

and Governor Support Unit

Newsletter

Note from the Chair

Any of you who have been involved in the appointment of a Headteacher lately will have discovered how difficult this has become. The number of applications is often low and often Governors are forced to re-advertise to get a strong enough field to interview.

This is not just a problem in Vale but is also true in Wales as a whole. The Welsh Government has reacted by creating the National Academy for Educational Leadership which started formal operation in Autumn 2018. Its role is to encourage and endorse good quality Leadership training for existing and future Headteachers. It has already endorsed a number of programmes and has ambitious plans to improve Leadership of schools in Wales.

One of the initiatives has been the creation of a group of Academy Associates – successful serving Headteachers, including one from the Vale of Glamorgan, who have been looking at what innovative ways of

improving Leadership there are in the wider world. They visited schools in Finland and Canada and recently reported back as a commission to a conference in Swansea. The report and further information about the National Academy is available on their website at http://nael.cymru/

Of course, Governors are School Leaders too, as well as having a very important role in appointing School Leaders. I am therefore very pleased that I have been appointed by the Minister to the Board of the National Academy. Rest assured that the Leadership role of School Governors will not be forgotten in this exciting new journey.

May I wish you a Happy Easter and good reviving break.

Dr Martin Price Chair of VSGA and Vice-Chair of Governors, St Richard Gwyn Roman Catholic High School, Barry

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Special points of interest:

- AVAGO was formed in 1996 and re-launched in 2006 as Vale School Governors' Association (VSGA)
- The Management Committee is made up of 15 elected governors together with 2 elected parent governor representatives

VSGA was set up to:

- Promote best practice in governance in schools within the Vale of Glamorgan LEA
- To promote partnership amongst schools and between schools and the LEA
- To work with stakeholders to ensure adequate resources for schools within the LFA
- To represent the Association's views on issues relating to school governance and the management and resourcing of schools to relevant authorities and organisations

In association with the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Governor Support Unit

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VSGA has an email address that you may contact us on. It's VSGA@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk alternatively you can contact VSGA by post at: VSGA Governor Support Unit Learning & Development Dept. Vale of Glamorgan Council Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU



Every year thousands of tots and infants aged 2-7 take part in a special Beep Beep! Day.

- A great way to engage children with road safety basics.
- Raises awareness among parents and the wider community.
- It's a fun and easy way to raise valuable funds for Brake.

When can I take part?

 Beep Beep! Days run every year and you can run your event on any day, but our national dates are shown above.

We regularly take part in Beep Beep! Day and enjoy using the bumper pack; the children love receiving their stickers and certificates, and the information cards are very valuable for staff to use too.

Johanne Watson, Depute Head Teacher, Lasswade Primary School

Register now

at Brake.org.uk/beepbeepday email Beepbeep@brake.org.uk or call the team on 01484 550061



 Everyone who registers will receive a free e-resource pack or for a small fee you can get a bumper resource pack! The Bumper Pack contains stickers and certificates for all children taking part, posters, lots of road safety activities and even balloons, all for just £12.60 (per 50 children).



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BEEP BEEP! DAY Run a Beep Beep! Day to engage early years in road safety basics

Beep Beep! Days, sponsored by Churchill, are a great opportunity for early year's educators to introduce children to road safety basics, with fun activities and resources provided by Brake, the road safety charity. Every year thousands of tots and infants aged 2-7 take part to help save little lives.

Every day, 500 children and young people are killed on roads around the world. Brake works to stop road deaths and injuries by campaigning for safer roads, and supports people bereaved or injured in road crashes. To help UK early years get involved with the initiative, Brake produces a range of special resources to help little ones understand road safety basics, from the importance of holding a grown up's hand to recognising when it's safe to cross.

Everyone who registers to take part receives a free e- resource pack or can purchase a bumper pack for just £12.60, per 50 children. The pack includes lots of fun and reusable road safety activities including colouring sheets, posters, laminated activities, certificates, stickers and balloons!

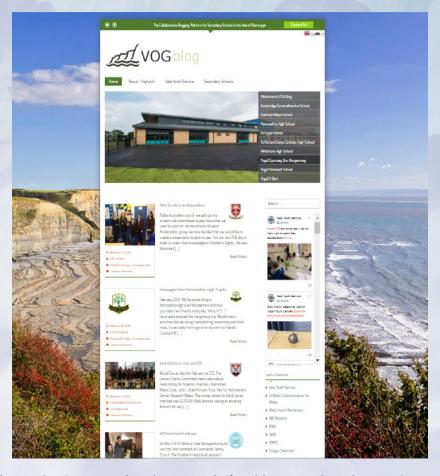
In 2018, over 2,500 nurseries, schools and childminders registered to take part, helping spread important messages to more than 350,000 children. The event also provides an ideal opportunity to fundraise for Brake by dressing in stripy clothes in exchange for donations. Funds raised help the charity in its work to support bereaved and seriously injured road crash victims, and campaign for safer roads.

