



Welcome to our termly Newsletter!

Annwyl Rieni (Dear Parents/Carers)

Nursery

Nursery are enjoying our new topic 'Puddles and Rainbows' we loved going on Welly Walks to splash in puddles. The children have been learning how to describe the weather and have enjoyed exploring the frost and ice in our outdoor area.

We have been learning lots of Nursery Rhymes about the weather including Incy Wincey Spider, It's Raining it's Pouring and Rain, Rain go Away.

Our lovely Bumblebees are getting so good at recognising colours and have begun to explore colouring mixing through powder paint puddles - we've had so much fun!

Well done to our new children who have started with us you've settled in so well and we are super proud of you.

Reception

Bats and Foxes are enjoying their new topic of Winter Wonderland. We learnt about the seasons and sorted the objects into things that we use in the summer and winter.

In Maths we have been learning about number zero and sorted pictures into things that showed zero and things that showed another number. We have used marshmallows and polystyrene to make igloos for the Inuit people and used the new ice blocks.

In the creative area we have loved making snowmen and creating winter pictures using chalk.

In Language we have been learning the story of the Gruffalo's Child and are practicing writing and saying our sounds.

Woodpeckers and Badgers

Year 1 have really enjoyed their immersion into our topic "Bright Lights, Big City." We have learnt all about the queen and came smartly dressed to our royal tea party. We went on a walk to the American Gardens and spotted all different features, man-made and natural. We have also received some fantastic home learning buildings, so thank you at home for all your support and effort.

Barn Owls and Moles

Year 2 have started learning about 'Magnificent Monarchs'. We have had a Royal Ball and a Banquet and we all had a wonderful time doing some Royal dancing and making beautiful crowns. We have created a castle in our classroom and we have been learning all about significant monarchs from throughout history. We can tell you lots of facts about these Kings and Queens, some of them gruesome and gory!

We have also been learning about Healthy eating as part of our Eco school's topic, and we are taking a weekly tally chart to record the healthy choices everyone in Year 2 are making.

Red Squirrels and Dragonflies

Dosbarth Red Squirrels and Dragonflies have been working extremely hard on their new topic 'Through the ages' they have been applying their digital skills researching facts about the Iron Age and gaining understanding about timelines. Furthermore, the children will be designing and building hillforts.

Children will continue to have their spelling challenge on a Friday and reading day is Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support with listening to children read at home and with their spellings.

Buzzards and Kingfishers

Our topic this half term is Burps, Bottoms and Bile, which you can imagine caused lots of laughs and giggles when the children heard the title! We are learning about our digestive system and how food is broken down inside our body and how the waste leaves our body!

So far, we have looked at a pig's liver-the closest thing which we could get to a human liver. Some of the children were brave enough to hold it (with gloves on, of course,) and we looked at its colour and weight and found out its function in our body. We will be looking at the function of the stomach and gall bladder too. With this knowledge we will be compiling our own Fact files, in Literacy, and learning how to include certain features of this text type.

In Maths we are focusing on multiplication, in particular, our multiplication tables, and we have been trying to learn them in class. Three times a week we have a timed times table test and we are trying to beat each previous score. We will also be covering division and area.

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.

Buzzards are taking part in an extra PE session every other Thursday, with an ex Welsh Rugby ladies' player. She certainly puts us through our paces!

The children should be bringing home a reading book on a daily basis. Please listen to them read, if you can, and encourage them to read independently too. They need to bring their book bags back to school every day, so that I can listen to them on a 1:1 basis as well.

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.

Mrs Middle

Dormice and Otters

Year 5 have enjoyed their new topic: Time Traveller. We have been learning about different changes- changes in Pontypool through time, how people change as they get older and what happens to us as we grow up.

We really enjoyed making some portraits in Forest School using clay and natural materials and we have been practising our measuring skills, finding perimeter and area, to help us to order new planters for the garden. We also loved making some healthy fruit kebabs and made instruction videos for others. We shared these with the class. They were great!

Dates to remember

Save the Date

February Half Term

21.02.22 - 25.02.22

Year 6

02.03.22 - Crucial Crew

Parent Consultations

06.03.22

3.30 pm - 6.30 pm

Year 2 and Year 5

14.3.22 - Firemen in to talk

Training Day

08.04.22

school closed to pupils

Red Kites and Tawny Owls

This half term, Year 6 will be learning all about the Frozen Kingdoms. We will be looking at the Polar Regions; researching what animals live there and how they survive; what expeditions have taken place and how Climate Change might be affecting these beautiful places and inhabitants.

Together, in Science, we will investigate how Polar Bears and other animals stay warm in the freezing conditions. We will be creative by sketching icebergs and the Titanic. We will be investigating how the Titanic sunk and who was at fault and asking questions as to whether this disaster could have been avoided?

Year 6 can't wait to get stuck into their new topic!

Curriculum for Wales

Throughout the Autumn term, we have been continuing to develop the Curriculum for Wales. We have been hard at work developing a website for assessment and progression. This website will be used by teachers to celebrate the children's work that demonstrate the Progression Steps within each Area of Learning.

We are also continuing to develop Blended Learning across the school, making it a focus leading up to Easter. Another focus for the next half term, leading up to Easter, is to develop and update our school Curriculum for Wales Policy, to ensure that we have clear guidelines and expectations for all.

Yours Sincerely



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