

# Newsletter

December 10<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Kind regards,  
Cofion cynnes,

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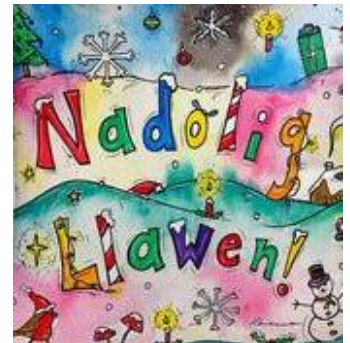
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## Newsletter

Dear Parent and Carer,  
Annwyl Rhieni,

It has been really lovely to hear the sound of Christmas singing around the school today. I can't quite believe there is only one week left of the Autumn term.

A reminder that school will close for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** and will re-open for the spring term on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.



### Mrs Jenkins

Mrs Jenkins would like to say thank you for all of the get well wishes she has received in the past few days. She is on the road to recovery! As you know Mrs Jenkins will be retiring at the end of this term but we will be waiting until she is feeling better to say a proper thank you in the Spring term.

### Mrs Harman

Mrs Harman, our School Business Manager will be leaving us mid-January to take up a post as Operations Manager for Mind Cymru. Whilst we will all be very sorry to see her leave I know you will join with me in congratulating her on her appointment.

### Miss Cook

Our new Deputy Head, Miss Cook will be joining us for the day on Monday before she starts in January. I know you will all make her feel very welcome.

### Covid-19

We have had a number of positive cases this week. Please continue to monitor for symptoms and if needed please book a PCR test.

### PTA

My thanks to the PTA for their Christmas fund raising events and to you as parents for supporting.



PENTREPOETH PTA  
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR  
RAINBOW RAFFLE

**TICKET  
STUBBS/MONEY  
MUST BE IN ON  
MONDAY AT THE  
LATEST TO BE  
INCLUDED IN  
DRAW**

Draw takes place Wednesday 15th  
December

Pentrepoeth PTA

**Thank You**

**FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT WITH OUR  
EVENTS THIS TERM!  
WE HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMED WITH YOUR  
GENEROSITY!**

**WE WILL  
UPDATE TOTAL AMOUNTS RAISED NEXT  
WEEK ONCE THE RAFFLE IS CLOSED.**



# LEARNING

In **Nursery** this week the children have been practicing speaking in front of an audience and singing a selection of Christmas songs for our Christmas concert. We have also had a lot of Christmas arts and craft activities, where the children have been making their Christmas cards and calendars. Our Nursery pupils have been looking at how to

recognise numbers within five, recording and mark making these numbers, making sets of numbers and ordering numbers to five. Our story of the week in Nursery has been 'Is it Christmas yet? We have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story and the children have worked so hard sequencing the story, describing the characters and retelling the story to the class. The sound of the week has been 'g' for girl. We have had lots of fun with this sound with activities such as a sound hunt, letter formation, mark making and we have looked at the sound booklet. An incredibly busy week in Nursery, but one that has been thoroughly enjoyable for all.



Our **Reception** pupils have started getting into the festive spirit this week by making lots of lovely treats for you all. They have used their creative skills to make wonderful cards, Christmas tree decorations and calendars. Reception performed and recorded their very first Christmas play and are really excited to share it with you. We think that you will be very impressed with their fantastic singing and dancing. Reception used their creative skills to paint Santa and his reindeers, and used their building skills to make model sleighs and Santa's grotto. In the tuff spot tray the children created Christmas paper chains to decorate the classroom, and enjoyed using their cutting skills to make lovely snowmen. They were also very creative when designing their very own Christmas dinners!

This week **Year 1** pupils have had lots and lots of fun practising for the Christmas Play. We've been practising our words on the stage, singing in the classroom and dancing in our costumes. We can't wait to perform it in front of Mr Taylor next week! We enjoyed reading a story called the Christmas Collar and reading facts about reindeers. We enjoyed drawing pictures of reindeers in our writing books and writing the facts that we could remember. We learnt so many different facts! This week, we've helped wrap Christmas presents and measured the length of the wrapping paper with blocks. We enjoyed working as a team to measure the length of the paper, cut the sellotape and wrap the presents. We've also been busy making Christmas cards and advent calendars ready to take home at the end of term. We've had a very busy week and are looking forward to next week's fun festive activities.

