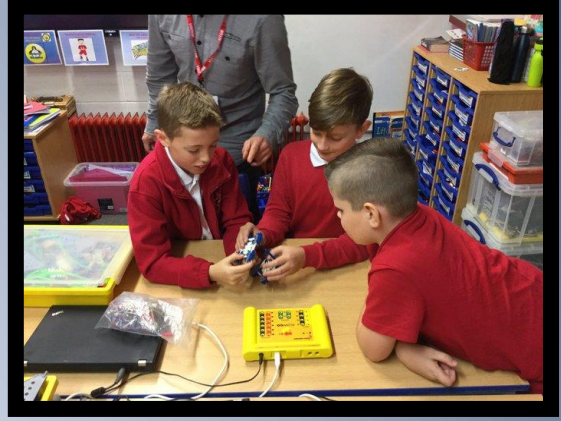


Weekly Newsletter

July 3rd 2020

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



Please find our school newsletter for the week ending 3rd July 2020. Click on the links for more information.

Please visit our website
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Kind regards,
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Dear Parent and Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni,



Check In, Catch Up, Prepare

It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces this week. From my conversations with children, parents and staff it has been clear that you have enjoyed your 'check in, catch up and prepare' sessions. Many of you will not have been able to join us – staff have enjoyed chatting to you by phone and catching up that way. I know all of you have continued to engage in your home learning and I am so proud of your hard work and commitment.

Nursery children will have opportunity for a catch up session during the final week of term. Please be in touch with Mrs Harman if you do not have your day or group.



September 2020

As soon as the Education Minister announces arrangements for September I will be in touch with what that means for Pentrepoeth.

Pupil Reviews

We will be sending home a brief learner review (school report) beginning next Thursday which will give an overview of children's progress in school to the end of March and via home learning to this point. We hope you like the format.

If you would like to speak to a class teacher about anything to do with the school report, please e mail the school office and we will get back to you.

Uniform

A reminder that information regarding school uniform is available [here](#). Nursery uniform is available [here](#).

New Reception Visits.

These will take place in the first two weeks of the autumn term. I will be in touch before the end of term with more details.



New Nursery Visits

These will take place during week 1 of the Autumn term and Miss Williams will be in touch with details of times and further information.

Check out the Twitter pages for some great first day back check in and catch up photos!!



Healthy Snacks



A reminder to send in two small healthy snacks with your children.

Children will start to bring home some books and equipment that they may have in school starting next week.



HOME LEARNING

It has been another busy week for our **Nursery** pupils, packed full of fun activities. They have been exploring the jungle and creating their own lion manes, brightly coloured Polly parrots and play dough jungle animals. We have some super scientists who have had great fun completing the science experiment "Jumping Jungle Frog" as well as finding out why elephants have big ears. We have star bakers in our nursery who have made mouth-watering elephant biscuits. They have enjoyed getting physical with "Stezzi the Parrot Yogo" and had fun singing "The Jungle Boogie" song

The theme for our **Reception** pupils' work this week has been "Pirates." They have had fun finding out their own pirate names and making their own pirate hats. Their creative challenge was to construct a pirate telescope to impress Captain Black Beard! Numeracy work has involved practising their counting skills and creating their own bar graphs. They have enjoyed making very healthy cheese and apple pirate ships and keeping fit with "Pirate Just Dance."

Our **Year 1** children have enjoyed listening to "Commotion in the Ocean" with Mrs Hill. They have written rhyming poems and enjoyed researching information and finding fascinating facts about their chosen sea creatures. They have invented their very own sea creatures and labelled their special features, as well as making their own salt dough star fish. Numeracy challenges have involved estimating and measuring as well as keeping skills sharp using our Abacus and Mathletics games.

Year 2 pupils have been very busy using their measuring skills, to weigh out the ingredients needed to make their own pizzas. They have written a set of clear instructions for the recipes and remembered to use time connectives at the start of each instruction. We have seen some very tasty looking pizzas which have also been used to help their understanding of fractions of numbers. They have looked at the similarities between the Italian and Welsh flag and labelled the colours in both Welsh and Italian.

Our **Year 3** pupils have been impressing us with their coding skills and have made very entertaining Flappy Bird games. They have revised features of instructional writing and written their own recipes as well as baking their very own mouth-watering Victoria sponges. We have very talented bakers in Year 3. Numeracy challenges have included multiplying by 10 and 100 and solving word problems. They have read a new Welsh book "Dathlu Dydd Gwyl Dewi" with the help of Mrs Jones.

Year 4 children have researched information about Elizabeth 1 and presented their work in a variety of ways including PowerPoints, mind maps and fact files. Their numeracy work has involved using and reading grids to locate specific objects and creating co-ordinate pictures. Science work has included investigating the importance of a healthy and balanced diet. Year 4 continue to showcase their artistic talents with their impressive drawings of animals from the Galapagos Islands.

