



St. Alban's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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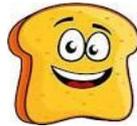
Friday 15th February



The children have had another fun filled week with a visit from a Welsh Artist, a trip on a local bus to see the City Centre sights, a Valentines trip to Ty Enfys and lots of different companies coming in to tell the children about the exciting job opportunities available. Please see in the newsletter for photos of all these exciting events.



It is 'Welsh Week' in St Alban's all next week. Please see the Criw Cymraeg pages of the newsletter for more details but please note that the South Wales Echo are coming in to school on Wednesday to take St David's day pictures of the children. This means that the children will need to wear their Welsh/Red outfits on both Wednesday & Thursday.



It was Year 3's turn for 'Tea and Toast' this week. Thank you to all the parents who came to share with their children. No 'Tea & Toast' next week as it is 'Welsh Week' so Year 2's turn will be Tuesday 5th March when we return from Half Term.



Shout out to all parents to join us next Friday afternoon from 2.15pm for tea & a welsh cake! You will also have the opportunity to view the children's art work & DT projects. Please come along & join us if you can.

THE TWITTER FEED IS NOW ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE WEBSITE. SO IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TWITTER ACCOUNT YOU CAN STILL KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SCHOOL.

SEE THE WEBSITE ADDRESS AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.

Don't forget
parents
evening!

PARENTS EVENING
Wednesday 6th March &
Thursday 7th March

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Parents evening will be taking place after half term on the above dates. Letters will be going out on Monday with your appointment times.

Attendance this week is 94.62% - which was MUCH better than last week!

Please make every effort to send your child in to school. If they have medication from the doctor, you can fill in a permission slip which will enable us to give them the correct dosage throughout the day.

The individual year group attendance this week is -

Rec - 90.00%

Year 2 - 95.71%

Year 4 - 100%

Year 1 - 93.67%

Year 3 - 95.00%

Year 5 - 92.14%

Year 6 - 93.89%

Well done to Year 4 with the highest attendance this week!



*Dear God
In your strong hands,
I place my life today;
Choosing to depend on you
To light and guide my way
Amen*



Cornel Cymraeg



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Newyddion! News!

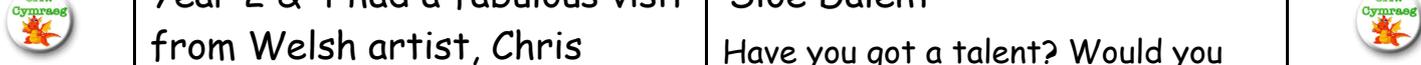
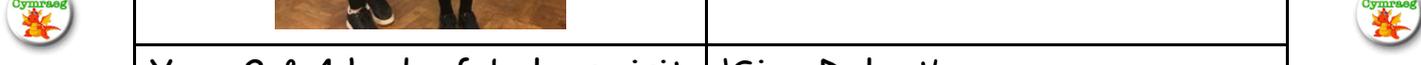
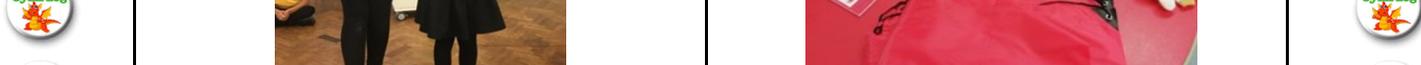
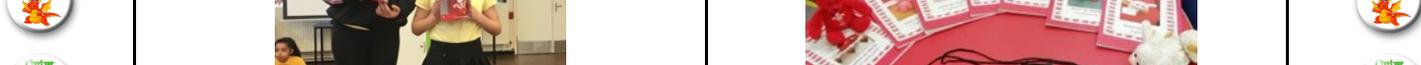
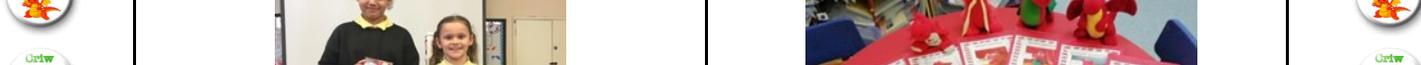
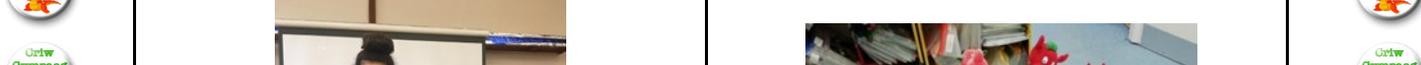
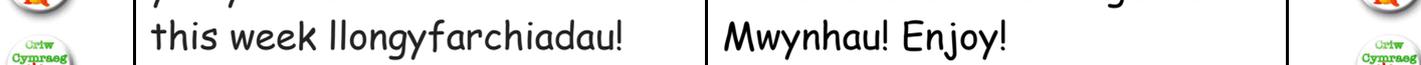
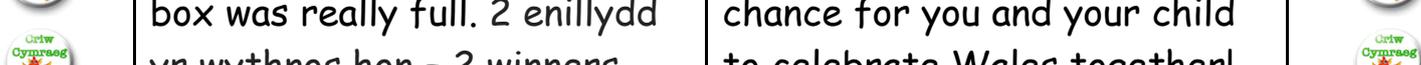
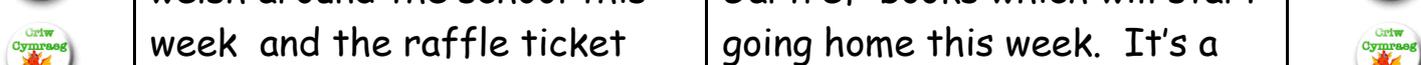
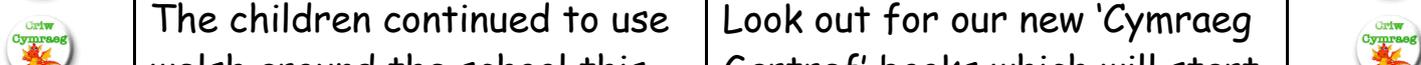
WEAR WELSH DRESS OR RED ON WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY!



