

# Penygarn Community Primary School

## NEWSLETTER MAY 2018

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Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

#### **News**

Thank you for your support again this half term; it has been another busy time at Penygarn! Mrs L Robinson will commence maternity leave after half term - we look forward to your wonderful news.

Congratulations to Ryan in Year 6 who recently competed in the prestigious DC Thomas Cup at the Principality Stadium! Our school rugby team were there to support him and the atmosphere in the stadium was amazing and the cheers and chants from the supporters in the stand was exactly what the players needed to hear!

A massive well done to the winners of the Kier Colouring Competition. We've added some lovely photos of them to the gallery section on the website. We really do have some fabulous artists here at Penygarn!

Penygarn versus Griffithstown primary was a great game of competitive rugby showcasing some exceptional young talent. Throughout the thrilling fixture both teams played some fantastic rugby, eventually resulting in a hard fought 2 tries to nil win for Penygarn. This was Penygarn's first win of the season and one that will be enjoyed for a very long time. All of the boys played should feel proud of their performance but two boys, in particular, stand out: Kye and Kai. Keep working hard!

Our children have done it once again, they've given all they've got with an amazing performance on the third evening of the Torfaen Dance Festival. This is the first year the festival has been held and it provides the opportunity for schools to showcase their dance skills, alongside raising money for charity. They performed to Little Mix 'Word Up' brilliantly and were met with rapturous applause. Dylan from Year 5 was highly commended for his performance and awarded a Torfaen Dance Festival T-shirt. The event was well attended by staff and parents, and we are all already looking forward to next year's event!

Thrilling Thursday was a great success despite the soggy weather. Everyone had a fantastic time and really enjoyed hot dogs!

#### **Bumblebees**

We are enjoying learning all about buildings and how they stay up (and fall down!) We have been drawing lots of buildings and making some too! We love building with our new blocks.





We also welcome our new Bumblebees who have settled in brilliantly.

Please can we remind you to label all of your children's clothes including hats, bags etc. If your child has lost something please ask Miss Williams.

### **Foxes and Bats**

We have had a lot of fun exploring our new topic of 'Transport'. Our teachers have set up lots of new areas linked to our topic that we can explore such as a car/bike wash, a mechanics garage and digger play.

We have learnt the story of the Bear Hunt with lots of actions and then created our own journeys both physically through an obstacle course and then in our writing.

We had fun sharing our learning with our parents during Stay and Play where we drew our favourite mode of transport. We are looking forward to exploring more about transport after half term as well as all the enjoyable activities to come during the summer term.

### **Barn Owls/Moles**

Year 1 have loved learning about our topic of Dinosaur Planet. We went on a dinosaur hunt and searched for dinosaur footprints. We had to crack a code to find out the hidden sentence. The role play area of a dinosaur museum is very popular.

The children have been designing posters to advertise the museum, using 2d shapes to draw dinosaurs, examining rocks and fossils and excavating dinosaur bones.

Fresh Air Fridays are going well. We have loved playing dinosaur games, measuring dinosaurs using the meter stick and enjoying the fabulous weather.

Please can the children be supplied with a bottle of water and sunhat every day and on extremely hot days can sun cream be applied before the children come to school. It's lovely to see the girls wearing sandals but can they please still wear socks so their feet are protected if they fall over.

We enjoyed our class reward of pyjama day and toys from home for following the Golden Rules and are looking forward to our next class reward. PE is still on a Monday, can the children please bring trainers so that they can go outside.

Our next topic of 'Paws Claws and Whiskers' will begin after half term. Please can home learning be sent in on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Many thanks for your continued support. Enjoy half term.

### **Woodpeckers/Badgers**

Badgers and Woodpeckers have had a fantastic half term exploring our Muck, Mess and Mixture topic. We have explored various household items and have gained a wider





understanding of which ones are dangerous and how they should be stored.

We used the information gained to create our own safety posters. We have researched Carl Warner the artist and created our own art.

Thank you for your continued support with home readers and spellings, please ensure reading books are returned weekly. Our next topic will be Land Ahoy.

Have a fantastic half term break.

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

We have had a lovely half term with lots of fun activities taken place. We enjoyed our Someone Special Afternoon where lots of parents came in and worked alongside their children to produce some excellent giants which were made out of clay.

Both classes have also enjoyed participating in forest school activities run by Greenmeadow Community farm. The children enjoyed a range of activities including den building, building a camp fire and pond dipping.

