the whole academic year. The long-term plan is yet to be decided but the governors are keen for long-term stability for the school. I will keep you updated!

I'd like to offer huge thanks to a range of people who supported our pupil's last term. The Salvation Army who donated a wealth of brand new toys and provided food vouchers; Mawdlam church for providing many selection boxes; Apollo supply agency for donating £100 so every child could have a selection box each and Filco who donated £500.

Massive congratulations to Esme-Marie S-C who won a Christmas card competition (Cornelly Community Council). She had the honour of switching on the Christmas lights #VIP. Thanks also goes to parents and guardians who have helped the school to raise £653.91 for charity causes and £5,416.05 for the school last term. The school money will all be invested in providing the children with rich experiences. The school also received £600 in grant donations.

We welcome Sharon Richards, our schools Family Engagement Officer (FEO). She works with families and children, covering a range of areas of support including behaviour and mental health to name a few. Parents/carers will always need to agree to any work being undertaken as this is a voluntary service that is managed and funded by the LA.

During the Autumn term, the Governors and I discussed school attendance as there is a wealth of evidence that shows low attendance negatively impacts on children's attainment. We have since set our school target at 92%. This will be reviewed termly. Unfortunately, we have only achieved this target for one month (September). The other months this academic year have been below this. I will be monitoring attendance very closely and holiday requests will only be approved if attendance is above 92%. Parents will also be invited to a meeting where attendance is an ongoing concern, as I want to support you to improve this.

Parent/Carer survey... Llais are gathering the views of parents and carers of neurodiverse children (aged 2-17) and those with mental health difficulties/additional learning needs. The QR code takes you to a short survey.



Penblwydd Hapus goes to...

Osian C-M, Carey A, Ava-Rose T, Noah D, Melanie M, Chloe P, Austin T-J, Grace B, Chayse S, Ffion W, Izabella L, Lilly H, Alexander P-P, Maeve Porter, Berakah J, Freddie J, Piper M, Adam W, Sofia T-J, Zach K, Lilliemay L, Isla-Mae M and Zachari W who celebrated a birthday in November.

Faith A, Zabiullah M, Daisy G, Esme E, Eryn K, Ena G, Taylor J, Georgia-Lee C, Paris J, Ellie-Mae Q, Jake R, Jacob H, Amelia E, Danny D, Olivia-Grace L, Laylan D-W, Rudi G-P, Olivia B, Harley-Mae D, Nylah-Rose M and Riley Y who celebrated a birthday in December.

Safeguarding/Child Protection...

Child Protection refers to the activity which is undertaken to protect specific individuals (children) who are suffering or at risk of suffering harm.

What should you do if you think a child is at risk of harm?

Listen to the child. If they confide in you, make it clear to them you are taking them seriously and you are going to help them, never promise confidentiality! Trust your judgement. If you have concerns about the welfare of a child, contact the school, the police, Local Authority children's services or the 24-hour NSPCC Child Protection Helpline.

Bridgend Children's Services duty desk: **01656 642320**

NSPCC **0800 800 5000 / 0800 1111**

The information you share can be anonymous. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

Governors report...

Please scan the QR code to view the annual Governors Report To Parents.



Criw Cymraeg...

Blwyddyn Newydd dda! Happy new year!
Croeso nol!
Welcome back!



Admin... Contact us...

01656 754870 or admin@cornelips.bridgend.cymru or check out our school website www.cornelipriamary.com

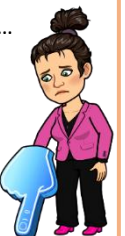
We also have secure class Dojo pages too.

School attendance...

Overall: December's attendance was **90%**, which is sadly lower than last month!

Our December attendance is...