The children continued to use welsh around the school this week and the raffle ticket box was really full. 2 enillydd yr wythnos hon - 2 winners this week llongyfarchiadau!



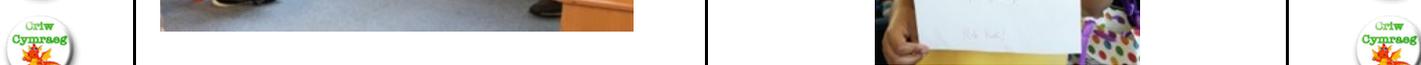
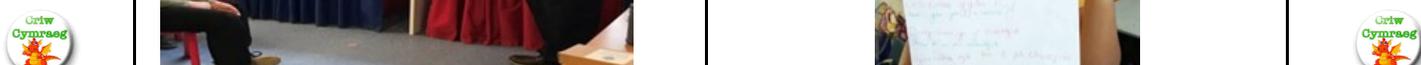
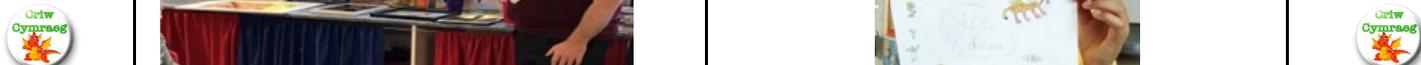
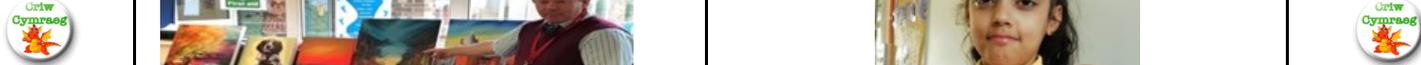
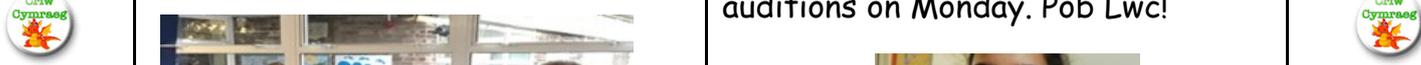
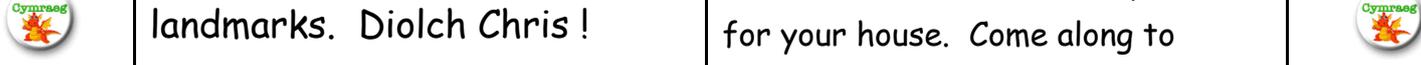
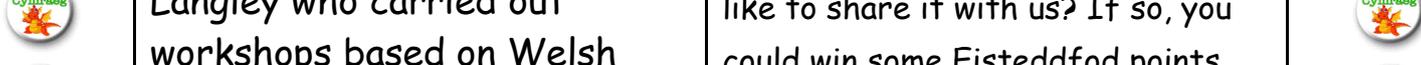
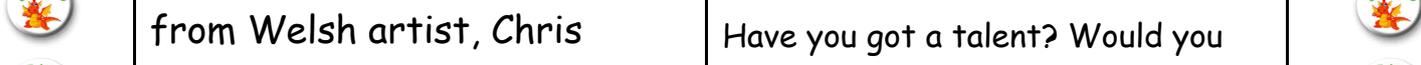
Look out for our new 'Cymraeg Gartref' books which will start going home this week. It's a chance for you and your child to celebrate Wales together! Mwynhau! Enjoy!



