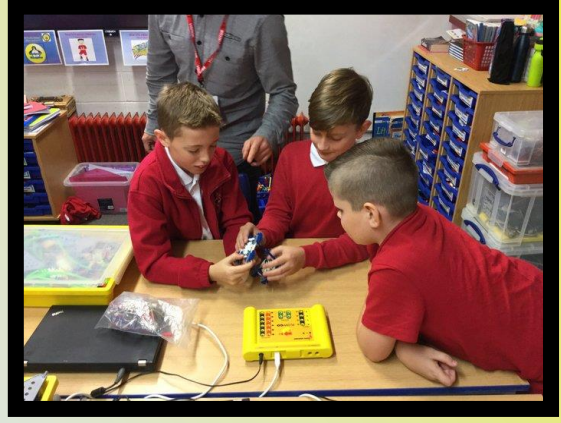


Weekly Newsletter

July 17th 2020

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



Please find our school newsletter for the week ending 17th July 2020. Click on the links for more information.

Please visit our website
www.pentrepoethprimary.co.uk

Kind regards,
Cofion cynnes,

Dean Taylor



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Dear Parent and Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni,

End of the Year!

Information regarding September has been sent out by text or email earlier and is available [here](#). Please be mindful that the guidance is continually changing and that I will be in touch at the end of the summer with any further updates. I am very much looking forward to the children being back full time!

As I write I hear the sound of our pupils enjoying their socially distanced sports day on the field. It is so lovely to have the school filled with the sound of children's voices again!

So, the last day of this academic year feels different – fewer children in school, social distancing, continuous hand washing, one way systems and increased cleaning routines. However, lots remain the same – the joy of children touching base with their teachers and classmates, the focus on wellbeing and relationships and the support of the whole school community.

The last three weeks have been very successful. I have chatted to most children who have attended and their feedback has been so positive. A huge thank you to parents and carers for your support with drop off and pick up arrangements, it has really made the period of check in, catch up and prepare a huge success. Also, thank you for your kind messages, e mails and gifts. They are very much appreciated.

It would be remiss of me not to thank the school staff again for their sterling work over the past months. A generation of learners will never forget these past few months and they will always remember the commitment they have shown to them through the learning activities you have set and the contact you have made. Thank you. Have a welldeserved rest.

To our year 6 leavers – you may feel cheated that you have not had your normal send off. I promise we will do all that we can in the future when it is safe to celebrate your time at school and to have your party! I thoroughly enjoyed your virtual assembly. You have been an exemplary group of children. During this time, you have led by example and have brought joy to your teachers with your application to your learning. I also know that you have made your parents proud. You will have many memories of your time at school and they will never leave you. You will have made many friends for life. As you move on to that next step in your learning journey I wish you every success in all that you do- dream great dreams, commit to your learning and be kind to yourself and others. To year 6 parents – if this is the end of your formal association with the school – thank you for your support over many years.



HOME LEARNING

Our **Nursery** children have enjoyed completing their activities outdoors. They have been learning about the different parts of a plant and looking at the life cycle of a sunflower. They have been developing their creative skills using mud paint in the garden and keeping fit and healthy with Stella the stick insect. We have seen some super sun flowers made from play dough and beautiful well labelled sun flower drawings.

Reception pupils have undertaken a wide variety of activities based on Moving Monday, Talented Tuesday, Wet Wednesday and Thoughtful Thursday. They have made healthy breakfasts and taken part in Indoor Scavenger Hunts. We have talented builders, dancers, singers and chefs in Reception and very kind pupils who have shared their acts of kindness with everyone. Diolch pawb. We have enjoyed reading about their special memories based on their time in Reception.

Year 1 children have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and created their own art work using natural materials. Lots of pupils have planted seeds and have grown very tall sunflowers! Numeracy challenges involved timing how long Mrs Drummond took to draw a house, how many times Mrs Hill walked up and down stairs in one minute and how long Mrs Batrouni slept! Mr Woodham has helped Year 1 pupils to learn Welsh prepositions.

