

Weekly Newsletter

December 4th 2020

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



Please find our school newsletter for the week ending 4th December 2020. Click on the links for more information.

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Kind regards,
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Dear Parent and Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni,

I hope you have had an enjoyable week.

Reception – Miss Ellis' Class



I would like to start this week's newsletter by thanking Miss Matthews for her fabulous work with Reception class this year. Miss Ellis will return from maternity on Tuesday and we are looking forward to her being back in school. Miss Matthews will continue to teach the class on a Monday however, and Miss Ellis will teach them from Tuesday to Friday. Both Miss Matthews and Miss Ellis will be in class together for a number of days this week so that we ensure a smooth handover and that Miss Ellis is able to get to know the children.

IT and Telephone Systems



Please be aware that school will be without IT facilities, including e mail and telephone for a short period of time next week, starting Monday. If you need to contact us at school please ring **07583 671522**. This upgrade to the IT system is part of a Welsh Government roll out and upgrade.

Ordering Lunches Online



After a small glitch from Parent Pay last weekend the system seems to be working well. Thank you for your cooperation. If you need any help please look at the guidance Click [here](#). Alternatively, please contact the school office.



Covid -19 Information

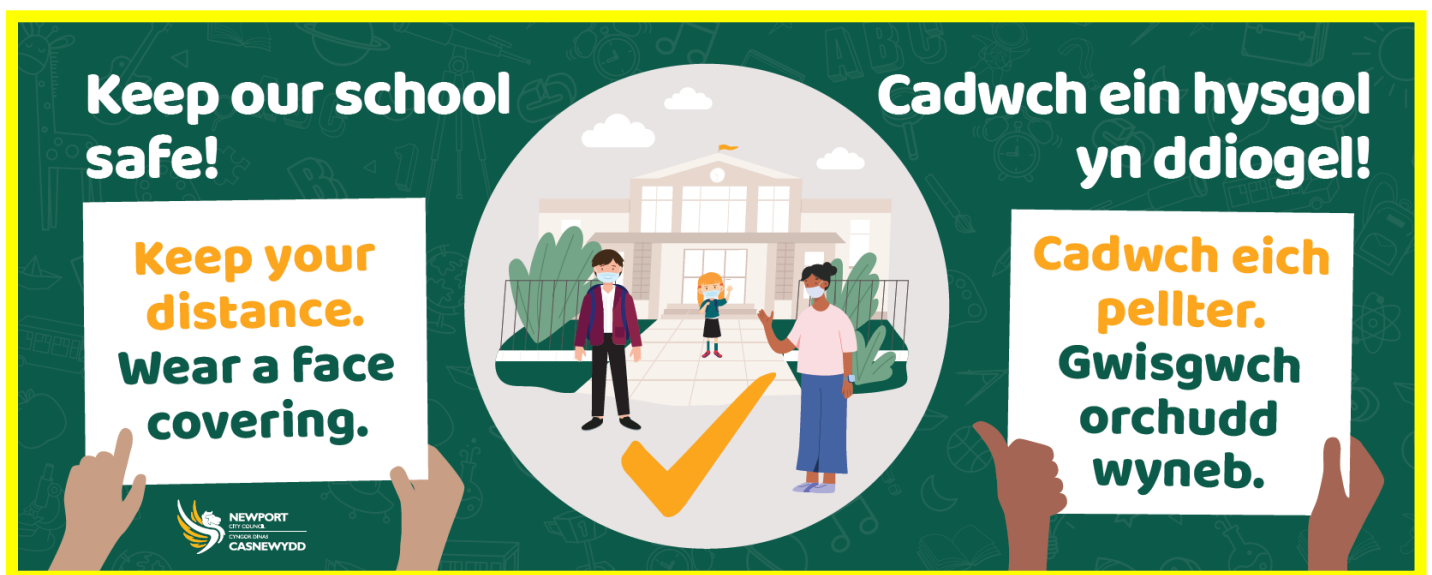
Self Isolation

As you will be aware Mr Cleaves' class is self-isolating due to a confirmed positive case.

