

# Newsletter

April 8<sup>th</sup> 2022

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Kind regards,  
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## Newsletter

Dear Parent and Carer,  
Annwyl Rhieni,

### End of Spring Term

The end of the Spring term has arrived. It has been so lovely to have the children back in the hall for assemblies and at lunch time. I know the children have enjoyed playing with children from other year groups also. We have certainly ended the Spring term in a better place than when we started in January.

I was hoping to be able to communicate changes to drop off, pick up and the use of the one way system in this newsletter as approved by Governors on Monday. However, we are expecting some updated guidance from Welsh Government over the Easter holidays, and I will communicate this to you at the end of the second week of the holidays in preparation for the Summer term.



### Summer Term

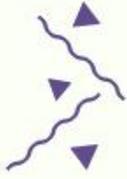
Summer term will start for school and nursery on **Monday April 25<sup>th</sup>**.

School will be closed for May Day on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

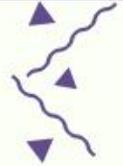
School will close for the half term break on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

We said goodbye to Mrs Starke on Thursday and wish her every success in her new career. I am very sure Mrs Starke will be no stranger to us in the following months and years.





# PTA NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
FOR PARENTS AND CARERS.

Thank you to everyone who supported our events this term - we are meeting with the school and pupils next term to discuss what they want funded next.

We are hoping to run some more interactive fundraisers next term if restrictions continue to ease but will need parental help to do so- please drop us a message on Facebook or email - [pentrpoethpta@gmail.com](mailto:pentrpoethpta@gmail.com)



## Easter Activity Pack

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for Easter activities you can join in with over the holidays. If you don't have Facebook we can email some fun activities to you.

Have a lovely Easter break with your loved ones!



DON'T FORGET TO SELECT US  
AS YOUR CHOSEN CHARITY ON  
AMAZON

**DONATIONS TO  
DATE £402.14**

Year 6 Easter Raffle

**JUST UNDER  
£600**

**AMAZING EFFORT  
YEAR 6 - LOOK OUT  
ALAN SUGARI!**






**Happy Easter!**

**Mrs Williams**  
@PPSMrsWilliams

What a wonderful way to end the term. Don't we look amazing in our Easter Hats?!  
Wishing you all a very Happy 🐰 Easter, we look forward to hearing all about your Easter adventures. 🌟

**Miss Ellis**  
@PPSMissEllis

Reception had an eggcellent time parading their Easter bonnets today! Pasg Hapus! 🐰🌟 @PentrepoethPrim @PPSExpressiveArt

**Mrs Starke**  
@PPSMrsStarke

Lots of eggcited children today WOW! We were blown away by all your Easter hats, we hope you had as much fun making them as we had parading them! Thank you for your continued support this term. Have a good break, we're looking forward to an exciting Summer term. Happy Easter 🌟

**Mrs Drummond 1AD**  
@PPSMrsDrummond

Pasg hapus! Look at our fabulous Easter hats. We'll done, everyone and thank you to the grown ups that helped too. 🌟🐰 @ppshumanities @PPS\_Happiness





Mr Nocivelli  
@PPSMrNocivelli

What an eggcellent day! Year 2 loved our Easter activities this week and they all looked amazing today with their hats!  
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Mrs Beard  
@PPSMrsBeard2JB



Don't they look amazing in their Eater Hats! Year2 would like to wish you a very.....@PPS\_Happiness



# Happy Easter!



**Reception** had a fun filled week that began with a spot of cooking! The children enjoyed measuring the ingredients and following the instructions to make their delicious chocolate nests. They have been exploring different ways to create a repeating pattern and designed their own Easter eggs. In the tuff spot tray, the children had a challenge to find the missing chicks and put them back into their nests. The children shared their ideas of how to celebrate Easter and used their creative skills to make a chick fork painting. In the block play, they worked together to build a home for the Easter bunny. We hope you enjoy your Easter holiday; the children are eggcited to bring home a very special card.



We continued our learning about Easter this week in **Year 1** and read 'Saving Easter'. We talked about how we can work together as a team to achieve our goals and also how friends can help each other. We talked about the Easter story and why this is important for Christians. We also learnt about springtime bringing new life and why we give and receive chocolate eggs on Easter morning. We had a 'number bonds Easter egg hunt' where we had to find matching number bonds to 10 and 20 and we also looked at symmetrical patterns and designed our own symmetrical Easter eggs. We made Easter cards and Easter baskets and we had a wonderful time parading our Easter hats during the Easter assembly.

