

# MAES EBBW SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

We have had a fantastic time at our Christmas Fayre this morning. I thought we would share a few photos so that you could see what fun we had. The pupils have been busy this week preparing, cooking, making items that were then sold at the Fayre. It was wonderful to see so many of you, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves! Thank you for coming along and supporting us.

### Christmas Concerts

Please check with your child's class teacher to be sure that you know which Christmas Concert your child is involved in. I have asked teachers to make sure that you all know which one your child will be in so that you are here on the right day. Any problems, please ring school to check.

### TEACHERS 2 PARENTS

You should now have received an email from Teachers2Parents regarding an update on their app. I believe that they are showing you a new number that is related to Maes Ebbw School when receiving text messages / emails from us.

### Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas dinner day is 17<sup>th</sup> December. We make this a magical event with the hall decorated and Christmas music playing, it's a special occasion for the whole school. I have attached the menu for Christmas Dinner which will be served on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please make sure you inform your child's teacher if you would like them to receive this.



## **GWENT POLICE**

I have attached some information from Gwent Police regarding safety over items bought for Christmas.

### **Invitation for Family Play Session Festive Holiday 2025**

The Disabled Children's Team would like to welcome disabled children and young people, along with their parents / carers and siblings to a Family Play Session this Festive holiday.

The Disabled Children's Team would like to provide families with the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities, in a supported and non-judgemental environment.

There will be six sessions held at **Alway Community Centre**.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis and these can be booked via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-play-disabled-childrens-team-chwarae-ir-teulu-tim-plant-anabl-tickets-1976467193581?aff=oddtcreator>

Parents / carers are required to stay with their children at the venue during the session.

Tickets are capped at 5 per family however if you do require more, please email [children.withdisabilities@newport.gov.uk](mailto:children.withdisabilities@newport.gov.uk).

**Please note:** The entry door is unlocked at Alway Community Centre. The venue has an accessible entrance. Accessible toilets are available on site; however, hoists and changing bed are not available.

If you have any queries, please contact us via [children.withdisabilities@newport.gov.uk](mailto:children.withdisabilities@newport.gov.uk).





### **Bach Pupils Work Experience**

Some of the pupils have been attending a new work experience at Reseiclo in Crindau.

This company looks at taking on additional needs adults after they have left school. Offering a few days a week working with support in the workshop working with reclaimed Wood.

Our pupils enjoyed 4 x 4hr workshops. They used different machinery to create a large Planter to be delivered to one of the gardens that is being developed by Greening Maindee Project.



### **DOSBARTH HAUL enjoyed their Christmas Trip out to Cefn Mably Farm**









This week, Ffynon had a wonderful time getting into the Christmas spirit! They created beautiful Christmas cards for their loved ones, carefully addressed the envelopes, and enjoyed a walk to the post box to send them off. The celebrations didn't stop there—they joined forces with their friends from Eirlys to cook a delicious Christmas dinner. Everyone gathered in the hall, surrounded by festive music and decorations, for a merry meal together. Plates were cleared, sprouts included!







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# 12 Social Media Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

With Christmas only a few weeks away, many of you will be using social media to share your excitement with friends and family. Being active on social media is a great way to show others how much fun you're having, but it's important that you know how to use these apps safely and securely so that bad things don't happen. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

## 1 DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS

Make sure that you set your profile to private so that people you don't know can't find you online. Always tell a trusted adult if a stranger or somebody you don't know sends you a message or a friend request.



## 2 NEVER SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Keep your personal information personal. Sometime people online aren't always who they say they are and might ask you to share things that you don't feel comfortable sharing.

## 3 DON'T SHARE EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF OTHERS ONLINE

This could really upset them and could get you into a lot of trouble. Always think twice before posting anything on social media and treat people online as you would in real-life.



## 4 NEVER SEND NAKED PICTURES OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS

This is illegal if you are under 18 and you could get into trouble with the Police. If you are being pressured by someone, always say no and tell a trusted adult. Even if you think it is innocent fun, the photo could be shared with other people and you won't be able to control who else sees it.