If your child has been asked to self-isolate, then the child should remain home. Do not go to public areas or other people's houses, and do not use public transport or taxis for 14 days or until you have been told that it is safe to do so. Minimise contact with other people in your home and do not invite people to visit your home.

Face coverings

Many thanks to you all for supporting our school community by wearing masks on the school site. This strategy alongside social distancing increases safeguards against the spread of Covid.



Covid-19

Please also continue to inform us if your child has to self-isolate due to a family member testing positive or being symptomatic. Also, please let us know if your child has to go for a test and inform us in writing of the result.

A reminder that further information is available [here](#).

One Way System and Parking/Safety whilst dropping off

Thank you for your continued support with social distancing and the use of the one-way system. Another gentle reminder (after receiving some telephone calls from residents this week)- please be considerate with speed, parking and noise in the surrounding roads in the community. Thank you!



Dates For Your Diary !

December	
Dec 1 st	Mr Taylor's 100 Book Reading Challenge Starts! Books arriving soon!!
Fri Dec 11th	Christmas Jumper Day – whole school can wear these to school – donation £1 Save the Children
Mrs Jenkins and Mr Taylor to hold Class Candlelight Assemblies this week	
Wed Dec 16 th	School Christmas Dinner in classes Christmas Movie Afternoon
Thu Dec 17 th	Class Christmas Parties
Mon 21 st Dec – Fri 1 st Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK
January	
Mon Jan 4th	Start of Spring Term 2021

Amended Date.....

Pentrepoeth PTA Santa Sale

8th/9th/10th December 2020

Covid safe Santa Sale. Each year group has a selection of gifts in their bubble to choose from. Your child will wrap the gift and bring it home. Recommended donation of £2. Cashless event payable by BACS transfer:

Barclays Bank Sort: 20-60-58 Acc: 63184935 use 'Sale' and your child's initials and class as reference. Please pay by **Wednesday 9th Dec**



Christmas 2020

Christmas Concerts



Thank you for your responses regarding permissions for recording of the children recording their Christmas songs and readings. I will write to you in the next fortnight with details of how you are able to watch them.

IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO BE RECORDED PLEASE E MAIL THE SCHOOL TO NOTIFY US.

We have used the permission consent forms you gave us as the basis to record and Miss Norton has checked with all parents who did not give initial permission.

Christmas Cards

Children have been asking if they can bring Christmas cards in to school for their friends. In order to do this safely, children will be able to bring Christmas cards to school for friends in **their class only** which should be placed in their class box. These will be left in the box until the last week of term when they can be sorted safely.



Christmas Lunch



Christmas Cards ordered from the Cauliflower will be given out on Monday.(after quarantine)!

Christmas Events

Please see the dates for your diary section and also information via the PTA Newsletter.

A simple thank you is enough!

We understand that families are really keen to show their appreciation and gratitude to the adults in school at Christmas time but this year we are urging parents to think carefully about what they are planning. Given that 2020 has been such a crazy year and many of our families have had a change in personal circumstances as a result of COVID-19 please know that a simple and heartfelt 'thank you' really is enough.



PTA News



PTA Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Virtual Pet Show. The Event was a success, winners will be announced next week.

Santa Letters: Nothing will stop Santa this year! The PTA has a contact in the North Pole. We are creating Personalised letters and a Xmas treat, delivered to your little ones. **Requests and payments must be received by the 19th December.** ppssantaelf@gmail.com



Santa Sale-Elfridges, each child can purchase one gift for a loved one and will be open 8th/9th/10th December. Store credit must be paid prior to the event. See below for full details.

Christmas Raffle: We have some AMAZING raffle prizes for our Christmas Raffle. Tickets must be returned by Friday the 11th December. Draw takes place on the 14th December. Please contact PTA ASAP if you require more tickets. Check out Facebook page this week as we introduce you to our Prize donors.

See amazing prizes below

KEEP READING TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE EVENTS





Pentrepoeth Santa Sale

Elfridges: Opening Soon!

DECEMBER 8TH/9TH/10TH



Due to COVID, we are doing our annual Santa Sale a little differently this year.

