



PEN-Y-FAI  
CHURCH IN WALES  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Criw Cymraeg!

One of our many Pupil Voice Committees is the 'Criw Cymraeg' who are charged with ensuring that the Welsh language is spoken around the school as much as possible. Please support your children's Welsh language development by encouraging the following basic phrases;

Bore da – Good morning  
Da iawn – Well done  
Ardechog – Excellent  
Wrth gwrs – Of course  
Nos da – Good night  
Prynhawn da – Good afternoon  
Diolch yn fawr – thanks!

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# Pen-y-Fai School Newsletter

**Be the Best that you can be!**

November 2019

## *Nadolig Llawen i chi!*

As this is the final school newsletter of 2019, I would like to take this opportunity to officially wish our entire school community a very happy Christmas season and a joyful and blessed 2020. It is my prayer that every child, parent, grandparent, staff member, governor and community member associated with our school, experiences the real joy of this wonderful time of year, in the realisation of the gift of Jesus Christ to us all as an example of how to love, respect and display selfless kindness to all that we meet through life's journey. Nadolig Llawen a blwyddyn newydd dda i chi pawb!



**This half term's right is taken from**

### **Article 14**

**Roxy says that;**

*"All children have the right to follow their own religion"*

**Our Newsletters are written because Roxy says that;**

*"You have the right to information"*  
**(Article 13)**

## *ASD Friendly School*



We were exceptionally pleased to have recently received our accreditation as an ASD friendly school. A huge well done to all of our staff, governors and pupils for their hard work in gaining recognition for their tireless efforts to ensure that each of our pupils gets the opportunity to be the very best versions of themselves. A great effort in an area that we are all so passionate about! A special mention to our Additional Needs Learning Coordinator (ALNCo), Mrs Fitz-Gerald, who has led staff and governors through the accreditation process.

## *Christmas Concerts*

As you will see from the important dates section of this newsletter, we are trialling a Christmas Carol service with our Year 4,5 and 6 pupils this year. This will be held at the school on 2 occasions to provide the opportunity for grandparents to attend as well as parents. We have decided to do this in response to feedback from some parents who felt that it was a shame that there were no opportunities to attend Christmas services beyond the Foundation Phase. The format will be a traditional Christmas service with readings and congregational carols. There will not be a need to buy tickets for these services but we do ask families to spread themselves across the 2 services, if possible.

As a rough guide, we suggest that the 2pm service could be for the extended family and the 6pm service for parents and guardians. We also extend a warm welcome to members of the governing body and community partners, who receive our newsletter, to any of our Christmas events - please call ahead if you intend on coming.

**Nursery concert @ school – Tickets not required**

**Foundation Phase concerts @ school – Tickets required**

**Year 3 service @ church – Tickets not required**

**Year 4, 5 & 6 services @school – Tickets not required**

## *Christmas Dinner Day*

We will be having this on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December and the menu will be as follows;

Roast Turkey with Sage and Onion Stuffing, Mini Sausage, Creamed and Crispy Baked Potatoes, Baton Carrots, Brussel Sprouts and Garden Peas accompanied by Traditional Gravy followed by;

Christmas Pudding with Winter Warmer Sauce or a Selection of Festive Desserts Served with Milk or Water.

Please ensure that there are sufficient funds on your child's account if they would like Christmas Dinner

## Important Dates to Note

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

W/C Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Swimming for Year 4

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December @2pm – Foundation Phase concert (Matinee)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December @6pm – Foundation Phase concert (Evening)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm – Year 3 Christmas service at the church for Year 3 families

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December @9.30am – Nursery Christmas concert

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Porthcawl Panto

W/C Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Swimming for Year 6

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @2pm – Year 4,5 and 6 Christmas service for Year 4,5 and 6 families (Matinee)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December @6pm – Year 4,5 and 6 Christmas service for Year 4,5 and 6 families (Evening)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of the Autumn Term – Non Uniform Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Spring Term begins

Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> – Early May bank holiday

Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Provisional Sports Day

## Remaining INSET Days;

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

We have created a school diary of events for parents on our website at [www.penyfaiciwprimary.co.uk](http://www.penyfaiciwprimary.co.uk)

## *Children in Need;*

I am extremely pleased to report that our recent, 'Sporty or Sparkly' themed dress up day in support of Children in Need managed to raise £240.

