



Penygarn Community Primary School

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2019

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Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

May we all say a very warm welcome back to Mrs E Edmunds who has returned from her secondment as Headteacher in Blaenau Gwent. It is lovely to have you back.

Mrs Edmunds and Mr Jones will be acting Headteacher this year whilst Miss Sellars is on a year secondment to the EAS.

During the summer holidays we said a sad farewell to Mr J Webb who has retired on grounds of ill health. We are all thinking about you and wish you a speedy recovery.

We also sadly said goodbye to Mrs J Hayward who left us last Friday to take up a position with Torfaen CBC. Good luck Mrs Hayward we miss you already.

It has been wonderful to see all the children looking so lovely in their school uniform. Thank you for all your support.

Please visit school website on www.penygarn.torfaensch.uk on a regular basis to keep you up to date with everything that is going on at Penygarn Community Primary School.

Bumblebees

The Bumblebee children have been busy settling into Nursery life. The Nursery team have been very proud of how well the new children have settled in and also of how caring the older nursery children have been. They have really enjoyed helping the new children and showing them where everything is.

We have enjoyed starting our new topic 'Pontypool Tales' and thinking about the area the school is in. We have been on a bear hunt around the school, looking at all the different places and even created a picture of our journey. We have also been talking about how we get to and from school. We have also been super busy counting and starting to learn how to recognise and write numbers. We've even managed to squeeze in lots of stories and song time!

We are looking to use the outdoor area as much as possible this term even if it's a bit wet. If you have any wellies at home, please put your children's name on them and send them in.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to class dojo. If you are having any issues or are not sure of your log in, please come and speak to us. Dojo is a great way for you to keep up





to date with important information and to message us with any concerns or issues!

Our first Stay and Play will be Monday 14th October 2019. We would love for you all to join us.

Bats and Foxes

Bats and Foxes have settled in really nicely to Reception. We have been learning all about our local area in the first few weeks of term, we have set up a post office in class and the children really enjoyed visiting the real post office yesterday! Hopefully their letters will arrive soon!

We are now looking forward to starting our new topic which is all about telling stories. Thank you for your support over the past few weeks.

Badgers/Woodpeckers

Woodpeckers and Badgers have settled nicely into Year 1. They have enjoyed learning about Pontypool and the school grounds. Outdoor Learning has been a great hit, please can the children bring in wellies and a waterproof on a Friday and wear trousers or bring in a change of clothes.

The children have enjoyed learning about 2d shapes and made pictures using them. In Language the children are learning to write instructions on how to brush their teeth.

The next topic is called Moon Zoom. If the children have any books or toys on space they could bring them in for a class display.

Please can your child bring in a water bottle daily and a piece of fruit for themselves.

PE is on a Wednesday, your child needs a t-shirt and shorts or tracksuit bottoms. They can bring trainers if they wish. The kits don't get that dirty and will be sent home at half term.

Barn Owls and Moles

Year 2 have settled in brilliantly and are enjoying learning about 'Pontypool Tales'. We have a 'Spar' in our classroom and a café where we love to buy, sell and bake!

We will be learning lots about our local area in this topic and the next - 'Street Detectives' and we will be going on lots of local walks in our community. We will also be focusing on an area of Eco-schools which is litter and how we can reduce the amounts of litter.

Please make sure all items of clothing, drinks bottles and bags are labelled, and PE kits are brought in for each Thursday.

Reading bags can be returned any day. If your child has not brought a reading book home yet please return the permission slip.



If you are not signed up for class dojo please ask Mrs D or Miss Williams if you have forgotten your log in code.





Red Squirrels and Dragonflies

Year 3 have had a lovely start to the term together. We have begun our topic of rugby linked to the world cup in Japan. We are looking at all the different people involved in rugby ranging from players, to medical staff, ground staff, etc. we are thoroughly enjoying this topic.

We have also started our PE and music sessions, which are on a Monday. In order for the PE sessions to run effectively can you please ensure that the correct kit is in school ready for these sessions.

We have had a lovely time together so far and it has been a pleasure to get to know the children. Thank you for all your support so far. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and speak to us.

Kingfishers and Buzzards

Kingfishers and Buzzards have had a fantastic start to the new school. They have all shown that they are ready for Year 4.

We have started our Rugby World cup topic, where the children have chosen a variety of skills and activities to do, such as symmetry of flags, the rules of the game and making top trump cards!