We have been quarantining a whole host of gifts (no, really) for two weeks.



In school time and within their class bubbles, the children will have the chance to choose a gift and wrap

Due to COVID again, Instead of cash donations, we would be very grateful for a (suggested) donation of £2



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Pentrepoeth Parent Teacher Association
Reference: 'Sale (Child's Name) (Child's Class)



Thank you and Merry Christmas





Personalised Santa Letters

Santa has recruited an Elf in the PTA to help him to send personalised letters to the children.

Please email the Pentrepoeth Elf on

PpsSantaElf@gmail.com

to request a letter.

Each letter is only £3.00

Christmas Raffle:

Thank you to these amazing businesses for supporting us!!



Facial - donated by Polish & Glow - <https://polishandglow.uk/>
£10 Voucher - donated by Village Fish Bar - <https://www.facebook.com/villagefishbarbassaleq/>
10 Play and 5 Play Active sessions - donated by PLA-Y Active - <https://www.facebook.com/playactive19/>
£30 Voucher - donated by Good Taste Foods - <https://www.goodtastefoods.com/>
£25 Voucher - donated by Riverford Organic Farmers - <https://www.riverford.co.uk/>
£50 Voucher - donated by Cleany Queeny - <https://www.facebook.com/cleanyqueeny123/>
No7 Goodie bag - donated by Boots - <https://www.boots.com/no7>
Xmas bath bombs - donated by Heathers Homemade Soaps - <https://www.facebook.com/AccioBubbles/>
Echo Dot - donated by Alphabyte - <http://www.alphabyte.it/>
Nail Treatment - donated by Cariad Beauty - <https://www.facebook.com/Cariad-Beauty-by-Dani-105018604600474/>
Rugby merchandise - donated by Dragons Rugby - <https://www.dragonsrugby.wales>
£100 Voucher - donated by The Ruperra Arms - <https://www.facebook.com/theruperraarms/>
£160 Voucher - donated by Studio 27 Photography - <https://www.studio27.photography>
Sweet box - donated by Little Sweet Treats - <https://www.facebook.com/loveittlesweettreats/>
Bungee Jump - donated by Redletterdays - <https://www.redletterdays.co.uk/adventure/bungee-jumping>
One month Silver Membership - donated by The Farm - <https://www.thefarmstrength.com/>
4 ball Voucher - donated by Patc Golf Club - <http://www.parcgolfclub.co.uk>
Family Golf - donated by Hwatherton - <https://www.heatherton.co.uk>
£20 Voucher - donated by The Nook Rogerstone <https://www.facebook.com/thenook/>
£20 meal voucher - Curry on the Curve <https://www.curryonthecurve.co.uk>
Hair bow gift set - Hallie Hair Bows <https://www.etsy.com/shop/halliehairbows>





Our **Nursery** pupils have been enjoying their class book, "Handa's Surprise" and retold the story in their own words. The sound of the week is "d" and children have created a sound booklet to support their learning. Numeracy activities

have included ordering the fruit that was taken out of the basket using the vocabulary first, second, third etc. Pupils have counted the sets of fruit as well as reinforcing 1:1 correspondence. They have made the amount in each set and matched the numbers too. They have used their creative skills to weave Handa a new basket and painted, coloured and collaged fruit to place into the woven basket. They continue to develop their gross and fine motor skills through outside, explorative and fine manipulation skills. Our pupils are preparing for Christmas and have designed and made a special bauble to decorate our Pentrepoeth Christmas tree. They have practised Christmas songs as a surprise for parents over Christmas.

Our children in **Reception** have been talking about how different we all are but we are all special! Our children started the week by using the iPads to take a 'selfie' They had great fun taking their own photos and amazed us with their ICT skills! They used their individual photos to help them draw a self-portrait, paying particular attention to their features. Once completed, they thoroughly enjoyed decorating their photo frames. Mrs Starke, Miss Matthews and the Reception team are absolutely amazed with each of their beautiful portraits. Well done everyone! In Numeracy the focus has been on heavy and light objects. Our children have used their prediction skills to sort everyday objects into sets of heavy and light before using the balance scales to check. They have used the Interactive Whiteboard and class iPads to play various games to reinforce the concept of heavy and light. The children were excited as they helped to decorate the Christmas tree for the classroom and love singing some new Christmas songs. They cannot wait to sing their songs to Mr Taylor and Mrs Jenkins who are in for a real treat!

