

*'At Maes Ebbw, all are challenged to grow and succeed'*

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Dear Parents and Carers

11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

It has been a busy first week back at Maes Ebbw. Pupils have settled back into school routines well, this week I have seen pupils cooking, baking and spending time in the gymnasium.

### Sensory Garden

We celebrated the official opening of the new sensory garden area this week. We invited in the people who had been instrumental in making it happen. We were joined by staff from Celanese who worked so hard in the heat in July to dig out the old garden and lay the new all-weather surface. There were staff from South Wales Sports Grounds, Breedons who supplied the stone and Raptor Hire who provided the machinery for digging and preparing the ground. A huge thank you to Andrew & Tracy Griffiths for raising the funds for this to happen.

We are grateful to all the families and friends of the school who supported the project. Thank you!



### Photos

The photographer came into school on Monday and took photos of the pupils. You should now have a letter and the details of how to order the photograph if you would like to purchase any. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

### Children in Need

For the first time in a while, we will be celebrating Children in Need Day on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. If your child would like to dress up, our theme will be **Spots and Stripes**. We hope to share some lovely photos in next week's newsletter.

Any donations of money received on the day will be split between Children in Need and the Maes Ebbw PSFA fund to be spent on equipment for our pupils.

### Yoga

Pupils at our Bach site received a visit from Edy Zachara from Heart within Yoga on Monday for some Yoga sessions. She will be with us for initially 3 weeks and all students enjoyed joining in with yoga exercises, yoga stories and meditation.

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### Christmas lunch

It will be Christmas lunch day in school on the **7<sup>th</sup> December**. We are looking forward to a festive meal with some classes being able to join together in the hall. If you would like your child to receive a Christmas dinner, please let their class teacher know.

### Christmas Fayre

It has been such a long time since we have had a Christmas Fayre. We are planning to hold this event on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm – 2.45pm**. This event is open to parents and families of the pupils at Maes Ebbw. On the day, each class hopes to hold their own stall. We would love parents to come to school and visit their child's class stall, they could then visit other classes with their child if they wish. It should be a lovely, festive family event and the first chance to invite parents into school for ages! All monies raised will go to our school PSFA.

### Annual Review

Please look out for the paperwork for your child's annual review and make a note of the date it will take place. You will receive the initial invitation about 4/5 weeks before the event, we then send out the paperwork to you about a fortnight before your child's review. It is particularly important this year that you read through it and make any notes about any changes you think should be made. Please bring the paperwork to the review so that we can make sure that your child's information is up to date in time for moving onto the new Additional Learning Needs system. Thank you.

### Careers day

Newport City Council are hosting an Information Event for Carers Rights Day, which may be beneficial to some of our parents and carers. The drop in event will offer a host of information for unpaid carers, including stalls from: Newport Young Carers (Barnardo's), Sparkle, Disabled Facilities Grants Team, Aneurin Bevan Health Board and Liberty Protection Safeguards. The event will take place on November 24<sup>th</sup> between 1pm-6pm. A poster is attached for you.

Hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

*N. Allan*

NICOLA ALLAN  
HEAD TEACHER



Join us for

# Carers Rights Day Information Event

Join the Community Connector team and partners to find out more about local services that can help you in your caring role.

**Date:**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>  
November 2022

**Time:**

1pm – 6pm

**Address:**

The Riverfront,  
Kingsway,  
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