Year 2 & 4 had a fabulous visit from Welsh artist, Chris Langley who carried out workshops based on Welsh landmarks. Diolch Chris!



'Sioe Dalent'
Have you got a talent? Would you like to share it with us? If so, you could win some Eisteddfod points for your house. Come along to auditions on Monday. Pob Lwc!

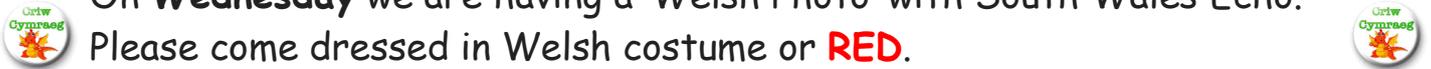




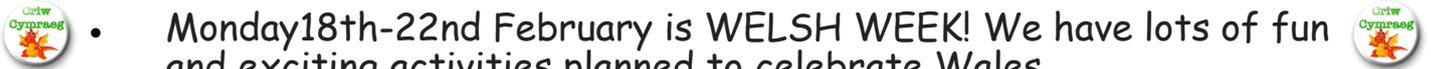
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On **Wednesday** we are having a 'Welsh Photo' with South Wales Echo. Please come dressed in Welsh costume or **RED**.



Dyddiadau/dates



Monday 18th-22nd February is WELSH WEEK! We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned to celebrate Wales.



DT Home tasks. Make sure your entries are in by **Monday 18th February**.



Reception - A daffodil collage or picture



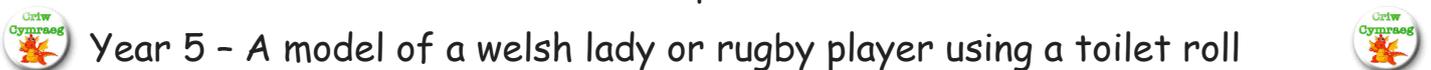
Year 1 - A dragon mask



Year 2 - A wooden spoon welsh puppet



Year 3 - A model of a welsh castle



Year 4 - Make or decorate a love spoon



Year 5 - A model of a welsh lady or rugby player using a toilet roll



Year 6 - A 3d model of a dragon with a moving part



Thursday 21st February is Eisteddfod. Children can wear Welsh costume or their house colours.



Tuesday 12th March - Campus Cymraeg Launch. Information to follow soon!



Phrase of the fortnight

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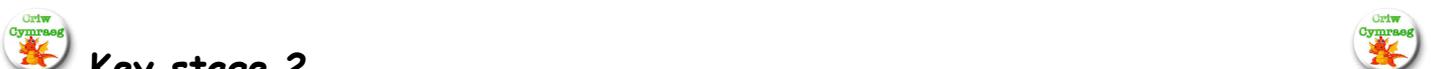
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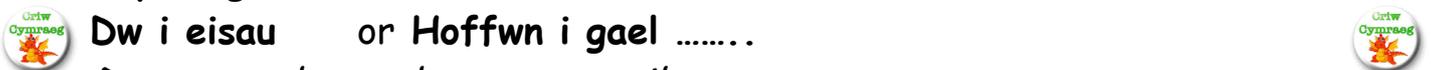
Foundation Phase



