

Pen-y-Fai School Newsletter

Be the Best that you can be! Be independent, creative and persevere!



**CHURCH IN WALES
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Open Afternoon

It was fantastic to be joined by over 150 parents at our recent Open Afternoon. It was good to hear so much positive feedback about some of the new teaching methods that we have been employing to ensure that our pupils are being given maximum opportunities to be the best that they can be by being independent, creative and persevering.

Our value this half term is;

TRUST



Receive regular updates and photographs via Class Dojo



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Parent Questionnaires

As a school, we are constantly seeking to improve the quality of what we do in order to produce the best possible outcomes for the children in our school. As part of this process of continued self-improvement we like to take feedback from the various stakeholders who take a keen interest in what we do. To do this we need to hear about our current levels of service that we provide. Around 18 months ago we sent out questionnaires to help us establish some areas that you would like to see us improve.

18 months ago;

You said;

That you would like to see an improvement in our after school clubs provision.

What we did;

We commenced the Wednesday Clubs Night which has provided nearly 30 different after school options for pupils, ranging from Yoga to Cookery. Clubs Night has been attended by around 150 different children since it began.

We bought in a number of outside agencies to provide additional options such as Minecraft and Spanish Soccer Schools

We extended these provisions so that some of our younger, Foundation Phase, pupils are able to access clubs such as Minecraft, Spanish Soccer and WRU rugby sessions

We made these clubs available to all pupils regardless of gender or ability.

You said;

That you would like to see improved communication between school and home.

What we did;

We established Class Dojo as a highly



***This half term's right is taken from
Article 6***

Roxy says that;

"All children have the right to grow up to be healthy"

The Pen-y-Fai Way;

"Be honest, show respect, act with kindness and spread joy!"

effective tool for communicating and celebrating successes in school.

We began to redesign our Website to contain a Parents Calendar and live Twitter feed.

We established Google Classrooms as an effective way of connecting the learning between school and home.

We began a Parents' Council, providing parents with the opportunity to have an even greater input into some important school policies such as Behaviour and School Uniform.

We held a number of events to bring parents into school such as, Meet the teacher, Head teacher's whole school priority session and last half term's open afternoon.

We reviewed our Home-School communications policy to ensure that it as good as it can be.

We involved parents closely in the process of establishing our new, whole school, vision and values statements.

Dates to Note

Friday 27th April – Morning Prayers
with Father Anthony @ 8.15am

Wednesday 2nd May – Summer
Clubs Night commences

2nd – 9th May – National Testing
(Parent calendar contains specific
test dates)

Friday 11th May – Rights Respecting
Friday (All pupils will undertake
activities in class linked with this
half term's right)

Friday 25th May – Sports Day

Monday 11th June – Class Photos

Wednesday 20th June – Visit to the
New Theatre for all pupils
(Reception to Year 6)

Friday 29th June – Final INSET Day of
2017/18

Wednesday 4th July – American
Church visit

Wednesday 11th July – Leavers'
Concert @2pm

Thursday 12th July – Leavers'
Concert @6pm

Tuesday 24th July – Final day of term

Tuesday 4th September – First day of
the new school year for pupils

INSET Days 2018/19

Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 22nd November 2018

Monday 7th January 2019

Friday 22nd March 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

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

Parent Questionnaire cont...

You said;

That the school uniform expectations were not clear enough or fairly adhered to by all pupils.

What we did;

We clarified some of our expectations around the school uniform, particularly the fact that black footwear was the expectation along with grey or black trousers (no joggers) and that pupils should wear plain red sweatshirts or sweatshirts containing the school logo (no alternative logos).

We asked our parent council to gather feedback on further instruction required around our school uniform so that this could feed into the Governing Body's decision when reviewing our school uniform policy.

We are hopeful that further clarification and a finalised policy can be provided later this term.

You said;

That there wasn't enough for pupils to do during break times.

What we did;

We purchased extra playground equipment for pupils and storage units to contain boxes so that pupils could have access to this equipment when required.

We undertook extra fundraising with our Friends of Pen-y-Fai, who were also successful in obtaining a £10,000 grant, so that we could invest in a large playground project later on this year.

Time for another Questionnaire;

In order for us to be the very best that we can be, we feel that now is the time to once again gather feedback from our parental partners so that we can make further improvements over the coming year.

Please spare 10 minutes to complete a questionnaire by going to <http://survey.gi-assessment.co.uk/s/LO5GY/> and logging on using the password provided below. Your password is: PYF14789parent
The password is case sensitive.

By completing the questionnaire, you will be telling us how you think we should be spending our time and resources, to make our school the best that it can be for your child.

Each completed questionnaire is vital in finding out what parents think. Your answers will be treated in the strictest confidence and will make a difference to how we run the school and plan for the future.

Allotment Gardens

We are looking for some people to help maintain our allotments throughout the year. Although we have made efforts to keep them looking good over the past years, we have recognised the need for some additional help! If you, or someone that you know, would like to take responsibility for an allotment (or two) then we will make them accessible to you during the weekends and evenings. You will also be able to keep the produce from them. Please ask at reception for further details.

Sports Day

This will be held on the final day of this half term (May 25th). Our Nursery Sports will be at 9.30am and the rest of the school will have theirs from 1pm.

School Grounds

Can I remind everyone that vehicle access to the school grounds is restricted to staff, deliveries, visitors and disability badge holders only.

Inset Days 2018/19

Following feedback from Parent Councillors, we have decided to publish all of our INSET days for the next academic year. These can be seen in the dates section of the Newsletter. We hope that this makes planning ahead a little easier for all of our families.