Our **Year 5** pupils have been looking at facts and information about a country of their choice. They have completed maps, investigated historical events, completed art work and looked at the main religions of their chosen countries. Their comical nonsense poems have made everyone laugh e.g. "The doughnut, the peanut and the baboon
Went sailing off in a cardboard balloon!"

They have also created interesting presentations of their lockdown stories which they have enjoyed sharing with each other. Da iawn Blwyddyn Pump.

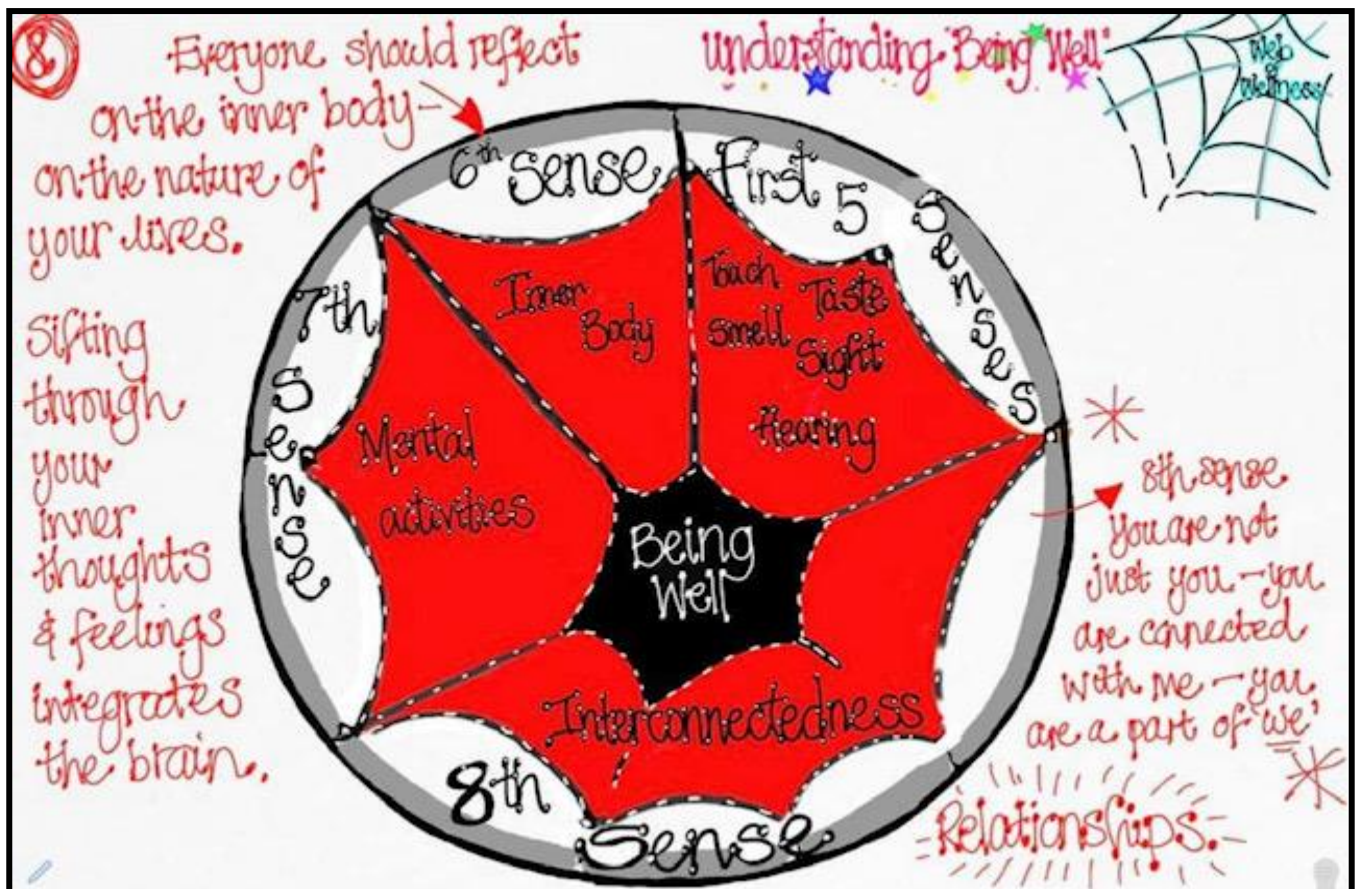
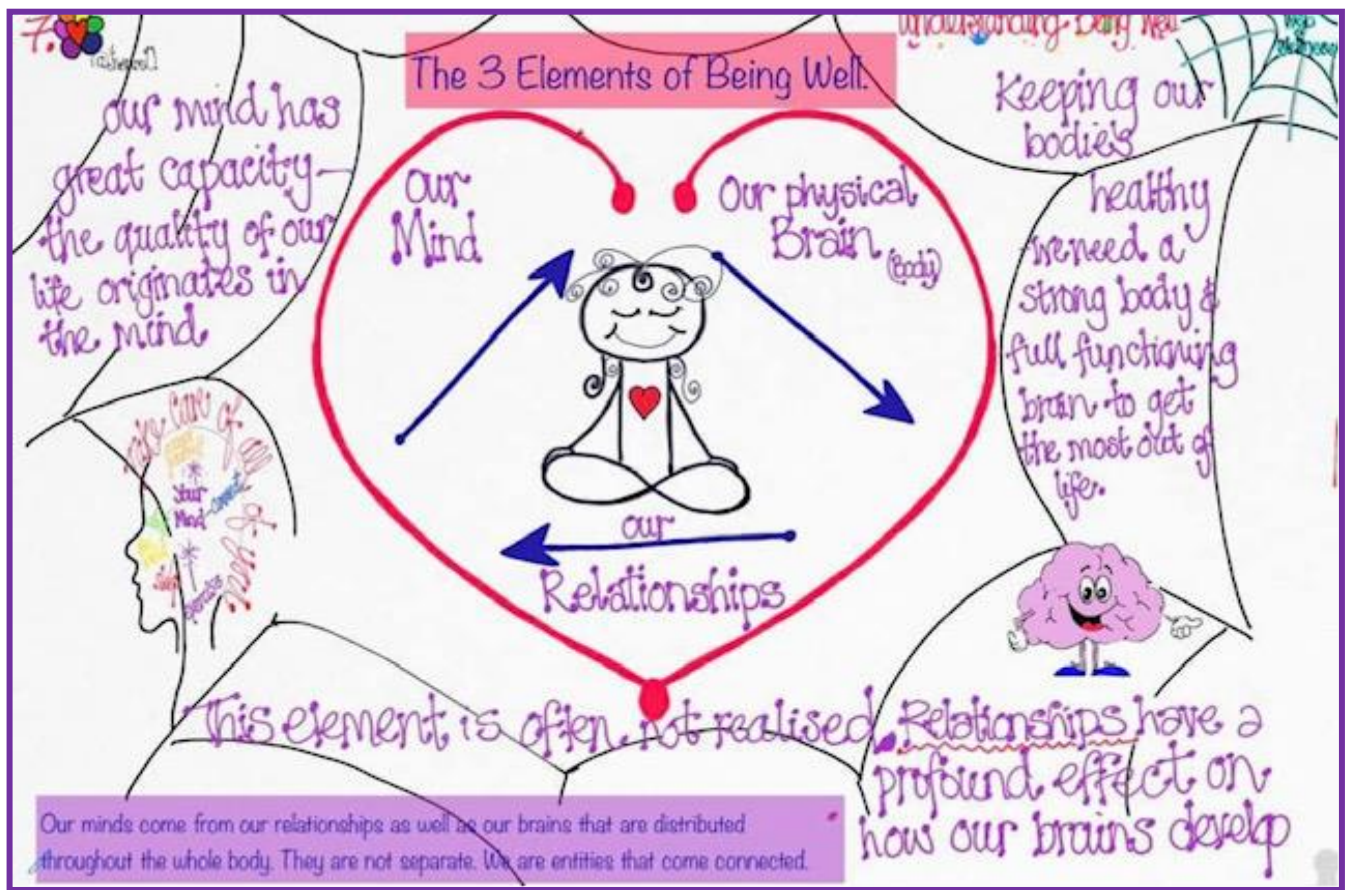


