



# LLANTRISANT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Llantrisant Primary School, Coed Yr Esgob, Llantrisant, CF72 8EL

Tel: 01443 237829 E-mail: admin@llantrisantprimarieschool.rctbc.cymru Web: llantrisantprimary.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs Lisa Davies


Twitter: @llantrisantpri

## School Newsletter 11th Oct 2023

Diary of Events	
Fri 13th Oct	Closing date for Y7 applications to secondary school Dos Oren– St. Fagan’s visit
Tues 17th Oct	Harvest– Food Bank Collection
Wk of 23rd Oct	Parents’ Evening (Information being sent home this week)
Thurs 26th Oct	Halloween Disco 4:30 PM– 6:00PM
30th Oct– 3rd Nov	Half term

### Halloween Disco

The PTA are organising a Halloween disco for all our children on Thursday 26th October from 4.30-6:00pm. All children in classes Dosbarth Coch- Gwyrdd should be accompanied by an adult (only Year 5/6 pupils can be dropped off and left). Entry fee is £3.00 which includes a goody bag. There will be prizes for best dressed children and adults!




### Food bank Collection

A reminder that until Monday, 16th October, we are collecting for the Taff Ely Food Bank. Current items that are needed are listed on their website.  
<https://taffely.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>





### Show Racism the Red Card/Shw’mae day

Children are asked to wear red on Friday, 13th October to celebrate Shw’mae Day and to participate in Show Racism the Red Card. Un Llais are asking for a £1 donation to this worthwhile cause. Unfortunately, due to the school trip, Dosbarth Oren will need to wear their school uniform.





### Mad Science After School Club

An email has been sent to parents of pupils in Years 1-5 with information regarding a science after school club that will begin on Wednesday, 8th November. If you are interested in booking a place for your child, please follow the links in the email.



## Attendance Update

I would like to clarify and update you on the most recent Attendance Policy, with key bullet points that you may find useful in the year ahead.

At Llantrisant, we aim to fully develop the gifts and talents of each student. In doing so, we also prepare children for life after school and into the future. Attendance at school is a legal requirement and a crucial aspect in preparing for the future. Unbroken attendance at school is important for learning. However, there will be times when absence is unavoidable and acceptable. This letter explains the approach we are following to manage attendance.

### Types of Absence

Each absence is classed as authorised or unauthorised. Absences are coded as authorised where reasons are considered valid and unauthorised where no explanation or unacceptable reasons are given. Please be aware that only the head teacher can authorise an absence and further information may be required to support reasons given for an absence. **It is important to note that even though an absence may be authorised, it is**

**not a present mark and will affect a pupil’s overall attendance.**

### School Procedures

- Morning registration takes place at the start of the school day at 9am promptly. Any pupils arriving after this time, will need to be signed in by a parent/carer. Any pupils arriving after registers closed will be marked as having an unauthorised absence. Persistent lateness will result in a graduated response letter being issued.
- If your child is unable to attend due to illness, please inform us by 9am as to the full reason for the absence (not just ‘feeling unwell’). It is also useful to know the expected day of return. If it is a prolonged illness, we ask that you update us every 3rd day.
- The school has a duty of care to ascertain non-attendance and this may result in a text or telephone call from the school office, or a home visit from the Attendance and Wellbeing Officer.

- Any learner may be subject to a wellbeing visit if the school has concerns around attendance. These visits are intended to offer the right support to overcome any barriers to attending school at an early stage.

### Medical/Dental Appointments

It is generally better if these can be arranged outside school hours but we know this is not always possible. Evidence of hospital appointments should be provided in order for the absence to be authorised.

### Supporting Good Attendance

We ask all parents/carers for their full support in ensuring good attendance. The full policy is available on our school website. We aim for every student to achieve good attendance, which is 95% (less than 9 days absence in an academic year). Below 86% (29 days absence, 6 whole weeks!) is considered poor attendance and will result in a graduated response to support parents in improving their child’s attendance. I hope that this precis gives you a clearer understanding of the school’s expectations and procedures.

