



Pen-y-Fai School Newsletter

Be the Best that you can be!

January 2019

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi



Wisdom

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

Christians believe that true wisdom comes from God. As a believer grows in faith so wisdom will increase. In the bible, wisdom is seen as a gift from God and a characteristic of God.

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

1. Praise our children for making wise choices?
2. Help our children to appreciate the wisdom of others?
3. Encourage children to think carefully about their words and actions?



Receive regular updates and photographs via Class Dojo



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I would like to officially welcome you all back to Pen-y-Fai school at the beginning of the new calendar year. May I start by wishing each and every one of our pupils and their families a very happy and healthy 2019. It is our prayer that each one of you experience a year filled with joy expressed by kindness to each and every individual that you encounter. Blwyddyn Newydd dda i chi pawb!

Parents Evening (Spring 2019);

Parent consultations will be held on Monday and Tuesday the 1st and 2nd April between 2.30 and 5pm. Please note that Nursery consultations will be held on Monday the 1st and Thursday 4th April.

Please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

National Testing;

Please note that the National Testing period for pupils in Years 2 – 6 will be held between Tuesday May 7th and Tuesday May 14th. We would strongly advise against taking your children out of school, if at all possible, during these dates.

KS2 Forest Day

There will a forest day, organised for Thursday 28th March, by local volunteers who are keen to ensure that the Pen-y-Fai woods are being used by the local community. This will involve scavenger hunts and orienteering activities being undertaken throughout the day. More details will reach you, via Class Dojo, nearer to the time.

The Class iPad challenge

Despite a considerable outlay towards improving our ICT hardware in school this year, we would still like to have more iPads per class. Currently every class has 4 iPads each – we would like this to stretch to at least 8, to enable a whole

This half term's right is taken from Article 7

Roxy says that;

“All children have the right to a name and nationality”

Our Newsletters are written because Roxy says that;

“You have the right to information”
(Article 13)

group to work on them at a time. We have managed to source some refurbished iPads for schools for around £160, with an additional £10 in order to purchase a case for them. The governing body have agreed that we can purchase one iPad, from school funds, to match every £170 raised by individual classes. Each teacher will be in touch with you shortly to suggest ways of raising money to get to the grand total of £170. Please look out for class sponsored events, money raising stalls organised by individual classes or other creative ideas. Alternatively, if there are any parents, with business interests, who would like to sponsor a class iPad (we would ensure that this is advertised to our entire community via Class Dojo, Twitter and our website) then this would also be match funded by the school. Please contact the school office if this is the case.

Netball Kit Sponsors

Following on from the success of our recent sponsorship for Cross Country running vests from BHG Developments, we are looking for a company to sponsor us to fund a new netball kit for the school. We play regular matches and would ensure good exposure. Please contact the school office.

Important Dates to Note

24th January – St David's Day photos for Nursery and Reception pupils

25th January – Y2 trip to Cardiff Castle

30th January – Y1 trip to Techniquest

5th February – Safer Internet Day

7th February – FOPS Valentine Discos

13th February – Y3 trip to Cadbury World

19th February – Eucharist service for Y5 pupils

22nd February – School Eisteddfod

25th February – 1st March – Half Term

7th March – World Book Day

8th March – Eisteddfod Coffee Morning @ 9.15am

13th – 15th March – Y6 residential trip

22nd March – INSET Day

28th March – Forest Day for KS2 pupils

29th March @ 10am – Mothers' Day Church service for Reception parents at the church

1st and 2nd April – Parent Consultations

9th April - Eucharist service for Y4 pupils

11th April @2pm – Easter service for Y2 parents at the church

12th April – Easter Craft Fayre @ 2pm and last day of Spring Term

29th April – 1st day of the Summer term

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

Special Dinner menus:

Please be aware of the following special lunch menus;

Pancake Day (Tuesday March 5th)

Pancakes and Fruit Ripple Ice Cream

St David's Day Menu (Wednesday March 6th)

Minted Lamb Meatballs in Gravy or Lamb Shepherd's Pie served with Fresh carrots, cabbage, peas and roast/boiled potatoes

Welsh cakes, Apple crumble and custard or Fresh fruit salad for dessert.

After School Cricket Sessions:

Tondu Cricket Club are organising after school sessions for ages 4-6 on a Tuesday between 4.30pm and 5.30pm and 4.30pm to 5.30pm on a Thursday for ages 7-10.

Each session costs £2, all abilities are welcome and all equipment is provided. Simply take along a drink. For further details, please contact Simon Crump on 07736297129

Half Term Hockey Camp:

There will be a hockey camp for children aged 7 to 13 being held at Pencoed High School which is open to all pupils of all abilities. It is held on Wednesday, 27th February between 9 and 3pm at the cost of £15 per participant. If you would like more information, please contact Hannah Bevan on 07495623180 or email Hannah.bevan@hockeywales.org.uk

Parking around the school:

We would like to remind our parents that vehicle access to the school grounds is for authorised personnel only and also ask parents to avoid using the lane to the school if at all possible. Please consider our neighbours when parking.

Eucharist services:

After several years without a school Eucharist service, we were delighted to hold one for our Year 6 pupils last term. It was a huge success (so much so that the pupils requested more frequent services). We will now roll these services out to our Year 4 and 5 pupils over the coming terms. Details of these will reach the parents of the relevant classes nearer the time. As part of the process, Father Anthony will be running baptismal classes for interested pupils as this is a requirement for any children who would like to take Holy Communion. If you would like to have your children baptised, please ask at the school office and we will provide details of how you may contact Father Anthony.

School Eisteddfod:

Unfortunately, March 1st falls during the half term holiday this year. We have taken the decision to hold our school eisteddfod on the last Friday before half term, February 22nd. More details will be provided nearer to the date but pupils will be expected to come to school in a Welsh costume/rugby or football kit. Our traditional eisteddfod coffee morning will be held on 8th March in the morning and will provide the opportunity for parents to see each year group perform their class song.

World Book Day 2019:

This is on Thursday, March 7th and we will be inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. They may also bring a favourite book to school to read and share with others in their class.

INSET Day:

A reminder that our 4th INSET day of this academic year will be on March 22nd, this will be a Bryntirion Cluster closure day. Our final INSET day of this year is on Monday 22nd July.