Year 6 children have been looking at the picture book "Eric" by Shaun Tan and looked in detail at the different characters, explored the meaning of more difficult vocabulary and expressed their own thoughts and feelings based on the text. They have completed transition activities from Bassaleg School, looking at similarities and differences between primary and secondary schools, the importance of friendship, organisation of timetables and finding their way around the building. They have all been showcasing their artistic talents by designing endpapers representing their journey through school.

15 ways to promote and support Good Mental Health

1. Make sure you get enough sleep
2. Eat healthy food and drink healthy drinks
3. Learn how to relax and switch off
4. Connect with friends and family
5. Learn new things every day
6. Help others when ever you can
7. Exercise each day
8. Talk about your feelings
9. Be mindful and take notice of what is happening around you
10. Be thankful for all the things you have
11. Set goals for yourself and embrace your wishes and dreams
12. Challenge any negative thoughts
13. Learn how to smile more!
14. Ask for help if you have a problem
15. Have fun and laugh!







Click on the links below to find out useful information:

Public Health Wales	https://phw.nhs.wales/
Welsh Government	https://gov.wales/coronavirus
Guidance on Social Distancing	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults
Application for Childcare Provision in School Hub	http://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Schools-Education/Childcare-for-prioritised-key-workers.aspx
Aneurin Bevan Health Board	https://twitter.com/AneurinBevanUHB https://www.facebook.com/AneurinBevanHealthBoard

Some useful links to explain things to children...

Coronavirus	https://www.pentrepoethprimary.co.uk/health-matters
Social Distancing	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DA_SsZFYw0w
Hand Washing	https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51698180



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		

Yours sincerely,
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