



GUPS Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I hope that you all had a restful and joyful Christmas break, filled with time spent with loved ones and moments to recharge. As we step into this new term, we are excited to continue building on the progress we made last year and setting our sights on fresh goals and opportunities.

This term promises to be an enriching one, with engaging lessons, exciting events, and plenty of opportunities for our children to shine.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing partnership and support. Together, we can ensure that every child thrives both academically and personally. Should you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Roberts

News, Messages & Events

- ★ If you would like to come into school and help shape our school community, please take a look at the opportunity to be a part of our Pilot Family Forum opportunity - [Click Here](#)
We look forward to strengthening our partnership between home and school further in 2025.
- ★ Before Christmas, we sent out a wellbeing survey to gather valuable insights from our school community. Your feedback is incredibly important to us as we strive to improve and support the wellbeing of our school community. If you haven't already, please take a moment to share your thoughts, we would greatly appreciate it! [Whole School Approach to Wellbeing Survey](#)
- ★ On Monday, we will be launching our new Metacognition learning behaviour for this half term - Motivation. Please read our



Dates for your diary...

- 13.01.25:** Year 3 Football Match - Glan Usk Primary School vs Rougemont @ Glan Usk Primary 2.30pm
- 15.01.25:** Year 3 Football Match - Glan Usk Primary School vs Rougemont @ Glan Usk Primary 2.45pm
- 22.01.25:** Gilwern Parents Meeting @ 3:30pm
- 27.01.25:** Holocaust Memorial Day
- 27.01.25:** NSPCC 'Talk Pants Week'
- 31.01.25:** PTFA 'Break The Rules Day'
- 06.02.25:** Year 5 Trip to Big Pit
- 12.02.25:** Valentines Disco
- 21.02.25:** INSET Day 4 (School closed to children)
- 24-28.02.25:** February Half Term



Motivational Mali story here:

 Mali the Motivated Musician 2025 Story

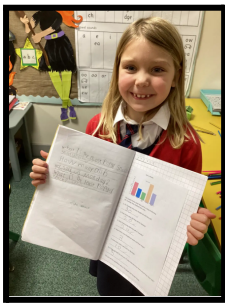
- ★ Our Rights Ambassadors are promoting this right of the Month: **Article 29** – The right to be the best you can be.



What learning has been happening in Year 2 this week...

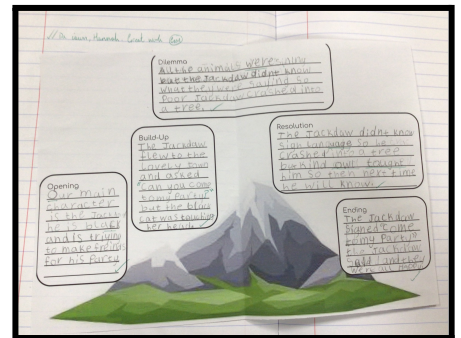


In class 2AP we have been discussing how Technology makes us feel. We have created different Emojis and responded to different scenarios by showing our Emojis. We discussed how spending long amounts of time on devices makes us feel. We also talked about what to do if we ever feel uncomfortable on our device.



In Mathematics and Numeracy we have been reading graphs and using our doubles to work out how many items had been sold on a different day when the sales had doubled. We also then created questions for a friend to ask about the data.

This week in 2GM we have been creating Story Mountains in preparation for our story recount. We have read 'What the Jackdaw saw' and have now broken down the story into different parts. This will help us recall details when writing it independently.



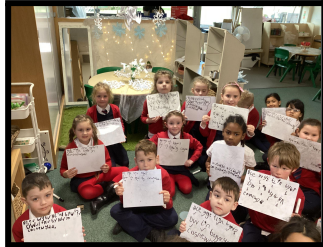
In Maths, we have been working hard on doubling and halving numbers. This has supported our learning of bar charts and data handling. What a busy week it's been!

This week in 2LW we have reflected on our independent writing and decided what our literacy targets will be for this Spring term. We have been recalling the story of "What the Jackdaw Saw" to create a Story Mountain in preparation to write a recount of the story. During our daily Welsh sessions we have been using the camera click method to ask and answer the question *Ble wyt ti'n*



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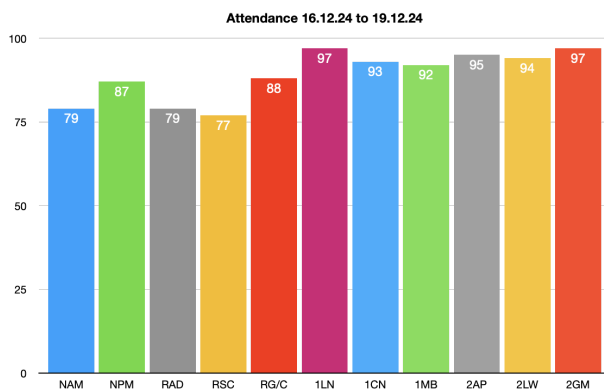
In PE this week we have been learning to pass a football and to control the ball when weaving the ball in and out of cones.



