



PENYGARN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

Well we have only four weeks left of yet another successful year at Penygarn Community Primary School!

Bumblebees and Butterflies

Sports Day is on Tuesday 28th June 2016.

Morning parents please go to the office for 10.30 am, afternoon parents 2.00 pm. You are welcome to bring a picnic. Pupils are to wear sports clothes e.g. shorts and t shirt.

Please apply sun tan lotion on your child if it is sunny and provide a drinks bottle. There are going to be some parent's races so get in training. ☺

We are now undertaking some transition sessions with those children going to Reception class in September so the pupils are familiar with the staff and environment. Any questions regarding September/Reception please just ask Miss Williams or the office.

The healthy plates you have sent in are fabulous, thank you very much. We hope you all enjoyed the Stay and Play session, it was lovely to see so many of you and we hope you enjoyed the healthy dishes.

The pupils have been doing lots of planting lately as you can see in the outdoor area. We look forward to spending our last few weeks in Nursery together.

Bats and Foxes

Reception have had a really successful Stay and Play session, where we tried lots of the fruit and vegetables and made kebabs! Well

done to the children for being brave and trying new things and thank you as always to the adults who were able to attend.

We have continued our Healthy eating during Healthy Schools Week, where we also learnt about what we should eat lots of, some of and little of.

We have got active this half term, practising our ball skills, obstacle courses, bean bag throwing and egg and spoon racing.

We have also been keen gardeners, planting our own grass people and preparing our sunflowers for a competition. The children are looking forward to their transition into Year 1 this term and meeting their new teachers!

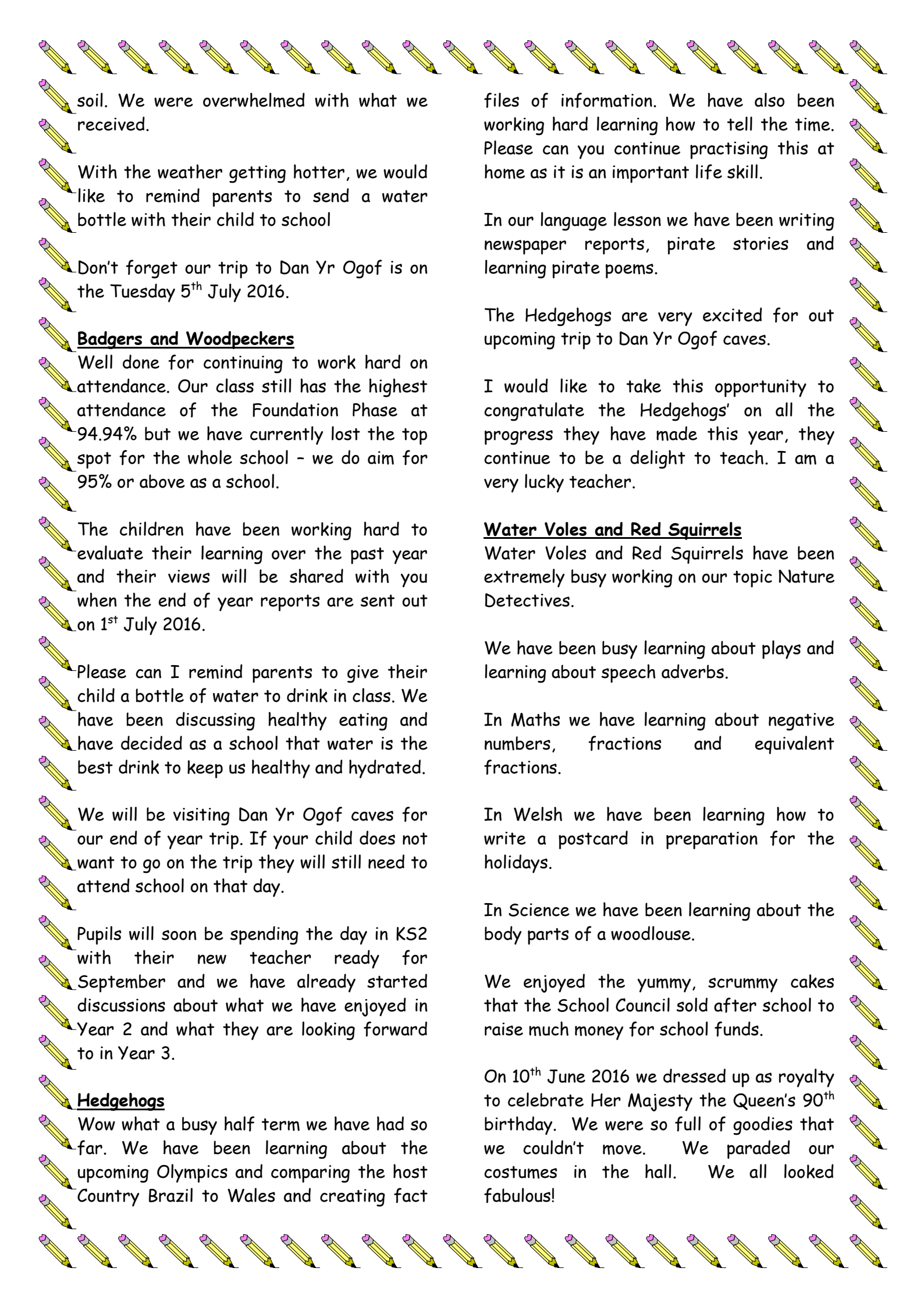
Our trip to Barry Island is on Thursday 30th June 2016, please be in school by 9.00 am. We will be back by the end of the school day. Please make sure you apply suntan lotion on the morning and provide your child with a waterproof coat.

