

# Newsletter

November 5<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Please find our school newsletter for November 5<sup>th</sup> 2021. Click on the links for more information.

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Kind regards,  
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## Newsletter

Dear Parent and Carer,  
Annwyl Rhieni,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. As mentioned before half term, schools in Newport are now operating at the very high level of risk in the school management framework. Thank you for your support with our ongoing covid mitigations and for informing us of any results of covid tests as you get them. As you are also aware there are some changes to self-isolation requirements...

**Someone in your household has COVID symptoms or has tested positive for COVID**

You are a child under 5	You are over 18 and fully vaccinated	You are aged 5 - 17	You are over 18 and not fully vaccinated
You do not need to have a test, or self-isolate.	You should self-isolate and take a PCR test. Self-isolate until the result. If the result is negative, you can stop isolating. If the result is positive, you must self-isolate for 10 days.	You should self-isolate and take a PCR test. Self-isolate until the result. If the result is negative, you can stop isolating. If the result is positive, you must self-isolate for 10 days.	Self-isolate immediately for 10 days. You should take a PCR test on day 2, and again on day 8.

**#KeepWalesSafe**

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KEEP WALES SAFE

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# Parent Consultations

Date	Year Groups
9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery
10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception
11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1
10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2
17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3
9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4
16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5
9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6

A link will have been sent via text for you to book a time for your Parent Consultations. We currently hold your e mail addresses from last year and have e mails for all new parents via the data information sheets you filled in for us before your child started school. Parent consultations will be via Microsoft Teams. Your child's class teacher will send you a link prior to the meeting.

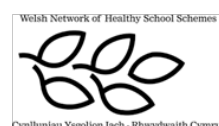
## Flu Immunisation

Forms will be sent home for flu immunisations after half term. These are due to take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## Poppy Appeal



Again we will be supporting the Poppy appeal. Each child will receive a poppy on their desk in school and we would kindly ask that parents contribute in the buckets placed at the front and back of the school on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021.







# BBC Children in Need

Children In Need – Friday November 19<sup>th</sup> 2021



Children can come to school dressed in pyjamas on the day. We will be taking part in fun activities during the day – online work it out with Joe Wicks sessions and Mindfulness with Dr Ranj ! Donation buckets will be available at drop off and pick up at the front and back of the school.



# LEARNING

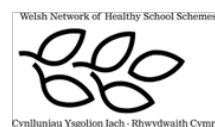
Our **Nursery** pupils enjoyed their book of the week, "Leaf Man" and discussed features of the book, the character, what he is made from, where he went and how he arrived there. They created their very own leaf

men or leaf creations using leaves collected from their Autumn walk when pupils practised putting on their welly boots and wet weather clothes in preparation for the walk. Children observed the seasonal changes as they travelled through the forest school and described what they saw, heard, touched and smelt. Children were encouraged to take photographs of signs of Autumn in the local environment and took Autumn selfies using the iPad. Sound of the week is "d" and pupils completed a sound book, mark making and sound hunt. Numeracy work involved counting basic sets and mark making to represent amounts. Children were introduced to sets of Autumn leaves, conkers etc and counted them using 1:1 correspondence and practised mark making the quantity, reinforcing correct numeral formation. Children practised creating 2 object repeating patterns using Autumn objects and used sponge leaves and conkers to create their own painted repeated 2-part pattern. They also developed their different artistic techniques to create autumnal paintings.



**Reception** pupils have had a lovely time this week sharing their special 'All About Me' bags with their friends. They thoroughly enjoyed showing their special items and discussing why they were important to them. Children loved listening to the story 'Super Duck' and used their wonderful building skills to create a getaway car for him in the block play area. They have created their very own Super Ducks using a range of materials and used fishing rods to hook the ducks and ordered them by number. The children also explored repeating patterns and used their knowledge to create colour patterns on their 'Super Kites'. In Forest School, the children completed a colour challenge and had to find natural resources to match the autumnal colours.

