

Weekly Newsletter

June 11th 2021

A Caring, Respectful and Open Environment, where Success and Opportunity flourish



Please find our school newsletter for the week ending 11th June 2021. Click on the links for more information.

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Kind regards,
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Dear Parent and Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni,

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer term.

Classes for September 2021



You will have received a letter from me earlier this week informing you of the class your child will be in in September. If you have not received any text or information please contact us at school.

New Reception and Nursery parents will also have received information regarding the Autumn term. Information and welcome messages are available via our website. Click [here](#).

There will also be some virtual welcome meetings (via Teams) for new

Reception and Nursery parents on the following dates and times:

Tuesday June 22nd at 6.00pm Reception Parents - September 2021

Wednesday June 23rd at 6.00pm Nursery Parents – September 2021

There will also be a welcome meeting for parents of children moving from Foundation phase (Year 2) to Year 3 on Thursday June 24th at 6.00pm.

I will forward Teams invites via e mail towards the end of next week.

Covid-19

Thank you for continuing to help us limit the spread of covid-19 through adhering to our risk assessment. It is vitally important that you keep us up to date with information regarding testing or self-isolation.

There are no changes at present to the operational guidance for schools regarding one- way systems, contact groups and staggered start and finish times for September. As always this is a constantly changing dynamic so for now I am working on the assumption that all current procedures and operations will remain in place for September. If the guidance changes and this has an impact on operations I will be in touch in a timely manner.



Believe me I totally understand how frustrating this is – no one wants a return to normal working arrangements more than me. However, we cannot compromise on safety and whilst it means that some activities cannot happen or need to be done in a different way we will always endeavour to put the safety of children, staff, parents and the wider community at the fore of all decisions.

Wider Community Testing.

You may be aware there are now more ways to access Covid-19 testing to help identify cases in your community.

Covid testing for 3 cardinal symptoms

If you identify one or more of the three cardinal symptoms-

- New continuous cough
- High temperature
- Change or loss of sense of taste or smell

You must book a PCR test and you and your family must isolate immediately until you receive the test result, which is usually within 24 hours. If the result is positive, you and your household must self-isolate for 10 days from the date your symptoms started. You will also be contacted by the local Tracing Team. However, if your result is negative, you can end your self-isolation, when you feel well enough to do so.

Covid testing for wider symptoms

The Health board in Gwent is now making testing available for those who identify with one or more of the wider symptoms-

- Flu-like symptoms including aching or painful muscles, excessive tiredness, persistent headache, runny nose or blocked nose, persistent sneezing, sore throat and/or hoarseness, shortness of breath or wheezing

If you consider that you or your family need to book a PCR test for wider symptoms, *The Aneurin Bevan University Health Board are operating fourteen testing facilities across the region and getting a test is now quick, easy and convenient with results in most cases returned within 24 hours. Tests can be arranged by phoning 119 or book online: <https://gov.wales/getting-tested-coronavirus-covid-19>.*

If you have one of the wider symptoms then you should stay away from school until receiving your result, which is usually within 24 hours.

If the result is positive, you and your household must self-isolate for 10 days from the date your symptoms started. You will also be contacted by the local Tracing Team. However, if your result is negative, you can return to school or work when you feel well enough to do so.

Asymptomatic testing (no symptoms)

Rapid lateral flow tests are for people who do not have coronavirus symptoms.

In Wales, you can get lateral flow tests for you and your household if:

- you are a volunteer
- you cannot work from home
- you are an unpaid carer

If you get tests through your employer or education setting you should continue to do so.

Order rapid lateral flow home test kits on GOV.UK. You can order 1 home testing kit (7 tests) at a time. Delivery takes 1 to 2 days.



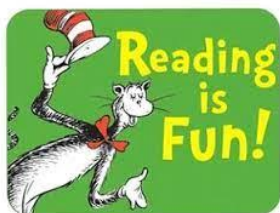
You can also collect testing kits in person. Find your nearest collection point and opening times (on nhs.uk). You can collect 2 home testing kits (14 tests) at a time.

You should test twice a week, 3 to 4 days apart. Please report rapid lateral flow test results (on GOV.UK) the day you or someone in your household takes the test.

If your test is positive you should book a PCR test within 24 hours of the positive lateral flow test result.

If you develop any symptoms you should book a PCR test even if your lateral flow test result was negative.

Reading Challenge!



A reminder that the 100 Book Reading Challenge is available via the website by clicking [here](#).

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.

Dr. Seuss



Welsh on the hill!!!

Both Mrs Jenkins and I have been very impressed with the use of Welsh in the mornings!

Some phrases to use next week...

Welai chi wedyn – See you later!

Welai chi fory – See you tomorrow!

Why not speak to us before we speak to you!!!!





Our **Nursery** pupils have been focussing on the y, y, yak sound. They have enjoyed playing sound games, going on sound hunts and have practised their letter formation focussing on the correct pencil grip, pencil control and fine motor activities.

