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The computer-generated images below show plans we have for developing our outdoor spaces.

Obviously, these plans are very costly and budgets are tight so we are developing longer term plans in order to achieve our goals.

We want to raise as much money as possible so that we can start improving our grounds for children to benefit from as soon as possible.



Non-Uniform Day – Friday 21st March – ‘Special Daily Mile Day’

To kick start the fund raising, children and staff can wear running clothes to school and all classes will be running a daily mile as practice for the Cwmffrwdor Mini Marathon.





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World Book Day – Change of date

World Book Day is on Friday, March 7th. However, our Pupil Parliament have decided that they want us to celebrate this day on Monday, 10th March instead. This is because many of our older children in Years 5 and 6 will be on a residential visit on the original date for World Book Day.

We will celebrate World Book Day in Cwmffrwdor on Monday 10th March 2025. Pupil Parliament have decided that children can wear pyjamas and bring a favourite 'bedside story' to school OR dress up as a book character.

Governing Body Parent/Carer Representative Vacancy

The deadline is today at 5pm for any parents/carers who are interested in being on our Governing Body.

The Education Achievement Service for SE Wales (EAS) offer training to assist newly elected governors.

Please click on the following link for further information. <https://sites.google.com/hwbacymru.net/school-governors/could-you-be-a-school-governor>

If you are interested and want to apply today, please find the election of parent governor and nomination forms (under the News/Letters Home section on the school website). These will need to be returned by email to clerk.cwmffrwdorprimary@torfaen.gov.uk by 5pm today.

Royal Institution of Science in Schools Day – Friday March 14th

We are thrilled to welcome the Royal Institution of Science to Cwmffrwdor on March 14th for a special Science Day. Scientists will be delivering workshops to children throughout the day and at the end of the school day at 3:15pm, there will be a Community Show for parents/carers and the wider community.

This will be in the school hall and we hope that as many of you will be able to join us for this special event.





Online Safety

A reminder that many social media apps have an age restriction of 13+. We encourage parents/carers to monitor your child's use of social media to ensure their safety.

Information on a range of social media, games and other apps can be found on the link below:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/in-the-know/>

The guides include a detailed overview of the app, outlining the age rating and key terminology. They also highlight the risks each app poses to young people and give detailed instructions on how to enable parental controls and safety settings. Your children will also be accessing online safety lessons in school, so we encourage you to talk to them about the information they have learned.



Attendance

#NotInMissOut

Regular and punctual attendance at school or alternative provision is a legal requirement and is essential to enable children to maximise their educational attainments and opportunities available to them.

Unless pupils are unwell, they should be in school.

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN)

Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absences.

Please note that no absences will be authorised unless attendance is 95% or above.

Class attendance is rewarded weekly with the Class Attendance Cup and a non-uniform day and squash and biscuits.

Reporting Absences and Appointments

A polite reminder that absences are to be reported through the main office number; 01495 742761 where you also have the option to leave a message. These are monitored regularly. Please be aware any absences without





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a provided reason will be unauthorised. Thank you. A reminder that registration is at 9.00am, please ensure children arrive before this to avoid any late marks.

If you need to take your child to an appointment in school hours, please bring an appointment card/letter to the school office or you can email the office clerk.cwmffrwdorprimary@torfaen.gov.uk. We understand this is not always accessible in some circumstances but this will be required if attendance is already a concern.

Attendance Figures - Strive for 95%

Our attendance target is 95% for whole school.

Whole School Attendance	89.8%	 Dosbarth Pwll Du will have non-uniform day Thursday
Class	% Weekly Attendance	
Dosbarth Poppit Sands	77.8	
Dosbarth BaraFundle	92.5	
Dosbarth Ogmored	87	
Dosbarth Tresaith	94.3	
Dosbarth Aberdovey	92.6	
Dosbarth Pwll Du	97.4	
Dosbarth Rhossili	95.6	
Dosbarth Abersoch	88.6	

Food and Wellbeing Camps in half term

Torfaen Play are running play opportunities during February Half Term in George Street Primary which is also available to pupils in our school (ages 5-11 years old). Parents/carers can express interest using the link below.

The camp is running on Tuesday 25th February, Wednesday 26th February, Thursday 27th February 10:00am-3:00pm. Children will be provided with a free healthy lunch on all 3 days.

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21/02/25	School Eisteddfod (early due to residential visit in March)
21/02/25	End of half term - FINISH NORMAL TIME
24/02/25 - 28/02/25	Half term
March	Value of month - Patience
3/03/25	Return to school
3/03 - 7/03/25	Y5/6 Residential Visit - 'Farms for City Children'
8/03/25	International Women's Day
07/03/25 - 16/03/25	British Science Week
10/03/25	Cwmffrwdor World Book Day
14/03/25 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Royal Institution of Science in Schools Day - class workshops Community Event for parents/carers
21/03/25	Special Daily Mile - Non-Uniform Day Running theme clothes to raise money for our Mini Marathon
14/03/25	Holi Festival (Hindu)
Week beg. 17/03/25	Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs)
21/03/25	Red Nose Day
Week beg. 24/03/25 31/03/25	Curriculum Celebration Events Parents/carers will be invited into school to celebrate and share pupils' learning. Please see dates in main part of newsletter.
31/03/25	Non-Uniform Day - Easter Egg donation for PTA raffle
April	Value of month - Happiness Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month
2/04/25	World Autism Awareness Day
11/04/25	End of Spring term - FINISH AT 1:30PM
14/04 - 25/04/25	Easter holidays
28/04/25	Return to school summer term
May	Value of Month - Honesty
5/05/25	May Day Bank holiday
6/05/25	INSET day - closed to pupils
19/5/25	Walk to School Week
23/5/25	End of half term - FINISH NORMAL TIME
26/5 - 30/5/25	Half term
2/06/25	INSET day - school closed to children
June	Value of Month - Diversity
3/06/25	School reopens for children
22/06/25	Windrush Day
July	Value of Month - Community



Paul Klee Inspired Maths

Who was Paul Klee?

Paul Klee was one of the most famous painters of the 20th century. He made over 10,000 paintings and drawings in his lifetime and his artwork is displayed in museums all over the world.

He was influenced by movements such as cubism, surrealism and expressionism but also appreciated the simplicity of children's art (shown in the examples below).



Castle and Sun



Red Bridge

Klee liked to paint structures in their simplest form, portraying buildings, bridges and towers as a series of two dimensional shapes to create city scenes. You will spot a coloured rectangle in several of his works!

Why not create your own Paul Klee inspired Artwork

Think about how you can fit triangles, rectangles, squares and circles to make your own castle or city scene. You may choose to draw your own shapes using a pencil and ruler or perhaps you have objects at home you could draw around.

Paul Klee cleverly used colour to give depth to his city. What colours will you use?



For more fun activities visit www.mathsontoast.org.uk
Don't forget to share your creations and comments on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram tagging @mathsontoast using #positiveaboutmaths





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