



# Penygarn Community Primary School

## NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018

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Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that there is only four weeks until Christmas! We've got a really busy few weeks ahead. All the dates you need can be found at the end of this newsletter.

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](http://www.penygarn.torfaen.sch.uk), along with our Facebook and Twitter pages.

#### **Bumblebees**

Since coming back to school after Half Term we have had lots of fun exploring our new topic of 'Did dragons exist?'

We have been reading the story of 'Zog' and have created a picture of him using paint on the iPads, we have been looking at different sized dragons and we have been using 2D shapes to make castles.

We are very proud of the work we have done so far and we are looking forward to seeing what else our exciting topic brings!

We would also like to inform parents that the next Stay and Play session will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

#### **Bats and Foxes**

This term Reception will be covering the topic 'Will you read me a story?' So far, we have read many different stories and have talked about what the children would like to do for this topic.

We have had a go at making porridge, which the children really liked tasting, and thinking about the instructions. Children have also had the chance to think of their favourite stories and characters.

We have also been doing lots of number work. The children have been putting the right number of buttons on gingerbread men and have been counting magic beans. They have been working hard to form their numbers correctly.

We have also started practising for our Christmas play 'Angel Express'.

The children have all been given their parts and have started to learn the concert songs, which they are really enjoying. They are really looking forward to showing you all their hard work on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

#### **Barn Owls and Moles**

Year 1 loved their bikes and scooter reward afternoon and are already working towards their next class treat.

The children are continuing to enjoy their outdoor learning on Fridays. Can all children please be provided with wellies and a waterproof coat as the weather gets colder and wetter.

Don't forget our Christmas concert is Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 - can all children please wear a Christmas jumper in to school on that day.





The children are starting to look forward to Christmas already and it won't be long until they come home singing Christmas songs from our upcoming concert every night!

### **Badgers, Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers**

The children really enjoyed the Stay and Play on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 with their parents. They created some amazing Firework crafts. Thank you to all that were able to attend.

This half terms topic is 'Brilliant Betsi' and we will be learning about famous nurses in Wales, England and hospitals; making comparisons between them then and now.

Thank you to all those that return home readers weekly to be changed.

Mathletics is up and running and we look forward to seeing who is scoring the highest amount of points each week.

We will be continuing with Tree-Mendous-Tuesdays so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for all weathers.

### **Kingfishers and Buzzards**

Buzzards and Kingfishers have had a great start to Autumn! We have started our new topic 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile', which is all about the digestive system. Thank you for all the superb teeth models that you've created during the half term.

A few reminders: PE kits are needed for their PE session on Thursday. Weekly homework will now be posted on class dojo so don't forget to check. If you haven't already signed up, please remember to do so, it's great for keeping up to date on how your child is doing in class and communicating with either Miss Thomas or Mrs Evans.

Thank you for your continued support!

### **Free School Meals**

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

### **Christmas Dinner**

Christmas dinner will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018. If your child would like a dinner please book one with your child's class teacher. Please note there will be no salad bar on this day.

### **After school clubs**

Mondays - Year 5/6 Rugby

Tuesdays - Keystage 2 Hockey

Wednesdays - Year3/4 Multi Sports

Thursdays - Years 4, 5, 6 Football

All clubs are from 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm. Children will need to bring appropriate kit (i.e. rugby boots, tracksuit, trainers, shorts and t-shirt).

### **Attendance**

#### **Attendance Procedure**

Children with an attendance percentage of less than 95% will receive a phone call home, a further absence would require a letter be sent home. If the child then had another absence, parents would be asked to attend a meeting at the school. If there were to be no improvement, a referral would be made to the Education Welfare Officer.





Late Children

Late children are met at the school office by the Education Family Links Worker and, if in Reception class, escorted down to class. Year 1 - Year 6 children are required to make their own way to class once signed in. If children are late to school three times, a phone call is made to parents. Ten late arrivals would invoke a letter and meeting at the school. If there were to be no improvement, a referral would be made to the Education Welfare Officer.

**School Term and Holiday Dates - 2018/2019**

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
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 -   Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
  Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019  
  Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

School will be closed for end of this term at 3.20 pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher





### Dates for Your Diary

27.11.18	10.45 am and 2.30 pm - Nursery Stay and Play
28.11.18	2.30 pm - Reception Stay and Play
30.11.18	Mufti Day - 50p donation Closing date for applications to Secondary school
04.12.18	10.00 am and 2.00 pm - Wizard of Oz Pantomime - Whole school
06.12.18	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm - Christmas Bazaar
07.12.18	Christmas Hat Day Parents V Staff Football Match
10.12.18	3.30 pm - 4.30 pm - KS1 Christmas Disco (Rec, Year 1 and 2)
11.12.18	10.45 am - 'A Bumblebee Jingle' Nursery Concert 2.30 pm - 'A Bumblebee Jingle' Nursery Concert 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm - Year 3 and 4 Christmas Disco
12.12.18	10.30 am - Reception Concert 2.15 pm - Reception Concert Year 5 visit West Mon - Cinderella Pantomime
13.12.18	10.30 am - Year 1/2 Concert 2.15 pm - Year 1/2 Concert
14.12.18	Christmas Dress up Day Christmas Dinner 9.30 am - KS2 Christmas Carol Service
17.12.18	1.30 pm - KS2 Christmas Carol Service
18.12.18	3.30 pm - Year 5 and 5 Christmas Disco
19.12.18	1.30 pm - KS2 Concert Performance for Plas-Y-Garn and Crownbridge
20.12.18	We welcome a special visitor to school
21.12.18	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Parties - All Years End of term 3.20 pm
07.01.18	Spring Term begins - 9.05 am