Ga i..... or Dw i eisiau
Ga ee Dwee aye-shy



Key stage 2



Dw i eisau or Hoffwn i gael
Dwee aye-shy hov-un ee gile





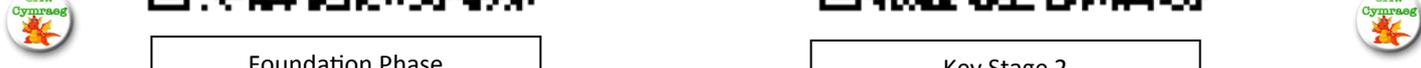
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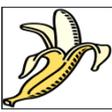


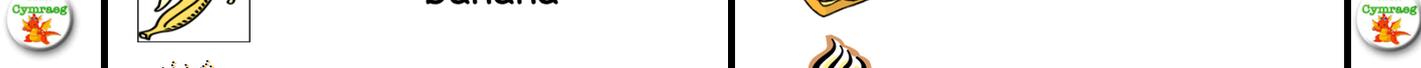
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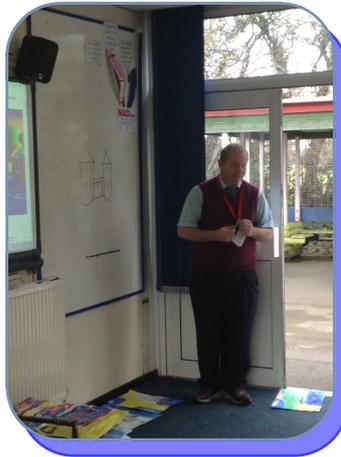


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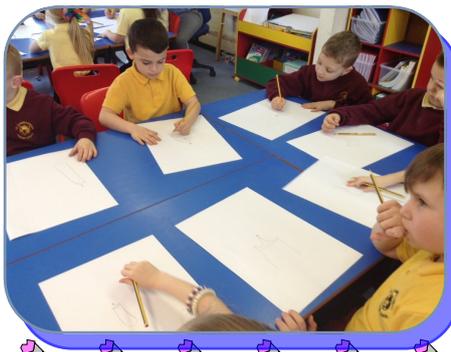


Visit from Welsh Artist Chris Langley

Year 2 & Year 4 were lucky to have a visit from a real artist this week. A big thank you to Chris Langley for coming in to school to share his expertise with all the children.



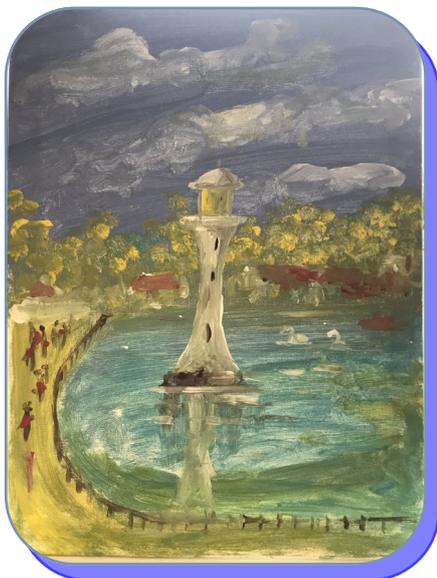
The children started drawing their own Castell Coch



**Visit from Welsh
Artist
Chris Langley**



They enjoyed adding
detail to their paintings



A big thank you to Chris for
producing this beautiful
impressionist painting he
created for us!
The children all had the best
day.

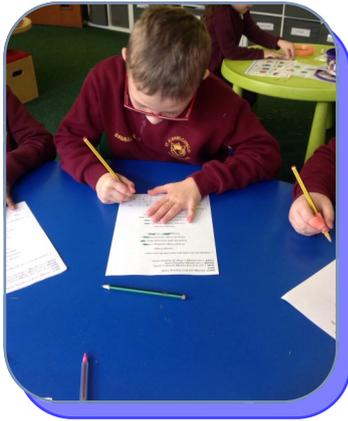


Reception



Reception had a lovely trip out on our local Number 61 bus on Wednesday. They were off in to town to see what the city centre has to offer.

Year 2



Finding rhyming words in nursery rhymes



Making 3D shape models & exploring making patterns with 3D shapes



Look at our 3D shape Castle!