Year 2 pupils' tasks have included creating a "Wanted Poster" for a pirate, taking part in Cosmic Yoga with Popcorn and the Pirates and completing Pirate maths challenges. They have created presentations based on the topics covered this year, highlighting what they have learned. They have written letters to their new teachers in Year 3 including as much interesting information as possible.

Our children in **Year 3** have written descriptions of imaginary friends and completed numeracy challenges linked with multiplication and division. They have completed Google slideshows based on what they have learned about their topic "Invertebrates." They continue to showcase their cooking and art skills, by making fruit parfaits and completing beautiful drawings of butterflies.

Our talented writers in **Year 4** have enjoyed listening to Spike Milligan read "On the Ning Nang Nong" and written their own comical rhyming poems. Numeracy challenges have included classifying quadrilaterals using Venn Diagrams and Carrol Diagrams. They have also used a Venn Diagram to classify animals according to their diet and identified carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Year 5 children have been sharing their favourite memories from Year 5 with us and have completed independent research based on a famous person. They have used information collected to write a biography about their chosen personality ensuring that they included the features of biographical writing. They have shared their entertaining lockdown stories with their friends, either in school or on Google Classroom.

Our **Year 6** pupils have enjoyed their final week in Pentrepoeth Primary. They have all contributed towards their Virtual Leavers' Assembly. They have shared their special memories, showcased their singing and artistic talents and expressed their thoughts and feelings about their transition to Bassaleg school. All the staff have shared their special messages with them and wished them the very best of luck for the next part of their learning journey.



Home/ Distance Learning

Home Learning will end today and Google Classroom and See Saw will not be in operation. Please do not use the platform to communicate with the school during the summer break.

If you need to contact us in an emergency over the summer please e mail us on Pentrepoeth.primary@newport.gov.uk. The e mail will be checked periodically over the summer and it may take some time for us to get back to you.

School Reports

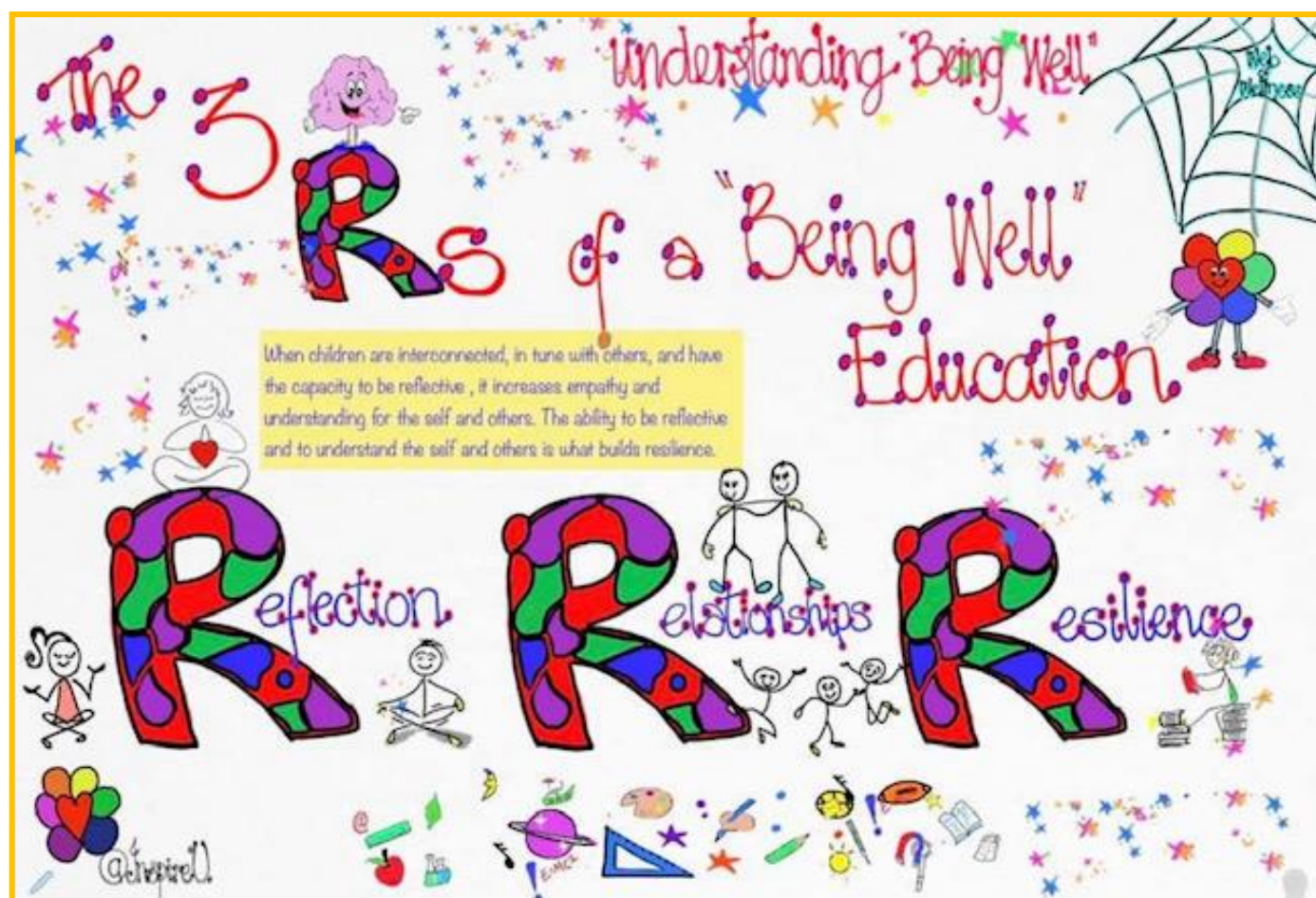
These will be sent by post if they have not been picked up by pupils.