Pupils in **Year 1** have been learning about how to stay safe on Bonfire Night. They have made colourful posters and written instructions to help keep others safe. They have had lots of fun making their own fireworks in the creation station and using these fireworks to make stories of 7. Pupils also enjoyed singing with Mrs Berry this week and learnt lots of new songs. The children have had lots of fun in block play making rockets and seeing whose was the tallest and could reach for the stars! In forest school, the children had fun making a pretend bonfire. They talked about the different materials needed and worked as a team to gather the resources. They used buckets with sand to 'put out' their sparklers and reinforced how we can all keep ourselves safe if we were to have our own sparklers at home. In PE, pupils enjoyed moving in different directions pretending to be fireworks. We've had lots of fun!



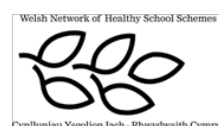


**Year 2** pupils have retold the story of Noah's Ark, remembering to use their capital letters and full stops with accuracy. They have also created a science experiment to make their own rainbow using water, ink and paper. Pupils then looked at animals that went onto Noah's Ark and categorised the animals into, carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Pupils created their own Noah's Ark using their fine motor skills by cutting paper straws and estimating their length before accurately sticking onto a template. Pupils also learnt about their five senses and enjoyed visiting the Forest School to investigate some of their senses. Pupils learnt how to use their Welsh colours in sentences and took these colours to fluency. They worked on their mathematical skills by rounding two digit numbers to

the nearest ten within 200 and finally adding multiples of ten to any given number within 100.

Our **Year 3** pupils have researched the eruption of Mount Vesuvius using the Chromebooks to read reports and watching animated videos of the eruption. They recorded key facts onto post-it notes and arranged them into sub-headings. They also identified the features of report writing and how to organise a non-chronological report. Pupils used the information gathered to plan a report about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. In Numeracy, pupils have re-visited the TAPAS boards and focused on time, doubling and halving. They investigated fact families and reinforced the relationship between addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. The Rotten Roman topic continues and pupils have been learning about Roman food and created a three course meal menu with illustrations. They used their cross curricular skills and worked out the price in denarius. Pupils researched Roman clothing and made labelled diagrams to show the different items of clothing. In the forest school they measured the height of trees using a trundle wheel, they did this by stepping away from the tree and looking between their legs to see the top. Then pupils measured the distance between themselves and the tree. In P.E. they developed their gross motor skills through games which focused on balance and co-ordination. We had a fantastic time.

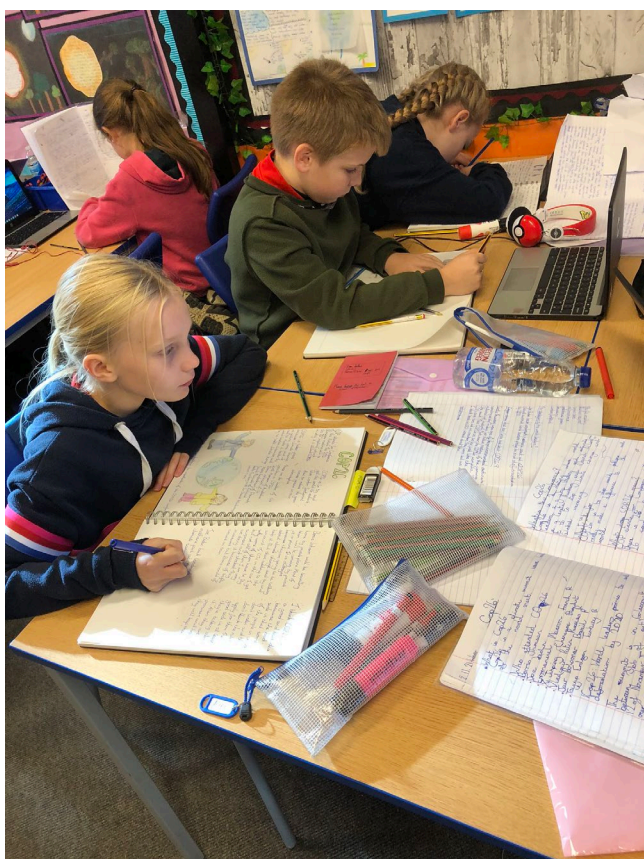
**Year 4** pupils have focused on a range of Literacy skills, they practised the diagonal join before copying a Fireworks poem using the correct joins in their Handwriting books. Pupils used the chrome books to reinforce when to use capital letters and identify nouns. They read the first chapter of our class novel, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl and identified the features of a book cover before creating their own new book covers. Pupils discussed different spelling strategies and focused on the letters in the alphabet to help find words in the dictionary. They revised the vowels and when to use a/an accurately in their writing. In Numeracy, pupils have mastered quick mental strategies to help them when adding multiples of 10 to 3- and 4-digit numbers. They investigated how to efficiently add  $9/19$  and  $11/21$  to 3- and 4-digit numbers using their understanding of adding multiples of 10. Pupils also applied their addition skills to solve Firework problems. In Forest School pupils used their observational skills to draw sketches of trees, they looked closely at the shapes and textures and considered which animals and plants they would expect to find in a woodland habitat.





