



# Penygarn Community Primary School

## NEWSLETTER MAY 2017

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Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

#### **Bumblebees**

The new Bumblebees have settled in so brilliantly, we are so proud of them! This term we are going to be learning the story of Rapunzel and learning all about castles, kings, queens, princes and princesses. We have a castle in our classroom and we love playing with the knights, and dressing up as princesses. Thank you to Isabella's mum for the donation of tiaras and wands, we love them!

If you haven't brought in your home learning craft please do so (anything linked to the Princes and Princesses theme e.g. crown, shield, castle, dragon).

Some of the older Bumblebees will be starting Read Write Inc. and taking home reading books soon so please keep an eye out.

#### **Foxes and Bats**

Reception are really excited about starting our new topic 'Princes and Princesses'. We will be having a special visitor to school over the next couple of weeks and are creating our own castle role play in the classroom! We will also be learning all about how knights and dragons, enjoying some lovely stories and singing some castle songs.

Please can we remind that the children bring in their reading books every week on their groups day. During this time the children are also practising their Reception spellings that are sent home with them to practise. Thank you

#### **Woodpeckers/Badgers/Barn Owls/Moles**

Thank you to all Year 1 and 2 pupils who have already brought in home learning. If you haven't already done so there is still time to make, research, draw something to do with manifests.

#### **PE reminder**

Thursday - Badgers and Woodpeckers

Wednesday - Barn Owls and Moles

#### **Water Voles and Red Squirrels**

Water Voles and Red Squirrels have had a fantastic time learning about the Victorians. We thoroughly enjoyed our exciting trip to Big Pit, where we worked extremely hard, imagining we were a Victorian child pulling a cart full of heavy coal - our backs did hurt. The museum part was interesting and we were very fascinated comparing Victorian children's small boots to our own.

Our guide explained to us that he was an ex-minor who entertained us with stories from down the mines. We enjoyed walking through the dark low ceiling tunnels but some of our teachers kept banging their heads which we found extremely funny.

The Welsh author Claire Fayers came into Year 3/4 to discuss her new novel and share her story of how she began writing. She gave us a sneak preview of the first chapter of the second pirate book.





We had a lovely visit from Miniature Pony Therapy. Some of the children had the opportunity to groom the ponies and walk with them. This helped boost the children's confidence and communication skills.

Water Voles and Red Squirrels will be holding their class assembly on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 2.45 pm. Please join us in celebrating your children's work this past term.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Kingfishers and Tawny Owls**

Kingfishers are continuing to focus on their fantastic behaviour since returning to school after the Easter holidays. We are currently choosing our next class treat and are working very hard to earn all of our class rewards. Our class topic this term is Robot Rampage. Some of us have made our own models of robots at home and have brought them into school - they look amazing!

Tawny Owls topic this term is called Robot Rampage. We will be looking at how technology have improved over the years and how it has a big impact on our lives today. We will also be looking at the role robots play in our lives and will be working towards a design and technology project where we will be making out own robots with moving parts and parts that light up. Our science focus will be electricity, we have begun to look at how we use electricity and will be moving onto circuits. We will be learning how to make a circuit with light bulbs, buzzers and motors. These circuits will then be used in our robots.

### **Dormice and Otters**

Hope you all enjoyed the Easter break!

Class Dojo's - We have sent out a letter inviting all parents to join our Class Dojo list. It is a fantastic way of rewarding positive behaviours and letting you know a little bit about your child's day! If you haven't done so already then please join our group! Instructions of how to sign up are on the letter and it is free!

Year 5 Tests - Well done to all the children who have now completed the National Tests. The children coped really well with the change in timetable and are now looking forward to exploring our new topic in class.

Swimming - We will continue to go swimming on a Friday morning. Can you please ensure that your child is dressed in school uniform and brings £2.00 per session towards the cost.

Topic - Our new topic is Summer Camp. The children are excited to begin this topic and have contributed many ideas. If you have any pictures of camping trips your child has been on we would love to see them at school.

Mrs Williams and Mrs Robinson

### **Buzzards and Red Kites**

We have had a busy few weeks in Buzzards, as usual the children have been working really hard to complete their tasks, and they are continuing to enjoy the music project 'Pika Loop'. In a few weeks we will be able to share with you the amazing music tracks they are creating.

We have been in touch with our partner school in Missouri, USA. We have had video conversations with them twice, it's surprising how much we all have in common - they have the fidget spinner craze in their school too!

Year 6 went to Cwmbran to see a production of Wings to Fly last week, a moving story about a girl who experimented with drugs. We will be discussing and learning about more issues that will start to affect our pupils as they get older.





It is the last term here at Penygarn for Year 6, only a short time left before they embark on a new chapter in Year 7. We have lots of things planned for them before they leave us and I'm sure you will join us in supporting them through this.

Please note that routines will remain the same, so please ensure your child is wearing uniform to school every day and PE kits are brought in on Thursdays unless otherwise advised.

#### **Dinner Money**

Reminder, dinner money is:

- Infant pupils - £2.30
- Junior pupils - £2.40

#### **Breakfast Club**

All children must be handed over to a member of staff in Breakfast Club. DO NOT drop them off at the school gates.

#### **Free School Meals**

If you think that your child/children are entitled to free meals or you require any further information please contact school or call the Catering team on 01633 647715 or visit their website at [www.torfaen.gov.uk](http://www.torfaen.gov.uk).

#### **Litter**

We have an unacceptable amount of litter on school grounds. Please can I remind you to either take your litter home or put it in the bins provided around the school.

#### **Food Co-op**

We are still taking part in Food Co-op. Orders to be in school and given to the office or Mrs J Carter on Wednesdays with the money. £3.00 for a bag of fruit, salad or vegetables and £1.40 for a dozen eggs. Goods will be ready for collection Friday afternoon.

For further details please contact Mrs J Carter in Breakfast Club.

#### **School Website**

Please visit our website - we now have a live Twitter feed, more 'Latest News' and a quick link into our photograph galleries. Please take a look and also see all our events that are going on, on the school website [www.penygarn.torfaen.sch.uk](http://www.penygarn.torfaen.sch.uk)

#### **News**

Miss C Evans has now been appointed as Leader of Key Stage 2 - Congratulations Miss Evans!

Yours sincerely

L Sellars  
Headteacher





### Dates for Your Diary

16.05.17	Class Photographs
17.05.17	Barn Owls and Moles Stay & Play - 2.15 pm
18.05.17	Woodpeckers and Badgers Stay & Play - 2.15 pm KS2 Disco 3 / 4 - 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm 5 / 6 - 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm
23.05.17	KS1 Disco - 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm
25.05.17	2.45 pm - Year 3 / 4 Class Assembly - Red Squirrels & Water Voles
26.05.17	Red Squirrels - Pontypool Park
29.05.17-2.05.17	Half Term
05.06.17	Term Begins
13.06.17	Year 1 / 2 - Wetlands - Badgers & Woodpeckers
15.06.17	Year 1 / 2 - Wetlands - Barn Owls & Moles
26.06.17	Nursery Trip to Bristol Zoo
27.06.17	Nursery Sports Day
28.06.17	Sports Day

