



PENYGARN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



END OF TERM NEWSLETTER JULY 2016 **LLYTHR DIWEDD TYMOR GORFFENAF 2016**

Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

What a busy term! We can't believe another year is over.

The children have enjoyed some wonderful trips this year and as always were extremely well behaved.

News

We welcome back Mrs Lang who has returned to work from maternity leave following the birth of her twins in December.

We sadly say farewell to Mrs Dumbleton, Miss Duance, Miss Otterstead, Miss Cartwright and Miss Graham. We wish them all the very best for the future and the best of luck. We will miss you all!

May we say a very warm welcome back in September to Mrs Harris who will return to school after her secondment to the EAS. Mrs Harris will be the Moles class teacher in Year 1 2.

Miss Waldron is getting married at the end of this month and will become Mrs Rose. I am sure you would all like to join us in offering her our congratulations and all the very best for the future. We look forward to seeing your wedding photographs Mrs Rose!

Mrs Bailey has reduced her working week from five to four days per week in September. Therefore, Woodpeckers will be taught by Mrs Bailey Monday to Thursday and Mrs Parfitt on Fridays.

Miss Williams will replace Mrs Bailey as Foundation Phase Leader next year.

Bumblebees and Butterflies

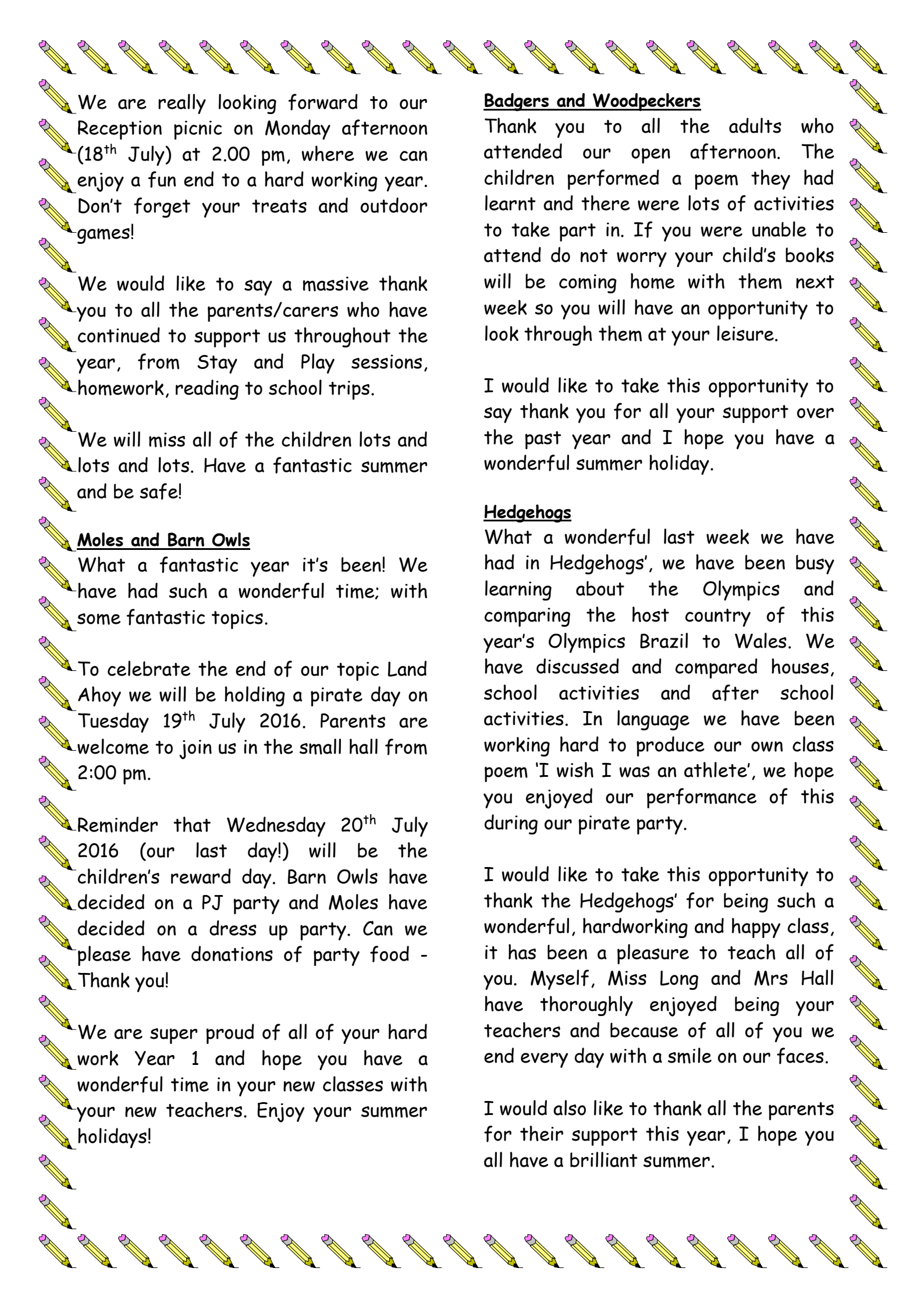
Miss Williams, Miss Otterstead and all the Nursery staff would like to say a huge well done to all the Bumblebees and Butterflies for the great progress they have made in the last year, with their social skills, behaviour, numbers, speaking, and physical skills. We are proud of every one of them.

