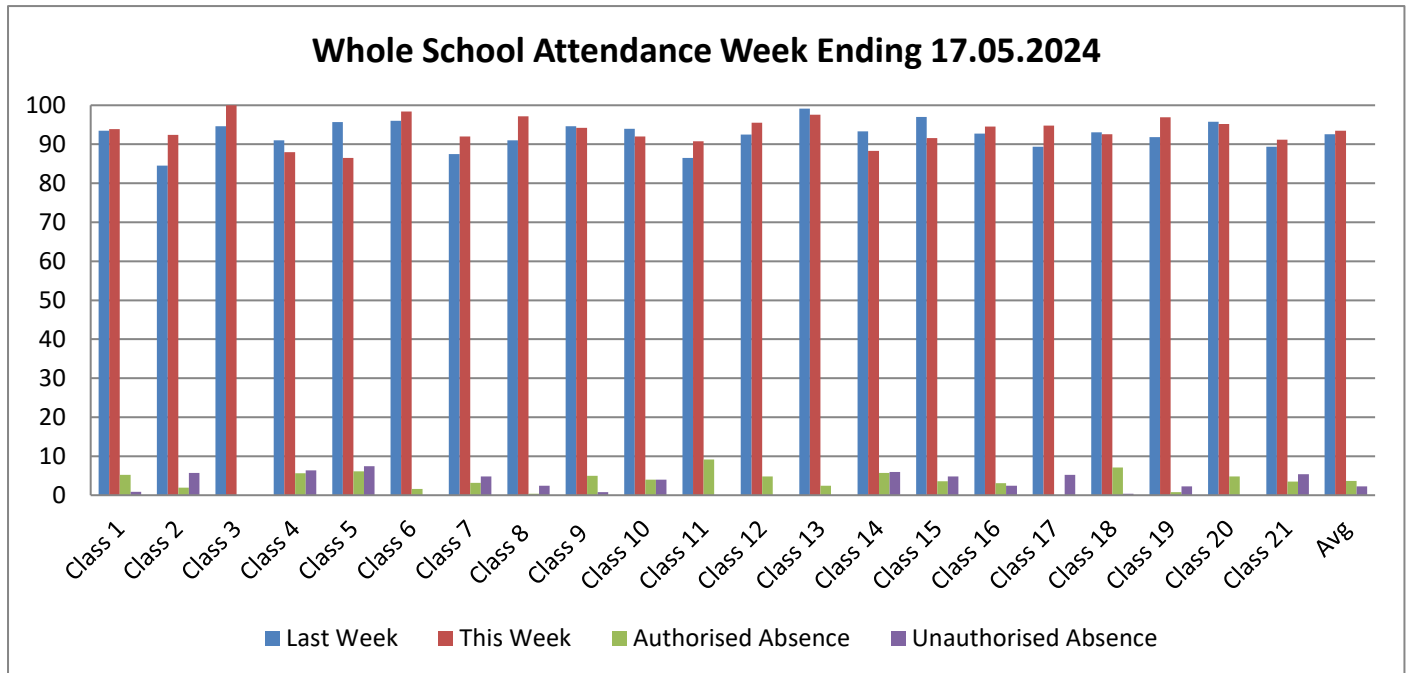




Parent Information Sheet – Friday 24th May 2024

Attendance



Our target for the academic year is **95.7%**. Look at the graph above to see how your child’s class is performing. The average attendance across the school last week was **93.50%**, this is just below our whole school target but an increase on the previous week. Congratulations to Class 3 who has 100% attendance last week.

Authorised absences were: **3.7%**

Unauthorised absences were: **2.8%**.

It is imperative that all absences from school are reported to the school office. This will help to reduce the percentage of unauthorised absences at the school. Failure to report your child’s absence from school could result in a prosecution from the educational welfare officer.

Retirement

The end of this academic year will see two members of our team retiring from their roles. Mr Yates has decided the time is right to take a well-earned break. I have no doubt that many of you will have been taught by Mr Yates during his thirty-year teaching career at Rhiw Sy Dafydd Primary School. He has had a wonderful career and played an important role in shaping our community. I know he is loved by the children and staff here and we will all miss him greatly when he goes. However, he has promised that he will return for some days on supply next year!

Our second staff member is Mrs Hire who has also decided to hang up her chalk! She has dedicated many years at both Rhiw Syr Dafydd Junior and after amalgamating here at Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary. She has touched the lives of both parents and children alike during her time in our school community. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

Respectful Sharing Determined Passionate

I am sure you will join with me in wishing both members of staff a very happy, healthy and long retirement.