Our **Year 2** pupils have been working on adding 11 to any 2-digit number and subtracting 11 to any 2-digit number by using the number square to assist learning. On top of this, pupils practised what they learnt in lessons using the iPads to facilitate their learning. Year 2 read the Christmas story this week, sequenced the story in order and then retold the story throughout the week. Pupils had an increased focus on letter formation and handwriting, especially when capital letters are appropriate in to use. Furthermore, pupils reviewed everything they have learnt this term. They stated what their favourite activity was this term, what fact they have learnt and rated the topic 'Spots, Stripes, Paws and Claws' out of 5 stars. Pupils also enjoyed physical lessons, doing Christmas Yoga and playing Christmas PE game. Finally, pupils learnt positional language in Welsh and created Christmas chains using their fine motor skills.





In **Year 3** we have been focusing on newspaper writing. We began by looking at the features of newspaper writing and then looked at a few examples to understand what a good one looks like. We then wrote newspaper articles regarding the murder of Julius Caesar. In our numeracy lessons we recapped our previous learning by looking at aspects covered during the Autumn term. We focused on doubling and halving 2 and 3 digit numbers, addition using fact families, subtraction, multiplication and division. This gave us the opportunity to discuss our learning and understanding and focus on whether we are paddling,

snorkelling or diving with this work. Finally this week we have worked on our sustainable world project. We started off by researching renewable energy, looking at what it is, how it could be used and the different types of renewable energy. Once we had a good understanding of this our pupils then designed an eco-friendly house. There were some absolutely incredible designs and the pupils were able to use their imaginations to incorporate different types of renewable energy in them. We finished off our project by writing a report on ocean pollution, focusing on the impact of pollution on animals on land and in the sea, and the devastating impact pollution can have on our eco-systems. We then discussed what could be done to improve pollution in our oceans. Once these tasks were completed we then reviewed our learning of our sustainable world project, by looking at what we have learnt and what aspects of the project we enjoyed most.



This week, **Year 4** have been continued looking at poetry. We used the chrome books to word process our Tiger poems choosing appropriate font styles and sizes. We learnt how to centre our work and use the underlining and spelling tools to improve the quality of our writing. In addition to that, we have used the same structure to



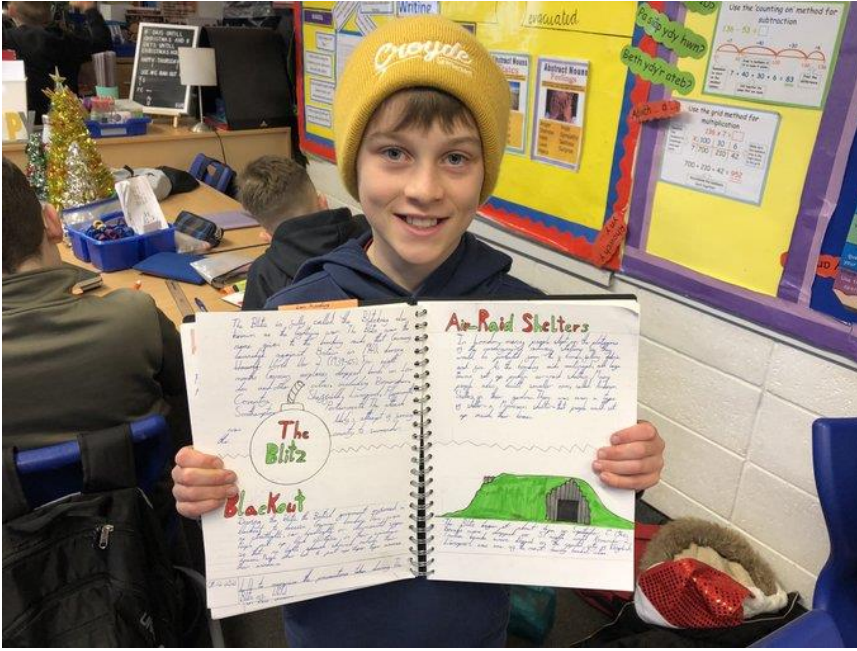
independently write a poem about the rainforest, focusing on powerful verbs and adverbs. Finally, we read the story 'The Lorax' by Dr Seuss and discussed the importance of protecting the rainforest and the trees in our local area. With great excitement, we heard about the Welsh Government scheme which was announced on Newsround. Next year, the Government will provide every family a tree to plant. We were particularly pleased since so many of our trees locally have been cut down due to disease. In maths, we have continued using subtraction strategies. With extra practise, we have been consolidating our use of informal methods to subtract 2 and 3-digit numbers, before applying our understanding to solve word problems. We have used the number line, counting on strategy to find change from £1, £5 and £10. During our Chromebook time, we used the drawing tool, experimenting with line widths and colour, to create a rainforest animal. At the beginning of the week, we looked at photographs of poison dart frogs before creating our own designs using elaborate patterns. We then used paint and cardboard to make new species of poison dart frog. Finally, we learnt about deforestation. We looked at the negative and positive impacts of deforestation and debated why we think that it is important that we protect habitats. We expressed our opinions about deforestation, discussed the potential behaviours that we could employ to become ethical citizens and we have designed a poster to inform others to save the rainforest.



