



31st January 2025

MAES EBBW SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

In the last few weeks we have had the chance to share practice with other special schools. Staff from other special schools have visited us and gain an insight into what we do here and members of our staff have had the chance to visit others and find out about what they do.

Menna has visited another school to look at how they run their MOVE programme compared to ours. Rob went to another school to find out how their assessment system worked. We received visitors from Trinity Fields to find out more about how we use our sensory areas; light room and dark room. I have been to visit Crownbridge School this week to find out more about their off site provision. We work together as a group of schools to help each other with ideas and training for staff. This morning I am meeting with the headteachers from the other special schools in the region.

TLC Bears

On Friday last week we were lucky enough to receive a large number of beautiful teddies from TLC (Teddies for Loving Care) Monmouthshire. We shared them among the classes, it was lovely to see the children's reaction. I have included a few photos of the children with the bears. Our thanks to TLC Monmouthshire for thinking of our children and providing them.

Data Collection

You should of all now received a white envelope containing your child's details that we hold on file at school. Please can you check the information, amend if necessary and return to school as soon as you can.

Swim Pants

A reminder that when pupils access the school hydrotherapy pool it is important that they are clothed in the appropriate swimwear. We pride ourselves on the cleanliness, smooth running and that all Health & Safety regulations of our pool are adhered to. This is to avoid any contamination to the pool or to anyone accessing it.

Anyone using the pool must **wear three layers of protection**. We ask you to purchase the first layer, we will provide the second layer and the final layer will be their normal costume, trunks or wet suit which we ask you to send in. Further information regarding these pants is attached for you.

Newport Autism Support Group

On February 6th from 10am the Midday Newport Autism Support Group is being visited by Councillor Laura Lacey at the Serrenu Centre, High Cross, Laura is our Autism Champion for the regional partnership Board. This is your opportunity to discuss challenges and what everyday life is like for your families. Everyone is welcome to attend—the more the merrier, we need your voices to be heard.

Celebration of Gwenny's life

A reminder that on Saturday the 1st February, Gwenny's family and friends will be celebrating Gwenny's short but wonderful life.

The family have said that everyone is welcome to join them at:-

Langstone Vale Crematorium
Magor Rd
Langstone,
Newport
NP18 2BP

11am Saturday 1st February.

Followed by a short celebration of her life at:

Malpas Community Centre,
Pillmawr Rd,
Newport
NP20 6WF

All that they ask is: "please wear bright colours to help us celebrate (black trousers/shoes are ok").

Family flowers only please, please donate to the Welsh Air Ambulance Charity in lieu of flowers.