- Class 1 Seedlings... **88%** 📉
- Class 2 Willow... **88%** 📉
- Class 3 Holly... **93%** 📈
- Class 4 Rowan... **94%** 📈
- Class 5 Birch... **91%** 📈
- Class 6 Cherry... **91%** 📈
- Class 7 Hawthorn... **89%** 📉
- Class 8 Oak... **87%** 📉
- Class 9 Maple... **92%** 📈



If your child is ill, please inform the school office by 9:30am. You can leave a message if the line is busy. It is important for us to know why your child is absent as our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) checks our registers regularly. Any child that has been unaccounted for 5 days will result in Laurie Baldwin, our Education Welfare Officer calling to carry out a welfare check.

If a child misses school, they are missing out on vital learning.

#attendtoachieve

Safety online...

I'm sure you'll agree that keeping your child/ren safe online is an ongoing concern as technologies advance at a rapid pace. However, there is a wealth of support out there to help you. If you scan the QR code, you will find information about many apps below.

Starting a conversation with your child about a sensitive issue or something you don't usually talk about isn't always easy, especially if this means you will be talking about things they prefer to keep private, but there are ways to make having these conversations with your child easier. HWB (WG) has the below advice.



Starting the conversation...

Find a good time and place. Try to choose a good moment. Pick an opportunity when you know you're not going to be interrupted and you are both going to feel comfortable and have enough time – without turning it into one of those 'special talks' moments.

Think about how you are going to introduce the subject. You could mention a recent news story or just explain why you would like to talk to them about something. Try to be clear. It's no good having a difficult conversation if at the end of it they don't really understand what you wanted to talk to them about.

Explain to them why you are worried. Your child might think that you are getting worried for no good reason, but if you explain why something is troubling you they will understand why you want to talk to them. Tell them if it is something you've noticed in their behaviour or maybe something you have read about or seen their friends doing. Help them to understand your worries so that together you can work them out.

Let them talk. It's hard sometimes when a child doesn't want to open up. Asking them a question like 'how are things going' and remembering to give them time to answer will help. It's tempting to keep talking at them to fill the space – try not to.

Listen more than you talk. A conversation has to have two people in it. It's important you listen to them and that you explain you'd like them to listen to you. Talking at them is never going to work.

Be loving and supportive. The most difficult conversations can be made easier if your child understands that you care about them and whatever the outcome you will love them just as much.

If your child tells you something that worries you...

Take a break. If your child is telling you things that worry you it is really important to stay calm and not to react immediately. Let them tell you what's going on and then decide together how you're going to deal with it.

Get help together. If your child tells you something which means they could be in danger you must report this to the relevant organisations. Try to agree to do this together. Don't take over unless you think that is your only option.

Get support for yourself. Your focus is going to be on looking after your child but remember to look after yourself as well and get support from your family and friends. You can get further [advice from CEOP Education, Parent Zone](#), and there are [other organisations that can help](#) you and your child.

If you are concerned your child is in immediate danger, call 999.



The guides include a detailed overview of the app, outlining the age rating and key terminology. They also highlight the risks each app poses to young people and give detailed instructions on how to enable parental controls and safety settings.

This [guide](#) can also help parents and carers have a conversation with their child about a sensitive issue.



Adopt Me



Among us



Apex Legends



BeReal



Discord



EA Sports FC Mobile
(formerly FIFA Mobile)



Facebook



Fortnite



BitLife



Call of Duty: Mobile



ChatGPT



Clash of Clans



Gacha Life



Grand Theft Auto



Instagram



Messenger



Minecraft



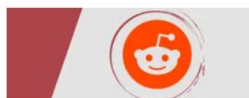
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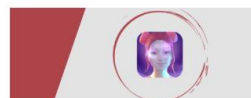
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Pokemon Go



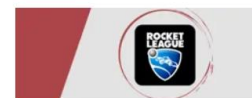
Reddit



Replika



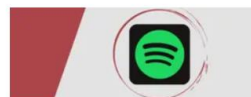
Roblox



Rocket League



Snapchat



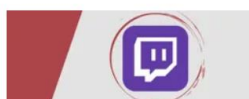
Spotify



Threads



Tik Tok



Twitch



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Wattpad



WhatsApp



X (formerly 'Twitter')



YouTube