Our Year 5 pupils have been using their knowledge from maths so far in Year 5 to create their own maths board games. We have been designing fun games with a range of themes from Christmas to Space, with children using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to design questions based at a Year 5 level. Once the games were made we have been playing each other's games and giving some excellent feedback. This week we have been continuing with our theme of persuasive leaflets, with children researching different Christmas holiday destinations before creating their own persuasive Christmas leaflets. We have been wowed by some of the creativity, as well as the technical language used, including rhetorical questions, alliteration and similes to write persuasively. As part of this term's Power of Positivity topic, we have been looking at growth

mindset, with children identifying the differences between having a growth mindset and a fixed mindset, as well as discussing how we can use a growth mindset to think more positively. As well as this, we have been designing acrostic poems, using the word 'positivity' to spread positive thoughts and feelings across the year group. Also this week, we loved having a Year 5 talent show, where children in Year 5 were able to demonstrate their amazing talents, including singing, dancing, magic tricks and much more. Well done to our winners in Year 5 and a huge da iawn to everybody who took part! As part of our Christmas activities this week, we have been painting and decorating Christmas decorations and using these to decorate the 2 classrooms in Year 5. As well as this, we have started to plan our very own Christmas iMovie trailers, which we will be making next week!

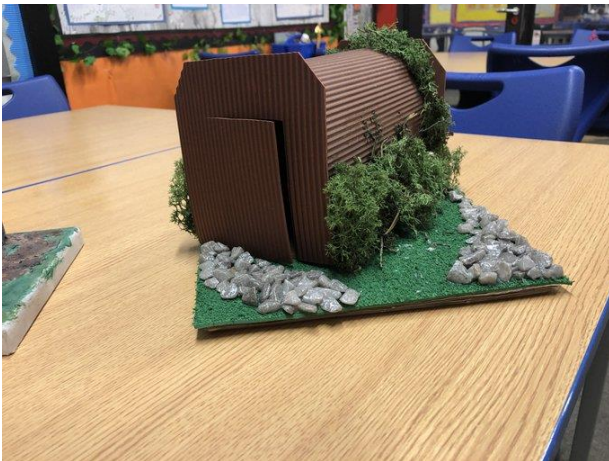
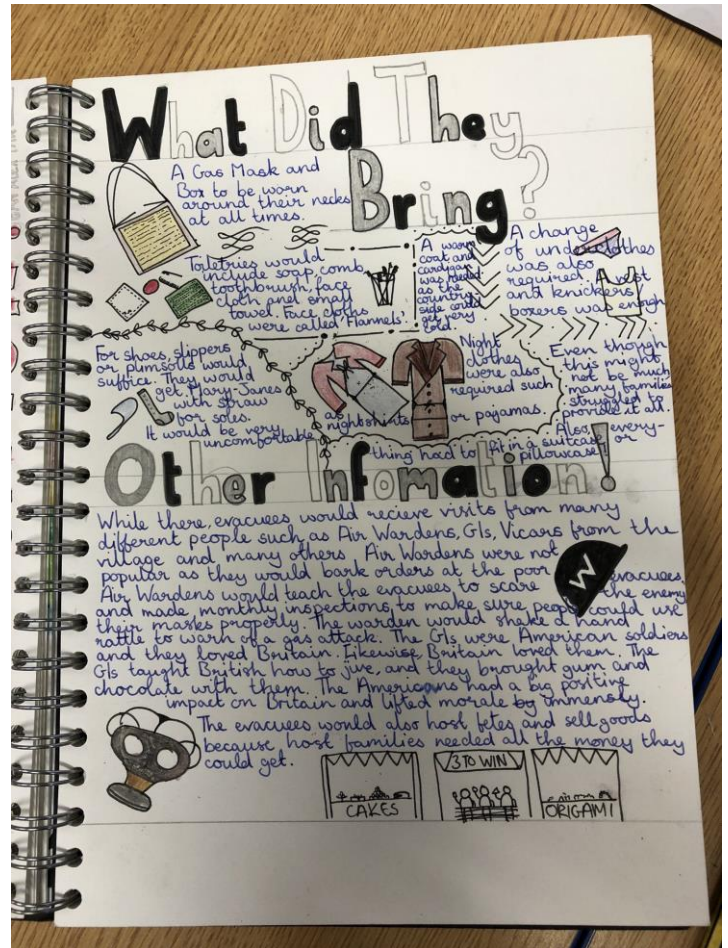




