



# Blaenavon Heritage Voluntary Controlled Primary School

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## TO: PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer  
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We are now in the final half term of another academic year and, yet again, time has flown. We are sure that, like us, you are all eagerly looking forward to a long, hot summer. Below are a few notes for your information:



Many thanks to those pupils and parents who supported our READATHON. The children raised a total of £371.25 and we have also received a donation from the Friends of Blaenavon, making a grand total of £602. This will be forwarded to Usborne Books who will supplement the amount raised and provide the school with £1000 worth of books.

**WORLD HERITAGE DAY** this year is on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. Pupils at school will be taking part by working in school with an artist, to prepare materials for the day and taking part in the parade. Further information will follow.

Our VALUE this term is **RESPONSIBILITY**. Attached to this newsletter is information we hope you will be able to share with your family as you explore this value together.

## STAFFING NEWS ...

For those of you who haven't already heard, three of our staff have recently become proud parents. Miss Rogers had a baby boy, Huw, in April and Mrs Challenger recently had a baby girl, Connie. Although no longer at school, Mr Windmill became father to a baby boy, Owain, at the beginning of May.



Miss Richards is currently on maternity leave awaiting the birth of her baby.



You will, of course, already know that Miss Stanley left the school office prior to Easter (having gained promotion at Croesyceiliog Comprehensive School) and that Mrs Mason has very ably taken up her position (having previously worked in a similar role at Ponthir Primary School).

We send congratulations and best wishes to them all.

Opening the door to your future!

Agor y drws i'ch dyfodol!



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THE CHURCH  
IN WALES



You will have seen our pupils and staff of **HEDDLU BACH** patrolling the parking bays outside of school in the morning to 'police' parking. We would again ask parents not to park on the roundabout, at the entrance to Busy Bees, in the disabled bays outside of school and on the double yellow lines adjacent to Nursery. Please do not park in a disabled bay unless you are disabled and need to use the space. Parking on the roundabout causes problems with congestion and prevents buses turning. Please also do not use the car park at the Rugby Club which is private property. Congestion caused by busy parking periods is dangerous and the car park should be used when collecting your child or when attending events at school, such as assemblies or sporting events, which will be held later this month.



With the summer fast approaching, Torfaen Borough Council Community Safety Team are asking for parents' assistance in making sure that their children are not participating in **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**. Current areas of concern are:

- Stanley Road, Garndiffaith
- Baker Street House area, Blaenavon
- Cwmbran Town Centre

Gwent Police and the Community Safety Team will be monitoring these areas. If you require any further information, please contact the team on 01495 766037 / 01495 742887.

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Some parents continue to bring in their children just after the gates have closed and many pupils also continue to **ARRIVE LATE**. We again remind parents that bringing in your children late should only be done if it is absolutely necessary to do so as it causes disruption in the class. Continual lateness is monitored ... by the school and the Educational Welfare Officer ... and may result in a home visit in extreme cases. Pupils arriving late (with or without a parent) must sign in the late book and include their name, their class, the time of arrival and the reason for lateness. From time to time, we have several pupils arriving late together, without signing in. This can result in a text being sent asking for a reason for absence, before the pupil has reached the class.



If your child has a **medical appointment**, please ensure (where possible) they come into school for their mark before attending the appointment. Copies of appointment letters should also be provided. If you need to let school know that the **END OF DAY COLLECTION FOR YOUR CHILD** is changing on any particular day, please make sure you notify the office before 2 pm. **Calls received after this time cannot always be acted upon.** Please leave a message if the telephone is unanswered when you ring. Messages are checked regularly throughout the day.

When collecting your child/ren at 3.10 pm please leave the premises promptly so the gates can be locked to secure the site.

We also remind parents that **dogs** are not allowed on the yard as they provide an obvious risk to pupils.

Finally, could we also ask parents to regularly check their child's hair for **HEAD LICE** which, in a school environment, are present more often than we would like.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs J Howells**  
**ACTING HEAD TEACHER**

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