



Penygarn Community Primary School

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2018/LLYTHR MAWRTH 2018

Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

News

We say a sad farewell to Miss E Williams (Year 5 teacher) who will be leaving us at the end of this term.

Bumblebees

Nursery are enjoying their topic, learning all about the colours of the rainbow! We have had colour hunts and we took full advantage of the colour white when we had all the snow! We have also been learning to recognise shapes and to use full sentences when we are speaking. We have been reading stories with lots and lots of colours in such as 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'Pete the Cat I love my white shoes'.

We are working really hard on our creations in the block area, and we love to make pictures using loose parts. We have made wonderful snowy pictures and now we are making colourful spring pictures!

Thank you to everyone who made a beautiful daffodil for St David's Day.

Foxes and Bats

Reception have enjoyed starting their new topic all about Africa. We have taken part in an African dance session, as well as learning African drumming and listening to African music. We have had fun learning all about African animals, we have found out about what they look like and what sounds they make.

This half term we have also taken part in our Eisteddfod. Well done to everyone who took part, and in other activities celebrating Wales.

Barn Owls and Moles

Barn Owls have had a lovely time learning the 'Spring Chicken' song to see off the Beast from the East. Ask your children to sing it to you to put yourselves in a happy place.

In Maths we have been learning to add and subtract, know the value of digits in a number and adding amounts of money and finding change.

Fresh Air Friday is very successful though unfortunately we haven't had many sessions due to the snow.

We have taken tallies of coloured cars, learnt the language of direction, taken part in races to find out the ordinal numbers, learnt o'clock times, created patterns using sticks, stones, leaves and created Venn diagrams using natural materials. Please can wellies or boots be sent in on a Friday.





In Language we went on a walk and wrote down objects that started with an initial sound. We made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and wrote instructions starting with bossy imperative verbs. We went on a lovely sound walk and wrote sentences to say what we could hear.

Have a lovely yummy Easter!

Woodpeckers and Badgers

Year 2 have been enjoying learning about our local environment. We have looked at adverts for selling houses and identified important people who help us. We now know who we can approach if we were in trouble out of school.

We are excited about doing some Easter themed cookery next week too!

In Maths, we have been learning about temperatures and studying thermometers. We are looking at how we can write really exciting and detailed stories in Language. What an exciting half term we have had!

Water Voles and Red Squirrels

Year 3 have had an enjoyable spring term. We have had lots of fun learning about chocolate. We have collected a range of data and put this into tally charts and bar graphs. We have also written arguments for or against eating chocolate.

Our 'Someone Special' afternoon was a great success where lots of parents came in and participated in a range of activities including chocolate tasting. Great fun was had by all.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have started our new Welsh themed topic of 'Myths and Legends'. During this topic we are going to be writing a newspaper report about a giant sighting, as well as writing our own Welsh myth.

Kingfishers and Buzzards

We have had a fantastic start to our new topic "Misty Mountain Sierra". The children have become explorers and discussed their feelings and emotions when mountain climbing and are creating Non-Chronological reports.

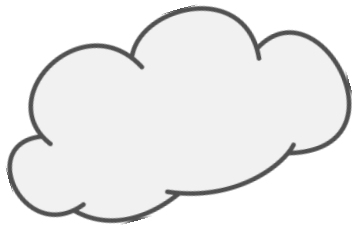
We have also been learning all about symmetry and challenging each other to create symmetrical pictures!

We look forward to our Folly Walk to end our unit of language work. Don't forget the homework tasks that were given out at the beginning of the topic. We look forward to seeing all your lovely efforts.



Dormice and Otters

Year five have had an interesting couple of weeks where both classes have been studying time travelling and the children have written their own adventure stories. The



topic then changed to Alchemy Island where the children have explored a mysterious island using spreadsheets to calculate the value of resources.

They have also undertaken visits to St Fagan's Museum where they explored the buildings of the past and discovered how people lived many years ago. The children were a credit to the school and learned lots.

As part of the transition project they visited West Mon School for a language day where they undertook either Spanish or French, and as a treat were given a French Breakfast of croissants, pain au chocolate, chocolate pancakes and cheese.

