

PENYGARN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016

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Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

News

We say a farewell to Mr R Davies as he leaves our school to take up a new job. Good luck!

Bumblebees and Butterflies

We have carried on our Animal Magic topic due to the children's interest and enjoyment. We have been sorting the animals into where they live, how they move, their size and colour. We are soon going to be having more animal visitors!

After half term we will be moving on to the topic of 'Bounce' where we will be learning lots about movement, exercise and our bodies.

We would like to welcome all the new Butterflies who have settled in so brilliantly to our afternoon session. We are so pleased with them all.

Bates and Foxes

We have had an amazing start to our Summer Term continuing our topic of "Animal Magic". We have completed a class project where the children have created their own rainforest café, block area and small world area.

Gary our African snail has also enjoyed the children completing observational drawings of him in charcoal. We have all



turned into amazing artists!

Finally we have learnt a poem called African Animals and have drawn our own poem maps.

Barn Owls and Moles

A great start to the Summer Term for Barn Owls and Moles! We have begun our new 'Land Ahoy' topic and the children are loving it! We have learnt about famous pirates throughout history, completed a science investigation; making pirate ships and thinking about the materials that will float and which will sink.


In language we have been learning a story called 'The Troll' - this story is all about pirates digging for treasure!

We have lots more exciting things to look forward to such as learning all about the Welsh Pirate Sir Henry Morgan, drawing pirate maps and making our own desert islands.

A big thank you to all the children and parents that made pirate crafts during the Easter holidays we were thrilled with them!! Keep up the hard work Year 1.

Badgers, Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers

What a busy two weeks it has been in the Hedgehog class. We have started



our new topic 'Land Ahoy' which is all about pirates and the big wide world!

The pupils have been discussing what they know about pirates and what they would like to learn, we have had some fantastic ideas. Thank you for all the brilliant pirate themed home learning that has already been brought in, there is still time to bring in your child's work. Please can all home learning tasks be brought in by Wednesday 4th May 2016.

Dormice and Otters

Year 5 have had a busy few weeks back after the Easter break. In our language sessions we have started a new genre.

Our genre this half term is a fantasy text and we are reading the story of the Wolves in the walls. We have also taken part in the food hygiene project. We have learnt about the importance of preparing and storing food safely.

Both classes are working extremely hard and are looking forward to the coming weeks where we have a lot of fun things planned for the children. They are also busy collecting their class rewards hoping to earn their class treat.

Can we take this time to remind you to send your children in with their PE kits. The children can bring them in on a Monday and then take them home at the end of the week.

Once again thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to come and speak to us if you would like to discuss anything.

Buzzards and Red Kites

We had a very important visitor, PC Murphy in to see us about acceptable behaviour online and criminal responsibility. This is a subject that we place great importance upon and would like to ask you to speak to your children about the dangers of cyber bullying, in particular.

The police website link www.schoolbeat.org has further information.

We will soon be sending out details for our end of year trip. Please return the permission slips and any monies by the date on the letter as payments cannot be accepted after this date.

We have enjoyed visits from the NSPCC they will be returning to complete some workshops with us next week.

Please remember to send your child into school with their PE kit (with outdoor footwear) as we are beginning to practice for the upcoming sports day.

Home Learning tasks have been set on www.mymaths.co.uk and www.activelearnprimary.co.uk so please encourage your child to log on and access them.

School Meals

The new prices are as follows:
Infant meal £2.10, Junior meal £2.20



Breakfast Club

Please can I remind you that parents of children in Nursery up to Year 2 must not be left by the gate or sent into Breakfast Club with an older sibling. Please wait with your child/children until the doors are open for Breakfast Club. This is for the Health and Safety of your child. Thank you for your co-operation.

Breakfast Club Supervisor

Reminders

The Photographer will be in school on Thursday 5th May 2016 to take Class/Sport photographs.

Please ensure your child wears his/her school uniform.

National Tests

Year's 2 - 6 children will be undertaking their Literacy and Numeracy tests week commencing 3rd May 2016. Please ensure your child attends school on time this week.

More information about the tests is available on the Welsh Government's Learning Wales website
learning.wales.gov.uk.

Don't forget that our school website is a mine of information, which you may find useful. Please take a look at:

www.penygarn.torfaen.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

5th May 2016

Photographer in school to take class photographs

30th May - 3rd June 2016

Half Term

21st June

Schools Environmental Quiz

22nd June

Sports Day

24th June 2016

Training Day - closed to pupils

2nd July 2016

Summer Fete - 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

4th July 2016

Year 3/4 visit Cotswold Wildlife Park

5th July 2016

Year 5/6 visit Oakwood Theme Park

6th July 2016

Moving Up Day

15th July 2016

Year 6 Leavers' Disco

18th July 2016

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

20th July 2016

End of Summer Term