



Penygarn Community Primary School

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2021

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Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

Welcome to our first newsletter of the summer term.

I am sure you are all aware by now that our Headteacher Miss Sellars will leave us at the end of July 2021.

You will all be pleased to hear that Mr Jones, our current Deputy Headteacher, will be taking over as Acting Headteacher in September.

The Governing Body are looking to appoint a substantive Headteacher to start in January 2022. We will of course keep you updated with further details as the interview process gets under way.

Nursery

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to our Rising 3's. Everyone has settled in really well and are making new friends and lovely memories each session.

Our topic is 'Why can't I have chocolate for breakfast?' We have read 'Love monster and the last chocolate' and 'I will not ever never eat a tomato'. We talked about our favourite foods and the things we like to eat for breakfast, we even had some toast at snack time when some of us tried Jam even though we thought we wouldn't like it.

The weather has been so warm and sunny that we have been able to play outside in our Nursery garden and enjoy some outdoor learning we have also had a lot of fun playing on our new bikes.

Bats and Foxes

Foxes and Bats have once again settled really well back into school. We have started our new topic called 'Are we there yet', which is all about transport and travel. The children have really enjoyed playing with the small world vehicles and exploring our new space station role-play area.

We have been spending lot's of time enjoying the sunshine outside where we have a campsite, a car wash and some bikes and scooters. With this in mind please can you ensure your child has a sun hat and that you have applied sun cream in the morning. We do not want anyone burning!

Can I also remind you that ALL children need to bring in a water bottle and a snack for the afternoon.





Badgers and Woodpeckers

The children have been really enjoying learning about superheroes in school over the last few weeks. We have started learning all about Julia Donaldson's Superworm story - we are getting so good at the actions to the story!

We have also been learning about the food that super heroes eat - super healthy food! As a healthy school, we have been looking in our lunch boxes and making sure we have a healthy range of food to be eating in school.

Both classes have recently enjoyed their class rewards that have been earned from excellent behaviour - we are now aiming towards earning our next reward day.

Barn Owls and Moles

Year 2 have been exploring the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' through retelling, sequencing, acting and extended writing. We have also planted our own beans and some of the beanstalks grew taller than the children!

We have also created a florists role-play where we enjoy buying and selling various flowers. We also made cress heads which we took home to eat!

We have been working hard to improve our outdoor areas by collecting litter, planting trees, flowers and potatoes, and creating a lovely space for us to play and learn in.

Red Squirrels and Dragonflies

Red Squirrels and Dragonflies have settled back into school life very well and should be very proud of their resilience and attitude towards school life, learning and following the Golden Rules.

We have been busy beginning to develop our outdoor area and will be adding to this over the summer term. We have planted Sunflowers, Sweet peas, Beetroot and Herbs so far. Please check Class Dojo on a regular basis for photographs and messages.

Our PE day is Tuesday so please ensure your child is wearing their kit. In addition, we are outdoors a lot so please ensure sensible footwear is supplied. Weekly spellings will be added to Dojo for our Friday spelling challenge. If you have any questions please ask.

Many thanks Mr Ledville-Smith and Mrs Dumbleton

Kingfishers and Buzzards

Kingfishers and Buzzards have had a brilliant start to the new term by earning their Class Reward and being able to celebrate and enjoy this. Bendigedig Kingfishers!

We are so proud of how the class have settled back into the school routine and beginning to get into the swing of being excited to learn. We just need to remember and keep on following the Golden Rules.





This term we have the amazing opportunity of attending sessions delivered by Dragons Rugby Community. This will be continuing for the next few weeks. It is every other Thursday morning. Come to school in PE clothes and we will be out whatever the weather on the field.

Reminders:

PE is on a Tuesday

Bring water bottles to school

Wear clothing suitable for daily outdoor learning

Otters and Dormice

Otters have started a new topic this term: Pharaohs. It started with an exciting task to make our classmates into mummies using a set of instructions! So far, we have carried out research about the Ancient Egyptians, built models of pyramids and have discussed what we would like to learn about. We are planning and writing fact files about one of the most famous pharaohs - Tutankhamun. We have also enjoyed outdoor learning and have been designing and building dens, practising our fire building skills and making Ancient Egyptian crafts and models using natural materials.

Red Kites and Tawny Owls

Year 6 are approaching their last part of the school year, how quickly 2021 seems to be moving.

Our topic this half term is about the frozen kingdoms of the earth, including the Titanic tragedy. Already the children are absorbed into finding out about how the Titanic sunk one hundred and six years ago, this week.

The warmer weather is enabling us to go outside more, to Forest School and for Outside Learning. Den building is a big treat at the moment, and the children are good at it.

In Maths, we are trying to plug lots of gaps in the children's learning, ready for their transition to the secondary schools. Transition is going to be very different this year, again. At the moment we haven't had any information from the secondary schools yet, but we will let you know as soon as we hear anything.

If you have any concerns, please remember to communicate with us through Class Dojo. We will get back to you as soon as we can.

Enjoy the sunshine! Hopefully the snow is behind us now!





Outdoor Learning

We have been making the most of our school grounds this term. Thanks to Mr Wills, we have planted trees across the school to help prevent flooding, attract wildlife and improve our grounds. We are proud of the way that we are helping the environment. We have also used our new equipment to build dens in teams, use the hammocks to relax in and we are getting more confident with tree climbing. We have also started planting potatoes and flowers.

We can't wait to see what grows over the summer!

Website

Don't forget that our school website is a mine of information. Please take a look at:

www.penygarn.torfaen.sch.uk

Dates for Diary

03.05.21	May Day - School closed
27.05.21	Year 6 - Crucial Crew - Virtual
31.05.21-.04.06.21	Half term
07.06.21	Training Day – School closed
19.07.21	Training Day - School closed
20.07.21	Training Day - School closed

Thank you for all your continued support through a very hard and difficult year.

Yours sincerely

L Sellars
Headteacher