## *Shoebboxes;*

In total, we were able to make a fantastic 57 shoebboxes to send off as Christmas gifts to others less fortunate than ourselves. This is as a result of a combined effort from school and the local community, a big thanks for everyone's efforts #Acting with Kindness!

## *Clubs Night*

A reminder that it is our final clubs night of the year this coming Wednesday (November 27<sup>th</sup>). A huge thanks to all who have volunteered their time to ensure that this term has been a success and that our Key Stage 2 pupils have had access to so many different experiences. We are looking for someone to help out and run a rugby session once a fortnight on a Wednesday as part of our clubs night – please inform the school office if you would like to volunteer your time. We look forward to providing you with details of new clubs for the Spring Term when we return after Christmas, in January.

Please note that the final nights for our Minecraft Clubs this term will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of December, there will be no Minecraft club during the final week of term.

## *Talented Pen-y-Fai Pupil Scoops Credit Union Award*

We are extremely pleased to be able to share the following press release as a result of a competition win from Dylan Davies in Year 3. Da iawn Dylan!

*Budding young artist Dylan Davies has scooped a Credit Unions of Wales award for designing a winning poster celebrating the saving scheme run at his Bridgend school.*

*The 7-year-old pupil and fellow classmates from Penyfai Church in Wales Primary School enjoyed a VIP tour of the Senedd and a special presentation ceremony thanks to Jane Hutt AM, the Patron of Credit Unions of Wales.*

*She said: "School Savings Schemes are a fun way to help children understand personal finance while also helping them develop their numeracy skills.*

*"This method of saving has a positive impact on young people by creating a good financial ethos for the future while also allowing them to develop basic accounting, book-keeping, teamwork, record-keeping and organisational skills."*

*Winners of the School Partner Competition received trophies for designing a poster or making a film celebrating their school saver schemes. Dylan's winning entry in the 4-7 year-old category has been reproduced into a poster to advertise school saver clubs across Wales.*

*Pen-y-Fai Church in Wales Primary School Headteacher, Mike Street, added: "We are all exceptionally proud of Dylan and so pleased that he has received recognition for his outstanding levels of creativity. The school savings scheme has been a huge success at Pen-y-Fai and is going a long way to teaching our pupils such vital, life-long skills"*

Da iawn Dylan – an excellent effort!

## *Improving Playtimes;*

A huge thanks to the Friends of Pen-y-Fai for their OUTSTANDING fundraising work which has enabled the school to purchase several bits of equipment with the intention of improving play times for all of our pupils. We have used funds to provide;

- Extra seating areas in the school garden for children to sit quietly at break times;
- Football goals for the yard;
- Basketball hoops for the yard;
- Additional storage for the new Poddley equipment;
- An outdoor speaker and dance equipment for children to use to create their own dance routines;
- Additional construction and art equipment for pupils to use in the designated shelter.

These new pieces of equipment are beginning to have a very positive impact at break times and providing greater levels of engagement from all of our pupils. I would like to thank all of our Friends of Pen-y-Fai for their continued hard work and support.

Diolch yn fawr i chi FOPS!

## *BCBC Consultation on School Transport*

Bridgend County Borough Council is currently undertaking a public consultation on proposals to change the council's Home to School/College Transport Policy.

Details of the proposals, the consultation papers and details of the consultation events, are attached to this email and can also be found on the council's website:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/my-council/equalities-and-engagement/consultations/current-consultations/>

I would be grateful for your written response to the consultation proposals no later than 5 January 2020.

Alternative formats are also available upon request via the contact details below.

Tel: (01656) 643664

Email: [Consultation@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:Consultation@bridgend.gov.uk)

Post: Communications, Marketing and Engagement, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.

## *'Simply Out of School'*

We are excited to announce that the school's Governing Body have decided to improve the wrap around care for pupils provided at the school. They have decided to employ 'Simply Out of School' to run clubs before breakfast club in the morning (from 7.15am) and after school until 5.45pm. They are hoping that this will begin in January and the pre breakfast club in February. There are posters and signup sheets at the school if this would be of interest to you.

## *Costume Swap!*

Following suggestions received by the Parent Council we have set up a Christmas Concert Costume Exchange. If you have any costumes you would like to donate, which are suitable for use in the Christmas Concert, please bring to the school office by Thursday 28th November. These costumes will then be on display outside the office from Friday 29th November until Tuesday 3rd December for parents to select from. We kindly ask that costumes are returned washed to school within the week following the concerts so that they can be stored for future years.