NEW Nursery and Reception Pupils September 2020

A reminder that all letters and information you may need is available on the school website www.pentrepoethprimary.co.uk

Childcare Hub for Key Workers

Since March we have been operating a childcare hub for children of parents who are key workers. I must say that the children who have attended have been an absolute delight. My thanks to the staff for volunteering to run this provision. As you can see from the photos that follow they have had a great time.





Hub 2



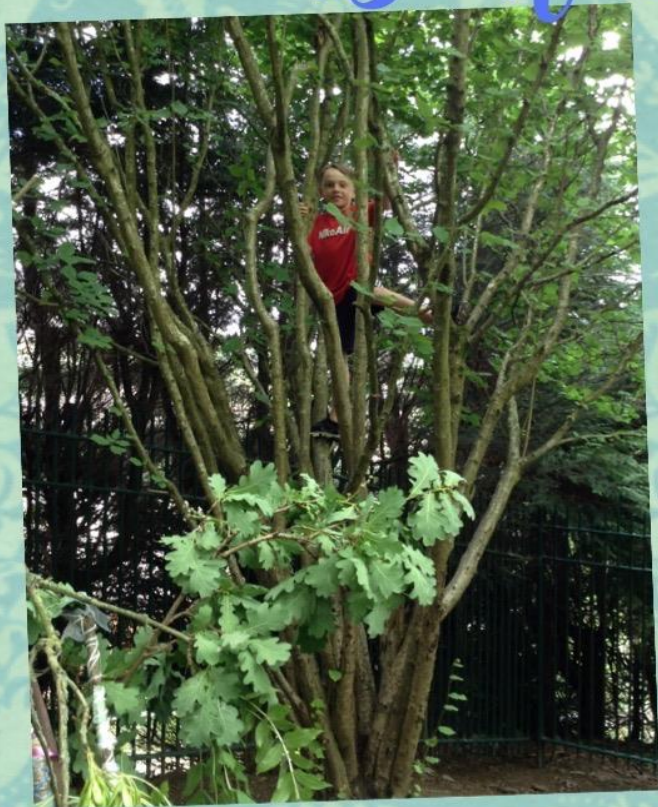


Hub 1





Forest School Fun





Hub
Sports
Day Fun





Hub 2
Sports
Day Fun



Coronavirus -Useful Links

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

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		

Thank you for everything this year. I wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer.

Stay safe, stay well.

Yours sincerely,
Cofion cynnes,

Dean Taylor
Headteacher

