

RHIGOS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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## End of Term

On behalf of all the staff and pupils at Rhigos Primary may we wish you safe and happy holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year. It has been a very busy year and it has been fantastic to see the progress of all of our children.

We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Wednesday, September 6th 2023.



**This week's school attendance is  
92% (target 93.5%)**

We have regular visits from the AWS (Attendance and Welfare Service) who monitor school attendance to identify any absences that cause concern.

Frequent absences will have a serious effect on your child's progress. If a child misses one day a week, over their whole school career, it will mean that they will miss over two years education. This is very likely to mean they will not fulfil their academic potential. Please do not hesitate to contact me on **01685 811253** if you are having any difficulties regarding attendance, as the school will be happy to offer you support in this matter.



### Dates for your diary

Monday July 24th ~ INSET/End of Term

**NEW TERM STARTS  
Wednesday, Sept 6th  
2023**



Criw Cymraeg have decided on  
Ymadrodd yr Wythnos

Phrase of the week

**Esgusodwch fi**

**Excuse me**

**DEWI**

Dewi has earned a well deserved break from all these wonderful weekends that he has been spending with our families!! He will be resting in Rhigos and preparing for 2023 - 2024.

Diolch yn fawr Dewi



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## Phased roll out of Universal free school meals

Following the successful roll-out of UPFSM to Reception, Years 1 and 2, and eligible Nursery age pupils in Rhondda Cynon Taf, the next phase is to commence from **4th September 2023**, where the offer will be extended to include all **Year 3 and 4 pupils**



## Toddler Playgroup

Toddler Playgroup is held every Tuesday 9am until 10.30am in the school hall.

All welcome



Year 6 had cycling with RCT this week. They learnt all about road safety including, how to approach junctions, right shoulder check, over taking parked cars and emergency stops that Kian said 'Luckily we didn't need to use that!!'



## Visitors from our World of Work Community

Simon, Stuart, Prince and Lynne from Mytilineos visited our school yesterday. They came to judge their 'safety on site' posters'.

Class 1 worked with Mrs Cobley and Mrs Harris to design their posters using model diggers for inspiration!!

Mrs Morris worked with Class 2 and Class 3 researching information on safety on sites.

First, second and third prizes were awarded in each class with gift vouchers of £30, £15 and £10. Also, every child in school had a £5.00 gift voucher. They also gave a safety on site talk and answered all of our questions!!

Simon, Stuart, Jayne and Prince were so impressed with our posters that the winners will be made into safety posters for their sites and all the other posters will be printed into calendars for the company's employees.

They have also offered to come back in the Autumn term to help us develop our outdoor learning area and field and



hopefully help with the drainage. Diolch yn fawr Mytilineos.



## Online Test for Y2—Y6



Pupils in Wales from Year 2 to Year 6 sit three online tests twice a year in reading, Numeracy (procedural) and Numeracy (reasoning). You can access your child's progress by Googling 'Hwb'. You will be asked for your child's user name and password and then select 'Personalised Assessments'. If your child is unsure of their user name and password please contact the school.

### Holidays in term time

Can I remind everyone that holidays will only be authorised if your child's attendance for the 12 months prior to the holiday application is over 95% and stays above 95% to the date of travel.



### Absence messages

Following a monitoring meeting with RCT's Attendance and Wellbeing Service, if your child is unwell medical evidence is required otherwise the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.



### Road Safety

In the interest of safety for all our children please do not park on the yellow lines in front of the school and from parking on the pavement opposite the entrance of the school. With poor visibility during bad weather crossing the road becomes very hazardous when the traffic is increased at the start and the end of the school day.



### Pupil contact details

Please can you notify the school of any change of home address, email address or contact details as soon as any changes are made for your child.



As we continually update our records please could you inform us of any **NEW** allergies that your child may have.



Please remember that animals are not permitted on the school



### Sun Lotion

With the warmer weather please ensure that your child is wearing sun cream to school. Your child may bring sun cream to school. Please put your child's name on it. For our younger children, the staff can apply the cream and the child will be encouraged to rub it in. If you have any queries please see the class teacher. Diolch

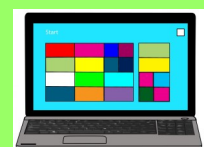


Please could children bring their reading books every day to school.



Home work will be posted online on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

If you have any problems accessing the homework please let your child's class teacher know.





## Summer Party and Disco!!

The children and staff had a lovely time. The children looked fabulous in their party clothes and were full of enthusiasm. We had traditional dancing as well as synchronised dancing such as the macarena!!



We had 'best dancers' competition and played games such as musical statues and musical chairs. The children loved their ice cream~ next time they would like more flavours and sprinkles !!. All went home with a party bag kindly donated by the Rhigos PTA.



## R FASHION

This week our pre-loved uniform shop opened by the School Council. Thank you for all of your donations.



It is held in our hall from 3:15. Please call in and take a look.

## The New Term 2023 –2024

We will welcome pupils back to school on Wednesday, September 6th 2023.

Monday and Tuesday will be INSET days for staff training



## The New Term 2023 –2024

The Governors and the staff are delighted to let you know that we have 2 new teachers joining us in the new term Miss Bowen and Miss Bowman. We are excited with this opportunity and I am sure you will join with us in welcoming them on board.



# Renaissance

We're delighted to announce that our application for continued free access to myON has been successful!

Every year, students lose months of reading progress over the summer, but with access to enhanced digital books and daily news articles from myON, every child in our school can keep reading all summer!

All your students and staff can follow the same login process:

Go to <https://www.myon.co.uk> and enter your login information:

1. **School Name:** Summer Reads
2. **Username:** SUM
3. **Pass-**  **word:** SUMR123!

**Click the Sign In button, select a book, and start reading!**

Dear parent/guardian,

Your child' would have come home with an **Explore the Outdoors booklet.**

RCT would like us to share this message with you:

We hope you enjoy using your Explore the Outdoors booklet over the summer holidays! This booklet is filled with fun activities to complete outside. Try taking it to one of our parks in RCT and explore your local area.

**To keep resources like this FREE we need your help.** If you could please complete the survey on the back of the booklet it will allow us to measure the impact it has had. For completing the survey, you will be entered into a **prize draw!**



## GOLF WORKSHOPS

Stuart from Glynneath Golf Club arranged to visit our school during the last week of term.

He delivered golf workshops to all of our children starting with Class 3, then Class 2 and finally Class 1



They all had a brilliant time. Leaflets have been sent home with your child with further details from

Glynneath Golf Club. Stuart has arranged to come back in the Autumn Term to deliver more Golf workshops.

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Stuart



## THANK YOU

**A big thank you to Shakira and Addison who have come to Rhigos Primary on work experience. Both Shakira and Addison are past pupils at Rhigos Primary. They have been helping our pupils in Class 1. Diolch yn fawr Shakira and Addison**