This week **Year 2** have read 'Dear Dinosaur' again and picked out certain aspects of the book that showed ways in which the boy in the book wrote to 'Dora the dinosaur', which included emails. The children then used the Google Chromebooks to write an email to the dinosaur and awaited a reply. They also practised their phonics this week using an interactive dinosaur egg game on the iPads and wrote a book review. In maths this week, Year 2 challenged themselves with using their mental strategies to subtract numbers, with some numbers up to 3 digits! Children consolidated their math skills using the mental maths train game on the iPads. They tried beating their high score set within subtraction and uploaded their progress to Seesaw. In their physical education lessons this week, the children practised their football dribbling and passing drills before going into differentiated games. Year 2 looked at the Easter story in detail this week and recognised important Christian celebrations, they discussed why we celebrate Easter and made a comic strip to represent the Easter story. Children then emailed each other on Friday, practised their spellings on Nessy, completed mindfulness colourings and created their own Easter bunnies out of paper! What a great week.



**Year 3** have had a fantastic week learning about the Easter story. We have played a story loop game that involved working in a team and listening to a difference in opinions. Then we created comic strips and used the strips to recount the story. We have written beautiful Easter cards and decorated the front with bouncing Easter chicks. We painted a back scene and cut out a silhouette of the crucifixion of Jesus on the cross.

In maths we have consolidated learning using Mathematics. We have revised and updated TAPAS boards and added new taught skills to

reinforce daily. We have focused on addition and subtraction of two, two digit numbers, number bonds to 50, 100 and 100 through colouring and solved Easter number problems to find the hidden eggs.

The toads have now been released into the school pond and we have been to visit the new habitat to



survey their new home. We will continue to visit them and look forward to seeing little toads jumping around the school grounds. We have finished our invertebrate topic and answered our research question 'why are invertebrates important for our environment?' The duck eggs will be in school for the first week back after Easter and we will be making a list of all the children that would like to take them home overnight or on the weekend (your support would be greatly appreciated).

The Summer school trip has been booked to Margam Park (Extreme Weather) and we will be sending out consent forms after half term along with details of how to make payment on Parent Pay.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and we will look forward to welcoming the children back in the Summer Term.

**Year 4** have been continuing with their work based on 'How to Train Your Dragon' in English this week. We watched the opening scene of the movie and discussed the sequence of events. We learnt what an adverb was and the role it plays in our writing before changing adjectives into adverbs, focusing on the correct spellings of our new words. To apply our learning, we practised writing ambitious sentences using precise verbs and adverbs to describe events.

In Maths, we continued focusing on fractions. We used the fraction wall tool as an aid to find equivalent fractions before using visual representations of fractions to compare numbers.

As well as that, we used our knowledge of multiplication facts to make connections between equivalent fractions and our tables. In addition to that, we calculated fractions of amounts before applying our knowledge to activities allocated on Mathletics. Furthermore, we simplified fractions to colour an Easter egg picture using a key. Gwaith ffantastig, blant!

In the afternoons, we used the Chromebook to carry out independent research about dragons. We used the sign-posted, relevant websites to collect interesting facts and then we chose how to organise and present our learning in our Learning Journals. We practised different writing fonts and styles and used our creativity skills to present a piece of work to be proud of.

Finally, we have used our crafting skills to make Easter Cards, Easter baskets and wreaths. Mrs. Clissold encouraged the children's use of creativity skills to make an Easter scene in the forest. Another enjoyable, busy week in Year 4.



Maths- This week in **Year 5** we have been completing a Harry Potter themed maths challenge. The children were all extremely excited to receive a letter from Hogwarts, inviting them to join Hogwarts School in Year 7. Along with the letter, the children were given a challenge to buy all of the items they would need to attend Hogwarts. Using their knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages, the children had to calculate some tricky sums in order to buy their items from a catalogue, all while staying within a £100 budget. There was lots of excellent maths on display as well as plenty of resilience as the



children completed the challenge successfully!

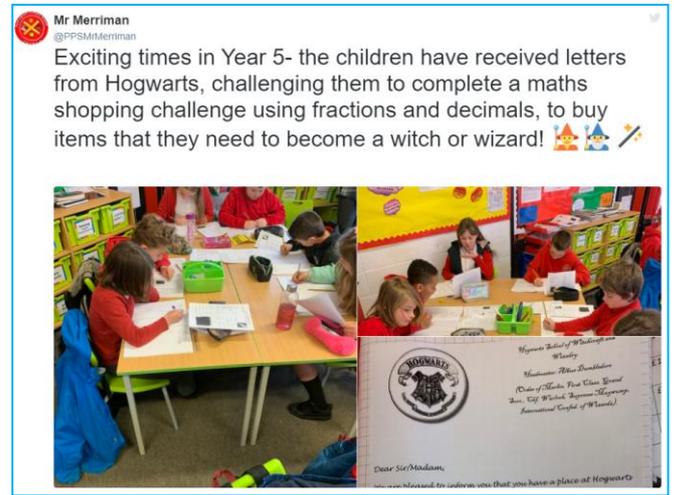
Language- In language this week, we have been looking at formal letter writing. As part of our topic 'Electrifying Energy', we have been planning and writing letters to Mr Taylor, encouraging him to buy more solar panels for the school. The children carried out research on solar panels, with some even finding out how much money we can save by using solar panels and then wrote some fantastic persuasive letters to Mr Taylor. We hope he considers this having read all of our letters in Year 5!