Can we just remind you that our PE session is on a Tuesday so PE kits need to be in school on this day. Once again can we thank you for your support and co-operation.

### **Kingfishers and Buzzards**

We are now coming to the end of our topic "Misty Mountain Sierra" and both classes have really enjoyed learning about various mountains and some basic first aid. Kingfishers and Buzzards are now ready for any emergency!

We are getting ready to start our new topic "Sportswear designers", where we will be looking at creating our own sports kit.

We have started learning about a familiar narrative with a twist in our language lessons using the story "Honestly Red Riding Hood was Rotten". Year 4 have been working closely with Abersychan Comprehensive School and have been lucky enough to have some drama workshops, which the children have really enjoyed! The children also enjoyed our visit to Pontypool Library. Miss Thomas and Mrs Evans.

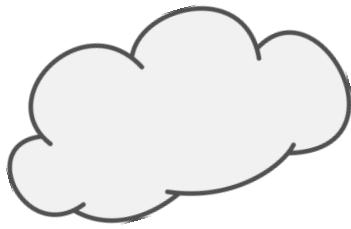
### **Dormice and Otters**

After an exciting start to the summer term 2018; seeing the completion of our Alchemy Island writing project and the start of a historic study of the pharaohs of ancient Egypt.

We have been writing diaries, creating number and word problems, art and craft activities and researching the ancient gods and beliefs and customs.

We hope that you enjoy the half-term break whilst, taking the opportunity to further





research and compare the everyday lives of Egyptians both ancient and modern. Please continue to support reading at home both individually and to an adult.

Please remember that our newly acquired Mathletics App is also online and available for use both at home as well as in school. <https://community.mathletics.com/signin/#/student> please use Class Dojo for any support required with this regarding lost login details etc.

We are looking forward to the children returning on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 ready for the final seven weeks of Year 5 when we will be completing our topic on the Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt and beginning a challenging mini-enterprise project in conjunction with Tesco.

We intend to produce a video as a guide to using the laminated wipe clean shopping list. This we will be promoting in Pontypool town and selling in the market hall in June/July. This is an ideal opportunity to support the school and a local charity.

### **Tawny Owls and Red Kites**

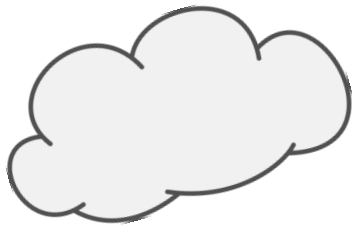
We can't believe that we are now heading into the last half term of Year 6. It has been a fantastic year so far and all of the pupils have worked incredibly hard, Miss Evans, Miss Bevan and Mrs Withers are very proud of each and every one of you.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the last half term; including the trip to Drayton Manor, the production of Oliver and the Year 6 Leaver's Oscars. Dates will be sent out very soon.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher





### Dates for Your Diary

28.05.18-01.06.18	Half Term
12.06.18	3.30 pm Parents Meeting for children attending residential trip
13.06.18	Year 5/6 Football Tournament, Cwmbran Stadium
18.06.18	Year 6 visit Abersychan Comprehensive School
20.06.18	NED Show
22.06.18	Training Day - School closed to pupils
25.06.18	Year 5/6 Summer Trip to Drayton Manor Park
26.06.18	Nursery and Reception Sports Day
27.06.18	Sports Day Year 1 to Year 6
02.07.18	Year 6 visit Abersychan School
03.07.18	West Mon Year 6 Moving Up Day Nursery and Reception Trip to Noah's Ark Year 3 and 4 Trip to Barry Island
04.07.18	Moving Up Day - Whole School
04.07.18	Parents intake meeting for pupils starting school in September
05.07.18	Year 1/2 Trip to Noah's Ark Year 6 Oliver Concert - 2.00 pm
06.07.18	School Reports issued to parents Fun Friday - Sports Activity Volunteer Tea Party
07.07.18	Country Dancing, Cwmbran
10.07.18	2.30 pm - Reception Stay and Play
11.07.18	Prize Giving for Nursery to Year 5
12.07.18	10.45 am and 2.30 pm - Nursery Stay and Play 3.30 pm-5.00 pm - Summer Fete
13.07.18	11.00 am and 2.45 pm - Nursery Graduation
16.07.18	Year 5 Enterprise Week - Pontypool Indoor Market
18.07.18	4.30 pm - 5.15 pm - Year 6 Oscars 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm - Year 6 Buffet and Disco
20.07.18	End of term 3.20 pm

