



Penygarn Community Primary School

END OF TERM NEWSLETTER JULY 2018

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Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

What a busy term! We can't believe another year is over.

The children have enjoyed some wonderful trips this year and, as always, were extremely well behaved.

NEWS

Congratulations and good luck to Mrs E Edmunds on your two year secondment as Headteacher at Glyncoed Primary School starting in September 2018. We will miss you, it will be very strange at Penygarn without you. You will make a superb Headteacher, Glyncoed are lucky to have you!

Congratulations to Mrs Robinson on the birth of your baby boy. We are all thrilled for you and look forward to seeing you both in the Autumn term.



Miss L Taylor will return from maternity leave in September after giving birth to her son last December. Welcome back Miss Taylor!

Bumblebees

What a wonderful year we have had as busy bees in Bumblebees! We have loved getting to know all of the lovely Bumblebees and we wish them the best of luck for their transition to Reception. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support and attendance of all that we do here in Nursery.

Bats and Foxes

Bats and Foxes have had a really busy last half term. We have been learning about reflections and investigating where we can find them.

We have had lots of fun using our outdoor area for exploring in this lovely weather, building sand castles and exploring in the water.

We had a lovely day in Noah's Ark with you all last week, and the children were very excited to tell us all about the animals that they saw during the day.

As this year is coming to an end we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. The children have been a fabulous year group and we will miss them dearly.





Good luck in Year 1 Bats and Foxes!

Barn Owls and Moles

Barn Owls and Moles were a credit to the school during our trip to Noah's Ark last week. They had a wonderful day seeing all of the animals and playing on the adventure playground! Moving-up day was a big success and all of the children are looking forward to joining their new classes in September. Please remember to keep sending in sun hats, sun cream and water bottles as this lovely weather continues. We will hopefully be having our final class rewards during the last week of term - letters to follow soon. Many thanks for your continued support.

Badgers and Woodpeckers

This week Year 2 have been continuing their work on pirates as part of topic 'Land Ahoy!' We designed our own maps and then wrote instructions on how to get to the treasure! We linked our work on maps and directions to the iPads using the turtle part of Hwb. We programmed our turtle to move in different directions to find their way back to their pirate ship. We are loving learning about pirates and enjoy dressing up. We have worked hard in the block area to design and build pirate ships. We also made our own pirate flags! Keep up the good work.

Red Squirrels and Water Voles

Year 3 have had a lovely last half term together. We have been looking at our topic of tremors where we have looked at a range of volcanoes around the world as well as locating them on a map. We have also looked at how volcanoes occur and the effects they have on different communities.

During this half term we visited Barry Island. Everyone had a lovely time on what was a beautiful day. The children played games on the beach, built sandcastles and sat on the beach whilst they ate their ice-creams.

We have had a lovely time this year in Year 3 and it has been a pleasure to teach the children. Have a lovely summer and we will look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year, it has been greatly appreciated.
Mr Smith and Mrs D.

Kingfishers and Buzzards

Year 4 have had a fantastic year, learning everything from teeth in the Autumn term to becoming sportswear designers in the Summer term!

They have taken on all the wonderful opportunities that have been offered to them this year and are ready for the new challenges ahead in Year 5.

We had a particularly successful school trip to Barry Island and sports activity day in West Mon, where the children's behaviour was a credit to our school.





We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers for supporting your child throughout Year 4, through helping them with their home school learning to attending our someone special days.

Dormice and Otters

Following the children's return on Monday 4th June 2018, it has been a busy final few weeks of last term in Year 5. We have completed our topic on the Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt where the children explored the truths behind the myths and how to mummify a tomato.

Alongside this was a challenging Mini-Enterprise Project in conjunction with Tesco. We produced a laminated wipe clean shopping list and the children created an advertising campaign making a radio and TV advert.

We will be promoting our product in Pontypool town and selling in the Market Hall on Wednesday 18th July 2018. This is an ideal opportunity to promote the school and support a local charity.

We wish you a wonderful summer break and the children a successful final year at Penygarn.

Tawny Owls and Red Kites

Here we are at the end of the year. We have had a busy last term rehearsing for Oliver but the children really pulled it off. They have all worked extremely hard to make the show amazing; each and every one of them should be very proud.

We are all very excited for the Oscars and can't wait to share their memories from their time here at Penygarn. This will be an emotional last week for all but Miss Evans, Miss Bevan and Mrs Withers are very proud of what you have all achieved this year.

We would like to wish you good luck in secondary school and remember you are all amazing; shine and be the best person you can be.

Free School Meals

If you think that your child/children are entitled to free meals or you require any further information please contact school.

Uniform

School uniform - remember to order your school uniform from the office before the end of term.



September will be an exciting time for us when we welcome some new members of staff - Miss R Jones, Mr R Williams and Mrs D Squirrell.





Please note, children joining our Reception classes will leave school at 12.45 pm the first week of term to settle them in gradually.

Below is a breakdown of the class structure for 2018/19:

Years	Classes	Teachers
Nursery	Bumblebees AM Bumblebees PM Bumblebees FT	Miss S Busby and Miss G Otterstead
Reception	Foxes	Mrs H Lang
	Bats	Miss R Jones
Year 1	Moles	Mr T Carrett
	Barn Owls	Mrs K Arnold Mrs D Squirrel (Fridays)
Year 2	Hedgehogs	Miss C Williams
	Badgers	Mr M Ledville-Smith
	Woodpeckers	Mrs J Rose and Miss J Lilly
Year 3	Red Squirrels	Mrs S Dumbleton
	Water Voles	Mr P Smith
Year 4	Buzzards	Miss H Thomas
	Kingfishers	Miss L Evans
Year 5	Otters	Mr J Webb
	Dormice	Mr R Williams
Year 6	Tawny Owls	Miss C Evans
	Red Kites	Miss N Bevan





School Term and Holiday Dates - 2018/2019

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Tuesday 04.09.18	Monday 29.10.18	Friday 02.11.18	Friday 21.12.18
Spring	Monday 07.01.19	Monday 25.02.19	Friday 01.03.19	Friday 12.04.19
Summer	Monday 29.04.19	Monday 27.05.19	Friday 31.05.19	Monday 22.07.19

Training Days - School Closed - Monday 3rd September 2018

Monday 7th Jan 2019

Friday 12th April 2019

Friday 21st June 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Year 6 children all the very best as they leave us on Friday to commence secondary school in September - Good luck all of you and remember to follow your dreams!

School will close for the summer holidays on Friday 20th July 2018 at 3.20 pm and re-open on Tuesday 4th September 2018.

Have a fabulous summer holiday everyone!

Yours sincerely

L Sellars
Headteacher





Dates for Your Diary

16.07.18	2.30 pm - Nursery and Reception Stay and Play
17.07.18	10.45 am - Nursery Stay and Play
18.07.18	Year 5 Enterprise Week - Pontypool Indoor Market 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
03.09.18	Training Day
18.09.18-21.09.18	Year 5 and Year 6 - Residential trip - Rock UK
17.10.18	Fundraising for Breast Cancer - Wear Pink
18.10.18	Book Fair arrives
22.10.18	Flu Immunisation - Reception - Year 6
29.10.18-02.11.18	Half Term

