



## Welcome to our new termly Newsletter!

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Welcome to the first Newsletter of the Autumn term and what a term it has been. We would like to say a huge 'Thank you' for your continued support as we still battle through these uncertain times.

Mrs Drinkwater, Midday Supervisor will be retiring at half term after a marvelous 37 years' service. She definitely deserves a medal. We all wish her a happy, long and healthy retirement - we will miss you Mrs Drinkwater!

We also say a farewell to Mrs Walton, Midday Supervisor who will be leaving us at half term, good luck in your new adventure.

A sad farewell to Miss Webb who will transfer to West Mon in November. We wish you lots of luck with your new challenge.

### Nursery

Welcome back to nursery bumblebees. We hope you had a lovely summer.

We have welcomed our friends back to nursery and met our new friends who started this academic year.

All of our children have settled in beautifully and we look forward to getting to know each other and creating new memories over the next school year.

A big thank you to the parents for sending your children in to school in our smart school uniform and labelling your child's clothes this makes our job so much easier!

This week we started outdoor learning with Mrs Squirrel we made mud paintings and looked at the different sorts of trees in our school grounds. We had a marvelous time thank you Mrs. Squirrel!

### Reception

Bats and Foxes have settled in well into Reception life. We are enjoying our new topic called Me and my Community where we have enjoyed telling everyone about the people and pets in our families. In Maths we have been learning about more, fewer, taller, shorter as well as practising counting and writing our numbers. We are enjoying learning our sounds in RWInc sessions and are trying really hard to write them too.

In Language we have been learning about the people in our community and the jobs that they do.

We are looking forward to going on an Autumn walk in the next few weeks where we will look for signs of the changing seasons.

We have enjoyed making friends and exchanging friendship bracelets in the creative area and drawing our families that will be framed and displayed in our home corner.

Rhys has been playing games with us in PE and Tom has been teaching us to use apps on the iPads.

Please can all fruit for snack time come into school in a labelled bag or box (no chocolate, biscuits or crisps) please. Have a lovely half term.

### Barn Owls and Moles

Moles and Barn Owls have settled brilliantly into Year 2. We have been looking at people who are important to us and in society. We have created a vets in our classroom and we love to take on the various roles.

We have been sequencing events and looking at the features of recount writing, and learning all about place value in Maths. We have also explored how germs spread and have made posters to encourage people to wash their hands.

Please can we remind you to practice spellings with your children for Monday morning spelling tests, and we have also sent home Mathletics log ins. If more activities need to be set on Mathletics please let a member of staff know via dojo.

#### **Woodpeckers and Badgers**

Badgers and Woodpeckers have settled back into school really well during the first few weeks of term. Can we please remind parents that children need to be bringing labelled jumpers/cardigans and coats into school every day, with the weather being so unpredictable.

PE days continue to be on a Monday and children can come to school dressed in their PE kit ready. Please also send in a piece of fruit for children to have during snack time, and a bottle of water as well.

Thanks for your continued support.

#### **Red Squirrels and Dragonflies**

Year 3 have settled in really well to their new classes and have begun to explore their topic 'Urban Pioneers'. We have looked at different types of graffiti and have had a go at creating our own and graffiti writing our names. In Numeracy we have been exploring place value and have been finding out about hundreds, tens and units. We are also creating leaflets for Pontypool Park.

Please can we remind all parents that reading day will be every Tuesday (please have books in school by Monday) and spellings will be every Friday.

Thank you for your continued support, the Year 3 Team.

#### **Kingfishers and Buzzards**

Our topic this half term is Blue Abyss, where we are looking at what life is like under the ocean. What sea creatures live there? What would it be like if we were able to take a trip in a submarine and see the sights for ourselves? The topic started with finding the names of the oceans in our world and how they fit around the continents. We are going to be looking at food chains and what creatures might be at the top of the food chains!

We have been learning how to write Super Sentences in Literacy and remind ourselves that every sentence must have a capital letter at the beginning and a full stop at the end. We are going to be watching a short film clip called Something Fishy, where a little girl gets dragged into an imaginative world under the sea, and writing how the story might end.

In Maths we are focussing on place value, addition and subtraction and negative numbers.

PE is on Tuesdays and children may wear their kit to school if they wish. If we take part in Forest School, I will let you know on Class DOJO.

#### **Dates to remember**

18.10.21 Book Fair in school - order online

19.10.21 - 20.10.21 - Parent Consultations

21.10.21 - 22.10.21- Individual Photographs

25.10.21-29.10.21 - Half term

#### **Save the Date**

03.12.21 - Christmas Dress Up  
10.12.21 - Christmas Dinner and Hat Day

17.12.21 - Christmas Jumper Day

17.12.21 - End of Term

If you have any issues or problems, or even want to tell me that you are pleased with how your child is doing, please contact me on DOJO. I will get back to you as soon as I can.

#### Dormice and Otters

Year 5 started their new topic: Alchemist Island with a wonderful potion making task, to transport us to the magical island. We used a variety of mysterious ingredients and had great fun creating recipes in groups. We also enjoyed outdoor cooking to learn about irreversible changes and are currently developing our orienteering and map reading to find out about countries around the world. We have loved using the ipads and lap tops to create music as soundtracks for our visit to Alchemist Island and have enjoyed using a variety of art resources to design fantasy landscapes. It's great being back together, looking smart in our uniforms and practicing our skills in a variety of ways.

#### Red Kites and Tawny Owls

Year 6 have had a lovely start to the year and have enjoyed working through their topic Blood Heart. Some of the children have volunteered and taken part in 'Play maker training'. This has involved them learning new games and how to set up, deliver and monitor games on the yard.

Unfortunately, as you are aware swimming has been postponed. We are hoping that this will resume after half term.

Just a reminder that the children's PE day is on a Monday so can they come to school in their kit on that day.

We would like to wish you a lovely half term from all the staff here at Penygarn Community Primary School. Enjoy all the festive celebrations but keep yourselves safe. We will see you back in school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

Yours Sincerely



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#### Free School Meals

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

