



April

1st April 2025



Dates for the Diary...

- 1.4.25 Autism Awareness week.
- 1.4.25 Rev. Walker assembly.
- 1.4.25 11am Y3 & Y4 swimming lessons, daily until 11.4.25.
- 3.4.25 2:50pm Creative Dance mini show for Cedars parents (hall).
- 3.4.25 3:05pm Creative Dance mini show for Willow parents (hall).
- 4.4.25 Deadline for full-time Nursery applications for Sept. 2025.
- 4.4.25 Cerdd Dant Eisteddfod Rhanbarth.
- 8.4.25 Art Y6 transition.
- 10.4.25 Easter service with Rev. Walker.
- 11.4.25 2pm Nursery-Y2 Easter parade on the school yard.
- 11.4.25 2:10pm KS2 Easter bonnet parade on the school yard (Children wear bonnets made in school).
- 11.4.25 Last day of school for children-Easter holidays.
- 28.4.25 Children return to school from the Easter holidays.
- 28.4.25 Y5 and Y6 start swimming lessons (11am) daily until 9.5.25.
- 30.4.25 Y6 Helping Hands transition to Cynffig Comp.
- 5.5.25 May Day Bank holiday- school closed.
- 9.5.25 Y6 English transition to Cynffig Comp.
- 14.5.25 Apollo Football tournament.
- 23.5.25 Colofoto class photos.
- 23.5.25 Last day of school for children- half term Whitsun holidays.
- URDD Eisteddfod Margam Park-competitors will be sent relevant details.
- 2.6.25 Children return to school from the Whitsun holidays.
- 19.6.25 Family Fun Day (Nursery-Year two sports morning (9:30am), family picnic lunch, disco and stalls in the afternoon (for all children).
- 20.6.25 Year 3- Year 6 sports morning (9:30am).
- 12.6.25 Family Fun Day (Nursery-Year 2 Sports morning (9:30am), picnic lunch, disco and stalls in the afternoon.
- 23.6.25 Year 3- Year 6 Sports morning (9:30am starting).
- 25.6.25 Whole school transition day.



Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 8

Welcome... Spring is definitely here, bring on the good weather!

Polite requests... please ensure that your child's property is labelled with your child's name e.g. jumpers, coat, water bottle, bag etc.. Without this it is extremely difficult to find the rightful owner of lost/left items.

Please do not message our admin team via Dojo. Dojo is for contacting your class teacher with messages. Alternatively, admin can be emailed or you can leave a voicemail on the school landline.

If your child is not in school as they have a medical appointment, please ensure a copy of that appointment is given to our admin staff, so they can scan and upload it to your child's records.

Key updates... I wanted to let you know that we have had to change the main entrance/exit to our school to safeguard our learners. The vehicle gates will be locked and the pedestrian gates closed. I am waiting for the pedestrian gate bolts to be fixed so they can be closed during the day (but not locked). We will also be raising the height of the vehicle and pedestrian gates so our learners are further safeguarded.

Afon Y Felin has been awarded our Siarter Iaith Gold Award (second renewal). We are the only school in Bridgend to hold this. Huge gratitude goes to Mrs. Denise Jones as the person who drives this initiative and the Criw Cymraeg for diligently carrying out their duties and holding everyone (including teachers) to account! Llongyfarchiadau!

Important notice... It saddens me to have to write this, but recently we have noticed a rising number of cases where parents/guardians are aggressive towards school staff over the phone, social media and in person. This will not be tolerated! Staff are ALWAYS respectful and all we ask is the same. We are here to help and support but we are not here to be abused. You will notice the posters (on the left) being put up around school as a reminder of this.



Admin... Contact us...

01656 815750 or
admin@afonyfelins.bridgend.cymru
or check out our school website
www.afonyfelinprimary.co.uk

We also have a school
Instagram page along
with class Dojo pages too.



School attendance...

Overall: March's attendance is...**89%**, which is better than last month. Every class has improved. Wow! Our March class attendance is:

Little Acorns... 86%
Hollies... 90%
Willows... 89.3%
Birch... 83.4%
Cedars...94%
Oaks... 90.6%



If your child is ill, please inform the school office by 9:30am. You can leave a message if the line is busy. It is important for us to know why your child is absent as our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) checks our registers regularly. Any child that has been unaccounted for 5 days will result in Laurie Baldwin, our Education Welfare Officer calling to carry out a welfare check.

If a child misses school, they are missing out on vital learning.

#attendtoachieve

Home-School Task...Please help your child to design a poster to welcome

back the swifts.

A partnership featuring Bridgend Local Nature Partnership, Valleys to Coast and Glamorgan Bird Club has installed a number of nest boxes on Bridgend's Marlas Estate to provide new nesting opportunities to swifts returning from Africa. There was a warm welcome in North Cornelly for some very special summer visitors...swifts! And it's hoped that they will establish a permanent summer home in their new nesting boxes, encouraging increasing numbers. Swifts return to the same breeding each year from Africa and remain loyal to their partners. But they are in drastic decline, due to the loss of traditional nesting sites. 'Marvellous Summer Migrants...' Monitoring has shown swifts in the locality during their 14,000-mile round trips, so six suitably positioned nest boxes have been installed on Marlas Estate.



Criw Cymraeg...



Pasg Hapus! Happy Easter!

Mae'r gwanwyn wedi dod! Spring has arrived!

Parents of 3 and 4 year olds...

Did you know that the Childcare Offer for Wales can be used during the school holidays?

With Easter holidays fast approaching, make sure your online holiday hours agreement is in place for the holidays. If not, you could miss out on the funding. If you wish to find out more about the Offer, scan the QR code to find out if your child is eligible, or ring

0300 628 628



Safeguarding/Child Protection...

Are you worried about a child in the community?

Bridgend Children's Services duty desk: 01656 642320

NSPCC 0800 800 5000 / 0800 1111

Safety online...

Play Like Share follows the adventures of Alfie, Ellie and Sam as they form a band and enter their school's Battle of the Bands contest, taking on the mean but 'cool' Popcorn Wizards as they go. The three friends learn that while the internet can help, they need to use it wisely and safely.

The aim of the films is to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safe online. In particular, the films teach them to spot the early signs of manipulative, pressurising and threatening behaviour by people they might meet online, and develops their confidence to respond safely and get help.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Under 13 (With Parental Consent)	13 years +	14 years	16 years +	18 years
Roblox	Twitter Facebook Messenger Viber WeChat Instagram Snapchat TikTok Pinterest YouTube (with parental consent) Google+ Tumblr Reddit Musically	LinkedIn	WhatsApp Telegram Vine	YouTube Twitch WeChat Kik Spotify



Scan the QR code below to take you to the Play Like Share video.



At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

- U** Universal, suitable for all ages
- PG** Parental Guidance required
- 12** Suitable for people aged 12 and over
- 12A** Suitable for people aged 12 and over, accompanied by an adult
- 15** Suitable for people aged 15 and over
- 18** Suitable for people aged 18 and over
- R18** Adult content only available in specially licensed cinemas and specialist retailers

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional content descriptors help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

- 3** www.pegi.info
- 7** www.pegi.info
- 12** www.pegi.info
- 16** www.pegi.info
- 18** www.pegi.info

PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

- Violence
- Bad Language
- Sex
- Drugs
- Discrimination
- Gambling
- Violence
- Bad Language

LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk Source: www.pegi.info

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Welsh Government provides up-to-date signposting services for parents in keeping children safe online. Scan the QR code below to find out more.