Another week flies by in **Year 6** as the children prepare for the festive season. In our numeracy sessions, we have continued to learn and use formulae for area and perimeter of rectangles and squares, compound shapes and right angled triangles, and finally the formulae for volume. All children are confident and have also remembered to use squared and cubed appropriately. Authentic maths experiences have also been used as the children had to calculate the area of a floor plan of a new build. Project work has consisted of researching and producing an informative and creative page about the Blitz. The results are so amazing and the children have been so imaginative with their pages. Research has taken place using the chrome books and some children have completed work from

home.

Mrs Clissold and Mrs Ahern introduced the season of Advent to year 6 and the children learnt about the reasons why we celebrate Advent and the meanings behind it. They also created an Advent wreath in their project books and used the words, hope, peace, joy and love. The centrepiece of the wreath is Jesus, as it should be. In Literacy activities, we have had a punctuation focus this week and the children have focused on practising and understanding when to use the apostrophe for possession and how to use the colon and semi colon appropriately. The exercises are challenging and the children will need some reminders in their writing to master these more challenging punctuation marks. As well as this the children have enjoyed more festive activities as the Christmas trees have been decorated and lights lit. The trees look beautiful in the classrooms!



# Christmas 2021

Christmas in school this year will again, unfortunately be affected by covid and the restrictions that we have in place to keep all safe. Due to covid-19 restrictions we will not be able to invite parents in to school to watch the performances as usual.

As you will know schools are operating under a local risk framework which is currently at a very high level.

**Christmas Jumper Day** will be on Friday December 10<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Children may wear Christmas Jumpers to school and we will support donations to the Save the Children campaign.

All **Christmas Concerts** will be online again this year and I will send you a link and password for these before the end of term.

**Nursery, Reception and Year 1 class teachers will be in touch to let you know what the children will need to wear and on what day they will wear them.**

**Nursery** – am and pm will do separate nativities

**Reception** will do a performance called 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'

**Year 1** will do 'It's a Baby'

**Year 2 – Year 6** will perform a joint Christmas performance of readings and carols.

You will all have filled in a **consent** form for your child's image to appear on social media/internet. Where we do not have consent for your child to have their image on the internet those children will not be recorded. All children can take part – one performance will be in front of me and Mrs Jenkins which will not be recorded - the recorded version will not include any children for who we do not have consent for the child's image to appear via the internet. I will ask Miss Norton to telephone all parents of children who have not given consent to check that this is still your wish. Please e mail us on [pentrepoeth.primary@newportschools.wales](mailto:pentrepoeth.primary@newportschools.wales) if you do not want your child to be part of the recorded version.

**Christmas Parties** will take place in classes on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – children can wear party clothes to school**

**Christmas Dinner** in school will be on Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup> followed by a **Movie afternoon.**

**Santa will also be visiting us during the final week!**





# Say it in Cymraeg this Christmas....



Merry Christmas	Nadolig Llawen	Na-doh-lig Ila-when
Happy New Year	Blwyddyn Newydd Dda	Bl-oi-ddin New-ydd Dd-ah
Present	Anrheg	Ann-rhh-eg
Star	Seren	Se-ren
Christmas Tree	Coeden Nadolig	Coy-den Na-doh-lig
Father Christmas	Siôn Corn	Shaun Corr-n
Snow Man	Dyn Eira	Dean Eye-rah
Reindeer	Carw	Ca-roo
Snow	Eira	Eye-rah
Christmas Dinner	Cinio Nadolig	Kin-yoh Na-doh-lig
Christmas Pudding	Pwddin Nadolig	Pww-din Na-doh-lig
Christmas Carols	Carolau Nadolig	Car-ol-ai Na-doh-lig
Stocking	Hosan	Hos-ann
Mince Pie	Mins Pei	Mince Pay
Decorations	Addurniadau	Add-irn-iad-ai
Angel	Angel	Ann-ghel
Holly	Celyn	Ceh-lynn
Lights	Goleuadau	Go-ley-add-ai



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Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,  
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Dean Taylor  
Headteacher

