



CHURCH IN WALES
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Generosity

In some of our whole school acts of worship this term, we will be considering the value of generosity;

God's generosity is best described as 'grace', love given freely without limit or conditions. Experiencing this sort of love or kindness from another can release a generous, giving spirit in us, towards others.

Questions for us to consider as a whole school community; Do we and our pupils;

1. Truly understand the concept of giving without seeking any reward?
2. Get opportunities to act with generosity with our time, words, actions and talents?



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Pen-y-Fai School Newsletter

Be the Best that you can be!

November 2018

Nadolig Llawen i chi!

As this is the final school newsletter of 2018, I would like to take this opportunity to officially wish our entire school community a very happy Christmas season and a joyful and blessed 2019. 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 newwydd dda i chi pawb!

Anti-bullying week 2018;

The theme this year was 'choose respect' and all of our pupils undertook an extensive week of assemblies, classroom activities and homework to reinforce the important message of showing respect to all, despite our many differences. One of the highlights was the arrival of a kindness elf (expertly knitted by Mrs Cox) to each of our classrooms. Each Elf was charged with the mission of identifying pupils who express kindness to others in our school. Each Elf found this a relatively easy task within our school as there were many pupils displaying kindness frequently! We also had many pupils enter our competition to design an anti-bullying poster. We were extremely pleased with the very high standard of posters that we received. The overall winning design came from Sam Bilgrim Coates in Year 6. There were also some very highly commended posters from;

- Cari Bater
- Evie Matthewson
- Daniel Ali
- Terianna Gully



**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)

We always go to great lengths to reinforce to the children that the, very strong, 'Anti Bullying' message that they receive during special weeks like this, is actually a crucial message for the rest of their lives. We wish to reassure our parents, that, despite the fact that we are blessed, at Pen-y-Fai, with exceptionally kind pupils and relatively very few instances where pupils are unkind towards others, we will always remain on high alert and be quick to attempt to correct any unkind behaviour reported to us. I would remind parents that our recently updated anti bullying policy is always available to be downloaded from our school website, if required. This policy was completed following valuable feedback from the parent council.

Festival of Remembrance;

It was a real honour and privilege to be invited to participate in the Festival of Remembrance at All Saints Church, Pen-y-Fai this year. The organisers set out to pay special tribute to those who lost their lives in conflict, as this year marks the 100 year anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Important Dates to Note

23rd November – INSET day

27th November – Year 6 Eucharist Service in school

30th November – School Christmas Fete @ 2.30pm

7th December – Advent service at the church for Year 5 parents @ 2pm

W/C 10th December – Year 4 and 5 swimming week (separate information to follow)

11th December – Foundation Phase Matinee Christmas concert @ 2pm

11th December – FOPS Christmas shopping events commence

12th December – Foundation Phase Evening Christmas concert @ 6pm

12th December – Flu Vaccinations for all pupils from Reception to Y6

14th December – Nursery concert to parents @ 9.15am

14th December – Pantomime trip for Reception to Year 6 pupils

W/C 17th December - Year 4 and 6 swimming week (separate information to follow)

18th December – Christmas jumper day

18th December – Christmas dinner day

19th December – Christmas service at the church for Year 3 parents @ 6.30pm

21st December – Last day of term

7th January – INSET Day

We have created a school diary of events for parents on our website at www.penyfaiciwprimary.co.uk

Festival of Remembrance (cont...);

The very moving opening ceremony was introduced by the Reverend Alwyn Evans of Smyrna Baptist Chapel and Penny Williams of All Saints' Church and was attended by the AM for Bridgend, Mr Carwyn Jones, Councillor Altaf Hussain, Mrs. Heidi Bennett (the Director of BAVO) and Daniel Salemi Mayor of Llangenau in Germany. Alan Bourne, Director of Music at RAF St. Athan, ended the ceremony with his rendition of the Last Post. During the well-attended Remembrance Sunday service, which was led by Penny Williams, the beautiful new village war memorial plaque, generously provided by Stephen, Andrew and Ryan of Penybont Funeral and Monumental Mason Services, was dedicated by The Very Reverend Bishop David Yeoman and the moving address was given by the Reverend Alwyn Evans.

On November 12th, our year 3 and 4 pupils, guided by Mr. White, presented their exceptional tribute to the fallen for fellow pupils, staff, family members and visitors who, later, took time to view their outstandingly creative church display. We were extremely proud of all of our pupils who participated so thoughtfully and respectfully.

In the days following, hundreds visited both Smyrna Chapel and All Saints' Church to view the very beautiful tributes, presented by groups and individuals from across the whole community. In addition, throughout the village, there were 15, 'There But Not There' silhouettes, generously donated by the Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund, each one representing one person named on the newly installed war memorial and accompanied by information about those who lost their lives during either WWI or WWII, one of whom has been on display in the main entrance hall at our school.

Special thanks go to the event organiser, Mrs Jennifer Morgan, for leading her team of volunteers so

effectively to involve the whole community in remembrance. The entire event was an outstanding success, and a fitting tribute to all who fell.

Clubs Night;

Next Wednesday (28th November) will be the final Clubs Night of the year, more options will be available in the spring term. Could any parents of pupils who are not able to attend Clubs Night, for any reason (but are down on the register to attend a club), telephone or email the school office to inform us. In the interests of pupils' safety, we will not be able to release children at 3.30pm on their word only. We'd appreciate full support with this as managing this time of the week can prove to be quite tricky without clear communication.

Data Protection Laws (GDPR);

A very important paper letter should have come home with your child last week about how we, as a school, use photographs of your child, in response to data protection laws which have been changed recently. We require this to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible. We recommend that each family ticks to accept all (unless there are specific concerns). If you have any further questions, or would like to request another copy - if one didn't reach you via pupil post - please contact the school office. Please note that we require one signed copy per child and will be required to 'chase up' any outstanding forms during the week before we break up for Christmas.

Bags for school;

Please look out for 'Bags for School' which should have come home with your child recently. Please fill them and return them to the school as soon as possible. A small percentage of the proceeds from each bag is donated back to the school.

Friends of Pen-y-Fai;

Please also look out for the Friends of Pen-y-Fai newsletter, which hopefully reached you via parent mail. The newsletter contains lots of really useful information about Christmas events being organised by the FOPS, including the Fete and annual shopping event.