



MAES EBBW NEWSLETTER

17th May 2024

We have had a special week here at Maes Ebbw. A group of our students went to St Woolos Cathedral and took part in a performance as part of Newport Children's Day.

They had been practising for several weeks with members of the the Disabled Children's Team and staff from Maes Ebbw. They performed and signed "You got a friend in me". There was a fabulous photo of our pupils which was shared by Newport Council. Don't they look wonderful, we were all so proud of them, they gave a spectacular performance!



Estyn Visit

Estyn will be visiting from the 3rd – 6th June , immediately after half term.

We would be grateful if you would complete the parent questionnaire if you haven't done so already?

Please see the letter that we sent home earlier this week or messages on Seesaw to scan the QR code and respond.

Welsh Word of the Week

Our Welsh word of the week is "Sea" which is "Mor" in Welsh.

PSFA

The PSFA have received an email from a company called Benevity. If you are aware of this or have any connection to this company, please could you let us know asap so that we can follow this up. Thank you.

Your organisation was nominated for Benevity's Causes Portal

You have received this email because an employee from Benevity wants to support 'PARENTS STAFF & FRIENDS OF MAES EBBW SCHOOL' by donating money, volunteering their time, or inviting you to apply for a corporate grant. Benevity uses Benevity's software to power their workplace giving, volunteering or corporate grants programme. An employee searched for your organisation and nominated you for inclusion in Benevity's global database of registered nonprofit organisations.

Miss school miss out

As you know, improving attendance is one of our areas for development. We have made small improvements on last year's attendance, but there is still more to do. We are aiming for overall attendance to be 90%, at the moment we are at 83% attendance.

Your child should be in school every day that they are well enough to be here. Please let us know as soon as possible if they are going to be absent because they are unwell or if they are out of school for an appointment.

Being at school every day means that we can support them to learn, communicate with others and make progress.



The Law on Physical Punishment of children in Wales

I attended safeguarding training yesterday and headteachers were asked to remind parents about the laws on physical punishment of children in Wales. The social services team told us that many parents still don't understand that it is against the law to physically punish (smack or hit) a child in Wales.

All physical punishment is illegal in Wales.

Children have the same protection from assault as adults. The law applies to everyone - parents or anyone who is responsible for a child while the parent is not there. Anyone who physically punishes a child will be breaking the law and risks being arrested.

If you want to find out more please look at:-

<https://www.gov.wales/ending-physical-punishment-children>