## 5 CREATE A POSITIVE ONLINE REPUTATION

Always be kind and polite when posting comments on social media and only upload pictures and videos of things you are proud of. This forms part of your digital footprint. Everything you do online can be tracked and monitored and could affect what people think of you in real-life if it is negative.



## 6 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Social media can be addictive, and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as fun as much as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just what's on social media.



## 7 BLOCK ONLINE BULLIES

Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted adult who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.



## 8 REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or upsets you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.



## 9 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.



## 10 ALWAYS SECURE ALL YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your profiles without your permission. Make sure your passwords are memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share them with your parents just in case you forget them.



## 11 ASK PARENTS TO SET-UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS' FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

When you download a social media app, you should always ask a trusted adult to help you set it up for the first time. This will help you control who sees what you post, who can contact you and make sure you are able to enjoy using the app safely and securely.



## 12 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR TRUSTED ADULT IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS MAKING YOU UNHAPPY

Sometimes, social media can make us feel bad about ourselves or sad that we aren't the same as someone else or doing the same things as someone else. Remember, if you ever feel this way, it's really important to talk to your trusted adult(s) like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and discuss your feelings with you to help make you feel better.





# ELECTRIC SCOOTERS



It's currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement.

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can buy them from many popular retailers.

## HOWEVER, THE CURRENT LAW IS CLEAR

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

## WHY IS THIS?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEV's), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance



As e-scooters do not have numberplate's or signaling ability and don't always have visible rear lights, they can't be used legally on the roads.



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# SGWTERI TRYDAN



Ar hyn o bryd mae reidio e-sgwter ar heol neu bafin cyhoeddus yn erbyn y gyfraith.

Rydym yn deall bod prynu e-sgwter yn gallu bod yn atyniadol, yn arbennig gan eich bod yn gallu eu prynu nhw gan lawer o fanwerthwyr poblogaidd.

## ER HYNNY, MAE'R GYFRAITH BRESENNOL YN GLIR

Gallwch brynu un ond ni allwch ei reidio ar heol gyhoeddus, lôn beiciau na phalmant yn y DU. Yr unig le y gellir defnyddio e-sgwter yw ar dir preifat.

## PAM HYNNY?

Mae e-sgwteri yn perthyn i'r dosbarthiad Cerbydau Trydan Ysgafn Personol, felly maent yn cael eu trin fel cerbydau modur ac yn destun yr un gofynion cyfreithiol, er enghraifft:

- MOT
- Trwydded
- Treth
- Yswiriant



Gan nad oes gan e-sgwteri rif plât gwladwy, golau arwydd na golau cefn gwladwy, ni ellir eu defnyddio'n gyfreithiol ar y ffordd.



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## WHAT HAPPENS IF I'VE BEEN STOPPED BY GWENT POLICE?

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act allows police to give road users a warning if they are reported to have used their vehicle in a manner which **causes alarm, distress or annoyance**. Gwent Police also have the **powers to seize vehicles**.

Please make sure you keep your e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.

Whether purchased by yourself or received as a gift, all e-scooters are illegal and can be seized.

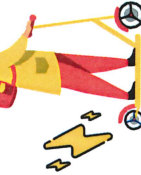
## SHOULD YOU NEED FURTHER ADVICE PLEASE CONTACT



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PAN NAD YW'N ARGYFWNG 999



## BETH FYDD YN DIGWYDD OS CAF I FY STOPIO GAN HEDDLUGWENT?

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Does dim gwahaniaeth os mai chi sydd wedi prynu'r e-sgwter, neu os ydych wedi ei dderbyn yn anrheg, mae e-sgwteri yn erbyn y gyfraith a gellir eu hatafaellu.

## OS OES ANGEN CYNGOR PELLACH ARNOCH CHI, CYSYLLTWCH Â NI



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