

Morrison Primary School Newsletter

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January's Right is:

"You have the right to be the best you can be."

Article 29



January's Value is:

Responsibility

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

It's been a busy start to the new term and the new year! We have a number of lovely, engaging activities planned for the children over the coming term.

I would encourage you to contact me or call in to see me if you have anything you would like to discuss or if I can help in any way. The half term holidays run from Monday 16th to Friday 20th of February 2026. Children return to school on Monday 23rd of February. Date for your diary - our next Inset training day for staff is 13th of April 2026. Our St. David's Day Eisteddfod is planned for Monday 2nd of March at 9.15am in the hall, all welcome.

Kind regards,

Alison Thomas
Headteacher

Estyn Report published 22nd January 2026

Our Estyn report is being published today, so it gives us pleasure to share the links with you. If anyone wants a paper copy of the report, please see us in the office. Otherwise, it is available on the Estyn Website and via the links below.

<https://estyn.gov.wales/app/uploads/2025/12/Inspection-report-Morrison-Primary-School-2026-1.pdf>

<https://estyn.gov.wales/app/uploads/2026/01/Parents-and-carers-Inspection-report-Morrison-Primary-School-2026.pdf>

There is a shorter parental summary and also a more detailed report for your information. Estyn have praised the way parents and the school work together for the benefit of the children and we are proud to report that they have found that:

"Morrison Primary School is a safe, welcoming and inclusive school, where pupils' wellbeing and achievement is a high priority. The headteacher and senior leadership team provide strong and consistent leadership. Together, they establish a highly beneficial and inclusive culture, ethos and vision for the school, which is shared by all. The school provides a safe and nurturing haven for all those connected with it and there are strong and respectful relationships between staff, pupils and parents or carers."

<u>Our School Vision</u> Our vision is encapsulated in Article 29 – 'Your Right to be the best you can be.' In Morriston Primary School we aim to provide a broad, balanced and rich curriculum. We offer an inclusive environment where pupils are encouraged to be healthy, happy, digitally competent, creative, confident and resilient learners. We challenge our pupils to reach their full potential, equipping them with the skills necessary to continue on their journey of life-long learning. <u>Our School Mission Statement</u> <i>'Together Everyone Achieves More.'</i> Learning and working together as a community, we challenge and support each other, to achieve our goals.	<u>Attendance</u> It has been proven that attendance and punctuality can impact on achievement. This week, the class with the best attendance is Year 5/6 with 98.2% - Ymdrech wych! We look forward to your continued support with attendance.	Class	% Attendance
		Nurs	84%
		Rec/Y1	91%
		Year 1/2	92%
		STF 1	86%
		Year 3/4	96%
		Year 4/5	96%
		Year 5/6	98.2%
		STF 2	97.7%

Pastoral Support

Just a reminder that Miss Sam Cole (Well-being Support Officer) is contactable in school if any parents feel they need support. If Miss Cole is seeing another parent, then you will be able to book an appointment.

If you would like further information or if you need to contact Miss Cole you will be able to call or text her on 07970273723.

Parental workshops

There is a new course being run for parents this term, please contact Miss Cole to express interest:



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Y Ddraig Ddu Sant
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Trinity Saint David

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 **Morriston Primary School**  To register your interest or find out more, email Samantha Cole: ColeS111@Hwbccymru.net

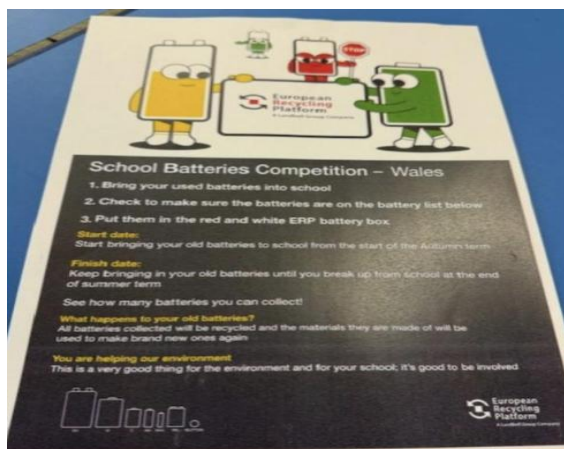
FREE
4-week taster course for adults in the community

ECO Schools

Eco School have designed a new logo, each of the children made their own designs and then they had a vote on which one they thought was the best. The winner was Vihana.