Miss Williams is looking forward to spending time with all the new Bumblebees in September.

Thank you to all parents and carers for becoming so involved with Nursery life, we wish you all a safe, happy and hopefully hot summer!

Bats and Foxes

What can we say! What a fantastic year we have had in Reception. The children have been incredible and have matured so much over the year. They have made their teachers very, very proud. We hope they continue with their successes in Year 1/2 and have lots of fun!



We are really looking forward to our Reception picnic on Monday afternoon (18th July) at 2.00 pm, where we can enjoy a fun end to a hard working year. Don't forget your treats and outdoor games!

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents/carers who have continued to support us throughout the year, from Stay and Play sessions, homework, reading to school trips.

We will miss all of the children lots and lots and lots. Have a fantastic summer and be safe!

Moles and Barn Owls

What a fantastic year it's been! We have had such a wonderful time; with some fantastic topics.

To celebrate the end of our topic Land Ahoy we will be holding a pirate day on Tuesday 19th July 2016. Parents are welcome to join us in the small hall from 2:00 pm.

Reminder that Wednesday 20th July 2016 (our last day!) will be the children's reward day. Barn Owls have decided on a PJ party and Moles have decided on a dress up party. Can we please have donations of party food - Thank you!

We are super proud of all of your hard work Year 1 and hope you have a wonderful time in your new classes with your new teachers. Enjoy your summer holidays!

Badgers and Woodpeckers

Thank you to all the adults who attended our open afternoon. The children performed a poem they had learnt and there were lots of activities to take part in. If you were unable to attend do not worry your child's books will be coming home with them next week so you will have an opportunity to look through them at your leisure.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support over the past year and I hope you have a wonderful summer holiday.

Hedgehogs

What a wonderful last week we have had in Hedgehogs', we have been busy learning about the Olympics and comparing the host country of this year's Olympics Brazil to Wales. We have discussed and compared houses, school activities and after school activities. In language we have been working hard to produce our own class poem 'I wish I was an athlete', we hope you enjoyed our performance of this during our pirate party.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Hedgehogs' for being such a wonderful, hardworking and happy class, it has been a pleasure to teach all of you. Myself, Miss Long and Mrs Hall have thoroughly enjoyed being your teachers and because of all of you we end every day with a smile on our faces.

I would also like to thank all the parents for their support this year, I hope you all have a brilliant summer.



Water Voles and Red Squirrels

Water Voles and Red Squirrels have been extremely busy, we enjoyed a fantastic day out at Cotswold Wildlife Park, we saw all the animals, played in the outdoor area, saw all of the park on the train ride. We were starving and enjoyed our delicious lunches, eating ice cream and spending our money in the shop.

We were thrilled to find out the classes we were in and the teachers who would be teaching us. On move up day we began learning about the Romans for our topic Gods and Goddesses. We made Roman shields drew our own portraits and recreated a print of Perseus and Medusa.

In maths we have been learning to tell the time 10/20 minutes later on analogue and digital time.

In Language we have enjoyed performing our plays to the rest of the class.

Enjoy your summer, stay safe!

Kingfishers and Tawny Owls

What a year with Year 4. We have learned so much, improved our behaviour hugely and are developing our independent learning skills.

This term we have learned lots, our science lessons showed us how plants grow and live, we certainly found out lots of facts. We had a fancy dress party to celebrate our good behaviour, the winner was Gracie, and she dressed as a Pink Lady.