Tawny Owls and Red Kites

Year 6 have had a great spring term. We started the term by learning all about the Titanic. We really enjoyed researching all the facts behind the tragic disaster, but we were also really upset to hear about how so many people lost their lives that night. We imagined that we were a reporter the day after the disaster and reported on the events, looking at all the factors that could have contributed to the Titanic sinking.

As part of our 'Someone Special' afternoon we made our own versions of the Titanic and had a competition to see whose boat would stay afloat when weights were added. Taylor and Ethan built the most successful boat - Well Done Boys!

During the second part of the Spring Term, we have been learning all about Charles Darwin and his 'Theory of evolution by natural selection'. We have researched the Galapagos Islands where Darwin completed most of this research.

Criw Cymraeg

Criw Cymraeg has continued to work alongside Miss Busby continuing to provide evidence for the Cymraeg Campus scheme we have running in our school. We have been working hard within the school to promote and raise the profile of the Welsh language for both pupils and teachers in all our specific Welsh lessons, and also across other areas of learning.

The aim is to make Welsh a natural link in everything we do as a school and we have made a good start. We now need to continue to ensure this is done consistently. We have made excellent progress with our targets as we have achieved 71 out of 94. We are all very proud of the work we have done!

Eisteddfod

Many congratulations to all the children who took part in Pontypool Community Council's Eisteddfod on Wednesday and Thursday. Please see results below:





KS1

Year 1 Solo Singing - Merit - Nalah
Year 1 Solo Recitation - Merit - Nalah
Year 1 Group Recitation - Merit
Year 2 Art - 2nd - Lillia
Year 1 Art 2nd - Sienna
Nursery Art - highly commended - Lexi-Mae
Nursery Art - highly commended - Kealey

KS2

Year 5 and 6 Solo Singing - Merit - Bobbi
Year 3 and 4 Solo Recitation - Merit - Ben
Year 5 and 6 Solo Recitation - Merit - Dylan
Year 5 and 6 - Solo Singing - Merit - Lakeisha
Group Recitation KS2 - Merit
Choir - 3rd
Country Dancing - 3rd
Strings - 2nd - Meghan
Woodwind - Merit - Dylan

Well done to you all!

Football Tournament

Eight Year 2 boys attended a football tournament a while back at Cwmbran Stadium. The boys were a credit to the school in terms of behaviour, teamwork and footballing ability. We managed to come 2nd in the tournament, and were only just beaten 1 nil in a very close final. We hope to compete in many more of these tournaments in the future! Well done boys!

Netball Tournament

The girls who attended the Netball Tournament played brilliantly. Although we did not win; the team improved massively with every game. They were amazing team players and showed outstanding sportsmanship with their opponents! A great tournament, I'm very proud.

Fundraising

Easter Chicks - thank you for all your support in purchasing the knitted chicks towards Velindre Hospital. We have now sold out!

Free School Meals

If you think your child/children are entitled to free school meals or you require any further information please contact school or call the Benefits Assessor on 01495 762200.

Reminder

We break up for the Easter Holidays on 29th March 2018. We are back in school on 16th April 2018.

Please visit our website on www.penygarn.torfaen.sch.uk and our Facebook page for lots of information on forthcoming events and lovely photos.

Thank you for all your support this term, hope you have a wonderful Easter!

Pasg Hapus! Happy Easter!

Yours sincerely

L Sellars, Headteacher





Dates for Your Diary

27.03.18	Parents Evening
28.03.18	2.00 pm - KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade Parents Evening
29.03.18	11.15 am - Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade 2.00 pm - KS2 Easter Bonnet Parade End of Spring Term - 3.20 pm
02.04.18 - 13.04.18	School closed for Easter Holidays
01.05.18	National Tests for Years 2 - 6 commence
07.05.18	School closed for May Day
15.05.18	10.45 am - Nursery Stay and Play 2.30 pm - Nursery Stay and Play
17.05.18	2.30 pm - Reception Stay and Play
W/C 21.05.18	Torfaen Schools Dance Festival
23.05.18	Reception Classes - Vision screening
24.05.18	Reception Classes - Vision Screening
28.05.18-01.06.18	School closed for Half Term

