

NEWSLETTER 12.09.25

Pontarddulais Primary Newsletter

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Newsletter – Friday 12th September

Monster Phonics

Monster Phonics is our new school phonics programme that we have introduced. There is a free parent training workshop online on Monday for anyone who wishes to find out more.

I thought you may be interested in the **Monster Phonics Parent Information Session** we are holding on Monday 15th September.

I have included information on the event and links to share with parents/carers at your school.

15.9.25 10.00am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1434862685919?aff=odtdtcreator>

15.9.25 7.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1434873688829?aff=odtdtcreator>

Welcome to the Monster Phonics Parent Information Session!

Join us for an informative and friendly **Monster Phonics Parent Webinar** designed to give you the confidence to support your child's reading journey at home.

What You'll Learn:

- ✓ What phonics is and why it's essential
- ✓ Key phonics terminology made simple

- ✓ An introduction to the Monster Phonics programme
- ✓ How to make phonics & reading at home fun and effective

Why Attend? Helping your child at home can make a huge difference — but most parents are never taught how phonics works. This webinar will give you the **tools, clarity and confidence** to support your child's learning in a way that's fun for both of you.

 **Duration:** 60 minutes

 **Format:** Live Zoom webinar

 **Cost:** Free

Kind Regards,
Rhian
Monster Phonics

School Gates

The main school gates have been locked this week at the following times each day:

- **10:30am – 10:45am**
- **11:50am – 12:45pm**
- **2:00pm – 2:15pm**

This has worked really well and there have only been a small number of visits during these periods.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep our school community safe.

LA consultation

Proposal to amalgamate Blaenymaes Primary School and Portmead Primary School.

Following the recent consultation regarding the above proposal, the Consultation Response Report is now available on the link below:

<https://www.swansea.gov.uk/BlaenymaesPortmeadAmalgamationProposal>

Please note that in response to the feedback received during the consultation, the proposed date for amalgamation has been changed to 2030.

If approved, this would mean that neither school would see any change for the next five years while the new school is designed and construction is underway.

The Consultation Response Report will be taken to Cabinet on 18 September 2025 for a decision on whether to proceed to publish a statutory notice.

A hard copy of the consultation report is available on request.

Reception class entrance/exit

The leak in the roof above the entrance has now been temporarily repaired and we are now using this as the normal entrance/exit.

Tesco Blue Token Scheme

Please vote for Pontarddulais Primary School's 'Better Playtime Project' with the Tesco blue token scheme. Every time you shop at Tesco Pontarddulais don't forget to pick up some blue tokens and vote for us. The voting ends on 30th September and we will be informed in November of how much money we will be awarded.

Diary Dates and upcoming events.

Dates for your diary:

22nd September Y6 Cycle Proficiency

2nd October Y6 Parent Information Session for Comp gym)



10th October Y6 led MacMillan Coffee Morning
15th October Y6 Open evening at Pontarddulais Comp
20th October Parental consultations
24th October Last Day of half term
3rd November School reopens
21st November Children in Need
26th November PTFA – Jingle Bell Journey
7th December Choir Christmas Carol Concert – Hope Chapel
8th December Nursery Christmas Concert 09:30 & 14:25
8th December Reception Christmas Concert 13:15
9th December Y1 and Y2 Christmas Concert 09:30
9th December Y4 Christmas Concert 13:15
10th December Y1 and Y2 Christmas Concert 09:30
10th December Y5 and Y6 Christmas Concert 13:30
11th December Y3 Christmas Concert 09:30
11th December Y5 and Y6 Christmas Concert 13:30
19th December Last Day of Term

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mr G Davies

Headteacher.