They have enjoyed their sound recognition and number recognition activities as well as practising their number rhymes and songs and matching numbers to quantities within a set. They have developed their creative skills and designed and made cards for a special person. Pupils continue to enjoy the lovely warm weather outdoors and have enjoyed taking part in physical activities getting ready for their Sports Day.

This week our **Reception** pupils have been discussing different materials and their properties. They have created their own boats using their knowledge of materials and investigated whether they would float or sink. Pupils had great fun discussing their predictions and carrying out the investigation. They have also explored heavier and lighter and worked hard to use cubes to balance the scales. Reception also had the special challenge of building their own raft in the Block Play area that would hold two crew mates. They had a lovely time on the field practising their different races for Sports Day, which they are all looking forward to participating in next week.

In Language, Literacy and Communication **Year 1** pupils have read the book 'I Lost My Tooth in Africa' and enjoyed learning about the African tooth fairy. They thought about times when they felt proud, just like Amina in the story. They also read 'Ronald the Rhino' and created posters to encourage people to help save the rhinos in Africa and Asia. They thought about how Ronald was special and talked about how we are all special too. We learnt about a day in the life of Evangeline who lived on a farm in rural Africa and thought about how her day was similar and different to ours. Pupils enjoyed working with their partners to create an e-book about African animals. They recorded their likes and dislikes using the Welsh language patterns- "Dw i'n hoffi.." and "Dw i ddim yn hoffi. In Numeracy pupils practised making amounts of money with coins and found different ways to make the same amounts.

In Language, Literacy and Communication our **Year 2** pupils have been learning how to use past tense when writing diary entries and using time connectives when writing instructions. Pupils used their numeracy and literacy skills to follow a recipe and make their own fresh pasta. They have been using a variety of mental strategies to subtract larger numbers in maths and practising their counting in Italian. In their Project work they have been exploring the city of Florence and drawing the things they could see there. They have been learning how clever Leonardo da Vinci was, and looked at some of his inventions. Pupils have developed their creative skills and used watercolours to paint his famous painting the Mona Lisa. We certainly have very talented artists in Year 2!

In Literacy our **Year 3** pupils have investigated the structure of a non-chronological report including the features- headings, picture captions, diagrams and summaries. Pupils researched their own favourite mini beast using chrome books and textbooks and produced their own reports on Minibeasts ready to type up for display for everyone to see. Numeracy work has involved addition of 2 digit numbers using a variety of strategies including use of a hundred square, partitioning and the vertical method. They have started their new topic on Weather and noted down what they would like to learn about the subject. They have enjoyed preparing for their Sports Day races.



In **Year 4** pupils have completed 'How to Train Your Dragon', written book reviews and watched the film, comparing and contrasting similarities and differences. They also looked at different spelling rules when making singular nouns plural and explored irregular plural nouns, e.g., child and children. They looked at using apostrophes to write contractions and to show possession and considered the accurate use of different homophones, particularly witch and which, so that they make the correct choices in their independent writing. They also continue to focus on the presentation of their joined handwriting. In Numeracy, pupils discussed the importance of learning how to tell the time accurately and decided that this is a life skill to help throughout our lives. They are learning to tell the time to the nearest minute on analogue clocks and learning how to read 24-hour digital clocks before solving problems by calculating durations of events. The new topic is the Tudors and pupils have used a timeline to organise the sequence of the Kings and Queens according to their reign. They learnt about Henry Tudor, who lived in Pembroke Castle and made a collage of a Tudor Rose, the rose that united the Houses of Lancaster and York. Pupils even created a flag for Henry Tudor using an art package on the Chromebooks. They completed their observational drawings of woodland flowers in science.

In Numeracy our **Year 5** pupils focussed on probability and completed tasks based around probability of events, as well as creating their own probability scales and playing games to reinforce their understanding. In Literacy, pupils have re-written the ending of the story Clockwork, by Philip Pullman. Pupils have read part 3 of the story, before planning and writing the ending, pupils had the option to change the ending if they wished! They focussed on writing descriptively, particularly with the use of ISPACE and wow sentences to improve and upgrade their writing. In Project, pupils completed a variety of activities based around the Euro 2020 football tournament and completed a variety of geography based tasks, including researching countries, creating databases, as well as creating player profiles and Welsh passports based around interesting information on a chosen country. Pupils have practised their oracy skills by reading dialogues in Welsh. Pupils have practised dialogues based on a coffee shop and a pet shop, ready to act out and video the dialogues to share with the rest of the class. In Science, pupils have tried to 'use the force' to make objects move without touching them. They have used static electricity made from balloons to see which objects could move and see if pupils could successfully create their own tractor beam!