School Football Team

Huge congratulations to the school football team who finished runners up at the Caerphilly Schools football tournament last week. They put in some incredible performances throughout the tournament, losing 1 – 0 in the final. I am extremely proud of the team for the way they played but also for their behaviour both on and off the pitch. Well done to everyone involved.

Drama Club

Congratulations to all of the pupils involved in the Drama Club performance of Annie. The cast have worked extremely hard for a number of weeks to give our audiences a real treat. The level of performance for primary school pupils was simply outstanding. A huge well done to everyone involved.

PGL Parents Meeting

We will be holding a PGL parents meeting for year 6 parents on Thursday 6th June at 5:00pm. The meeting will take place in the junior hall. We will share information about the activities the children will be participating in and the clothing they should take. Children will not require new clothes for this residential visit.

Half-Term

Please remember that school closes today for half-term and will reopen to pupils on Monday 3rd June.

School Sports Days

The dates and times for our school sports days are below:

Tuesday 11th June: Nursery (am): 10:00am
 Nursery (pm): 13:30pm

Wednesday 12th June: Reception: 9:15am
 Year 1:10:45am
 Year 2: 13:30pm

Thursday 13th June: Year 3/4: 9:30am
 Year 5/6: 13:30pm

Friday 14th June: Rising 3s (am): 10:00am
 Rising 3s (pm): 14:00pm

As a reminder the £1.50 ice-cream money for Sports Days needs to be in by Friday 7th June at the latest. Please ensure the money is in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and ice-cream. As a treat for Sports Days your child will be given a choice of an ice-cream, ice-lolly or slushy.

School Dinners

When we return after half-term we will be on Week 1 of the menu.



LUNCHTIME MENU WEEK 1



Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1	Welsh Beef Lasagne	French Bread Pizza	Sausage, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy (V)	Sweet Chilli Chicken	Harry Ramsdens Fish Portion
Choice 2	Welsh Cheese & Onion Savoury Bake (V)	Ravioli in Tomato Sauce served with Welsh Cheese & Focaccia Bread (V)	Welsh Cheese Toasted Panini (V)	Margarita Pizza (V)	Welsh Beef Burger or Quorn Burger (V) in a Bun with Ketchup
Choice 3 Daily Special	Fish Goujons Non-Fried	Filled Jacket Potato	Chicken Goujons	Filled Wrap	Filled Baguette
Accompaniments	Garlic & Herb Bread Seasoned Twisted Potatoes with Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Peas	Wholemeal Savoury Rice Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Salad Bar Sweetcorn Green Beans	Oven Baked Dry Roast Potatoes Mashed/Boiled Potatoes Salad Bar Cabbage Carrots Swede	Noodles Savoury Herb Diced Potatoes Non-Fried Salad Bar Mixed Vegetables BBQ Beans	Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Chipped Potatoes with Various Sauces Salad Bar Corn on Cob Peas
Desserts	Chocolate & Pear Brownie with Ice Cream	Various Fruit Crumble & Custard	Jam or Fruit Welsh Cake with Fruit Wedges	Welsh Lan Y Laeth Yoghurt	Flapjack

A Selection of Filled Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches, Baguettes or Wraps are also available daily
Please Note: The above menu contains allergens

P.E Kit

There are various items being worn to school at the current time which are not in line with our policy.

PE T-Shirts are supplied in the four house colours (red, yellow, blue and green) with the school logo – you will be allocated a house after you commence school. These tops are available from our uniform suppliers. We also have a small number of t-shirts and shorts in school.

Jewellery – small earrings are acceptable but must be removed for PE.

NO OTHER JEWELLERY IS ACCEPTABLE.

Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year Group</u>
INSET Day	24th May 2024	Whole School
Half Term	27th – 31st May 2024	Whole School
PGL Parent Meeting	6th June 2024	Year 6
Nursery Sports Day	11th June 2024	Nursery
Reception Sports Day	12th June 2024	Reception
Year 1 Sports Day	12th June 2024	Year 1
Year 2 Sports Day	12th June 2024	Year 2
Year 3 / 4 Sports Day	13th June 2024	Year 3 / 4
Year 5 / 6 Sports Day	13th June 2024	Year 5 / 6
Rising 3s Sports Day	14th June 2024	Rising 3s
Reserve Sports Day	14th June 2024	
Reserve Sports Day	18th June 2024	
PGL Residential	19th – 21st June 2024	Year 6
Transition Day	26th June 2024	Whole School
Rainbow Raffle	28th June 2024	Whole School (PTA)
School Reports	5th July 2024	Whole School
PTA Summer Fayre	12th July 2024	Whole School
Year 6 Leavers' Evening	16th July 2024	Year 6

Mr C George
Headteacher

Mrs S Windsor
Chair of School Governors