



PENYGARN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017

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Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

Welcome to our first newsletter in 2017/18. We would like to give a warm welcome all the new children in Nursery and Reception and our new members of staff - Miss Bevan, Miss Davies, Mr Ledville-Smith, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Williams. We are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

It is lovely to see all the children looking so smart in their school uniform, I hope you will continue to support us! Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

Please visit our website on a regular basis to keep you up to date with everything that is going on at Penygarn Community Primary School at www.penygarn.torfaen.sch.uk

News

Many congratulations to Mrs Waldron on the birth of her baby girl and to Miss Smith on the birth of her baby boy!

Thank you to all of you who came into school the other week to view the plans for the proposed building work. If any of you were unable to attend, the plans are now available for you to view in our main reception area.

Bumblebees

All of the new Bumblebees have settled into Nursery so wonderfully, we are so proud of them!

Our topic at the moment is "Why do you love me so much?" All children have received a special home learning book filled with activities they can complete on this topic - please bring this book back and forth to Nursery when you have completed the activities. We can then share them with the class.

Thank you to those who have brought photograph frames of their families in also - please can we ask for them to be lightweight frames with the glass removed.

We are holding a celebration Stay and Play on Thursday 26th October 2017 to celebrate the end of our topic and we will be taking part in fun activities for the whole family.

Well done to all the Bumblebees for coming in to Nursery in uniform each day also!

Please remember to sign up to Class dojo if you haven't done so already. If you have any





questions at all please do not hesitate to ask Miss Williams.

Foxes and Bats

Reception have had a wonderful start to their first year in school! They have been busy making new friends, learning our classroom and school routines and getting to know their school environment.

Moles and Barn Owls

Barn Owls and Moles have settled in extremely well into Year 1. We are enjoying learning about our new topic 'Enchanted Woodland'. We have been on woodland walks to collect and name different leaves and have collected wild flowers which we sketched and labelled the main parts.

In Math's we have been learning to add two sets of objects and have measured leaves using cubes.

In Language we have been busy learning about bossy verbs and have been writing simple instructions.

A letter will soon go home to invite you to our first Stay and Play. The theme will be 'Christmas Craft'.

Badgers and Woodpeckers

We have had a great start to the new school year. We have enjoyed learning about our topic 'Scented Garden' where we have been planting, measuring and exploring flowers and how they grow.

We had an excellent first Stay and Play where our children loved the opportunity to work with and show their parents what they were learning about. Thank you all for your support.

We have been really impressed with the quality of homework that has come back to school and children have really enjoyed sharing this with us.

We look forward to the rest of our topic and thank parents for the support shown with home reading and homework.

Red Squirrels and Water Voles

We are settling into our new class and enjoying our topic "Predators".

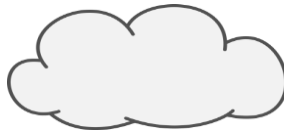
In Maths we have been busy looking at bar charts, tally charts, temperature and time.

In language we have been writing our recounts about a memorable event.

We really enjoyed our visit from Zoolab, we were very brave and held a stick insect, snake, bearded dragon and lots more. We learnt all about their diet and habitat. Have a look at our website for photos!



We have just planned our investigation about what plants require in aid to grow. Please can your child bring in a plant by next Friday 13th October 2017.



We are loving our sport lesson with Adam every Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who remembers their P.E Kit!

On a Tuesday we also have UP BEAT teaching us all about music, which is great fun.

Reminders:

P.E Kit every Tuesday

Reading Books every Friday (please ask for a consent form if you do not have a reading book!)

Buzzards and Kingfishers

Year 4 have settled well into their new school year and are enjoying all the challenges and adventures Year 4 has to offer!

We have started our year immersing the children into our topic 'The Romans are coming!' where we have designed our own shields and taken on the roles of Romans and Celts in battle.

We have also created timelines of key Romans events and completed a Science investigation on which materials we think would be the most suitable for the Romans to wipe their bottoms!

A reminder that the children's PE day is on a Tuesday and they are required to bring in suitable kit.

Please also look out for the regular reading books and homework the children will be bringing home and return by the given date.

Dormice and Otters

A big welcome back to Otters and Dormice who have settled in brilliantly to Year 5!

