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Every Minute Counts

At Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tonyrefail, we firmly believe that every minute counts. We understand that mornings can be busy and, at times, challenging for families. Unexpected circumstances can arise, and we greatly appreciate the efforts that parents and carers make each day to ensure their children arrive at school ready to learn.

However, punctuality plays a very important role in a child's school experience. Arriving on time allows pupils to settle positively, take part in all morning activities, and begin the day alongside their classmates. Missing even a few minutes at the start of the school day can mean missing important information, valuable learning opportunities, and time to socialise with friends.

As a reminder, the school gates are locked at 9:10am. Any pupil arriving at 9:15am or later will be recorded as late in the school register.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure that every child gets the best possible start to their school day. By working together, we can make sure that every minute counts.

Harvest Service at St David's Church

We are delighted that a small choir of pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 will be representing the school by singing at the Harvest Service at St David's Church, Tonyrefail, on the morning of Sunday 11 October. This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to contribute to the local community and share their talents with the congregation. A letter and permission slip will be sent to the parents of the pupils involved at the beginning of next week. Please note that not all pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 will be involved. We asked which pupils were interested in taking part and the choir is, therefore, made up of these pupils.

My Child at School (MCAS) and Bromcom

We have emailed all parents and carers for whom we hold an email address with information about downloading the **My Child at School (MCAS)** app. Step-by-step instructions have been provided to help you set up and access the app.



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Once registered and logged in, you will be able to notify the school of any pupil absences or holiday requests directly through the system. We also plan to use MCAS in the future to book appointments for our Parent Consultation Evenings in November.

The Bromcom letter is also available on the school website under the '**Letters**' section. We encourage all families to take a few minutes to read through the information to help ensure that our communication channels are as clear and effective as possible. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

This term's important events		
Date	Event	Who
Week commencing 14/9	Clubs to restart	Years 1-6
25/9	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon	
28/9	Meet the Teacher sessions 4:00 and 4:30	Nursery-Year 6
1/10	Year 6 transition day to Llanhari – pupils need to wear their PE kits and bring a packed lunch	
12/10	Whole School INSET day	Nursery-Year 6
13/10	Open Football tournament – Urdd	Year 5 and 6
15/10	Diwrnod Shwmae/Su'mae	
16/10	Wear red to school day for Show Racism the Red Card	Nursery-Year 6
22/10	Halloween Disco – details to follow	Nursery – Year 6
26/10 – 30/10	Half Term	
9/11 and 10/11	Parents Evenings – information to follow	Reception-Year 6
12/11	Girls Football Tournament – Yr Urdd	Year 5 and 6
12/11	Year 3 and 4 mixed football tournaments	Years 3 and 4
20/11	Children in Need Day – children to wear their own clothes.	Nursery-Year 6
10/12	Christmas Jumper Day	Nursery-Year 6
09/12	Christmas Concert in school A.M and P.M showings	Years 1 and 2



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10/12	School Christmas fete	Nursery to Year 6
10/12	Christmas Jumper day in school	
15/12	Christmas Concert – St David’s Church	Years 3-6
17/12	Christmas Concert in school	Nursery and Reception
18/12	Last day of term	Nursery-Year 6