The children are taking part in an initiative run by the Recycling Team in the county to recycle old batteries. They have designed a poster which will be displayed around the school and are encouraging children to bring in their batteries from home. The box for the batteries is outside the school office. Please support the initiative by sending in any unwanted batteries.



Safeguarding and Child Protection

The Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer for our school is Mrs Alison Thomas, the Headteacher and in her absence the Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mr Matthew Bannister. The Governor with responsibility for Child Protection and Safeguarding is Mr Anthony Beynon, the Chair of Governors, and in his absence Cllr. Andrea Williams, governor at the school. If you wish to find out more about our Safeguarding procedures, please follow this link to the school website:

<https://www.morrisonprimaryschool.co.uk/policies-and-documentspolisiau-a-dogfennau/>

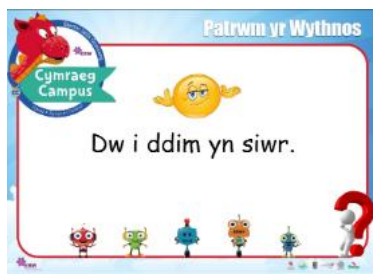
Criw Cymraeg a Patrwm y Pythefnos

Croeso Nol/Welcome Back

The Criw Cymraeg have kicked off the new year with preparations for a very special assembly on Monday, January 26th 2026. Helen Morgan Rees, the Director of Education will be visiting the school and joining us for our weekly Welsh assembly. The Criw have been practising for this event and look forward to showcasing the excellent Welsh work we do across the school. We are also increasing our preparations and practice for the Siarter Aur/Gold Award that we hope to achieve during the Summer Term.

Morrison Primary are hosting the Cluster Co-ordinator meeting again this term on February 23rd and we will also be hosting a cluster school event with the renowned Dr Phormula on Tuesday, February 3rd which promises to be an exciting morning!

The language patterns for this month are:



Dw i ddim yn siwr (I'm not sure)



Llongyfarchiadau! (Congratulations!)

Why not try these at home with your children.

Community Café

During the Spring and Summer terms, children will be working with staff members to create and develop a community café provision at Morrison Primary School. Since returning from the Christmas break, children have generated and decided on a name for the café, Caffi Cymuned Treforys. The purpose of the café is to foster community engagement with all school stakeholders, whilst developing the skills and knowledge of pupils in an authentic manner. Prior to each session of the café, each class will plan, design and generate a food/drink product which will be available for parents/ guardians. A timetable for café sessions will be shared with parents and guardians in due course. We look forward to welcoming you to our café provision.

PTA

There will be a meeting for the PTA in school on 23rd of January at 1pm. All Welcome.



JOIN OUR PTA
at Morriston Primary School

The PTA Needs → YOU!

- 1. CHILDREN BENEFIT**
Research shows that participating in your child's school and showing engagement helps them perform better academically
- 2. THE SCHOOL BENEFITS**
PTA performs support for school teachers and administration which in turn creates a positive & caring atmosphere in the school
- 3. MAKE CONNECTIONS**
Get to know the teachers & staff better and make life-long friends with other parents at the school!
- 4. IT'S GOOD FOR YOU**
Socialising with other parents and volunteering to do good for your child's school is fun, healthy and rewarding!

READY TO SIGN UP?
Email: crossa52@hwbcymru.net

What is a PTA?

A PTA is a Parent Teacher Association, an organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for children to learn. PTA brings together parents, teachers and children to raise funds and strengthen the school community.

What will be expected of me?

There is no expectation on any parent volunteer, any amount of time you can give to the PTA will always be well received. There are a variety of ways you can get involved, from engaging with social media activity, attending PTA Meetings through to volunteering at events or coordinating events. Even donating preloved items, raffle prizes or suggesting brilliant ideas are ways of getting involved.

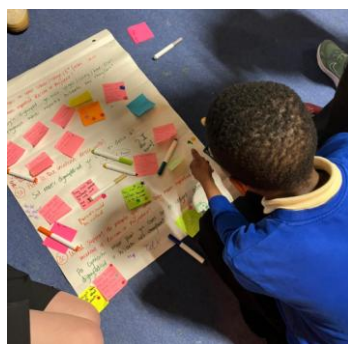
PTA are also organising the school Valentine's disco:

There will be a Valentine's Day disco for children on Wednesday 11th February 2026,

3.15PM-4.30PM. COST: £3.00 entry to the disco, which also includes a drink and a hotdog (Halal and vegan options will be available). Lower Phase and STF pupils will need an adult to attend with them. Thanks for your co-operation with this. (The children can either wear their own clothes to school or bring clothes to change if wanted. They might also want spending money for face painting, which is optional).