For more information visit brake.org.uk/beepbeepday or email beepbeep@brake.org.uk.

VOGBLOG

The idea of having a blog for pupil voice in the Vale of Glamorgan was initiated by Councillor Bob Penrose, Vale Cabinet member for Learning and Culture. The idea behind the blog is to give pupils a platform to share news stories, events, accolades, sporting achievements and more with their schools and wider community. The shared blog will also allow collaboration between all secondary schools in the Vale. It may also provide pupils with an interest in the media or a career in journalism with an opportunity to improve their skills from a young age and build a portfolio of their work.

The way in which this blog has been designed; the name of the blog; and the content for the blog was decided by pupils at a workshop attended by pupils of five secondary schools of the Vale of Glamorgan on the 11th July 2018.



The blog was launched at the start of the academic year and to date a total of 59 blog posts have been written by pupils from across the county.

VOGBLOG can be viewed at **www.vogblog.wales**, it is hoped that sharing this platform will encourage more views and we would like to encourage secondary school governors to promote it in their schools.



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Your Childcare Offer in the Vale of Glamorgan

- Do you work 16 hours or more per week?
- Is your child aged 3 or 4 years old?
- Do you live in the Vale of Glamorgan?

If so, the Welsh Government might be able to fund up to 30 hours per week of combined Childcare and Early Years Foundation Phase Education

Contact the Family Information Service - 01446 704704 - www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fis







Additional National Professional Learning INSET days 2019/22

A consultation has opened on 5 March about Additional National Professional Learning INSET days 2019–22. The consultation will run until 1 May 2019 and can be found here:

https://beta.gov.wales/additional-national-professional-learning-inset-days-2019-2022



21st Century Schools Investment for the future of Education in the Vale of Glamorgan

What is the 21st Century Schools Programme?

The 21st Century Schools Programme is a long term strategic investment in educational estate throughout Wales. It is a unique collaboration between Welsh Government, the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA), local authorities, colleges and diocesan authorities. Further details of the 21st Century School Programme can be found through the 21st Century Schools and Welsh Government websites.

You are able to view this article on the Vale of Glamorgan website by clicking here

OUR YOUTH CLUBS & OPENING TIMES



MONDAY

LLANTWIT MAJOR CLUB

5:00-7:00 PM JUNIORS YEAR 6-8 7:15-8:45 PM SENIORS YEAR 9+

Llantwit Major Youth Centre, Station Road, Llantwit Major, CF61 1ST

RHOOSE ROOM 102

4:15-6:15 PM JUNIORS YEAR 6-8 6:45-8:45 PM SENIORS YEAR 9+

Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road, Rhoose CF62 3EZ

TUESDAY

#YOUTHY@THEhub

4:15-6:15 PM JUNIORS YEAR 6-8 6:45-8:45 PM SENIORS YEAR 9+

YMCA Barry, Court Road, Barry, CF63 4EE

WEDNESDAY

V-POD

@ ST ATHAN

6:00-8:00 PM YEAR 6+

St Athan Community Centre, Glyndwr Avenue, St Athan CF62 4PP

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Y BARRI

5:00-6:30 PM YEAR 6+

Palmerston Adult Community
Learning Centre, Cadoc Crescent,
Barry, CF63 2NT

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

6:00-8:00 PM 14 YRS+

Llantwit Major Youth Centre, Station Road, Llantwit Major, CF61 1ST

THURSDAY

V-POD @ NORTH

WALK, BARRY

6:00-8:00 PM YEAR 6+

Buttrills Community Centre, North Walk, Barry, CF62 8BX

YOUTH CLUB

3:45-5:30 PM YEAR 6+

Elfed Avenue United Church, Elfed Avenue, Penarth, CF64 3LX

LLANDOUGH OUT LOUD

6:15-8:15 PM YEAR 5-8

Llandough Primary School, Dochdwy Road, Llandough, Penarth, CF64 2QD

FRIDAY

SUPPORTING COLWINSTON YOUTH CLUB

6:30-9:30 PM

Colwinston Community Centre, Colwinston, Cowbridge CF71 7NL



Barry Town United FC Educational Club Event

We visited Jenner Park for an Educational club event with our partnership club Barry Town United FC.

Young people from Oakfield Primary attended the stadium to take part in our educational club event for the day.

Education Worker Steve Jenkins delivered a workshop in the morning to the young people educating them on the topic of racism using interactive activities and discussions.

Pupils prior to attending the ground at school were set a task to prepare for the afternoons antiracism "press conference".

