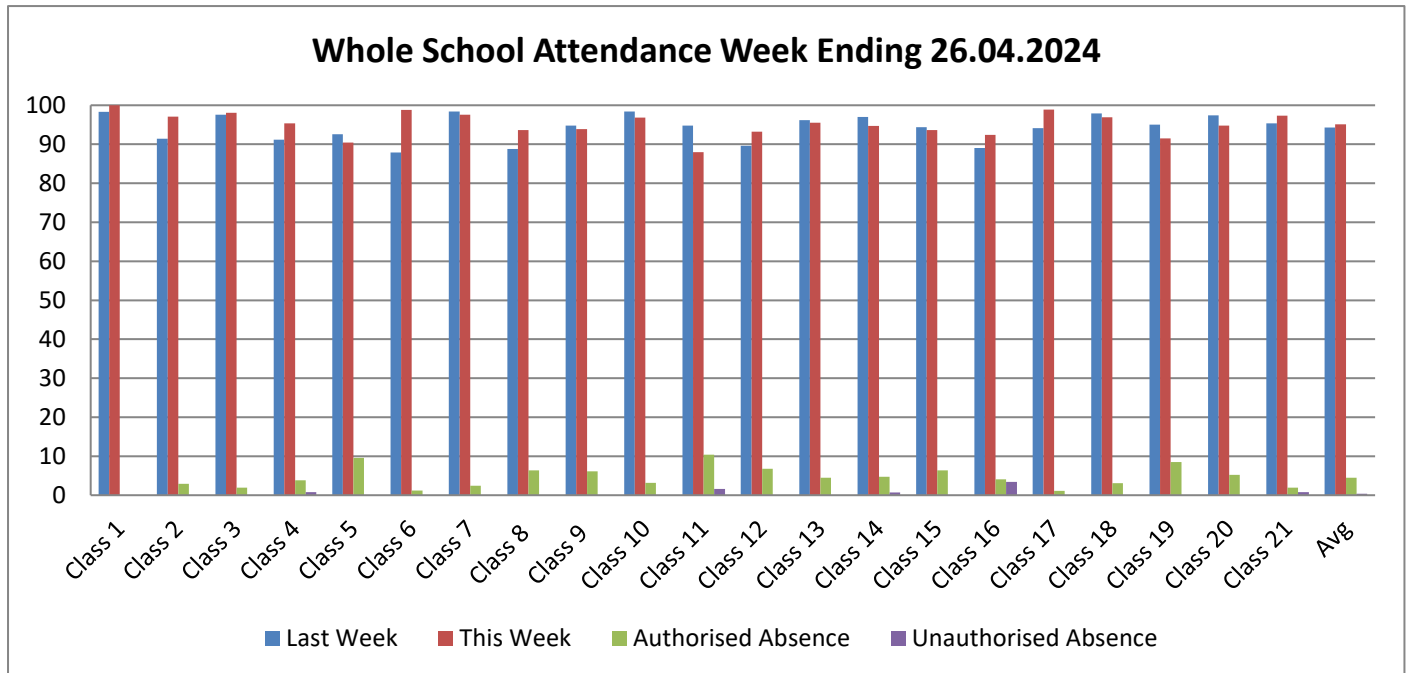




Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 2nd May 2024

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 **95.10%**, this is just below our whole school target but a slight increase on the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **4.5%**

Unauthorised absences were: **0.4% (Well done!)** If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office and inform them of the reason.

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.

Over the next few weeks we will be closely monitoring the number of children who are persistently late for school. Arriving late for school has a negative impact on well-being and also impacts on learning and teaching in the classroom. Where I identify any concerns, I will be inviting parents into school for a meeting.

Term Time Holidays

Please be aware that all holiday requests are considered on a twelve-month rolling attendance and not just on the current academic year. We will only authorise holidays where the average attendance is 95% or above. In addition, we will only authorise ten days per academic year.

Lost Uniform

Our lost uniform cupboard is literally bursting! Pupils have been working extremely hard attempting to identify items of clothing and reunite them with their owner. However, there are so many items that do not have names on them. In a school of over 600 pupils this makes it virtually impossible to identify who the uniform belongs to. It would be extremely helpful if you could label all your child's uniform. This will increase the chances of finding any lost items.

Girls Football Team

My congratulations to the girl's football team who participated in a football tournament yesterday. They played extremely well, scoring lots of goals against a number of local teams. The behaviour of the girls both on and off the pitch was excellent. Thank you to everyone involved.



School Dinners

Caerphilly catering have made a further change to the lunch menus. Please look carefully and discuss the changes with your child.

Next week we will be on week 3 of the menu.



LUNCHTIME MENU WEEK 3

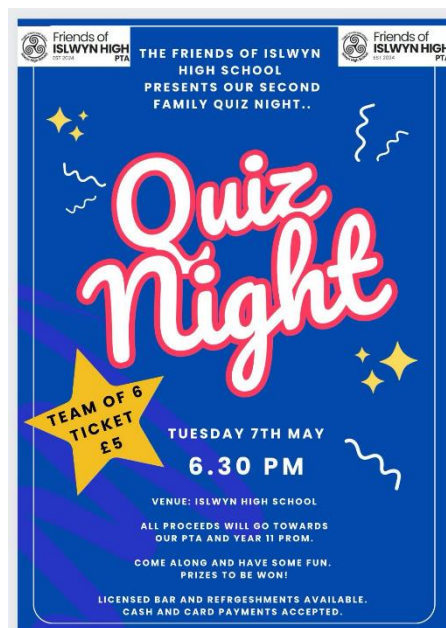


Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1	Welsh Pork Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Welsh Sausage Roll	Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Seasoning & Gravy	Minced Beef Pie & Gravy	Fish Bites
Choice 2	Vegetable Nuggets (V)	Ravioli in Welsh Cheese Sauce (V)	Vegetarian Cottage Pie (V)	Quorn Patty Muffin (V)	Cheese & Potato Pie (V)
Choice 3 Daily Special	Filled Jacket Potato	Lemon Sole Non-Fried	Welsh Vegan Sausage Roll (V)	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Baguette
Accompaniments	Mashed Potatoes Pasta Salad Bar Cheesy Coleslaw Peas & Sweetcorn	Mexican Bread Potato Croquettes with Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Sweetcorn	Oven Baked Dry Roast Potatoes Boiled/Mashed Potatoes Salad Bar Cauliflower/Swede Peas	Savoury Herb Diced Potatoes Non-Fried Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Salad Bar Peas Farmhouse Mixed Veg	Boiled Potatoes Chipped Potatoes With Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Peas
Desserts	Sticky Orange Date Brownie & Orange Wedges	Various Fruit Crumble & Custard	Various Flavoured Mousse	American Pancake with Fruit & Ice Cream	Chocolate Cookie

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

Islwyn High Quiz Night

Islwyn High School are holding a family quiz night on Tuesday 7th May at 6.30pm. A licensed bar and refreshments will be available. The evening will provide an opportunity for our year 6 parents to meet some of the staff whilst having some fun. There will be prizes for the best teams!



Dates

Please note that our final INSET day this year will be on Friday 24th May. As a result, pupils will finish school for half-term on Thursday 23rd May 2024.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year Group</u>
May Day Bank Holiday	6th May 2024	Whole School
INSET Day	24th May 2024	Whole School
Half Term	27th – 31st May 2024	Whole School
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
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

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Chair of School Governors