

Penygarn Community Primary School

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019

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Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2019. What a busy start we have had to the year. We welcome our new members of staff Miss Lee, class teacher for Woodpeckers and Mrs A Gibbs who covers management release time on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Congratulations to Miss L Jones on your diploma in Trauma and Mental Awareness. We are all proud of you!

Bumblebees

Bumblebees have settled in nicely after the Christmas break. The existing children have helped to settle the new starters, and they have all had lots of fun exploring our new topic of 'Why can't I have chocolate for breakfast?'

The children had a lovely time for their big breakfast morning where they tried and discussed lots of healthy, and unhealthy, food. We have had fun using some of these foods to create a repeating pattern and we are looking forward to seeing what else our exciting topic brings!

Bats and Foxes

This term our topic is 'What's that sound?' We will be learning all about the different sounds around us and how they are made. Since the start of term, we have explored lots of different instruments and the sounds they make. We have really enjoyed making lots of different loud noises! We have also had the chance to practice drawing the instruments we have been playing.

In Maths, we have been busy practicing addition and counting in twos and we are starting to look at the story 'Peace at last' in Literacy.

Barn Owls and Moles

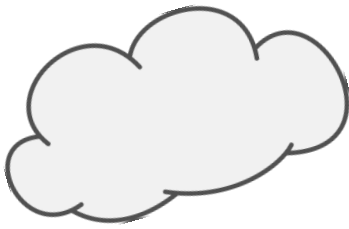
Thank you very much for the cards, gifts and good wishes prior to the Christmas break. The children have settled back into school really nicely since their time off.

We have started our new topic - Enchanted Woodlands. The children will be visiting the American Gardens on Friday 25th January 2019 - Please make sure the children come to school with wellies and a waterproof coat on this day (and every Friday!).

The children are in the process of choosing their next class treat - let's keep up the good behaviour to make sure we earn it as soon as possible!



We have lots of jumpers left behind in the Year 1 classrooms - please make sure to label jumpers.



PE will continue to be on a Tuesday this term. Please make sure PE kits are sent in, they can be kept in the cloakroom until the half term break.

Woodpeckers/Badgers/Hedgehogs

Year 2 would like to welcome Miss Lee who is now working in Woodpeckers alongside Miss Lilley, a brilliant addition to our Year 2 team!

Our new topic is 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'. We are going to be learning lots about art, colours and mixtures and George's Marvellous Medicine. To celebrate the end of this topic we will be holding an Art exhibition, please keep an eye on social media and letters for the date and time for this, everyone will be welcome to come along and purchase a piece of their child's fantastic art work!

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that PE is on a Wednesday, bags can stay in school on the children's pegs.

Please make sure book bags are also being brought in regularly each week. Tremendous Tuesdays have started again so children must have a coat, warm clothes and wellies each Tuesday. Wellies can stay in school if you prefer.

Red Squirrels and Dragonflies

Year 3 have settled in very well since returning from Christmas. We are working our way through our topic Scrumdiddlyumptious. We have been looking at the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, where we watched the film as part of our emersion days. Through this topic we have transferred our Maths skills where we have looked at estimating and measuring the length of different chocolate bars as well as carrying out a chocolate tasting exercise where we have to guess the different types of chocolate.

We have lots more fun things planned for this half term so keep an eye out on the schools website and social media for lots of pictures.

Can we remind you that our PE day is on a Thursday so can you ensure that all kit is in ready for these sessions. Many thanks.

Kingfishers and Buzzards

We have begun our new topic of Potions. Thank you to those who have brought in their potion bottles. They are looking amazing! We have lots of fantastic learning opportunities planned this term, including learning about anaesthetic, creating a villains speech based on The Lion King and making pocket clocks from Alice in Wonderland.

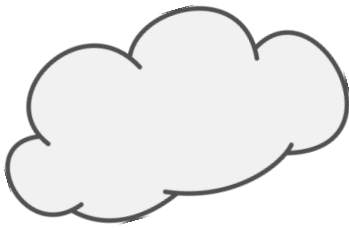
PE is still on a Thursday, so please remember kit.

We also have a library visit coming up this term, where the children have an opportunity to join the library.

Red Kites and Tawny Owls

Welcome back Year 6. We have started this term with our new topic Frozen Kingdom. We will be learning all about the Arctic and Antarctic, as well as the Titanic. The children have already shown great enthusiasm towards this topic and we know this will continue.





In language we are writing a mystery adventure story. The children will then be sharing these stories on their google drive so you can read them at home.

In Maths we are focussing on fractions and shape. We are linking our Someone Special Afternoon to the work we are doing on the Titanic. We hope as many of you will be able to make it as possible.

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.

We will be changing over to a cashless system for dinner money from Monday 4th February 2019. Children will be bringing home a letter explaining this.

There will be training sessions on the new system on Wednesday 30th January, Thursday 31st January and Friday 1st February 2019 between 2.30 pm - 3.20 pm in the school. All are welcome to attend.

School Website, Social Media and Schoop

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

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,

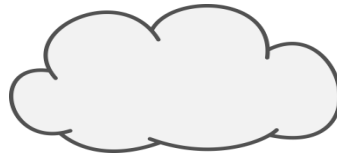
A polite reminder to be courteous to staff at all times. Any abuse will not be tolerated.

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

28.01.19	Year 6 Someone Special Afternoon
04.02.19	Year 5 Someone Special Afternoon
11.02.19	3.30 pm - 4.30 pm - Foundation Phase Valentines Disco
18.02.19	3.30 pm - 4.30 pm - Year 3/4 Valentines Disco Year 3 and 4 Someone Special
19.02.19	3.30 pm - 4.30 pm - Year 5/6 Valentines Disco
25.02.19-01.03.19	Half Term
07.03.19	World Book Day
11.03.19	Year 2 Someone Special Afternoon
15.03.19	Red Nose Day
18.03.19	Year 1 Someone Special Afternoon
25.03.19	Reception Someone Special Afternoon
01.04.19	Nursery Someone Special Afternoon
09.04.19	3.30 pm - 6.00 pm - Parents Evening
10.04.19	2.00 pm - KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm - Parents Evening
11.04.19	2.00 pm - KS2 Easter Bonnet Parade
12.04.19	Training Day - School closed to pupils
15.04.19-26.04.19	Easter Holidays
29.04.19	Summer Term Begins
06.05.19	May Day - School closed to pupils
27.05.19-31.05.19	Half Term

