

Weekly Newsletter

February 5th 2021

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Please find our school newsletter for the week ending 5th February 2021. Click on the links for more information.

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Kind regards,
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Dear Parent and Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni,

Foundation Phase

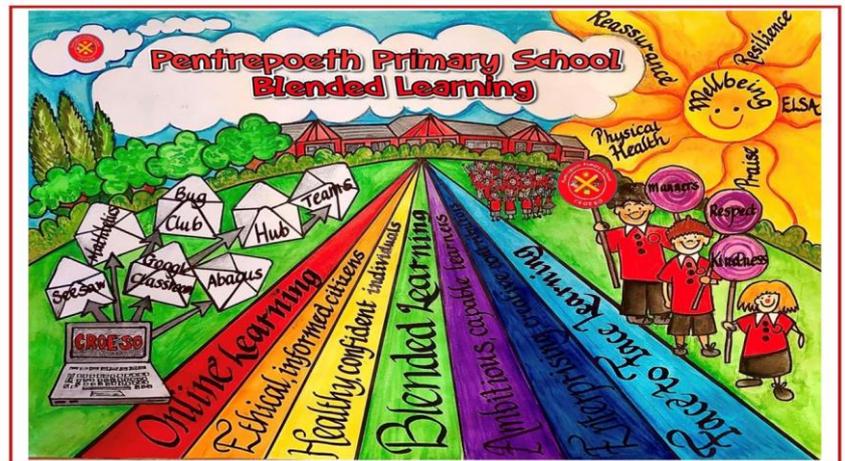
As you will be aware, the Minister has announced the return of Foundation Phase children for face to face teaching, starting from 22nd February. I will be in touch next week with more detail when finalised, after consultation with Newport City Council.

Online learning and hub provision for Foundation Phase children will no longer apply from that date.

Key Stage 2

Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will continue to learn online until further notice.

Hub provision will continue to be available for key stage 2 children of key and critical workers and vulnerable children. This must only be used as a last resort and where children cannot be cared for safely at home. If parents are working from home then children should be at home during this time.



Our online learning provision for Key Stage 2 will develop further after half term.



Check In, Catch Up, Check Out!

Live Sessions



There will be three live sessions for KS 2 children starting from **Monday 22nd February 2021**

Check in – Start the week – half hour session on a **Monday** or **Tuesday** where there is a wellbeing check in, the 'big picture' of learning for the week is talked through, teaching strategies and resources explained, tips for children, questions and answers and problems solved.

Catch Up, Problem Solve and Motivate – a wellbeing check in and an opportunity for children to chat directly with teachers to ask questions, solve problems and go over learning completed to date on a **Wednesday**.

Check Out, Reflect and Celebrate Success – half hour session on a **Friday afternoon** where there is a wellbeing check in, opportunity for children to reflect and share their learning, celebrate success and discuss and have an input into their future learning.

Day	Time	Year	Group
Monday 'Check in- start the week'	9.00am	3,4EJ,5,6	Group A
	9.45am	3,4EJ,5,6	Group B
Live Assembly	10.30am	All Key Stage 2 children	
Tuesday 'Check in- start the week'	9.00am	4TG	Group A
	9.45am	4TG	Group B
Wednesday 'Catch Up, Problem Solve and Motivate'	9.00am	3RD,4EJ,5TM,6GS	Whole Class
	9.45am	3JB,4TG,5JW,6RC	Whole Class
Friday 'Check Out, Reflect and Celebrate Success'	1.45pm	3,4,5,6	Group A
	2.30pm	3,4,5,6	Group B
Red Book Live Assembly	10.30am	All Key Stage 2 children	

A reminder that if any families are struggling with any IT or connectivity please be in touch and we will do all that we can to assist.

There will be no online learning set for half term week – week beginning Monday 15th February 2021



Children's Mental Health Week



Click [here](#) for to watch the virtual assembly !



Click [here](#) for our school assembly! Click [here](#) for some wellbeing resources



Click [here](#) for some parent and carer activities!



Click [here](#) to see how some people express themselves!



5 healthy ways to express your feelings

1 Make friends with your feelings

Even though some feelings are not as nice to feel as others, recognising them, understanding them and working with them, rather than pushing them away, helps us to process them and feel better.



2 Recognise the reasons for your feelings

Each feeling has a reason for being there. Different emotions may help us to learn something, prompt us to think more deeply about why we're feeling that way or lead us to understand ourselves better.

3 Share your emotions

Talking about how we feel with someone we trust and reaching out to let someone know how we feel helps us so much. We don't feel alone in how we're feeling, we can get a clearer sense of what is bothering us and can get support to work through our feelings.

4 Get creative

Writing, music, art, sport, reading and hobbies can really help us express our feelings. If we're feeling angry, putting on a loud tune and singing, or watching a film where we can relate to how the character is feeling can really help us feel better.

