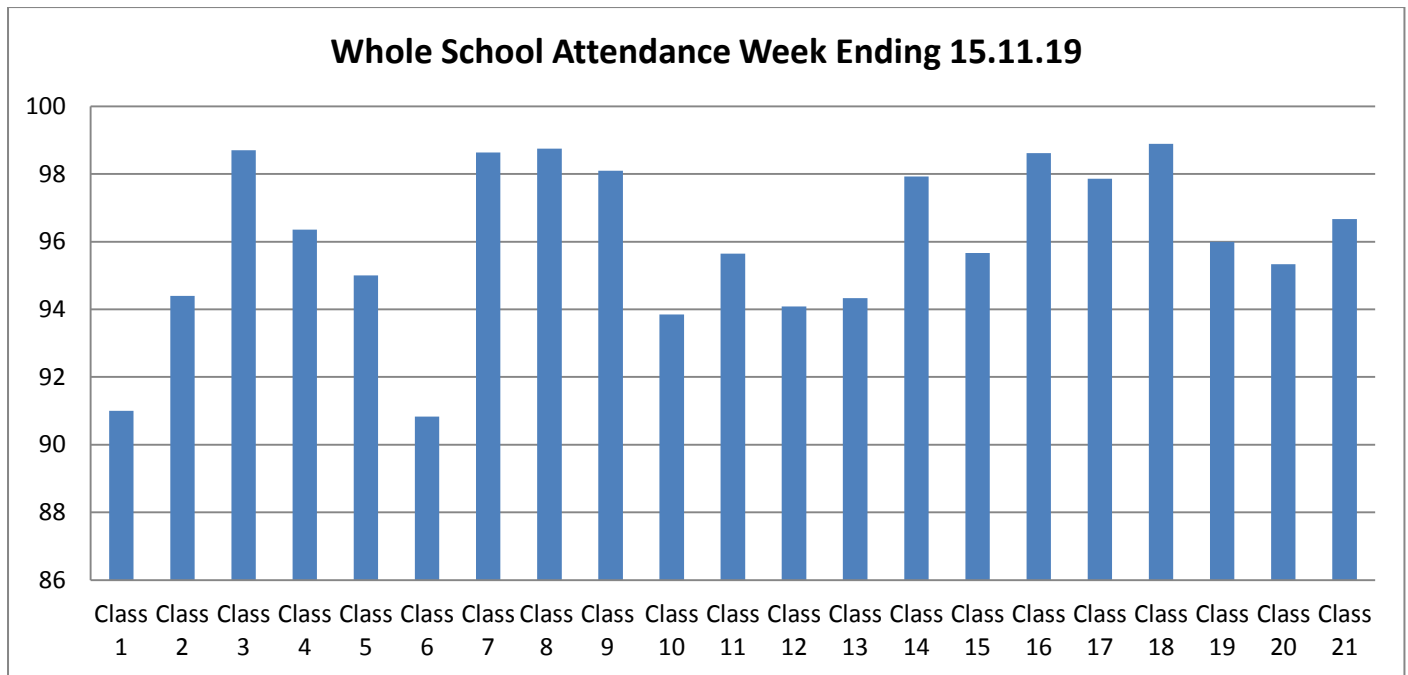




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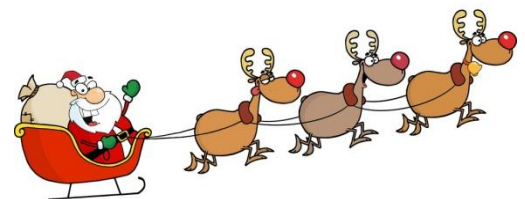
Our target for the academic year is 95.7%. Take a look at the graph above to see how your child’s class is performing. Mr Hampshire continues to identify pupils who arrive late for school on a daily basis. If your child is absent from school, please ensure you contact the school office to inform us of the absence. Any absences that are not reported are recorded as unauthorised on your child’s attendance record.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for your support with our fundraising efforts for Children in Need. I am extremely proud to announce that we raised an amazing £1260. Well done everyone!

Santa and his Sleigh

Santa and his sleigh will be visiting Oakdale and Croespenmaen on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. He will be outside the Nisa shop in Croespenmaen at 6:40pm and in Oakdale square at 7:00pm. Please be aware that all times are approximate as the reindeer need to be fed at regular intervals!



Christmas Concert Tickets

You should now have received the Parent Information Sheet providing information on your child’s Christmas Concert and how to order tickets. If you have not received this letter please contact the school office or the form can be obtained from the school website. All orders and monies for the Infant Christmas Concert tickets need to be in by tomorrow, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Tickets will be sent home from the beginning of next week.

All orders and monies for the KS2 Christmas Concerts need to be in by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets for these concerts will be sent home from week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If spare tickets are available for any of the concerts further information about the sale of these will be provided in a future newsletter.

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### Sporting Success

Congratulations to the school rugby team who came away from New Tredegar with an impressive 8 try to 3 victory in freezing conditions. It was wonderful for the pupils to have a competitive match. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the team.

A huge well done to the girls football team who travelled to Cardiff yesterday. They all played extremely well in freezing conditions and the behaviour of everyone involved was exemplary.

### Heddlu Bach

I am extremely proud to announce that our Heddlu Bach had their passing out parade yesterday. They all looked extremely smart in their new uniforms and I was delighted that so many parents were able to join us. We now have 30 mini police officers who will support the school and local community. One of their first duties will be to patrol the school car park at the end of the day. They will be issuing advice and warning notices to anyone who is parked illegally. You have been warned!!!

### Help the Homeless

One of our parents is currently working with homeless people in Newport. H.C.T. provides friendship, support, food, drink, toiletries and other essential supplies on Monday and Wednesday evenings and most Saturday's in the day-time. The Stand is based in the centre of Newport and provides support to approximately 50 people.

The group are currently seeking donations to support the homeless in Newport. They are looking for donations of: hats, gloves, scarves, socks, deodorant, male underwear, talc, drinks, shower gel, porridge, pot noodles, cuppa soup, biscuits, crisps, coffee, hot chocolate, etc.

If you would like to make a donation then please send any items into school and we will collect them ready to be sent to the voluntary group.

### Free Gift

We are extremely lucky that every student in Wales is entitled to download a copy of Microsoft Office for PC or Mac totally FREE! This is due to the agreement Welsh Government have signed with Microsoft.

To access all of the features of Hwb and allow students to download the free copies of Microsoft Office at home, parents need to have given consent.

The link below provides information on guidance and consent forms.

<https://hwb.gov.wales/support-centre/trust-centre/data-protection/consent/>

### How to download Office

1. Log in to Hwb and navigate to Office 365.
2. Click on the Install Office dropdown (in the top right hand corner).
3. Click Install software.
4. Select Office 365 apps click Run.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions (installation can take a while depending on the Internet connection speed).
6. Once installed, open an app such as Word and read and accept "The fine print".

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