

Ysgol Gynradd Penclawdd Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a fun and relaxing Summer break and are looking forward to the Autumn Term. I am sooooo looking forward to my first term with your child and hope they have the best time in my class this year.

This term, our topic is 'A Child's War'. We will begin the topic with a trip to Gwili Railway in order to re-enact the life of an evacuated child. We will arrive at the platform and take the train to our new lives in the countryside. Further details to follow. The topic will centre around World War II but will also look at the impact of war on children on a larger scale in recent years. The topic will include a literature study of 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf and will look at refugees and what we can do to help. I'm sure the children will have lots of wonderful ideas about the things they'd like to learn about too and I will let you know more when we have had our planning meeting.

This year, the children will also be supported by the fabulous Miss Smith. Miss Smith loves working with the older children and I love having her in my class. She is really looking forward to working with the children this year and getting to know everyone a little better.

If you have any worries or concerns during the school year, please email/call the office and I will give you a call back. Non-urgent messages can be sent via Seesaw. Please remember that my door is always open and I look forward to getting to know you all in the coming months. If you happen to miss me but see Miss Smith, please feel free to speak to her and she'll be sure to pass on the message.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Percival



Attendance

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

Our September 'Right of the Month' is Article 2 —The right to an education

EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL
WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE
THE WORLD - NELSON MANDELA



This term, we will be celebrating...

Date	Event	Location
15/09/23	International Day of Democracy Pupil Groups voting	School
13/09/23	Gwili Railway	
21/09/23	National Fitness Day	School
24/09/23- 30/09/23	Recycling Week	School
29.09.23	World's Biggest Coffee Morning Parents invited	School Hall
1/10/23 - 31/10/23	Black History Month	School
10/10/23	World Mental Health Day	School
13/10/23	Shwmae Day (15/10)	School
WB— 23/10/23	Harvest—details to follow Parents invited	Chapel
10/11/23	World Science Day	School
10/11/23	Remembrance Day	School
13/11/23 - 17/11/23	Anti Bullying Week Odd Sock Day (13th)	School
17/11/23	BBC Children In Need	School
20/11/23	Universal Children's day	School
29/11/23	Class Sharing the Learning event 1.30pm-3pm Parents invited	Y6 class
8/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day	School

Please keep an eye out for the weekly HT blog and website calendar for more info and dates.

Pupil Voice @ Penclawdd Primary

Children will be given the opportunity to join our pupil voice groups in the coming weeks. Pupils will be told about the roles in school and any task needed to complete the application process will be sent home.

The new pupil voice groups will be announced on September 15th.

Please follow us on Twitter @penclawdd

We regularly update Twitter with lots of pictures of the fabulous things that are going on in and around our school.



PPA and Management Time

My PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) and Management time is on Thursday. During this time, the children will be taught by Mrs Holding and will cover PE, Welsh, French and Penclawdd Passion Pursuit (Independent project work).

PE

PE/Games will take place on a Thursday and Friday PM. Please can your child bring their PE kit to school —school t-shirt, school jumper, leggings/joggers/shorts and trainers. Please support us by bringing a change of clothes in order to develop good habits in preparation for the comp and for hygiene reasons. If children would like to bring deodorant, please ensure it is a roll-on.

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning will take place on Friday. Please ensure your child brings wellies and a coat as soon as the weather starts to turn cold/wet and wears/brings trousers and a long sleeve top/school jumper. Wellies can be left in school. Children will not be able to visit the woodland without wellies if the woodland is muddy for health and safety reasons.

Homework

Homework will start next week. Children will be sent Literacy/Maths (alternating) homework each week. In addition, children will be given a topic homework menu and they can complete additional homework tasks from this if they wish. Homework will be sent out on a Friday and should be returned the following Thursday.

Spelling

Spelling will be sent out on a Friday for children to learn. Strategies to support your child in learning their words will be sent out separately. Children will be tested termly on their spelling progress.

Times Tables

Children will be learning their multiplication tables using TT Blast weekly. Children will know which level they are working on in the coming weeks. All children will start at Bronze and will progress through all the tables at their pace as they learn them during the school year.

Reading Books

Children will bring home a reading book daily. In addition, children will bring home a reading book from the library. Our library day is a Friday—please return the book every Friday. Please can children bring in their reading journal to school daily.

SeeSaw

SeeSaw codes were sent home in the Autumn Term. Please get in touch if you have not received your code.

Fruit

The fruit trolley is fully stocked and ready for customers—30p per day.