The children have really been enjoying being immersed in our topic 'Castles and Kingdoms' and a big thank you to those parents who have made a huge effort with our home school task of creating your own castle! The children have loved studying Welsh castles and finding out about the Norman invasion in 1066.

We are also participating in a very exciting collaboration project with schools in Colorado, USA and are beginning to explore our chrome books which we will be utilizing as part of this project.

Red Kites and Tawny Owls

We have had a fabulous start to the year in Year 6 learning all about WWII and the effects it had on children and the impact it had on Wales.

Well done to all of the children who have been awarded a Super Six role, you are doing a fabulous job and there are lots of children who are showing that they are close behind you in also becoming a Super Six.





Lots of fun was had on the Acorn Adventure Trip and the children did themselves proud and the school with their fantastic behaviour. Our next topic will be Pits and Ponies where we will be learning all about the Welsh coal mines.

Keep up the good work Year 6!

Dinner Money

Reminder, dinner money is: Infant pupils - £2.30; Junior pupils - £2.40

Please try to ensure that your child has the correct money and it is in an envelope or purse. If you would like to bring the money in, there is a red box inside the school foyer where this can be posted. Please ensure your child's name is written on the envelope.

Nursery Admission - January, April and September 2018

Please note the closing date for admission into a Nursery School in Torfaen is **Friday 6th October 2017**. Application forms are available from the school office.

Secondary School Admission

Year 6 application forms for admission into secondary school are now available; please either complete on-line or request an application form from the school office. Closing date is 30th November 2017.

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you for all your support for 'Jeans for Genes Day'. We raised a staggering £319.15 towards this worthwhile charity.

Bottle Tops - We are collecting bottle tops for Trevethin Boys' Brigade. Please collect and drop them into the main office. Thank you.

Football Tournament

The Year 5 and 6 football team went to a tournament on Wednesday at Cwmbran Stadium. It was an enjoyable event and the team performed extremely well. During the day we played five games including a 10-0 victory against another school. Unfortunately the team did not top the group and did not progress onto the semi-finals. The children played really well and the signs look promising for the rest of the year when we play more games. We all had a wonderful day.

After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will be running this term:-

Rugby - Wednesdays - Year 5 and 6

Netball - Mondays - Key Stage 2

Multi-Sports - Tuesdays - Year 3 and 4

Hockey - Key Stage 2- Thursdays

All clubs are 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm





If your child is interested in joining any of the above, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

10.10.17	Year 5 Planetarium - Immersive Theatre
11.10.17	Food Hygiene and Safety Workshops - Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Tawny Owls
12.10.17	Fun Day - Parents and children working together
13.10.17	Closing date for Parent Governor Representative
19.10.17	Flu Nasal Spray - Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4
23.10.17	Reception Stay and Play - 2.30 pm
23.10.17	Book Fair here all week - Please come and support us!
24.10.17	School Photographer in school to take family and Individual Photographs - FP and KS2
24.10.17	Parents Evening 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm
25.10.17	School Photographer in school - KS2
26.10.17	Nursery Stay and Play - 10.45 am and 2.30 pm
26.10.17	Parents Evening - 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm
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28.11.17	Nursery Stay and Play - 10.45 am and 2.30 pm
30.11.17	Closing date for Year 6 Admission to Secondary School in September 2018
30.11.17	Reception Stay and Play - 2.30 pm
01.12.17	Christmas Bazaar - 3.30 pm - organised by Friends of Penygarn
05.12.17	Foundation Phase Christmas Disco 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm
08.12.17	Wear your Christmas Hat for the day!
12.12.17	Year 3/4 Christmas Disco 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm
15.12.17	Christmas Jumper Day
15.12.17	Christmas Dinner
18.12.17	Nursery, Reception and Year 1 visit Father Christmas at Greenmeadow Community Farm
19.12.17	Year 2 to Year 6 visit the Pantomime in Congress Theatre, Cwmbran
19.12.17	Year 5/6 Christmas Disco 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm
22.12.17	Santa and his reindeers arrive in school for the day
22.12.17	End of Autumn term - 3.20 pm
08.01.18	Spring Term Commences