Moles and Barn Owls

Moles and Barn Owls have continued to work hard this year, they have reflected on their learning and you will be able to see their stars and wishes when the end of year reports are sent out.

We have been learning all about keeping healthy and the children have realised the importance of drinking water.

The staff would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who brought in plants and



soil. We were overwhelmed with what we received.

With the weather getting hotter, we would like to remind parents to send a water bottle with their child to school

Don't forget our trip to Dan Yr Ogof is on the Tuesday 5th July 2016.

Badgers and Woodpeckers

Well done for continuing to work hard on attendance. Our class still has the highest attendance of the Foundation Phase at 94.94% but we have currently lost the top spot for the whole school - we do aim for 95% or above as a school.

The children have been working hard to evaluate their learning over the past year and their views will be shared with you when the end of year reports are sent out on 1st July 2016.

Please can I remind parents to give their child a bottle of water to drink in class. We have been discussing healthy eating and have decided as a school that water is the best drink to keep us healthy and hydrated.

We will be visiting Dan Yr Ogof caves for our end of year trip. If your child does not want to go on the trip they will still need to attend school on that day.

Pupils will soon be spending the day in KS2 with their new teacher ready for September and we have already started discussions about what we have enjoyed in Year 2 and what they are looking forward to in Year 3.

Hedgehogs

Wow what a busy half term we have had so far. We have been learning about the upcoming Olympics and comparing the host Country Brazil to Wales and creating fact

files of information. We have also been working hard learning how to tell the time. Please can you continue practising this at home as it is an important life skill.

In our language lesson we have been writing newspaper reports, pirate stories and learning pirate poems.

The Hedgehogs are very excited for our upcoming trip to Dan Yr Ogof caves.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Hedgehogs' on all the progress they have made this year, they continue to be a delight to teach. I am a very lucky teacher.

Water Voles and Red Squirrels

Water Voles and Red Squirrels have been extremely busy working on our topic Nature Detectives.

We have been busy learning about plays and learning about speech adverbs.


In Maths we have learning about negative numbers, fractions and equivalent fractions.

In Welsh we have been learning how to write a postcard in preparation for the holidays.

In Science we have been learning about the body parts of a woodlouse.

We enjoyed the yummy, scrummy cakes that the School Council sold after school to raise much money for school funds.

On 10th June 2016 we dressed up as royalty to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday. We were so full of goodies that we couldn't move. We paraded our costumes in the hall. We all looked fabulous!



On Tuesday 14th June 2016 we enjoyed watching Wales v England. The final score was a shame but we've made up for it now being top of the group.

Kingfishers and Tawny Owls

Year 4 have been having a fabulous time in school recently. We are keeping up our good behaviour so that we can earn our end of term treats - Kingfishers can't wait to have their water fight!

We are looking forward to our transition day in West Mon on Friday and showing off how amazing we are!

Dormice and Otters

Year 5 have had a busy Summer Term, we have enjoyed participating in the Gamelan Workshop as well as attending a Science transition day at West Mon.

The children had the opportunity to participate in a range of Chemistry, Physics and Biology activities which they thoroughly enjoyed.

During our Language sessions the children have looked at writing newspaper reports and in Maths the children have developed a range of skills including multiplying 4 digit numbers.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year and hope you have a lovely summer.

Buzzards and Red Kites

Several transition projects have begun to help ensure your children's next step on their school journey is as smooth as possible. We appreciate that this term can be unsettling for many pupils and we are available to you if you have any concerns regarding this.

We enjoyed dressing up and celebrating the Queen's special birthday. Thank you to all of you that supported us with this.

The weather during Outdoor Learning Week wasn't very kind to us but the pots and baskets we have planted up DID enjoy the rain! We will be working hard over the next few weeks to add to our bug hotel so any natural materials you need to get rid of would be much appreciated (wood, sticks, stones, roof tiles, turf).

We recently enjoyed a day workshop provided to us free of charge by STEM, where we used LEGO to design and build a robot. What a wonderful experience for us all! We used a computer control program to instruct the robot to carry out different tasks, including football and dancing!

PC Murphy visited us last week to remind us of the importance of the safe and appropriate use of the internet and in particular, social media including Twitter and Facebook. Your continued support and vigilance with this is much appreciated.


We have been practising hard and are very much looking forward to presenting our Leavers Assembly on Monday 18th July 2016 at 10.00 am. We have some super memories and funny sketches to share with you.

Summer Trips

We are all looking forward to our end of year trips, please ensure that the children are dressed appropriately and have sun cream, sunhats, waterproof coats and asthma pumps where necessary.

Reminders

The Music Tuition Fee for the Summer Term is due now. Please make sure all payments are made to Miss S Evans in the school office.





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

Yours sincerely

www.penygarn.torfaen.sch.uk

Penygarn Community Primary School is proud to announce that it is the latest school to adopt an exciting new app for schools called Schoop. (see below!)

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Dates for your Diary

28 th June	Nursery Picnic and Sports Day
29 th June	(back up day for Nursery Sports if 28 th wet)
30 th June	Reception trip to Barry Island
1 st July	Year 4 visit West Mon (Sports) School reports will be issued to parents
2 nd July	Summer Fete - 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm
4 th July	Year 3/4 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
5 th July	Year 5/6 trip to Oakwood Theme Park Year 1/2 trip to Dan Yr Ogof
6 th July	Moving Up Day New intake meeting 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm - Open Hour
8 th July	Nursery Graduation Ceremony
15 th July 2016	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
18 th July 2016	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 10.00 am Reception Class Picnic - parents invited
20 th July 2016	End of Summer Term - 3.20 pm