More 3D Shape fun



Year 2



Thinking about what they would wish for if they were granted 2 wishes



Painting images of Heaven & Earth full of God's glory



We have been reading the story Woolly Wendy and the Snowdon Lily.

Using a double bubble map to compare Snowdon and Cardiff

We are creating posters to show everyone how to look after the Snowdon Lily

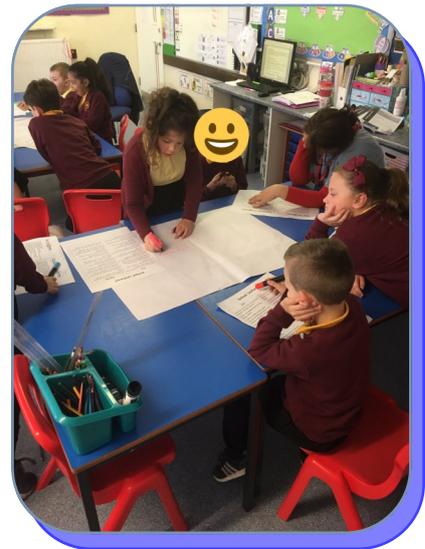
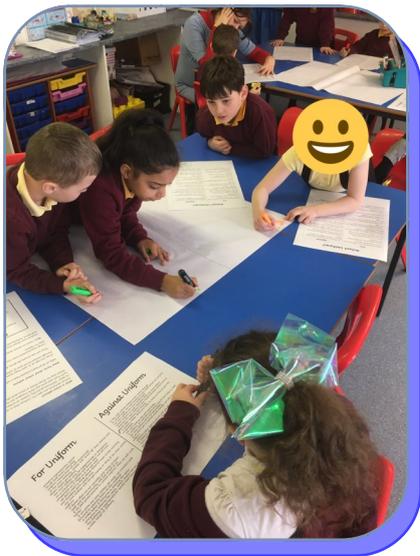




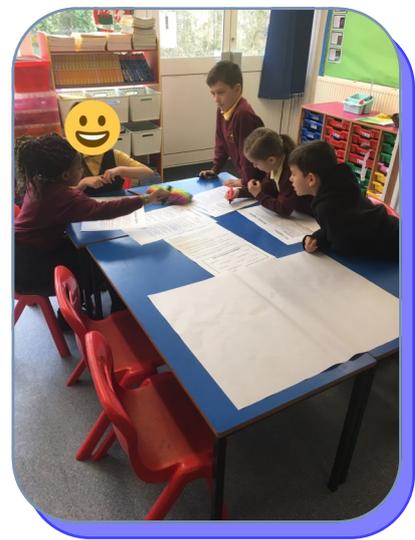
Year 3



'Helpwr Heddiw' in action in Blwyddyn 3. We chose to play 'Bang Bang' today.



Year 3 have been working collaboratively to discuss reasons 'for' and 'against' school uniform! Fantastic opinions shared.





Tea & Toast

Thank you to Year 3 parents and guardians for joining us for 'Tea and Toast' on Tuesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed it.



Thank you for the lovely feedback. Keep your eyes peeled for the next event!



A special thank you to 'Nanny Julie' for entertaining us and adding further fun to 'Tea and Toast' this morning. The children loved it!





Foundation Phase had a liturgy this week. They answered the question 'Will you follow Jesus?'



Children from the school went to TY Enfys care home to celebrate Valentines Day with them.

They had a wonderful morning with the residents.

A big thank you to Ty Enfys for welcoming us





Open Your Eyes Week

Continuing to create dreams and future ambitions with the help of CELSA Steel UK .
Thank you for such a fun and an informative afternoon.



A truly inspirational talk by the RAF. Practically every pupil from year 5 and 6 are determined their future career lies with the armed forces.



Open Your Eyes Week

A great presentation for
year 5 & 6 about the
different career
opportunities with
Cardiff Council



A fantastic presentation and
workshop led by Sion from
Dwr Cymru who helped the
children solve real life maths
problems



Healthy Eating Initiative

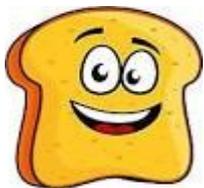


As part of our Healthy Eating initiative, we have now re-introduced fruit for ALL children in the school. This is priced at 25p per day or if you wish to pay for the week in advance, it is £1. If you are paying the £1 for the week, this **MUST** be paid on a Monday . If you choose to pay daily, you will need to pay 25p each day. Paying on a Monday for the week makes it easier for the children who are running the fruit stall to keep a record of which children would like fruit.