Pupils used websites to find information about Roald Dahl before creating a PowerPoint or biography about the legendary author. In Welsh, they practised reading a story before sequencing the events into chronological order. Pupils looked at the reasons why we celebrate Bonfire Night with fireworks. They collected facts about Guy Fawkes, designed a safety poster and used pastels to create brightly coloured patterns to represent fireworks. A super, busy first week back in Year 4.

Our **Year 5** children have enjoyed collecting and analysing data based on the ABC of Opera activities completed before the half term break. Children have created tally charts to collect data based on their peers' favourite songs from around the world, and converted the data into bar charts, both in books and online using Chromebooks. Pupils have continued to practise their times tables, using a number of different online resources and have shown excellent improvements in their scores in the 44 club maths challenge. In Literacy, pupils have focused on Newspaper articles and written reports based on UFO sightings, as part of the new topic 'Beyond Belief'. Children researched different UFO sightings around the world and used this to create their own fictional newspaper reports. They have also continued to enjoy listening to our class book Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and have spent time practising their handwriting. In Welsh, pupils have used Welsh dictionaries to create posters in their books to show things found in the garden. As part of the topic 'Beyond Belief' pupils have been inspired to create their own 'Flanimals' in the style of Ricky Gervais. They enjoyed looking at different Flanimals and generated their own crazy ideas and drawings, with some fantastic artwork on display. Children have also practised their drawing skills and drawn either different characters or house emblems from the Harry Potter films, with some incredible, lifelike pictures. Da iawn pawb!



**Year 6** pupils have had a very busy first week back. The fine autumnal weather continues allowing the children to be outdoors as much as possible, practising their catching and throwing skills over short and long distances. This will be come in very useful when they play rounders on the field in the summer term and also in the classroom in Maths lessons! As a warm up the children have had to catch, answer a times table question as quickly as possible, then throw a ball back to the class teacher. Two skills for the price of one in a maths lesson! Multiplication tables continue to be an oldie but a very necessary skill to learn as they cross over so many numeracy topics. Pupils have also practised the grid and compact method for long multiplication. Both very tricky to master as there are so many chances to make errors. The children soon learnt that one small error makes the whole question wrong! An invaluable lesson to learn – check all your calculations for accuracy. Literacy work has focussed heavily on the COP26 conference, the children have started to

research the conference and its potential far reaching effects. They found facts about the leaders of the countries and what they aim to do to try and stop climate change. A massive undertaking and one