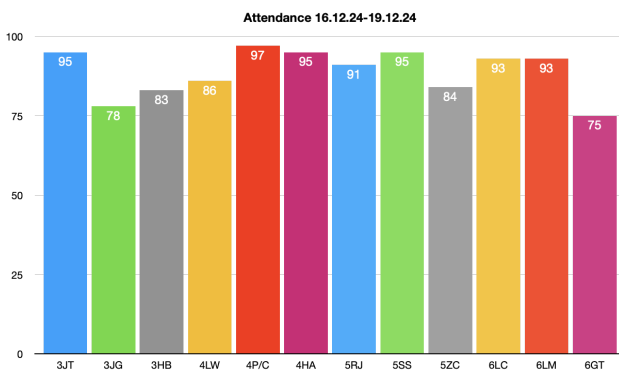
Attendance

Thank you for helping our pupils attend school as often as possible, supporting us to 'Strive for 95%'. Everyday is an opportunity to learn, grow and build relationships.

Llongyfarchiadau to ILN & 2GM FOR 97% attendance!



Llongyfarchiadau to 4PC this week with 97%



Our overall attendance for December was 91.9% which is below our target of 92% Please help us continue to make attendance a priority. Remember everyday counts, and together, we can



Ymraddrodd Yr Wythnos Phrase of the Week

As a school community we are fostering a sense of cynefin and working hard to raise the levels of bilingualism around the school.

Language is such a powerful gift, and by using Welsh at home, we're giving our children a deeper connection to their heritage, culture, and community.

Please click on the link or scan the QR code to hear a member of Criw Cymraeg pronounce the Phrase of the Week. We encourage you to embrace and use Welsh in your daily interactions with your child to help promote Welsh language within our community.



Ble est ti ar y penwythnos?
What did you do on the weekend?

Es i _____.
I went to _____.

Es i i'r _____.
I went to the _____.



achieve great things! #Toogoodtomiss!

This week's GUPStars are...



We are so proud of all the learners that have reached for the stars this week and earned themselves an achievement certificate. Da iawn pawb!

Messages from the PTFA

PTFA email - gups.ptfa@gmail.com

Our Glan Usk's PTFA are ready to start a new year with lots of fundraising events!

Kicking off with **'Break the Rules day' - Friday 31st January**

To beat the January blues, Mrs Roberts is allowing us to break some rules! On this day only, children are allowed to break all or any of the following 5 'school rules'.

Each rule 'broken' will cost 50p! This is an opportunity for the children to have fun, embrace their uniqueness, whilst still following our schools 'REACH' rules. Please bring all donations to the class teacher, on the morning of 31st. If your child is in Breakfast Club, please put your donations into a labelled envelope and Breakfast Club staff will be happy to take these on the door.

Whilst having fun breaking these rules, please remember we are a 'nut free' school, snacks should not consist of nuts of any type. Please no 'energy' drinks, glass bottles or snacks that could be a choking hazards (ie. Boiled sweets)





The PTFA are always looking for ideas and links to the community for our GLANUSKONBURY fete. If you have any links to companies that can provide; bouncy castles, ice cream vans, face painters, DJ's, singers, dancers or any other entertainment, please email us on the address above.

Family & Community News

A huge Happy New Year to all our families and our wonderful community! 2025 is going to be a brilliant year here at Glan Usk with lots of opportunities for our families to come into school as well as opportunities to work with our wider community!

Our Toddler group started up again on Thursday morning! Please meet in the foyer between 9am and 9:15am for Mrs Rowberry to collect you! This group is open to any parents in the community and you do not have to be a part of our school to come along.

Baby and Toddler Group!

Thursdays 9:15am onwards

This will start again on Thursday 14th November

Tea and coffee provided for the adults!

Come to the main office and the wonderful Mrs Rowberry will be ready to welcome you in!

From messy play to music, story time and magic movement. Come along and become part of a special community.

Time for the babies and toddlers but also time for the Mums, Dads and families to get to chat and get to know new families.

All are welcome!

FACE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Glan Usk Primary School

Move-it Mondays will begin from Monday 13th January in the small hall from 8:50 where you can warm up for the week with Miss Meredith.



We have also been informed of a local Dads group that is starting. Please see information below:

We are starting our Dads Group on Monday 13th January at 6pm in Bettws Community Centre.



The group will enable dads and male carers to chat about shared experiences and provide a safe space to talk about the successes and challenges of parenting.

If you're a dad or male carer and would like to meet new people come along to Bettws Community Centre, from 6pm to 7.30pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dads-group-grwp-tadau-tickets-1113815394829?aff=oddtcreator>