Science- This week we have continued to research and find out about all things 'renewable'. Children have continued to look at the impact different countries are having on climate change and have been identifying which countries are closer to reaching 'Carbon Neutral' status. Some children have even been designing posters, encouraging others to use renewable energy and to reduce their carbon footprint.

Welsh- In Welsh this week, we have been finding and translating different words linked to Electricity and Technology into Welsh. The children will be using these translations to write sentences talking about things they like and things that they don't like.

We were also extremely fortunate to be able to decorate Easter cookies this week, the children had lots of fun and certainly enjoyed eating their cookies too!!!

This week has flown by in a flurry of chocolate and sweet treats! **Year 6** have brought in so many Easter themed goodies and we have been fortunate enough to have two hampers expertly dressed by Mrs. Boulton. They looked amazing and the raffle was the highlight of the week for year 6.



Year 6 started the week by selling copious amounts of raffle tickets to both the junior and foundation phase. This proved very popular, and the children were so enthusiastic to visit all the classes and persuade them to buy tickets without even seeing the prizes. They certainly used their oracy skills to explain how to take part in the raffle and used their powers of persuasion to encourage the children to buy them. By the middle of the week our pots were truly overflowing with both tickets sold and money. This fundraising idea was given to year 6 by the PTA and the children have really grasped the opportunity to be enterprising, creative

individuals, they have loved selling to other pupils and have been fair to make sure that the correct change was given and that the younger children didn't overspend. They have shown such care and thoughtfulness in the way they have explained the reasons why they should only spend a small amount.

Once the hampers were made the children then visited the classrooms to show off the completed hampers which were so beautifully presented. The donations by the year 6 children and parents were so generous. So much so that we were fortunate enough to wrap some Easter goodies as separate prizes. The excitement was palpable as the children saw the possibilities of winning one of the prizes. Obviously, the hampers caused a stir as year 6 took the hampers to each classroom to show them off.

And now for some maths! Year 6 were then presented with a pot of money. In groups they were supplied with a pile of plastic money bags and were told to sort and bag the money according to the instructions on the front of it. They worked collaboratively to do this. Then a weighing scales was introduced and the



question was posed – why do we need a weighing scales? Year 6 applied their thinking skills yet again exhibiting that they can be enterprising and creative individuals. Eventually we arrived at the answer – if we know one bag has the right amount, we can weigh it and all bags with the same coins in should weigh the same. If not, then the bag will need to be checked. Certainly, much quicker than counting and recounting!

The grand finale was on Friday when all children were invited to watch the draw, either sitting in the hall or by watching on Teams in the classrooms. The excitement was felt as Mr Taylor began the draw. And in the spirit of all cliff-hangers – you can view the evidence on the Year 6 Twitter accounts!

Certainly, this has been an enormous project for year 6 to undertake but there have been other things going on alongside the raffle. We were very lucky to have Sian the cook visit year 6 and she continued the fundraising theme by cooking Welsh cakes with year 6 and decorating cup cakes – definitely healthy and confident “individuals, who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society”. These were sold during their break and children queued ready to choose their treat, a sweet treat for the last day of the Spring Term. What could be better!

And then, some physical activity to get the heart racing and the blood pumping. Despite the windy conditions, cricket was on the menu and year 6 couldn't wait to get out there and play! Year 6 gave it their best and after seeing the enthusiasm for cricket we are pretty sure there are some talented cricket players at Pentrepoeth. You never know they may make an appearance for the Glamorgan cricket team. A massive thank you to Geraint for his input – the children loved every second of the practical session.

As Easter creeps closer both year 6 were treated to a viewing of The Miracle Maker. This tells the Easter story to the children in an innovative and interesting way. Year 6 sat respectfully and learnt about the events that led up to Jesus' crucifixion in an age appropriate way. This then helps them to understand our school Easter assembly and the themes of forgiveness and rebirth.

As you can see another very busy week as the second term of Year 6 comes to an end. A massive Happy Easter from year 6 staff and pupils. Many thanks for all your support with the Easter raffle.



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A huge thank you for your continued support over the Spring term. Have an enjoyable Easter time.  
Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dean Taylor'.

Dean Taylor  
Headteacher