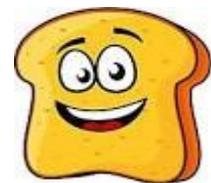
The children seem to be enjoying their wholemeal toast at break time. If your child hasn't had any yet but would like to, all they need to do is bring in 20p each day in order to purchase it during morning break.



Back By Popular Demand!



Tea & Toast



Thank you to all the parents who came to our Tea & Toast morning on Tuesday.

Year 3 did a fantastic job as hosts for the morning.

No Tea & Toast next week due to Welsh week but it will be back after half term on Tuesday 5th March when Year 2 will be on serving duties.



St Alban's Digital Developers
Online Safety tip of the week.

**St Alban's Digital
Developers say:**

'Only accept friend requests from people that you know.

Protect yourself online!'

Don't forget to pick up your free copy
of Digital Parenting
from the office!



What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

 Universal, suitable for all ages	 Parental Guidance required	 Suitable for people aged 12 and over	 Suitable for people aged 12 and over; anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult
 Suitable for people aged 15 and over	 Suitable for people aged 18 and over	 Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers	

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info



National Online Safety

A whole school community approach to online safety
www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Email us at hello@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 8061



IS YOUR CHILD
ENTITLED?



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CHI'N GYMWYS?

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www.cardiff.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

www.caerdydd.gov.uk/prydauysgolamddim





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"Come and join us on your First netball journey and let us introduce you to a world of netball adventure!"

FIRST SESSION IS FREE!



**10am - 11am
Saturday Mornings**



**Cardiff University Sports Training
Village CF14 3UX**

£4 per session

AGES 3 - 7

OPEN TO PRE-SCHOOL, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

Contact: juniordevelopmentcentre@cardiff.ac.uk



UNDER 9 NETBALL SESSIONS

"Provides budding netballers the opportunity to develop Fundamental skills through fun weekly sessions"

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Important Dates

FEBRUARY

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd

Welsh Week

Monday 18th

DT Home tasks due

Wednesday 20th

South Wales Echo to take photos

Thursday 21st

Eisteddfod

Friday 22nd

Last day of term

MARCH

Monday 4th

School re-opens

Wednesday 6th

Parents Evening

Thursday 7th

Parents Evening

Tuesday 19th

Year 5 coding competition @ St Illtyds

APRIL

Monday 8th to Friday 12th

Holy Week Assemblies
(more details to follow)

Friday 12th

School closes for Easter Holidays



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates for 2018-19

SPRING TERM

Half Term Ends	Friday 22nd February 2019
Half Term	Monday 25th February 2019 to Friday 1st March 2019
School Re-opens	Monday 4th March 2019
Term Ends	Friday 12th April 2019
Easter Holidays	Monday 15th April 2019 to Friday 26th April 2019

SUMMER TERM

Term Starts	Monday 29th April 2019
Half Term Ends	Friday 24th May 2019
Half Term	Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019
School Re-opens	Monday 3rd June 2019
Term Ends for pupils	Friday 19th July

INSET DAYS

~~Monday & Tuesday 3rd & 4th September 2018~~

~~Monday 5th November 2018~~

~~Monday 21st January 2019~~

Monday 22nd July 2019



Wellbeing Project

During the past few weeks, the children have been carrying out a survey entitled The Wellbeing Project. The project aims to support the social and emotional wellbeing of pupils, by assessing how they feel about themselves and others. The project is based on the philosophy that 'happy pupils learn more'.

The children completed the online surveys either individually or in groups on computers whilst supervised by a staff member. Before beginning the surveys, it was explained to the children that they would be filling in a survey about their feelings and experiences at school, and a survey about their friends and classmates at school. There were no right or wrong answers as it was a survey to help the school understand more about how pupils are feeling and getting on with each other, and to make the school an even better place for everyone.

The information gathered through the surveys that the children have completed, will be used to improve the wellbeing of pupils in our school through different whole school and classroom methods.

If you would like any further information on the project please contact Mrs Woodward.