

PENYGARN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2016

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Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and are now enjoying some peace at home as the children return to school.

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2016. What a busy start we have had to the year.

News

Mrs H Lang gave birth to two beautiful healthy babies! One girl and one boy. Both mum and babies are doing well. Congratulations Mrs Lang!



We would like to give a warm welcome to Miss B Gibbs who will be covering maternity leave for Miss Lang until end of the summer term.

Welcome back to Miss G Otterstead, who will be teaching our Rising 3's in Nursery.



Bumblebees/Butterflies

Miss Williams and Miss Otterstead are so pleased with how the new Bumblebees and Butterflies have settled into Nursery, and how well the older Bumblebees have helped and looked after them. Our topic is 'Animal

Magic' and we are looking forward to learning lots about all different animals.

Reminders - Animal home learning task to be brought into Nursery as soon as possible.

There will be a Stay and Play session on Wednesday 27th January 2016. Please come and join in the fun.

Reminder - PE kits to be brought in as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask any of the Nursery staff.

Foxes and Bats

We are really excited about our Spring Term Topic. It is called "Animal Magic".

We have already started learning all about pets, we even had a visit from Devon the dog and Trixie the rabbit. We thought of lots of questions to ask so we could find out more information about them.



We have learnt the word habitat and we looked at where different animals live. Once we have finished learning about pets we are then going to learn about animals that live on a farm and then we

will finish our topic by learning about animals that live in the zoo.

We are hoping to visit Bristol Zoo at the end of the topic so we can learn lots more about Zoo animals.

Moles and Barn Owls

Year 1 and 2 will be walking to the Spar week beginning 25th January 2016. Please ensure your child has warm clothes and sensible shoes.

Hedgehogs

We have had a brilliant start to the year. We have enjoyed learning about bread and we really enjoyed tasting it!

Can all parents ensure that spellings are being practiced at home. Many thanks.

Woodpeckers/Badgers

Well done again for having the highest attendance in the school 97%. Keep up the good work.

Our topic this term is 'Shop 'til you drop'. If anyone has any shop banners, role play things they can give us please bring them in. Thank you.

We will be walking to the Spar week beginning 25th January 2016 to see how a real shop is set up and we are hoping to ask the shop keeper some questions and maybe even buy something!

Reminder - PE is on Thursdays. Please can money come to school in an envelope with your child's name written on it.

Thank you.

Kingfishers/Tawny Owls

Year 4 had a lovely time on their trip to Abergavenny castle on Thursday to begin our 'Castles' topic. We have been researching them on the iPads and enjoyed exploring a real one!

Otters/Dormice

Year 5 have had an excellent start to the new Spring term. Lots of children have brought in their home learning for their new topic 'Wonders of the World'. Models of the Great Pyramid of Giza, the Eiffel Tower and the Colossus of Rhodes are displayed proudly in the classrooms, but there is room for plenty more, so get modelling!



Remember there are 15 dojos for each piece of home learning brought in.

Children have also been exploring atlases and globes to find out where the Wonders of the World are. In language the children have enjoyed listening to myths from around the world and will be creating their own myths set in Wales. Go to:

<http://myths.e2bn.org/mythsandlegends/>

to listen to the myths.

Mrs Waugh's Country Dancing club started on Monday 18th January 2016. Please remember to send in a letter if your child is unable to attend.

Buzzards/Red Kites

This term Year 6 pupils will be learning all about the Wonders of the World.

This topic has a geography focus and teaches the children about the geographical and historical significance of recognised 'Wonders of the World'.

At the heart of the project the children have the opportunity to write narrative stories set in a range of settings and develop additional skills in descriptive writing for leaflets, travel brochures and multimedia presentations.

E- Safety

With Safer Internet Day approaching, the children have started thinking about how they use the internet at home and in school. National Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 9th February 2016.

We will be holding an E-Safety Curriculum Evening in school on the evening of Wednesday 3rd February 2016 from 6.00 pm -7.00 pm.

There will be a presentation for parents and guardians along with a chance to see some of the work that the children have been doing. Coffee and tea provided!

We hope you can make it.

Mrs Parfitt and Mr C

Headlice

Please can you check your child's hair on a regular basis for head lice and treat if necessary.

Designed to smile

Please can all consent forms for Year's 2 and 3 be brought back in to school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

L Sellars
Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

29.01.16

Closing date for admission to school (Reception)
2.30 pm -Year 3 Assembly - Parents/Carers invited

01.02.16

Year 6 visit Pontypool Library

03.02.16

6.00 pm -Curriculum Evening

08.02.16

Year 5 visit Pontypool Library

09.02.16

KS1 Disco

11.02.16

KS2 Disco

15.02.16-19.02.16

Half Term



22.02.16

Rags to Riches, Clothing Collection

25.02.16

Year 1 and Year 2 visit Community Farm
Choir perform at Pontypool Community Council, Chairman's concert

01.03.16

St David's Day



03.03.16

World Book Day

04.03.16

Year 1 Assembly - Parents invited

07.03.16

Year 6 Newport Wetlands

08.03.16

Year 4 Newport Wetlands
Year 3 Newport Wetlands

09.03.16

Year 2 & Hedgehogs Newport Wetlands
Year 1 Newport Wetlands
6.00 pm - Curriculum Evening

11.03.16

Reception Assembly - Parents Invited

23.03.16

Easter Extravaganza

24.03.16

3.20 pm -End of Spring Term