

# Weekly Newsletter

June 25<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Kind regards,  
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## Weekly Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parent and Carer,  
Annwyl Rhieni,

### Welcome Evenings

It was lovely to meet new Reception and Nursery parents via Teams this week. We are all very excited about them starting in September.

I know Mrs Davies and Mrs Baxter enjoyed meeting parents and children of their new classes also. As stated last week the children will have an opportunity to meet their new teachers on the field in the next couple of weeks.

### Sports Days



Year 3 and 4 class sports days have been rearranged as they were postponed due to the weather yesterday. Year 3 will take place on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and Year 4 will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July in the afternoon. Children are able to wear their P.E kit to school on that day.

### Covid-19

As you will be aware there is an increase in cases across Wales, particularly of the Delta variant. A reminder that we are still operating under operational guidance in schools and that all restrictions outlined still apply. Thank you for your cooperation and support as we seek to ensure we keep all children, staff and the community as safe as we possibly can.

*Aneurin Bevan University Health Board are running an walk-in vaccination clinic at Newport Leisure Centre on Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 4pm. If you are yet to receive your COVID-19 vaccination and would like to attend please come along. No appointment required, we only ask that you please bring ID. Please note they will only be offering first doses. Getting the vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and loved ones from COVID-19.*

### Pupil Reports



I have really enjoyed reading your child's report. I am so proud of all that they have achieved this year, particularly in light of the disruption they have experienced. Pupil reports will be issued by pupil post next Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you want to discuss any matters relating to the school report please contact school via e mail and we will set up a Teams meeting with the class teacher.



# Welsh on the hill!!

Both Mrs Jenkins and I have been so impressed with the use of Welsh on the hill.. Keep this up all! Here are some of the recent phrases we have been using...

Phrase	Meaning
<b>Bore Da!</b>	<b>Good Morning!</b>
<b>Sut wyt ti?</b>	<b>How are you ?</b>
<b>Sut mae'r tywydd?</b>	<b>How's the weather?</b>
<b>Welai chi wedyn Welai chi fory</b>	<b>See you later See you tomorrow!</b>
<b>Popeth yn iawn ?</b>	<b>Everything ok ?</b>
<b>Neis I weld chi!</b>	<b>Nice to see you!</b>





Our **Nursery** pupils' story of the week was "The Gingerbread Man". After reading, pupils discussed and sequenced the story. The sound of the week is z z zip. Pupils have made a sound book, enjoyed a sound hunt and practised recording the z sound and used

Flipping and Flapping and Squiggle to further develop their gross and fine motor skills and their cross body actions. They have added buttons onto several gingerbread men and used their counting finger to touch count them to find the total. They even matched the total amount to its corresponding numeral. Using the IWB pupils ordered numbered Gingerbread Men and used the skill of 'drag and drop' to put them in the correct order. Outside in the Nursery garden they practised throwing at the Gingerbread Man target and using all of the enhanced provision. They have developed their creative skills by painting their own Gingerbread men.

This week our **Reception** pupils have been exploring the life cycle of a frog and created their very own life-cycles and had the opportunity to draw, label and share their facts. Did you know that it takes 6-9 weeks to fully develop as a tadpole? They also used their creative skills to make life cycle hats and split pin frogs. In Numeracy, they explored ordinal numbers and had lots of fun racing their friends to find out who came 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. They have also been practising their number formation in sand, glitter and on whiteboards ready for Year 1. In Forest School they completed a scavenger hunt, where they had to find natural objects that were smooth, rough, round and heavy. A very busy, fun filled week in Reception!

This week in **Year 1** pupils have been adding three numbers together and looking for number bonds to help them with their sums. They enjoyed reading a story called 'Over in the Grasslands' and learning about the African animals in the story. They looked at words to describe what the animals were doing such as stalk, gallop and graze. They enjoyed acting out the story with friends and looked for speech marks in the story so they knew when it was their turn to speak. Pupils found lots of rhyming words to help them guess what was coming next. They have enjoyed looking at the African plain and learnt about life in Africa. In Forest School, they played lots of games including the popular game of "Scatter". They had to listen carefully to the chosen speaker to guess where their friends were hiding in the forest.

In Language, Literacy and Communication our **Year 2** pupils have been continuing with creating their own adventure stories based on our book "Footprints in the snow". Pupils have been trying to include different forms of punctuation and lots of description. In Numeracy they have been looking at halves and quarters of shapes and numbers. In Project they have been learning about the puffins that live in Iceland. Pupils have finished making and decorating their clay volcanoes, created their own symmetrical snowflakes and made paper plate puffins. In ICT they have been learning how to use green screen technology and in Music they have been singing an Icelandic colours song. In Welsh pupils have practised the language patterns "Oes" and "Nac oes".

In Literacy our **Year 3** pupils have enjoyed reading "The Magic Paintbrush" and completed an oral retell of the story using Pie Corbet's actions to remember the story sequence. Numeracy work has included multiplying a teens number by 2, 3, 4 and 5 as well as reinforcing and consolidating our multiplication tables. Project work has involved independent research using the chrome books to identify the different layers of the atmosphere. They have investigated the changes in the seasons as well as learning the names of the seasons in Welsh. Pupils have also studied the stages in the



Water Cycle as well as developing their creative skills by painting the different types of clouds.