Pupils had to create a newspaper name and were tasked with researching racism in sport and society. Pupils also were required to read newspapers and online blogs to explore how they are designed and written.

From the information they had learnt they had to prepare questions for the press conference at the event to help produce their article for their newspaper after the event.

In the afternoon pupils watched our educational film, which gave them a last opportunity to obtain

further knowledge on the topic before the question and answer session in our "media / press conference event. Players Jordan Cotterill, Louis Gerrard and assistant manager Mike Cosslett attended the event to take part in the press conference.

Pupils now in the role of newspaper journalists were selected to ask questions, introduce themselves and the newspaper they "worked" for followed by their question.

The journalists posed some really challenging questions for the players and had clearly researched and planned some well thought out questions.

Prize winner Holly won a signed Barry Town shirt, along with a SRtRC goodie bag for asking the best question.



When the pupils return to school they will use all the information they had learnt at the event along with the responses from the players to write and design their article.

We would like to thank the school for attending the event and the club for working in partnership to host the event and for providing the prizes for the pupils.

Our educational club events are funded by the Football Association of Wales.



Governor Summer Term Briefing Sessions 2019

Professional Standards for Teaching and Leadership

The new professional standards, which apply to all practitioners from the start of the 2018 academic year, support practitioners to strive for sustained excellent practice from initial training through to school leadership.



The professional standards describe the values, skills, knowledge and behaviours that characterise excellent practice and support professional growth. The five professional standards for teaching and leadership concentrate on the five essential elements of every teacher's work.

It is essential that Governors, especially those who may be involved with Headteacher Performance Management, are familiar with the Standards and the philosophy that underpins them.

To reserve your place on one of these sessions please contact your **Governor Support Team** or email **cscgovernor@cscjes.org.uk**

21 May 2019 - Cardiff County Hall - 6-8pm 11 June 2019 - Pencoed Comprehensive School - 6-8pm 17 June 2019 - Pontypridd High School - 6-8pm











The Families First Youth Wellbeing Service is a Welsh Government funded project based on a multi-agency approach for supporting young people. The service offers targeted support for young people who have faced adverse childhood experiences which are significantly affecting their social and emotional wellbeing. The main focus is to support young people from ages 10 to 16 years in the Vale of Glamorgan. The core aims of support are to increase confidence; develop resilience; improve emotional and social wellbeing



and protection from further adverse childhood experiences. The service works in collaboration with other services and key partners to ensure young people reach their full potential.

The project takes referrals through the Families First Advice Line - 0800 0327322.

The service aims are:

- Improve social and emotional wellbeing.
- Increase confidence and resilience.
- Empower young people to become active and productive participants in society.
- Improve the life chances of young people.
- Build the capacity of young people to consider risk, make reasoned decisions and take control.
- Develop positive attitudes, behaviour and aspirations.
- Develop the ability of young people to manage personal and social relationships.
- Prevent needs from escalating.
- Protect young people from the damage caused by exposure to ACEs and other similar experiences.

For further information about this project please contact Kate Welsh, Senior Youth Mentor on **01446 709401** or email **youthwellbeing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk**

VSGA Management Committee 2018-20

The Management Committee is comprised of elected governors plus the two Parent Governor Representatives (one each from the Primary and Secondary sectors).

No.	Title	Initial	Surname	School
1	Mr	R	Bailey	Peterston-Super-Ely C/W Primary
2	Mr	N	Craggs	Gwenfo C/W Primary
3	Mrs	M	Gibbs	Romilly Primary
4	Mr	Α	Hennessey	Oak Field Primary & Ysgol Sant Baruc
5	Mrs	S	Hodges	Ysgol Sant Baruc
6	Mr	С	Laity	Cadoxton Primary
7	Mrs	Α	Males	St Cyres Comp
8	Mrs	Α	Malkin	Gladstone Primary
9	Dr	M	Price	St Richard Gwyn R/C High
10	Mr	R	Smith	Wick & Marcross C/W Primary
11	Mr	D	Treharne	Llansannor C/W Prim
12	Mrs	T	Vaughan-Taylor	Cowbridge Comp
13	Mrs	L	Warren	St Illtyd Primary
14	Mrs	S	Williams	All Saints C/W Primary
15	Cllr Mr	M	Wilson	Fairfield Primary & Victoria Primary
PGR - Prim	Mrs	J	Lynch-Wilson	St Athan Primary
PGR - Sec	Dr	С	Brown	Llantwit Major Comp

Parent Governor Representatives' (PGRs) terms of office

Sector	Name	Initial	Surname	School
Primary	Mrs	J	Lynch-Wilson	St Athan Primary
Secondary	Dr	С	Brown	Llantwit Major Comp