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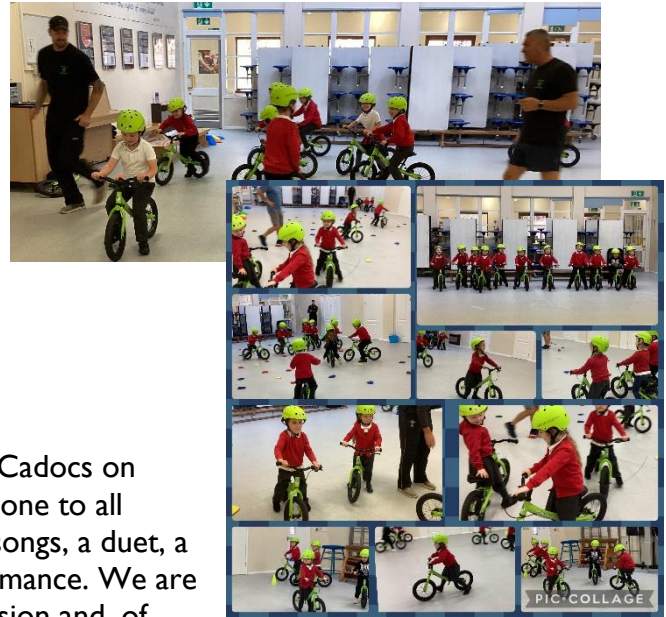
Friday 25 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I had the privilege of spending time in Reception on Monday. The children absolutely loved the 'free and natural' resource they found when outside...yes, dried leaves. They were making things with the leaves, throwing them in the air, using them to make 'soup' and discussing the unusual shapes. It was wonderful to spend time with the children, observing them socialising with each other, problem solving, balancing, being creative and generally enjoying being at school. It certainly put a smile on my face.

BALANCE BIKE WORKSHOP FOR OUR YOUNGER PUPILS

Children from Nursery to Year 1 took part in a very exciting experience this week. Groups of children took part in balance bike training and thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. They were playing games while on the balance bikes and were 'chasing' the leaders of the sessions. Thank you to Gethin MTB for allowing our children the opportunity to develop their skills in such a fun way.



OUR FABULOUS CHOIR



Our school choir performed at St Cadocs on Wednesday evening. A huge well done to all pupils who attended. They sang 4 songs, a duet, a small group song and a solo performance. We are very proud of their dedication, passion and, of course, their wonderful singing. Mrs Lloyd is very impressed with the growth of their confidence.

SPORTING CELEBRATIONS

Our fantastic Sports Ambassadors continue to do us proud with their sporting contributions both inside and outside of school. This week they took part in a Playmakers Award hosted by Torfaen Sports Development. During their training they discussed the importance of inspiring others to be physically active and were equipped with the skills to deliver fun sessions to others. They performed brilliantly and their maturity, enthusiasm and commitment to their tasks was outstanding. Proud!

A huge well done to all of our pupils in Key Stage 2 who have taken part and completed our Cross-Country running lessons. The teams from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 have now been selected and we are all very excited to see them compete against other local schools at Pontypool Park after half term. Other up and coming events are EFL Girls Newport County Kids Cup and the Pontypool and District Rugby Tournament. We will keep you updated.

HEADTEACHER CERTIFICATE

Congratulations to Marco Vincent from Reception for receiving my certificate this week. He has received this certificate for being super happy and friendly when at school.

POLITE REMINDER

Please do not double park outside school. This includes when cars are stopping to drop children off at the beginning of the day and waiting for children at the end of the day.

COMMUNITY LINKS

Talks in Torfaen for Parents & Caregivers
Autumn 2024

A series of talks are available for parents & caregivers of children attending secondary schools in Torfaen. Talks will aim to give guidance on how best to support your child's development & emotional well-being. Talks will take place online using Microsoft Teams.

Tuesday 12th November 6-7pm Supporting your child's emotional well-being

Tuesday 19th November 6-7pm Supporting your teenager's brain development

Tuesday 26th November 6-7pm Supporting your child when they behave in ways that might concern us (e.g. aggression, self-harm, vaping)

Tuesday 3rd December 6-7pm Supporting your child to have a positive experience of going to school (and prevent 'school refusal')

Tuesday 10th December 6-7pm Being more like the sort of parent that you want to be

If you would like to book on to these talks please click on the link below or scan the QR code
<https://forms.office.com/e/PWUyZed3zv>

Don't worry if you miss a date, the next series of workshops will take place in the New Year

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LLANYRAFON DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS

Peter Pan

Join The Magic
Llanymaen Methodist Church

Fri 6th Dec - 7pm (Relaxed Performance)
Sat 7th Dec - 2pm & 7pm
Fri 13th Dec - 7pm
Sat 14th Dec - 2pm & 7pm

Tickets £7 | Box Office: 0845 4742545*
Book: ticketsource.co.uk/llanyrafondramagroup

This amateur production of "Peter Pan" is licensed by Easytree Scripts. Script written by James Barry, based on the story by J.M. Barrie. *Gold Equine - performer's address change.



Please take a look at the October Sparkle bulletin on our school website. This has lots of useful information about claiming Disability Living Allowance, coffee mornings, support groups, workshops and online information sessions for parents, as well as information about events and activities available for children with a range of additional learning needs or disabilities.

Relaxed performance is ideal for children with autism.

Have a wonderful half term. Children return to school on Monday 4th November.

Kind regards



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