

Ysgol Gynradd Penclawdd Primary School

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Welcome back to school, I hope you all had a wonderful Easter.

Our topic for the term is 'Tribe'. The main focus will be on the Celts, how they lived and the impact they had on our lives. We will begin our topic with some creative Celtic work. The children will be designing their own war paint, composing a song on drums and performing a traditional dance. We will also be doing a project on a local iron age hillfort. Weather permitting, we hope to visit the site of the hillfort in a couple of weeks time. Our topic will end with a Celtic festival that we would like to invite you all to. Our topic work throughout the term will incorporate different areas from the curriculum. I'll be able to give you more information on what we will be learning once the children have explored different ideas and planned what they want to learn. This half term, we will be doing a book study of 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. In literacy. In maths, we'll be learning about decimals, graph work, measurements, time and shape.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the term, please do not hesitate to contact me either via the office or Seesaw.

Best wishes,

Mr. Miller



Attendance

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

Our April 'Right of the Month' is

Article 24 —The right to food, water and medical care

This term, we will be celebrating...

Date	Event	Location
May 2nd	Pen y Gaer Hillfort visit	School
May	Local and Community History Month	School
May 5th	Coronation Party	School
May 8 th	World of Work Fortnight	School
May 15 th - 21 st	Mental health Awareness week	School
June	Pride Month	School
June 5 th	World Environment Day	School
June 12 th - 16th	Healthy Eating Week	School
June 23rd	Sports Day	School
July 6th	Topic Express Event	School



Please read weekly HT Blog and website calendar for additional dates

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



PPA and ALN Time

My PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time is on a Wednesday morning . I will also be out of class on a Wednesday afternoon as part of my role as ALNCo. The children will be with Mrs Thomas and Ms. Smith during this time and will continue to work on literacy and numeracy , as well as some doing dome artwork and learning about different religions.

PE/ Swimming

We will be doing PE on a Tuesday and a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that the children have suitable footwear for activities on these days. As the weather improves, we will be doing more PE outside. Please ensure that the children come to school with a drink and suitable sun protection.

Outdoor Learning/ Forest School

Outdoor Learning will take place on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child brings wellies and a coat.

Homework

Home work will be sent out on a Friday and should be returned to school by the following Thursday. I will send out a Topic related menu over the next couple of weeks which will be optional to complete.

Spelling

Children will continue on spellings from the previous term. Once completed, we will then move on to the next level. All children also have access to their spellings via J2 Spell Blast. We will do an online spelling test each Friday morning in class.

Times Tables

Children will be tested on their multiplication tables weekly via J2 Blast. Children will work on rapid recall of the multiplication and division facts of each multiplication table. J2Blast is a great way to work on your target table and will be used regularly in school as a tool to learn multiplication tables.

Reading Books

Children have been allocated a reading book 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.

Fruit Trolley

Our fruit trolley is now fully up and running. Children can purchase fruit for 30p at playtimes.