In Block play, they have been incredible builders designing and creating buildings special to them. Another busy and enjoyable week!

Year 1 pupils have enjoyed looking at the reasons why we celebrate the Christmas festive season. Pupils have written about what they like to do at Christmas time and the types of food they like to eat on Christmas Day. They also compared Christmas in Wales to other countries around the world noting any similarities and differences. In Numeracy, pupils have enjoyed measuring wrapping paper and used the correct mathematical vocabulary such as shorter than/ longer than/ equal to when comparing their lengths. They set up their own Christmas café in the role play area and enjoyed taking on the roles of shop keeper and customer! They used their knowledge of money to buy and sell items in the café. For PE this week they have been developing their ball skills within small team games. In Forest school, pupils have made bird feeders to help feed the hungry birds now it is Winter. They have enjoyed singing their Christmas song 'Little Donkey' ready for filming and recording for the Christmas play. Mrs Batrouni, Mrs Drummond and the Year 1 team are very proud of all their Year 1 pupils. Da iawn Year 1.

Pupils in **Year 2** have enjoyed retelling the story of "The Tiger and the Jackal." They have practised using speech marks correctly and ensured that they organised their written work into sentences using full stops and capital letters accurately. In Numeracy, they have investigated different mental strategies to add and subtract 11. Pupils have continued to learn interesting facts about tigers using the correct scientific terms. RE and Wellbeing activities have centred around the story of "Jonah and the Whale." Pupils have discussed the story and talked about the importance of saying sorry. In Music, they have enjoyed working with Mrs Berry to learn Christmas songs ready for the retelling of The Nativity Story. In craft they have been making their Christmas cards. For Commando Joe they have continued to look at Pocahontas and constructed a bridge to test if it will withhold the weight of an object. For PE they used the story of "The Tiger and the Jackal" as a stimulus for team games using small apparatus focussing on an underarm throw.



Our **Year 3** pupils arrived at school on Monday to find a package from the Gwent Police archives! They were asked to look at an old package of evidence that had been collected after a murder in the forum 2,000 years ago in Roman Times! They discovered the crime was the assassination of a very important senator, Julius Caesar. Pupils have investigated his life and found many interesting facts about him. They are going to design posters to advertise a meeting that the police are going to have to tell the public how they solved the crime! They have also written sensory descriptions of a Gladiator battle and completed their Roman mosaics. Numeracy activities have centred around revising and reinforcing multiplication tables and investigating the commutative law. They have transferred their knowledge of multiplication facts to problem solving activities. Welsh activities have centred around the language pattern "Beth wyt ti'n eisiau?" using the names of food in Welsh in their answers.

Pupils in **Year 4** have been focussing on reading and have used Bug Club to explore and enjoy new texts. They continue to enjoy reading "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and taken on the role of reading detectives finding evidence from the text to answer both closed and open questions. They have investigated features of biographical writing and researched facts about Roald Dahl in readiness to write his biography next week. They have used the expanded method of subtraction and practised using exchange before applying their knowledge to problem solving activities. Science work has involved looking at animals' teeth and investigating the diets they eat. They have made predictions and investigated what happens to the enamel of teeth when they are exposed to acid. Our pupils have discussed the importance of looking after our planet. They have looked at the reasons, both positive and negative for deforestation. For Music they have created their own piece of body percussion composition. After listening to "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" they worked together to create a performance following a four beat pattern. For Forest Schools they have used their problem solving skills to create a hideout that meets set criteria.

