

# Weekly Newsletter

January 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Please find our school newsletter for the week ending 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Click on the links for more information.

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Kind regards,  
Cofion cynnes,

Dean Taylor



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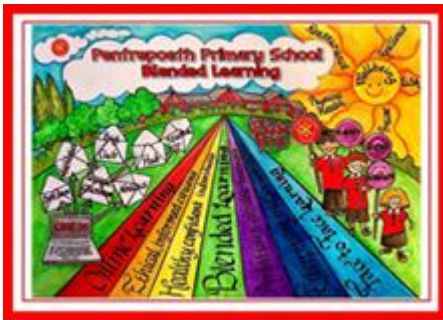
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15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent and Carer,  
Annwyl Rhieni,

Please find some parent / carer updates below:

### Online learning



I have been looking at the wealth of learning that has been happening across the school this week. I have been very impressed with what I have seen. I am very proud of all of our children. As with the first period of lockdown I have received a number of e mails that represent a wide range of parent views - from the request for more live sessions to the concern that we are providing too many activities whilst parents are balancing home learning and working. It will be our aim to provide a balance and to ensure that we maximise the impact on pupil progress and achievement. We

will also continue to develop our offer **based on the evidence of impact** as cited in research as this period of online learning continues.

There will be times during the week when teachers will be recording video lessons and preparing learning for the following week. They will respond to online learning as soon as they possibly can.

### Live sessions - use of Microsoft Teams



- Sessions will start on Monday and Tuesday next week.
- Staff will send times via Google Classroom or See Saw today
- Pupils will **only be permitted to attend the Live session if we have your consent.**
- All must adhere to the staff-parent-pupil safeguarding agreement sent out this week

The full guidance sent out this week is available [here](#). There are links within the document helping you to log on from a range of browsers and devices.



Obviously, as with anything IT related connections can drop and things can go wrong - please be patient if this happens – these things are largely beyond our control!

## Wellbeing

I have enjoyed the wellbeing themed days this week and have included them in the assemblies. Assemblies are available by clicking [here](#). Daily wellbeing PowerPoints are available by clicking [here](#). A range of wellbeing resources are available by clicking [here](#). Our monthly values assemblies and resources are available by clicking [here](#).

## Hub Provision

Hub provision is available at school for vulnerable children and children of critical and key workers. We have seen an increase in numbers requiring the provision and I would ask that parents only use the provision for the days that are absolutely essential. Children should remain at home if they are able to be cared for there and parents are able to work from home. Welsh Government has stated that everyone must stay at home wherever possible to limit the spread of the virus.

A reminder that the children are based in the hall and form a 'contact' group. If we have a positive case then the contact group would need to self-isolate after advice from Environmental Health, NCC and Public Health Wales.

## Face coverings

A reminder that all parents need to continue to wear face coverings on school premises



## Covid-19

Please also continue to inform us if your child has to self-isolate due to a family member testing positive or being symptomatic. Also, please let us know if your child has to go for a test and inform us in writing of the result.





A reminder that further information is available [here](#).

## One Way System and Parking/Safety whilst dropping off

Thank you for your continued support with social distancing and the use of the one-way system whilst dropping off and picking up children from the hub.



Our **Nursery** pupils have shown great determination this week. They have enjoyed listening to the story "The Winter Snow Garden" and have designed their own snow globes and taken part in a winter hunt outside in the fresh air. Numeracy activities involved counting the number of snowflakes

on pairs of gloves and deciding which had more or fewer than. They have practised counting in Welsh with Mrs Jenkins and discussed the weather. They have continued to practise their pencil control and the "n" sound and made a collection of items that begin with the "n" sound. They have kept fit, healthy and warm with Joybob the Polar Bear in Winter Wonderland Yoga.

**Reception** children have enjoyed the very popular story "Stick Man" and developed their creative skills by making their own stick men using natural materials from outdoors. They have also written postcards home from Stickman. Our talented scientists have continued to impress us with their floating and sinking experiments. Numeracy work has involved investigating capacity. They have enjoyed keeping fit and healthy by practising their dance moves to the Stick Man rap and taking part in P.E. with Joe Wicks. Thank you to Mrs Jenkins for helping us practise counting in Welsh.

Our **Year 1** pupils retold the story "Formidable Sid" and enjoyed listening to "The Highway Rat" with Mrs Hill. They have described the scary pet, created their own fantasy pet, and designed a home for a pet of their choice. They have created their own pet rocks, fantasy pets and designed their own Pet Palaces. They enjoyed searching for rhyming words in "Commotion in the Ocean" and continue to keep fit and healthy with Parsnip the Cat. Numeracy work has involved recognising coins, practising counting coins and playing the Toy Shop Money Game. Everyone is keeping their literacy skills sharp, by completing the daily Read Write Inc sessions and practising their letter formation.

**Year 2** pupils have read "Journey into the earth" and sequenced the pictures from the story. They have written about what they would wish for in our world, if they had a magic wishing stone. In Numeracy they have been practising their measuring skills, ordering items from shortest to tallest and played online games to practise their digital times. They have researched extra information about dinosaurs, made a salt dough T-Rex, created their own dinosaur wheel and investigated the different timelines that dinosaurs lived through.

Our **Year 3** pupils have been using the story of Theseus and the Minotaur as a stimulus to write their own playscript, remembering to include all the appropriate features. Numeracy work has involved recognising money, making amounts of money, finding totals and finding the difference. They have been learning about Roman education and looking at the differences between the life of boys and girls in Roman times. They have investigated Roman numerals and solved secret codes. Creative work has involved designing Roman shields with some very impressive results. Da iawn Blwyddyn 3!



**Year 4** children have continued on their jungle adventure and designed traps to capture their chosen animals. They have written clear instructions on how they would hunt for the creatures. Numeracy activities have involved calculating perimeters of rectangles and irregular shapes and solving perimeter problem solving activities. They have designed their own planet and created a leaflet to persuade others to visit their planet. They have made very detailed drawings of aliens that live on the planet. They have enjoyed the Creation Story and used pictures to retell the story. Pupils are keeping their literacy skills sharp by using Abacus and Mathletics activities.

Our **Year 5** pupils have been investigating features of newspaper reports and written a report about the oil spill in the Indian Ocean. They completed a reading comprehension based on the text "The way of the Dodo" and extracted the relevant information to answer the questions posed. They have researched information about Mauritius and created a leaflet and brochure using persuasive language and techniques. Numeracy activities have involved calculating area, perimeter, and volume of 3D shapes. Pupils have started their new topic on Victorians and Water life.

**Year 6** pupils have investigated the poem "The Listeners" by Walter de la Mare. They have identified the poetic devices used in the poem and collected powerful vocabulary to write their own atmospheric poems. They have used their creative talents to create scenes from the poem. Numeracy work has involved using co-ordinates in the first and four quadrants and investigated translation, rotation, and reflection in four quadrants. Our year 6 scientists have researched the forces acting a plane, created their own paper plane designs and tested them to see which one flew the furthest. They have looked into the life of Anne Frank and created a timeline of events in Anne Frank's life.



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Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated. Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,  
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