"I've enjoyed learning lots of new things, my favourite was collecting woodlice to investigate their habitat"

Bradley

"Learning about decimals was great"
Ryan

"We had lots of fun and learned lots of new things at the same time" **Kimberley and Anulika**

"Making new friends has been good"
Chloe

Mrs Parfitt and Mr Carrett are very proud of Year 4 and the progress they have made through the year.

Have a lovely holiday!

Dormice and Otters


Year 5 have had a successful year and we celebrated with a trip to Oakwood Park. The pupils' behaviour was exceptional and fun was had by all.

We recently visited Pontypool Library where the pupils were informed of the Summer Reading Challenge. The children are challenged to read six books during the holidays so please make every effort to support them in this.

We would also like to congratulate the children on the progress they have made this year in their swimming lessons. Again the children have conducted themselves well and we are proud of how they have represented the school.

Please can we remind you to return any library and home reading books that you may have at home to school as soon as possible, thank you.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this



year. We hope you have a lovely summer and will look forward to seeing you in September.

Buzzards and Red Kites

What a busy end of year! Oakwood Park was a huge success with all the children who went having a fabulous time! The children behaved exceptionally well and were great company for the day - we were very proud teachers!

We have also enjoyed a picnic in Pontypool Park and a visit to the Library. All this whilst also practising for our leavers concert!

As this is the last newsletter of the year we would just like to take the opportunity to wish all the children well for September and to say what a fabulous year we have had with an amazing bunch of children!

Attendance

Can you all please ensure that your child/ren are in school every day, unless they are genuinely ill or have medical appointments.

Unfortunately we have fallen below our target of 94% this year so let's make a big effort to make a positive change in September.

Remember DOORS open 8:55 am and close at 9:05 am. We don't want to see your name in the "Late Book".

Fundraising

A HUGE thank you to the Friends of Penygarn who have raised a total of £4243.84 through all their hard work, dedication and commitment.

The money has been used to fund various projects within the school which have included donations towards trips, prizes, refreshments at various school events, Pyramid Club, attendance awards, playground equipment and buddy benches through the School Council.

The AGM will be held on 8th September 2016 (time to be confirmed) so please come along if you would like to lend a hand. We are also looking for ideas for a larger fund raising project for the next academic year so please let us know your thoughts.

The Friends of Penygarn would like to thank everyone who has supported them this year.

Reminders

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

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

www.schoop.co.uk Schoop ID: 10493

School Uniform

Please remember to order your school uniform from the school office ready for September.

Have a fabulous summer holiday everyone!

Yours sincerely

L Sellars
Headteacher



Class Organisation 2016/17

Miss L Sellars Headteacher

Mr L Jones Deputy Headteacher Curriculum

Mrs E Edmunds Deputy Headteacher Inclusion

Nursery Bumblebees Miss C Williams

Reception Foxes
 Bats Mrs H Lang
 Mrs L Evans

Year 1/2 Moles
 Barn Owls Mrs K Harris
 Badgers Mrs J Rose
 Woodpeckers Miss C Richards
 Mrs J Bailey/Mrs M Parfitt

Year 3/4 Red Squirrels Mr P Robson
 Water Voles Mrs K Arnold
 Kingfishers Mr T Carrett
 Tawny Owls Miss C Evans

Year 5 Otters Mrs J Waugh
 Dormice Miss Z Glass

Year 6 Buzzards Mr P Smith
 Red Kites Mrs S Rodda

PPA Teachers Mrs M Parfitt
 Mrs S Rayner

Dragonflies Mr M Evans
 Miss C Taylor
 Miss E Williams

Dates for your Diary

15 th July 2016	Year 6 Leavers' Disco - 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm
18 th July 2016	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 10.00 am Reception Teddy Bears Picnic - 2.00 pm
20 th July 2016	End of Summer Term - 3.20 pm
1 st and 2 nd September	School closed for Teacher Training
5 th September 2016	Autumn Term commences - 9.05 am
15 th September	Year 3/4 Disco - 3.30 pm Year 5/6 Disco - 5.00 pm
26 th September	Year 5/6 Acorn Adventure Trip

2016/2017 Academic Year

School Term and Holiday Dates - 2016/2017 Academic Year

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 05.09.16	Monday 24.10.16	Friday 28.10.16	Friday 16.12.16
Spring	Tuesday 03.01.17	Monday 20.02.17	Friday 24.02.17	Friday 07.04.17
Summer	Monday 24.04.17	Monday 29.05.17	Friday 02.06.17	Friday 21.07.17