School council

School council have entered the Show Racism the Red Card competition, entries to be in by February 23rd 2026. Show Racism the Red Card is launching the 2026 Creative Competition in partnership with the National Education Union (NEU). This year, they're challenging young people across Wales to get creative, get expressive, and use their voices to stand up to racism. From posters and poems to films and sculptures, six inspiring challenges connect with each of the Areas of Learning and Experience in the Curriculum for Wales. There are two new special awards for 2026, in partnership with S4C, celebrating the Best Welsh Language Entry and the Best Bilingual Entry, highlighting the strength and creativity of the Welsh language in building a Wales free from racism.



The School Council have attended 'The Big Conversation' held on 20th January 2026 to have their voice heard on the 'Health and Well-being' of children. The theme had a focus on Health and Wellbeing and was run in partnership with the Sport and Health Team, as well as other partners offering various activities throughout the day.

During the Big Conversation the Children and Young People attending had the opportunity to feed into the Welsh Government's Mental Health Strategy, telling Swansea Council how a new CYP hub should work, taking part in fun physical challenges with the Sport and Health team, and creating plans for school that support their physical and mental health and wellbeing, along with lots of other fun games and activities.

Healthy Schools Club

The **Healthy Schools Club** will be holding an assembly and inviting all classes to share some of the work they have been completing to mark **Children's Mental Health Week (9-15th February 2026)**. This year's theme, 'This Is My Place', focuses on belonging and feeling part of a community.

In addition, The **WOW Badge Design Competition 2026** launches on **Monday 19th January 2026**. Last year, almost **200,000 entries** were submitted. Healthy Schools Club will be encouraging everyone to take part.

The competition runs until **Tuesday 24th February 2026**, and pupils will have the chance to design one of the official WOW badges for the **2026/27 academic year**. Winning designers can also earn up to **£500 worth of FREE WOW resources** for their school.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Pen Pal Project

This term Year 4/5 learners will be taking part in a STEM Pen Pal Project. The project sees learners engage with a STEM professional via a number of formal letter exchanges. The professional will describe their job roles, home lives and general day-to-day happenings within their profession.

The aims of the project are to:

- Widen pupil knowledge of careers within STEM
- Improve literacy skills
- Provide authentic learning experiences

The class have been paired with a scientist, who focuses on the behaviour of Meerkats.

Bouncing Back Plus



Our school has been invited to take part in **Bouncing Back Plus**, a free five-week mental-health and physical-activity programme for Year 4/5 and Year 5/6. Delivered by *Action for Children* and *Ospreys in the Community*, the programme helps children build resilience, learn coping strategies and support their emotional wellbeing through fun, practical activities. Each class will also take part in weekly physical-activity sessions.

Children will also receive a small **Mental Health First Aid Kit** with simple wellbeing resources and information they can use at home.

Afterschool Clubs

A reminder of the Afterschool Clubs for the Spring Term are outlined below.

MORRISTON PRIMARY SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS After school clubs are outlined below. If your child would like to attend a club, then please collect and complete a consent form and return to the designated member of staff outlined below. Unfortunately, it will be on a first come first served basis. Numbers will vary in each club.					
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
LUNCH TIME	SIGNING CLUB Y1-Y6 12.00-12.30 MRS GRIFFIN	PHASE MEETING 12.00-12.30	SCHOOL COUNCIL & RRS GROUP Y1-Y6 MRS MOORE 12.00-12.30	CHOIR 12.00-12.45 Y1-Y6 MRS ARNOLD	CRIW CYMRAEG Y1-Y6 12.00-12.45 MRS. ARNOLD
AFTER SCHOOL	STAFF MEETING 3.20-5.00	ECO CLUB/COMMITTEE Y2-Y6 3.20-4.00 MISS REES & MISS SELLERE FOOTBALL CLUB Y4-Y6 3.20-4.00 MR. BANNISTER	NETBALL CLUB Y3-6 3.20-4.00 MRS WATTS HEALTHY SCHOOLS CLUB Y2-6 3.20-4.00 - MISS WHITE	ART & CRAFT CLUB REC-Y3 3.20-4.00 MRS MOORE CHESS CLUB Y4-Y6 3.20 - 4.00 MR BENDLE DANCE CLUB Y1-Y6 3.20-4.00 MISS JOHNS	

Dates for your diary (please see the school website for relevant times on the link below):

<https://www.morrisonprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2026/01/>