The final half term has arrived for **Year 6** and it is just 30 days long! But 30 days of long sunny days so that they have happy memories to take away with them to last a lifetime! The children have certainly grown in many ways since the first day of their last year together. Classrooms have shrunk as our pupils have grown. It has been a very active week as both classes have had two days of outside activities with Mrs. Ahern and Mrs. Mason. The Sports Day races have been planned and they have practised them out on the field in the sunshine! Pupils have focussed on some very heart wrenching issues this week as we have been discussing racism in society today. This is a very emotional topic to discuss but one that the children are keen to talk about and ask questions about to further their understanding. They have all dealt with the class discussions in a mature, considered and thoughtful manner. It is truly amazing the depth of knowledge that they bring to our discussions – from footballers suffering racist taunts to Edward Colston's statue, from Black Lives Matter to the slave trade, its rise and fall. This culminated on Friday with an illuminating meeting with "Show Racism the Red Card". Again, the children's responses have been thought provoking and they showed great empathy for those who have experienced racism. Hopefully, these discussions will lead to a fairer society for all in the future. The next generation will lead the way!





PENTREPOETH 35th ANNIVERSARY TEA TOWEL

Children have been designing Tea Towels this term (details sent out today with children)

3 versions available - Nursery/Infants/Juniors

Price: £4 each or 3 for £10 (single transaction)

BACS payment to Pentrepoeth Parent Teacher Association

Sort code: 20-60-58 Acc number 63184935

Email order to pentrepoethpta@gmail.com before **21st June 2021** deadline

Include number and type of tea towels you want (Nursery/Infant/Junior)

Also the name of the child and class (eg..J Smith 2LN) to send product home with (this must match the reference on BACS payment so we can link them up)

Don't forget to let us know what you have decided to do for My 35 challenge.

Good luck and hope you're enjoying it!



PTA Meeting
 June 17th via Teams
 19:30 start please email
pentrepoethpta@gmail.com
 To be sent a link to it





Date	Time	Event/Activity
June		
Monday 14 th June	9.30am – 10.30am	Morning Nursery Sports
	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Afternoon Nursery Sports
Tuesday 15 th June	9.30am – 11.30am	Reception Classes Sports
Wednesday 16 th June	9.30am – 11.30am	Year 1 Classes Sports
Thursday 17 th June	9.30am – 11.30am	Year 2 Classes Sports
Tuesday 22 nd June	6.00pm – 7.00pm	Welcome Meeting NEW Reception Parents – by TEAMS
Wednesday 23 rd June	6.00pm – 7.00pm	Welcome Meeting NEW Nursery Parents – by TEAMS
Thursday 24 th June	6.00pm – 7.00pm	Year 2 Meeting Parents – transition to Year 3 – by TEAMS
Thursday 24 th June	9.30am – 12.00pm	Year 3 Classes Sports
	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Year 4 Classes Sports
	6.00pm – 7.00pm	Year 2 Meeting Parents – transition to Year 3 – by TEAMS
Friday 25 th June	9.30am – 12.00pm	Year 5 Classes Sports
	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Year 6 Classes Sports
July		
Friday 2 nd July	End of Day	Pupil Reports issued to Parents
Monday 12 th July	3.50pm – 6.00pm	Parent Consultations – <i>to discuss any issues relating to reports</i>
Friday 16 th July		End of Summer Term for Pupils
Monday 19 th July	All day	INSET Day 5 -ALN - <i>School closed for children</i>
Tuesday 20 th July	All day	INSET Day 6 – ALN- <i>School closed for children</i>

End of Year arrangements for Year 6

End of Year transition arrangements and activities for Year 6 are available by clicking [here](#).

Sun Hats, Sun Cream and Drinks

A reminder to apply sun screen, wear sun hats and drink plenty of water as the days are getting hotter and the sun stronger.



Website - www.pentrepoethprimary.co.uk

Twitter - [@PentrepoethPrim](https://twitter.com/PentrepoethPrim)

Other Twitter Pages ...



Click on the links in blue!

Class	Twitter	Area	Twitter
Nursery – Mrs Williams	@PPSMrsWilliams	Whole School	@PentrepoethPrim
Reception – Mrs Starke	@PPSMrsStarke	Expressive Arts	@PPSExpressiveArts
Reception – Miss Ellis	@PPSMissEllis	Health and Wellbeing	@PPSHealth_Well
Year 1 – Mrs Batrouni	@PPSMrsBatrouni	Humanities	@PPSHumanites
Year 1- Mrs Drummond	@PPSMrsDrummond	Languages, Literacy and Communication	@PPSLangandLit
Year 2- Mrs Beard	@PPSMrsBeard2jb	Mathematics and Numeracy	@PPSMathsandNum
Year 2 – Mr Nocivelli	@PPSMrNocivelli	Science and Technology	@PPSSciandTech
Year 3 – Mrs Baxter	@PPSMrsBaxter		
Year 3 – Mrs Davies	@PPSMrsDavies		
Year 4 – Mrs Gooding	@PPSMrsGooding		
Year 4 – Mrs Jones	@PPSMrsJones		
Year 5 – Mr Merriman	@PPSMrMerriman		
Year 5 – Mr Willmore	@PPSMrWillmore		
Year 6 – Mr Cleaves	@PPSMrCleaves		
Year 6 – Mrs Symes	@PPSMrsSymes		

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,
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Dean Taylor
Headteacher

