



**CHURCH IN WALES
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Pen-y-Fai School Newsletter

Be the Best that you can be!

FEBRUARY 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Christmas seems like a distant memory and we have progressed through January and much of February already but I would like to officially wish you all a very happy 2018.



Our current school value is CREATIVITY

Mr White has been undertaking a series of assemblies this half term encouraging pupils to think creatively. One of their favourites was when he talked about the various ways in which people have used potatoes since they have been available to eat.

The children were encouraged to think about how boring it would have been if people had only ever eaten them raw!



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The Pen-y-Fai Way

As you know, we have been working closely with you to set our new vision and values. We have spent much of this half term familiarising children with some of these words. Our core values are known in school as 'The Pen-y-Fai Way';

- Be honest;
- Show respect;
- Act with kindness and;
- Spread joy.

We are finding that being able to refer pupils back to these four core values help us to talk about the majority of situations that we find ourselves in throughout a school day. We are also encouraging our entire community to 'Be the Best that we can Be!' When we learn, we are encouraged to;

- Be independent;
- Be creative and;
- Persevere.

We are finding that the children are very receptive to each of these messages and can see the benefit in what we are hoping to reinforce. We really appreciate any opportunities that you may have to reiterate these messages during your family lives.

Our school entrance is currently undergoing remodelling to ensure that our vision for this school is evident as soon as anyone walks through the door. As a Rights Respecting School, our mascot, Roxy, is providing constant reminders to us all about the way that we should be in all of our interactions with others and in our approach to learning.

This half term's right is taken from

Article 19

Roxy says that;

"All children have the right to be the best that you can be"

Our Newsletters are written because Roxy says that;

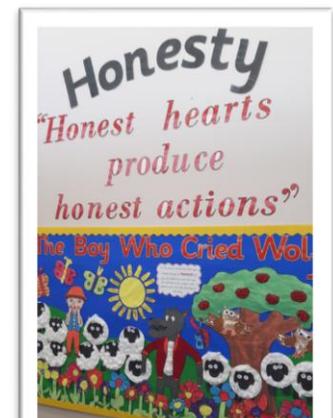
"You have the right to information"

(Article 13)

The school website is also undergoing transition so that it more accurately reflects our vision for the school. Please look out for updates to this as the year goes on.



Roxy is spreading the message of 'The Pen-y-Fai Way' throughout the school and below is one of the displays from our entrance hall



Important Dates to Note

Monday 26th Feb – Fairtrade
Fortnight begins

Wednesday 28th February – Friday
2nd March - Year 5 and 6
Llangrannog trip

Monday 5th March – FOPS, Mothers'
Day Shopping event

Friday 9th March – Whole School
Eisteddfod

Tuesday 13th March – Parent
Council Meeting

Friday 16th March – Eisteddfod
Coffee Morning for Parents

Friday 16th March – Cyber Bullying
show in school for KS2 pupils

Friday 23rd March @ 1.15pm – Open
afternoon for parents

Tuesday and Wednesday 27th and
28th of March – Parent
Consultations

Thursday 29th March @ 2pm –
Easter Craft Fayre

Thursday 29th March – Last day of
the spring term

Monday 16th April – 1st day of the
Summer term

2nd – 9th May – National Testing is
undertaken

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

Parent Council

Our Parent Council have met for the first time this half term. They have decided to look into the current school uniform, behaviour and anti-bullying policies. Hopefully, your class representative will have made themselves known to you by now so that you are able to have an input into these policies should you wish. If you are still unsure about who your class representative is, please contact the school office. Any suggestions made by the parent council will be brought before the governing body who will then consider these for adoption as a school.

Parking

The following message has been sent to me by PC Chis Bowen who has asked me to share it in the newsletter;

We have had an incident in Portheroe Avenue where a resident has had his access to his garage blocked by a vehicle this is due parking too close to the garage doors, the use of this area as a picking up point can be unutilised if drivers park considerately leaving enough space for access.

Please be mindful of parking over drop kerbs and totally blocking pavements. May I remind everyone it is an offence to obstruct a person from using a drop kerb with a wheelchair or a pushchair also blocking a pavement could lead to a £30 fixed penalty fine. Please park legally and thoughtfully.

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Morning Prayers

Father Anthony has been holding morning prayers at the school on the last Tuesday of every month. It is a short time of quiet reflection to start the day. Prayers begin at 8.15am and finish at 8.30am and are held in the Junior shared area (accessed beyond the side doors for the hall which are used to access breakfast club). All would be most welcome.

Fund Raising

A huge thanks for all of your support for our recent fund raising event for the outdoors. In total, we raised nearly £2000 pounds, everyone was extremely generous. We are in the process of ordering a variety of items to populate the outdoor shelters.

Also, a huge thanks and well done to the FOPs who managed to raise an incredible £400 at the recent Valentine Discos!

Eisteddfod

Our school eisteddfod will be held on Friday March 9th. Children may come to school in their house colours or Welsh costumes. Children may also wear Welsh costumes to school on St David's day itself. There is an opportunity to see your children perform their class song at a coffee morning on 16th March soon after 9am. with the opportunity to spend time together in very festive surroundings at this fantastic time of year. Please put this date in your diary, it would be good to see many of our families there.

School Grounds

Can I remind everyone that vehicle access to the school grounds is restricted to staff, deliveries, visitors and those with disabilities only.