5 Give it time

Recognise that it takes time to learn about our feelings and how we respond to different feelings, but if we take a bit of time to learn the most helpful way to work with them, we have those tools for life whatever comes our way.





Our **Nursery** pupils have been sorting objects to form sets. They have made their own paper plate faces using recyclable materials and natural items found in their gardens, each of the faces

represented a different feeling or emotion. They even made face expression biscuits! They have discussed how we are all different but we are all special and can all be friends and embrace our similarities and differences. They have enjoyed making a family photo album, drawing their own self-portraits and making mud face sculptures in the garden. They continue to keep fit and healthy with Betsy the banana!

Our **Reception** children have enjoyed the lovely story of the Rainbow Fish and drawn beautiful pictures to place in their front windows for everyone to see. Harold the Hedgehog has been helping our pupils finding more than a number within 10 and to count 5 and 6 objects. They have discussed the value of kindness and the importance of being a good friend to each other. Thank you Mrs Jenkins for helping us learn the colours in Welsh and ask the question "Pa liw ydy hwn?" Pupils have also discussed how to keep safe on the internet with Smartie the Penguin and stayed fit and healthy with Underwater Yoga.

Year 1 children enjoyed listening to Mrs Hill read "Room on the Broom" and used their creative skills to make a witch's broom and a new potion. They have written clear instructions using good time connections to describe how they made their potions. Our Year 1 scientists have been learning about the different parts of the body and their senses. Numeracy activities have involved exploring number bonds to 10 and adding single digit numbers to 10. Mrs Webb and Mr Woodham have been helping us learn "Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" in Welsh – "Pen, ysgwyddau, cosau, traed". Our Year 1 pupils are keeping their bodies fit and healthy by taking part in balancing activities with Mr Woodham.

Our **Year 2** pupils have been learning about the formation of fossils and created fact files about ammonites and produced their own ammonite pictures. They have been practising their handwriting and using their reading and measuring skills to follow recipes. Numeracy work has focussed on finding fractions of shapes and numbers, they have learned that dividing by 2 is exactly the same as halving! They have used Mathematics to keep their numeracy skills sharp. They have continued to research information about dinosaurs and enjoyed joining Andy on his adventures. Year 2 pupils have learned about Sammy Spider's First Shabbat and created their own mud spiders!

Our **Year 3** pupils are further developing their numeracy skills by making three digit numbers, using place value grids, identifying the value of each digit and plotting the numbers on a number line. They continue to develop their handwriting, comprehension and punctuation skills as well as using the Nessy reading and spelling programme to keep their literacy skills sharp. They have read and followed a set of instructions to make delicious hot chocolate drinks and written their own instructions for others to follow. Research has continued on their "Sustainable World Project" and included looking at how trees can protect our environment.



Our **Year 4** mathematicians have been identifying and using factor pairs, investigating multiplication strategies and using the grid method to multiply numbers. In literacy, pupils focussed on the story "Mission Possible", looked at the chronology of stories and created their own character profiles for a spy story. Our Year 4 scientists have discussed the importance of eating a balanced diet and designed and made healthy fruit kebabs. They have taken part in the RSPB Bird Watch, identified the different birds that visit our winter gardens and constructed tally charts and bar charts to show the different species. This data has been submitted to the RSPB Garden Watch Bird Survey.

Our **Year 5** pupils have been revising decimals, identifying decimal numbers on number lines, comparing, ordering, and rounding decimals. There has been a competitive Mathletics challenge set between both Year 5 classes. Pupils have identified the key features of playscripts and written their own based on a scene from Harry Potter. Science work has continued with pupils researching facts about marine food chains and creating posters helping to prevent water pollution. They have completed wellbeing activities linked with "Children's Mental Health Week" in order to keep themselves physically and emotionally well. Our Year 5 pupils have also created impressive artwork based on 3D shapes.

Year 6 pupils have looked at features of fables and written their own versions of fables for younger pupils. They have been delving into algebra, learning how to form expressions and understand simple formulae. As part of "National Storytelling Week," they enjoyed listening to storyteller, Daniel Morden who visited us last March and shared his entertaining stories with us. Our Year 6 pupils have continued with the Garden Bird Watch and collected data in the form of tally and bar charts to submit to the RSPB in order to complete the survey. They have used their digital skills to create fact files about their chosen birds and designed garden bird posters using a variety of media. They also joined Professor David Olusoga's live session where he talked about the history of the 2021 Census.



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Class	Twitter	Area	Twitter
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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		

I am sorry that I missed the KS 2 live assembly today due to a meeting with Welsh Government regarding return to school for Foundation Phase pupils. I know Mrs Jenkins and the team enjoyed seeing you!
Have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,
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Headteacher