**Year 4** pupils have used extracts from 'The Hobbit' to help with their descriptive writing. Pupils created Missing posters to inform their audience about Bilbo Baggins using adjectives, similes and adverbs to describe the appearance and behaviour of Bilbo and Smaug, the dragon. They watched video clips, read extracts using inference and deduction skills and wrote a description about him using the vocabulary collected. In Numeracy, pupils used different strategies to solve a range of problems. They used pictures, tables, mathematical calculations and sequenced solutions as they developed their reasoning skills to solve problems. They revised 3D shapes, looked at their properties and considered the 2D shapes that make up the 3D shapes. They also used nets to construct shapes. In Science, pupils studied results of their cress investigation and were flabbergasted at how tall the cress in the cupboard grew, even though they were yellow and unhealthy! Pupils learnt about rocks and fossils and how rocks are classified by how they were formed. They used the Moh's Hardness scale to sequence rocks from hardest to softest. In Welsh, pupils practised describing their pets using colours and adjectives to describe the different body parts. They used the chrome books to create their very own pet passport – in Welsh, wrth gwrs!!! Pupils also used the shape and pencil tools to draw their pets on the computer. Pupils studied the famous Tudor painter, Holbein before drawing their own portraits of Henry VIII.

In Numeracy our **Year 5** pupils have continued work on word problems and used the RUCSAC method to choose the correct calculation to solve some tricky problems. They also created their own mathematical tangrams, where children used 2D shapes to create different pictures. Literacy work has focused on the Reading VIPERS skills, using a range of techniques to help answer reading comprehension questions. They also started work on the short story 'The Master Thief' by Daniel Morden, where children have written descriptive sentences about the characters and planned a newspaper article about the thief. In Welsh, pupils have continued to work on their Welsh play scripts and have been identifying words linked to our topic 'Lights, Camera, Action' using a Welsh dictionary to identify unfamiliar words. In DT, pupils have continued using woodwork to construct their mazes. Children completed their designs and used junior hacksaws to cut pieces of wood to stick on to cardboard to create their mazes. Children will have the opportunity to paint their mazes to complete them next week. In PE, they have enjoyed a number of fun activities based on cricket, football and dodgeball. Pupils also had great fun on their Sports Day, where children competed in a number of races whilst cheering on the other class.

Days in **Year 6** continue to be full of fun and pupils are enjoying the dry weather. At every opportunity we are trying to give them as much outside time as possible as well as having high expectations of their learning and their behaviour. They are enjoying a variety of games, from football to cricket, dancing to practising sports day races. It is lovely to see their faces glowing with laughter as they enjoy each other's company in their last half term of primary school. Memories have been at the forefront of our classes this week. We have all been remembering different times during our time at Pentrepoeth and have been writing them as a play script ready to perform to the camera for our Virtual Leavers' Assembly. This certainly brought much laughter to the classroom as the memories varied so much from infants to juniors. All so lovely to hear! Pupils have used the chrome books to complete a complicated piece of research on coastal erosion and used a variety of websites in order to explain the process using appropriate vocabulary, demonstrating a good understanding of the geographical features. Pupils have shown they are independent learners, ready to make the move to Year 7 and the next stage of their education. Mrs Berry has once again "blown" us away with her natural musical skills. The hall came alive with



the sound of beating bucket drums as our final lesson drew to a close. The resulting cacophony of drumming was recorded for posterity and poor Mrs. Baxter and Mrs. Matthews were so relieved that the bucket drumming is done and dusted. A big Diolch for their patience!

Welsh Government have asked schools to share the following message with the school community.

**Dyddiad cau ar gyfer ceisiadau i'r Cynllun Preswyllo'n Sefydlog i Ddinasyddion yr UE - 30 Mehefin**

Byddem yn gwerthfawrogi eich help i atgoffa rhieni, pobl ifanc a'ch staff eich hunain y dylent hwy ac aelodau o'u teuluoedd, os ydynt yn ddinasyddion yr UE, yr AEE neu'r Swistir, wneud cais i'r Cynllun Preswyllo'n Sefydlog i Ddinasyddion yr UE. Mae'n ofynnol i blant cymwys wneud cais yn eu rhinwedd eu hunain gan nad oes unrhyw blentyn o unrhyw oedran yn dod o dan gais riant i'r Cynllun. Mae rhagor o wybodaeth am hyn ar GOV.UK, gyda chanllawiau ychwanegol ar gyfer y Cynllun yn y daflen hon.

Mae cefnogaeth a chymorth am ddim ar gael drwy nifer o sefydliadau yng Nghymru. Gallwch ddod o hyd i ragor o fanylion ar wefan y Gwasanaeth Cynghori ar Fewnfudo i Ddinasyddion yr UE ([eusswales.com](http://eusswales.com)). Mae pob darparwr yn cynnig cymorth gydag iaith a gellir cysylltu â nhw yn uniongyrchol dros y ffôn hefyd.

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**Deadline for EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) application - 30 June**

We would appreciate your help in reminding parents, young people and your own staff that if they are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, they and their family members should apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. Eligible children are required to have an application in their own right because no child of any age is covered by a parent's application to the EUSS. There's more information on this on GOV.UK with additional guidance in this EUSS leaflet.

There is free support and help available through a number of organisations in Wales. You can find more details here [EU Citizens Immigration \(eusswales.com\)](http://EU Citizens Immigration (eusswales.com)). All the providers offer language support and can also be contacted directly by telephone.

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Event/Activity
<b>June</b>		
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am – 12.00pm	Year 5 Classes Sports
	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Year 6 Classes Sports
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Year 3 Classes Sports
<b>July</b>		
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of Day	Year 4 Classes Sports Pupil Reports issued to Parents
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	3.50pm – 6.00pm	Parent Consultations – <i>to discuss any issues relating to reports</i>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July		End of Summer Term for Pupils
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	INSET Day 5 -ALN - <i>School closed for children</i>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	INSET Day 6 – ALN- <i>School closed for children</i>

## Outdoor Learning Safety

With the warmer weather please ensure that your child has a drink, sun cream applied before coming to school, sun hat and that any hay fever medication has been taken before school.

## Nuts

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Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,  
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