We will be looking at various places within the world, especially Japan and Wales, comparing the two countries and finding out where the countries involved in the World Cup are situated on a globe. The world is a big place and it will be interesting for the children to appreciate just how big the world is and how different cultures and traditions shape their lives.

We will be giving the children "missions" to solve and learn from and connecting different areas of the curriculum together rather than teaching "English" and "Maths" discretely. We want the children to be able to make connections and apply their skills across the curriculum, linking these skills together as much as possible.

PE days are on Mondays, so please make sure your child has a separate PE kit—shorts/joggers, t shirt and plimsolls (daps) or trainers. It is a good idea for the children to leave their PE kit in school for a half term so that it is ready for them each Monday.

Please can reading books be returned on a Friday.

We are lucky this year to have two quite small classes in Year 4. This will help us to spend extra time with each of the children.

If there are any problems that you wish to discuss, we are on the gate on Tuesday and Friday mornings and every afternoon. Please feel free to talk to us and we can support each other to ensure that the children have a positive experience in Year 4.



Thank you.





Red Kites and Otters

Welcome back! We have had a fabulous start to the year and the children are beginning to settle into their new class routines. We have been learning all about the Rugby World Cup and its host country Japan.

Well done to those children who have been awarded a Fabulous 5 role, you are doing an amazing job and setting excellent examples to your peers. Keep up the good work Year 5.

Key information:

PE: Children will require their outdoor PE kit on Tuesdays.

Swimming: This will take place every Friday morning. Otters need to be in school at 8:45 am and Red Kites at the normal time. Children will all be provided with goggles by the school but will need to bring a swimming costume and towel.

Please contribute 50p per week which will cover the costs of any buses we book.

Thank you for your continued support, stay in touch on Class Dojo and we look forward to speaking soon at parent consultations.

Tawny Owls and Dormice

Year 6 have started the year off learning all about the Rugby World Cup and the Welsh Rugby Team. They have made Groggs of Welsh players using clay, made newspaper stadiums, research Welsh Rugby Players and are planning a trip to Japan using all of their maths skills. Good Luck Wales!

Those who came on the residential trip had a fabulous time and took part in lots of fantastic activities. They were extremely lucky with the weather, making the week even more enjoyable.

Our next topic is 'A Child's War' where we will be learning all about the impact of WWII on Wales and how it affected the children at that time.





Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 02.09.19	Monday 28.10.19	Friday 01.11.19	Friday 20.12.19
Spring	Monday 06.01.20	Monday 17.02.20	Friday 21.02.20	Friday 03.04.20
Summer	Monday 20.04.20	Monday 25.05.20	Friday 29.05.20	Monday 20.07.20

School closed - Training Days - Friday 25th October 2019, Friday 14th February 2020 and Monday 1st June 2020

School closed - May Day - Friday 8th May 2019

Yours sincerely

E Edmunds/L Jones
Acting Headteachers





Dates for Your Diary

03.10.19	5.30 pm - West Monmouth School Parents' Open Evening
04.10.19	Closing date for Nursery Admissions 2020
10.10.19	Wear Yellow - World Mental Health Day 9.00 am - 12.00 pm - West Monmouth School Year 6 Parents Open Day
14.10.19	10.45 am - Nursery Stay and Play 2.30 pm - Nursery Stay and Play
17.10.19	Individual/Family Photographs
18.10.19	Individual/Family Photographs
22.10.19	Hope GB - Coffee Morning - Big Hall 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm - Parents Evening Book Fayre in school
23.10.19	3.30 pm - 6.00 pm - Parents Evening
24.10.19	Autumn Dress Up Day
25.10.19	Training Day - School closed to pupils
28.10.19-01.11.19	Half Term
04.11.19	Year 1 Stay and Play
08.11.19	Mufti Day
11.11.19	Flu Immunisation for Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
15.11.19	Children In Need - £1.00 donation
22.11.19	Mufti Day
03.12.19	Pantomime - Whole school
05.12.19	School Christmas Bazaar
06.12.19	Christmas Hat Day Year 5 Someone Special Afternoon





09.12.19

Nursery Christmas Concert

10.12.19

Reception Christmas Concert

11.12.19

Year 3/4 Christmas Concert

12.12.19

Year 5/6 Christmas Concert

13.12.19

Christmas Dinner

13.12.19

Year 1/2 Christmas Concert
Christmas Dress-up Day

20.12.19

Christmas Jumper Day
End of Autumn Term - 3.20 pm

