

# MAES EBBW SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

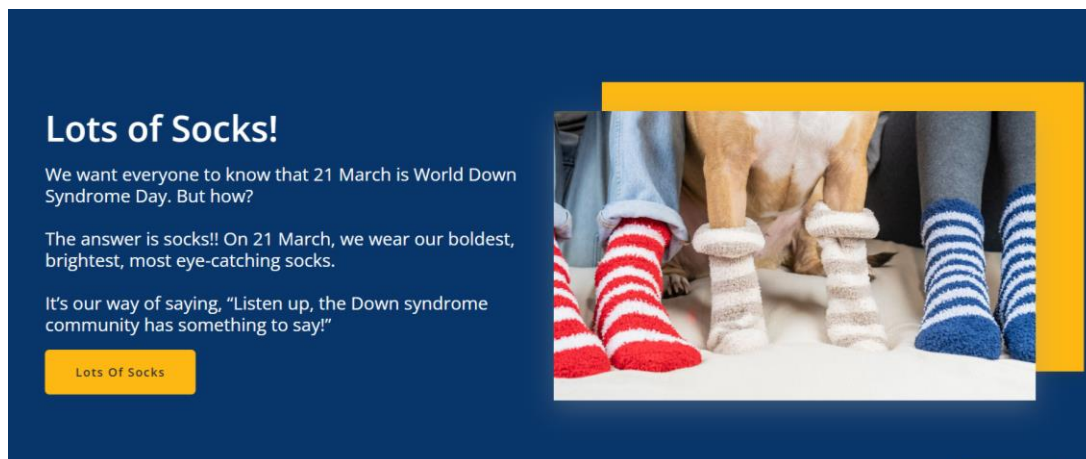
**20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

It has been another busy week here at Maes Ebbw. The sun has shone and the pupils have been enjoying time outdoors. If your child requires sun cream, please remember to send this in, clearly marked with their name on it.

### **World Down Syndrome Day**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March is World Down Syndrome Day. We celebrate the day by wearing our brightest boldest socks! Please see the link for further information and remember to wear your bright socks tomorrow.

<https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/>



### **Eid Mubarak**

Today is Eid al-Fitr and marks the end of Ramadan. Many of our staff and families are spending today celebrating. We wish you all Eid Mubarak, we hope you are having a lovely time with family and friends.

### **Meningitis**

We have been asked to share information about meningitis and septicaemia please see the link below and information shown over leaf. (Copy and paste the link into your browser)

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/leaflets/school-age-children-and-young-people/protection-against-meningitis-and-septicaemia-for-teens-and-young-people-under-25/>

**Welsh word of the week is “Story – Stori”**

## **MESSAGE FROM ANEURIN BEVAN HEALTH BOARD**

Our Director of Public Health, Professor Tracy Daszkiewicz, is urging parents and carers to make sure children and teenagers are protected against meningitis, following recent tragic cases in Kent

Meningitis can develop very quickly and can be life-threatening. Vaccination is the best way to prevent it.

### **Key meningitis protection includes:**

- MenB for babies and young children
  - Pneumococcal vaccine (can also prevent meningitis)
  - MenACWY for Year 9 pupils and young people under 25 starting university
- Young children, teenagers and students in shared accommodation are at the highest risk.**

- Check your child's vaccination record by contacting your GP or our Vaccination Service: 0300 303 1373

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- Book any missed doses

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- Learn the symptoms and seek urgent help if concerned

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"Vaccination saves lives," says Professor Daszkiewicz- please take up your vaccinations.

More information: ["Check Your Children's Vaccination Status" -Gwent Director of Public Health Urges Parents, following Meningitis news in the UK - Aneurin Bevan University Health Board](#)

