

Penygarn Community Primary School

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2018

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Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and are now enjoying some peace at home as the children return to school.

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2018. What a busy start we have had to the year. We welcome three new members of staff, Mr J Webb, class teacher for Otters, Miss H Thomas, Class teachers for Buzzards and Mrs T Wills who will work in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays and photocopying and display duties on Thursdays and Fridays.

Bumblebees

We welcome all our brand new Bumblebees to Nursery, they are all settling in so well. Our older Bumblebees are doing a fantastic job of looking after them and showing them the ropes!

Our topic at the moment is "Why can't I eat chocolate for breakfast?" Please can you create a 'healthy plate' with your child - please do not use china or real food, but anything else is fine e.g. plastic food on a paper plate etc., and bring in to Nursery as soon as you can.

We have a Stay and Play on Thursday 1st February 2018 where we will be trying lots of different healthy foods and making lots of healthy, yummy snacks.

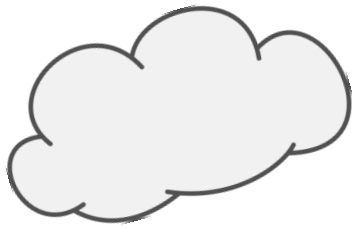
Bats and Foxes

Reception children have enjoyed the start of their new topic 'What's that sound?'. They have had fun listening to sounds around the school and learning how sounds are made. They have explored the use of different instruments within the classroom as well as making sounds with their own bodies. We have been celebrating Saint Dwynwen's Day's and the children have thought about how they have been kind to one another. We will be carrying on our celebrations during Stay and Play with yourselves on Tuesday 30th January 2018.

Barn Owls and Moles

Year 1 have settled back into school really nicely after the Christmas break. Our new topic is 'Ysgol' where we are learning about the history of our school, and how school life was different in the past. Our home learning task is to write a list (or draw pictures) of things that you do in the morning.





On a Friday, as part of our 'outdoor learning' we are planning on starting 'Fresh air Friday'. Please can children be provided with a warm, waterproof coat and wellies for this.

Woodpeckers/Badgers

Year 2 have been busy exploring their new topic of Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. Alongside looking at historical castles in Wales and the people who used to work and live in them, we will be exploring structures around the world.

If you have any junk material including cardboard, shoe boxes, empty plastic bottles and containers please send them in so that we can create our own models.

Reading books should be returned on a Monday to be changed, and in school on a Friday so we can listen to children read. PE and Music is now on Mondays.

Thank you for your continued support with reading and homework.

Red Squirrels and Water Voles

This term we have begun learning about chocolate and how it is made. Our topic is called scrumdiddlyumptous. For our Science investigation we will be looking at different consistencies and properties of food and how they react to heating and freezing.

In Maths we have been learning about pictograms and money.

We recently had a workshop visit about anti-bullying which was great and showed us what to do if we are being bullied or know someone who is.

Just a reminder Country Dancing will start Monday 29th January 2018 for Years 3 and 4 from 3.30-4.00 pm. Sport and Upbeat is every Tuesday.

Kingfishers and Buzzards

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to our topic 'Potions'. We began with Alice in Wonderland, where we had a cinema experience in our pyjamas, designed and created clay potion bottles, made safety labels and planned a Mad Hatters Tea party!

We are looking forward to completing lots of Science investigations about operations and contacting some doctors.

Can we thank those children who are wearing school uniform every day, Keep it up!

Tawny Owls and Red Kites

The Year 6 topic this half term is called 'Frozen Kingdom' where the children are learning all about the Arctic and Antarctic, and the different climates and animals that live there.





The children have really enjoyed all of the tasks they have completed so far about the famous RMS Titanic, and are excited to learn more. They will be writing diary entries as if they were passengers aboard the boat, creating art work on the Titanic and also writing newspaper reports.

As homework for this term, we would like the children to use a shoebox in order to make a room from inside the Titanic. These creations will become part of a display in school for all to look at. Please bring your creations in by **Friday 2nd February 2018**.

Play sports and Upbeat sessions have now been moved to a Thursday. A polite reminder that all children need their PE kits in on a Thursday.

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.

School Website, Social Media and Schoop

Please see all our events that are going on, on the school website www.penygarn.torfaen.sch.uk.

Dogs - Please can we remind you that dogs are not allowed on school premises. If you are seen with a dog on the premises you will be asked to leave. We have noticed dog mess on the path leading up to Nursery quite a few times, if you could clean up after your dog to avoid any accidents also.

Lost Property

We seem to be inundated with lost property on a daily basis - from coats to jumpers and shoes. Please can you make sure all clothing is clearly labelled. Thank you,

A polite reminder to be courteous to staff at all times. Any abuse will not be tolerated.

Only parents/carers issued with a parking permit are allowed to park in the school grounds.

Yours sincerely

L Sellars
Headteacher





Dates for Your Diary

30.01.18	2.30 pm - Reception Stay and Play Session
01.02.18	10.45 am - Nursery Stay and Play 2.30 pm - Nursery Stay and Play
02.02.18	Cancer and Velindre Campaign - wear red £1 donation
05.02.17	3.30 pm - 4.30 pm - KS1 Valentines Disco
07.02.18	1.45pm - Year 2 Stay and Play
08.02.18	2.00pm - 4.30pm - Coffee Afternoon Come and meet our new Education Family Support Worker
12.02.18	3.30pm - 4.30 pm - Year 3/4 Valentines Disco
13.02.18	3.30pm - 4.30 pm - Year 5/6 Valentines Disco
19.02.18 - 23.02.18	Half Term
26.02.18	Closing Date for Kier's Colouring Competition
01.03.18	Eisteddfod
02.03.18	World Book Day
21.03.18	3.30pm - FP Pontypool Eisteddfod
22.03.18	3.30pm - KS2 Pontypool Eisteddfod
27.03.18 - 28.03.18	Parents Evening
28.03.18	2pm - KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
29.03.18	2pm - KS2 Easter Bonnet Parade and Egg Decorating Competition
29.03.18	End of Spring Term

