

Ysgol Gynradd Penclawdd Primary School

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Welcome back to school, Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! It has been lovely to welcome the children back and we are all excited to begin our new topic—‘Muck, Mess and Mixtures!’. We are kick starting this topic with a ‘Messy Afternoon’ and will then explore further, some of the things the children would like to learn about. We will be mixing, pouring, stirring and feeling some marvellous mixtures and using adjectives to describe them! We will be arranging a trip to help us develop our skills and knowledge and will let you know what and when this will be shortly. We have started to read ‘George’s Marvellous Medicine’ by Roald Dahl and already, the children are loving this. We may even have a go at making some petrifying potions of our own! We will be exploring some artists and the techniques they use and hope to create our own pieces of art that we can display and invite you in to see. In our literacy lessons, we will be learning about Instruction texts and reading and using recipes. We also have another wonderful picture book that we will be diving into this term...your child will tell you all about it once we start to read it! In maths, we will be working on our addition and subtraction skills, as well as our problem solving skills too! If you have any questions or concerns throughout the term, please do not hesitate to contact me either via the office or Seesaw. Thanking you , once again, for all your amazing support.

Diolch, Mrs Rees and Mrs Smith.



Attendance

Please inform the school office if your child is unable to attend school by 9.15am each morning. Many thanks

Our January ‘Right of the Month’ is

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This term, we will be celebrating...

Date	Event	Location
January 12th	'Messy Afternoon' Topic Launch	School
January 25th	Dydd Santes Dwynwen	School
January 30th— February 3rd	National Storytelling week	School
February 1st	World Read Aloud Day	School
February 3rd	NSPCC Number Day	School
February 6th	Time to Talk Day	School
February 7th– 10th	Children's Mental Health Week	School
February 8th	Safer Internet Day	School
February 8th	Dydd Miwsig Cymru	School
March 1st	Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant	School
March 2nd	World Book Day - Parents will be invited in to read with pupils—more details to follow.	School
March 13th – 17th	Science Week	School
March 17th	Comic Relief	School
March 28th	Y1/2 Sealion Class	School

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Please read HT weekly blog and visit our web-site calendar for additional dates.

PPA

My PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time is on a Friday morning. The children will be with Mrs Williams and Mrs Smith during this time and will be focusing on literacy and grammar.

PE

We will be doing PE on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that the children have suitable footwear for activities on these days. Please send the children into school in their PE kit.

Outdoor Learning/ Forest School

Outdoor Learning will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Please send in wellies and waterproof, warm clothing on this day.

Sharing the Learning

Homework books will be sent home for your child to use but please feel free to send homework via Seesaw too. Please could homework be completed by the Thursday of the following week.

Spelling

These will be uploaded on a Friday to Seesaw and J2Spell on HWB , where your child is able to practise them on a computer/ipad if they wish. We do encourage this, as they will be using their HWB accounts in school regularly. We will assess how well they are doing with their spellings on a Friday.

Reading Books

Children have been allocated a reading day and read regularly in school. They also have access to Oxford Owl at home, from which you can find reading books from their stage. Please let me know if you need the login information. We encourage regular reading at home. Please can you send in their reading books on their reading day.

Mathematics

Lots of practise at home with basic number facts will help your child develop their skills. Again, they are able to use HWB—J2Blast, to help with this. We also use 'Maths Bingo', 'Hit the Button' and '1 minute maths' Whiterose maths App . Involve your child in telling the time and using money at home too, as these are important skills that they will need as we progress through the year.

Letterjoin at Home

We are a cursive handwriting school and it is important for us to be teaching our children the correct formation from this young age. Please use the Letterjoin log in to continue their handwriting practise at home. Log in details have been sent previously but If you need the details please let me know.

Fruit Trolley

Children can bring in their own fruit or can buy fruit from school. Please send in 30p or £1.50 for the week.