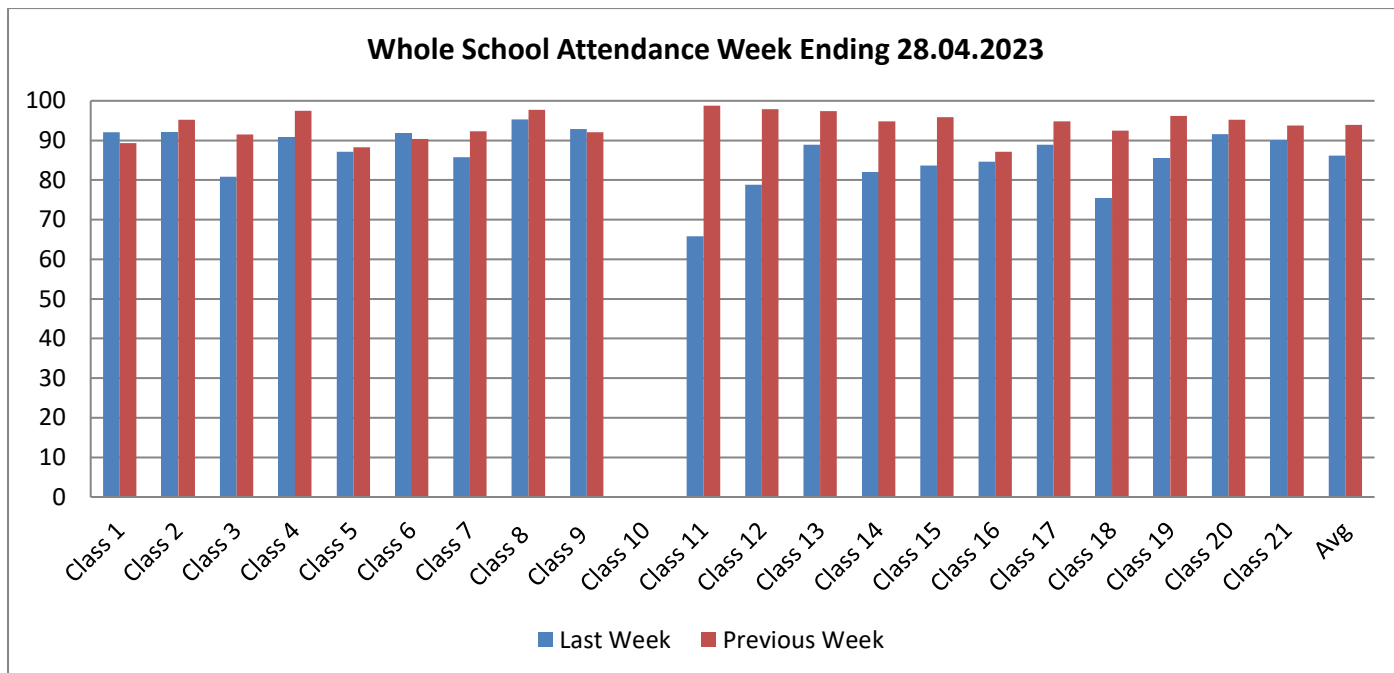




Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 4th May 2023

Attendance



Our target for the academic year is **95.7%**. Look at the graph above to see how your child's class is performing. Our average attendance last week was **86.17%** which is a **significant decrease** on the previous week and well below our whole school target of **95.7%**. Congratulations to Dosbarth 8 who had the highest attendance last week.

Last week's attendance was significantly impacted by the sickness bug in school. I have informed the local authority of the impact. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support with following the 48 hour guidelines following sickness.

Brodie's Garden

As I am sure you are all aware, we lost one of our pupils, Brodie Morgan, in October 2022. Brodie was a pupil in year 2 and will never be forgotten at Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School. He is much missed by his friends and teachers alike. As a school, we would like to create a sensory garden, which we will call Brodie's Garden. This will be a place where children can go to remember Brodie or to have some space for quiet reflection. Brodie's classmates will be responsible for looking after the garden.

We will be inviting Brodie's family into school in the near future to gather their views on the development of the garden area. However, in the meantime, we are looking for volunteers who would be able to support the school in the development of the area. We are looking for ideas about the development, donations of resources and people to help physically create the area. If you think you would be able to help, please go to the contact form on the school website and complete the relevant information. Thank you all for your anticipated support.

<https://rhiwsyrdafyddschool.wales/contact>

Nesta Project

We have been chosen as one of few schools throughout Wales to participate in the Nesta project. This is a project that has been set up by the Welsh Government to look at ways of increasing the number of pupils eating school meals. The project will involve working with parents and pupils in small groups. On Monday 22nd May, we are looking for 20 parent volunteers to participate in the project. As a thank you for participating, Nesta will give everyone a £10 'love to shop' voucher. Your child does not need to be having school meals for you to participate in the project.

If you would like to volunteer for the project, please contact the school office.

Coronation Coins

All of the children will be bringing home a coin to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. The coins have been paid for by the school and Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd.

Tomorrow, Friday 5th May 2023, we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. On this day, pupils may come to school wearing clothes suitable for the Coronation such as red, white and blue.

Pupils may be collected at 2:25pm to attend the Coronation Party with their parents. If you are collecting your child for the party, you should go to the outside door of their classroom. Parents of pupils in Class 11 (Mr Bungaroo) should collect the children from the junior hall doors. Any children not collected for the Coronation Party will be dismissed as normal at the end of the school day.

If the weather is wet, we will hold some of the celebrations in the school hall.

Nut Free School

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School is a nut free school. We have a significant number of pupils who have severe nut allergies and simply coming into contact with a nut could result in severe anaphylactic shock. This is something which I am sure we all want to avoid. Thank you for your continued support.

If children are bringing grapes to school, please ensure they are cut in half. Whole grapes can potentially cause serious choking issues.

Dates

A reminder Monday 8th May is an additional Bank Holiday to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. School will be closed on this day.

INSET Days

We will take our final two INSET days of the year on Friday 26th May and Monday 5th June. As a result, school will close to pupils for half-term on Thursday 25th May and reopen on Tuesday 6th June.

School Meals

Respect Share Determined Passionate Successful

Please click on the link below to see the Caerphilly school dinner menu.

<https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/services/schools-and-learning/school-dinners-and-breakfast-clubs/schedule-and-prices/weekly-menu>

Next week, we will be on **week 3** of the menu. Please check the menu with your child to ensure they like what is on offer.

Please ensure that your child's account has sufficient funds to cover the cost of the meals they are taking. The local authority recover the cost of any meals not paid for from the school budget. This has a significant impact on our ability to spend funds in other areas. If you are having difficulty paying for school meals, please contact the school for advice.

A school dinner now costs £2.30 a day or £11.50 a week.

Mr C George
Headteacher

Mr G Jones
Chair of School Governors