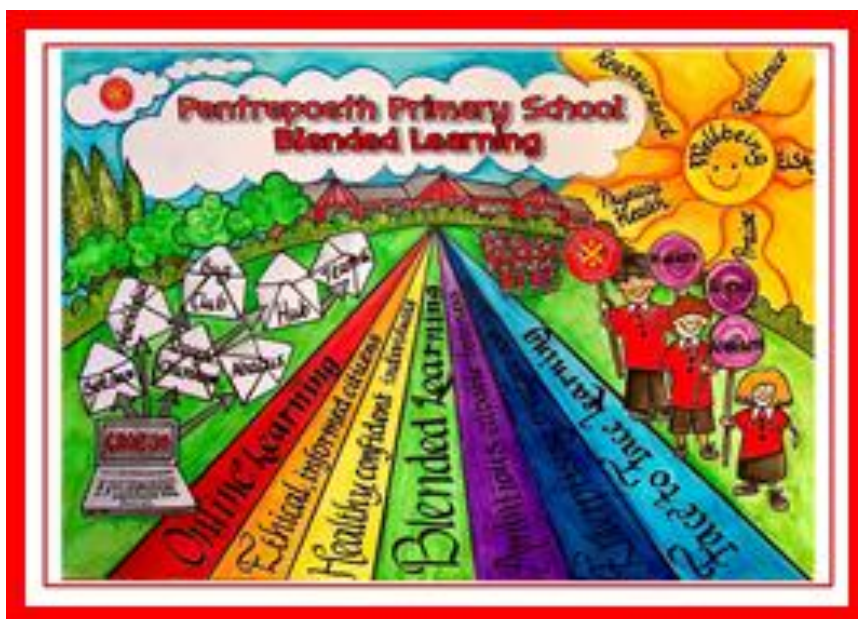
Year 5 children have been finding fractions of amounts and identifying equivalent fractions using bar models and multiplying/dividing the numerator and denominator. Children have also used the Chrome books to play maths games to consolidate their understanding of equivalent fractions. In Literacy, there has been a big focus on reading which fits in with Mr Taylor's Reading Challenge. Pupils have used 'Reading VIPERS' to learn different strategies required to answer comprehension questions. They have also continued reading their class book (Harry Potter) and introduced our mini language topic 'A Christmas Carol' which they will be focusing on during the lead up to Christmas. Welsh activities have continued around "Yr Ardd." Pupils have identified different things we find in the garden and played Welsh games to consolidate their learning. They have continued to use the placemats to ask and answer questions, both verbally and in written work. ICT activities have involved using the chrome books to carry out research on a country of their choice, based on Christmas. Children have been investigating Christmas traditions and how certain Christmas related words are said in their country of choice. Children have presented findings on how to say 'Merry Christmas' in a number of countries in their learning journals. They have all enjoyed the opportunity to sing and have been practising their class song ready for the Christmas concert.

Year 6 pupils have been working hard, both in school and at home. They have identified the features of informal letters and newspaper reports. They have written informal letters to the children who are isolating at home, these are on Google Classroom so that everyone can read them. As part of their Project work they investigated and researched the changing role of women in WW2 and how this has impacted on our lives today. They discussed the right to have equal pay and conditions for women and how the fight for equality started during the war years. The pupils have been engaged and made excellent contributions to class discussions. Some things that intrigued them were "nylons" and explaining stockings was quite interesting, as tights are more familiar to them! They have researched the jobs that women completed in WW2 and produced attractive and informative project book pages. This work has also fed into our Big Write this week as the children wrote informal letters, as mothers who were working during the war to their children who had been evacuated. Project work has also involved investigating coastal erosion, the Pillars



of Islam and looking at the work of Welsh artist, Rhiannon Thomas. Numeracy has focussed on calculating the area of right angled triangles, triangles where the perpendicular height was given and parallelograms. They have also investigated different types of angles and the importance of healthy living in Science. In Music, they created their own piece of body percussion composition. Listening to "In The Mood" by the Glen Miller Band, they worked together to create their impressive final performance. Another very busy week for both our Year 6 classes.

Blended Learning



As you will be aware should an individual, a class or year group need to self- isolate because the school has been notified of a positive test result or an individual is waiting for a test result then we will operate our blended learning provision.

For more details please click [here](#)



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 your continued support, it is very much appreciated. Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,
Cofion cynnes,

Dean Taylor
Headteacher