which the children are beginning to realise will affect their futures, in ways which we cannot begin to imagine. Our new topic "Conflicts" is well underway, pupils discussed the meaning of conflicts and looked at the amount of countries around the world that are currently in a period of conflict. Children have shown a keen interest in learning about World War 2 and a number have said they have artefacts to bring in to school to show everyone. In Science, the children have returned the famous "Beany Babies" which are now nearly all fully flourishing plants, ready to be planted at home. Pupils investigated the life cycle of a plant and are becoming more familiar with the higher level science vocabulary ready for high school. In Welsh, children have familiarised themselves with a recount of a day trip to Barry Island and are learning the vocabulary to accompany it. Their confidence is growing and they are becoming more proficient Welsh speakers. We are so proud of them and the effort they are making!

**STAY SAFE  
STAY HOME  
THIS  
FIREWORKS NIGHT**

- MAKE SURE ALL FIREWORKS COMPLY WITH APPROVED STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS.**
- KEEP FIREWORKS IN A CLOSED BOX AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS.**
- LIGHT FIREWORKS AT ARM'S LENGTH AND STAND WELL BACK**
- TAKE CARE WITH SPARKLERS, EVEN OUT THEY ARE STILL HOT.**
- KEEP YOUR PETS INDOORS, FIREWORKS CAN SCARE THEM.**
- PLEASE REFRAIN FROM HAVING FIRES IN YOUR GARDEN. BONFIRES ARE A SIGNIFICANT FIRE RISK.**

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- DON'T BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE WHEN SETTING OFF FIREWORKS.**
- NEVER GO BACK TO FIREWORKS ONCE THEY ARE LIT.**
- NEVER THROW FIREWORKS.**
- NO FIREWORKS AFTER 11PM - (12AM 5TH NOV)**
- DON'T LET YOUNG CHILDREN PLAY WITH FIREWORKS.**
- USE YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY WASTE SERVICES AND DO NOT BURN GARDEN OR HOUSEHOLD WASTE.**

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# School term times and holidays

## INSET Days

There are 6 INSET days next year. The dates arranged so far are:

- Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021
- Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021
- Friday October 8<sup>th</sup> 2021
- Friday February 18<sup>th</sup> 2022
- *2 others TBC*

## Additional day for the Jubilee

School will also be closed on **Monday November 29<sup>th</sup>** as schools have been given an additional day in lieu of the additional bank holiday which falls within the half term break.

## School year 2021-2022

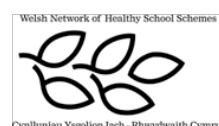
Term	Start	Half-term starts	Half-term ends	Term ends
Autumn 2021	2 September	25 October	29 October	17 December
Spring 2022	4 January	21 February	25 February	8 April
Summer 2022	25 April	30 May	3 June	22 July

**May Day - Monday 2 May 2022**

# Christmas 2021



Christmas in school this year will again, unfortunately be affected by covid and the restrictions that we have in place to keep all safe. I will send details of Christmas activities in the newsletter next week.



# Website - [www.pentrepoethprimary.co.uk](http://www.pentrepoethprimary.co.uk)

# Twitter - @PentrepoethPrim

# Other Twitter Pages ...



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Class	Twitter	Area	Twitter
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<a href="#">Reception - Mrs Starke</a>	@PPSMrsStarke	<a href="#">Expressive Arts</a>	@PPSExpressiveArts
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<a href="#">Year 1 - Mrs Batrouni</a>	@PPSMrsBatrouni	<a href="#">Humanities</a>	@PPSHumanites
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<a href="#">Year 2- Mrs Beard</a>	@PPSMrsBeard2jb	<a href="#">Mathematics and Numeracy</a>	@PPSMathsandNum
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<a href="#">Year 5 - Mr Willmore</a>	@PPSMrWillmore		
<a href="#">Year 6 - Mr Cleaves</a>	@PPSMrCleaves		
<a href="#">Year 6 - Mrs Symes</a>	@PPSMrsSymes		

Have a great Bonfire night and an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,  
Cofion cynnes,

Dean Taylor  
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