

Newsletter

October 23rd 2020

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Kind regards,
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Newsletter

Dear Parent and Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni,

Well, the first half of the Autumn term is complete. I want to start this newsletter by thanking you for your tremendous cooperation as we have adapted to new procedures. The children have settled into new routines so well and are enjoying their learning.

As I write we are entering into a two week fire break in Wales. I hope you all enjoy some family time despite the restrictions. A reminder that school will be open on Tuesday 3rd November as we have a training day on Monday 2nd November.

School will then close for the Christmas break on Friday 18th December 2020.

Catering

Please see the new menu at the end of the newsletter. The week after half term will be week 2 of the menu.

Can we also ask that all dinner payments are brought up to date.

Parent – Teacher Pupil Progress Telephone Conversations

Mrs Harman will text you next week when the booking system is available for these telephone conversations.

Harvest Donations

A huge thank you for your donations – we will distribute to homeless charities in Newport this week.

Christmas Cards

Christmas card designs to be returned Tuesday November 3rd. Please do not fold the designs. All orders and payments online. If your child was not in school they can bring the design home when we return to school for parents to complete the order.





5th October

Our Nursery pupils have enjoyed listening to "A Home for Little Tiger" and discussed similarities and differences between Tiger's house and their own.

They have developed their creative skills

by constructing a 3D model of their own house and used the Interactive Whiteboard and "Simple City" to "drag and drop" building parts to design a new home. Numeracy work has involved using and naming 2D shapes to make their own home, 1 to 1 matching to count the buildings on the "Super Hero Sheet" and matching numbers on house keys to their locks. They are keeping fit and healthy outdoors by moving their bodies in different ways.

Our children in Reception continue to learn their sounds and new words. They enjoyed turning their potatoes into "Supertatos" and have orally described the instructions describing how they made their "Supertatos." Numeracy work has involved ordering the Super Hero characters from shortest to tallest. They continue to develop their creative skills making Super Hero paintings using potato prints, Super Hero figures made of toilet rolls and Iron Man shields using cutting and sticking activities. Our Reception pupils have been very proud of the Super Hero crowns they have made using natural materials in the forest. In PE they have been working on creating stillness through Super Hero actions.

Year 1 pupils are continuing to study the Arctic and have enjoyed learning lots of interesting facts about Inuits and the way in which they live. They looked at Inuit clothing and even had a go at sewing their own Inuit gloves. They have been learning about igloos and how they are constructed and have attempted to make their own igloos. They have looked at the features of instructional writing and written instructions on how to make an igloo. In Numeracy they have been looking at 1 less than a given number and have been making number stories of 7. PE activities have centred around movements we associate with the weather e.g. twisting, twirling and jumping.

Pupils in Year 2 have enjoyed reading the story of "Noah's Ark" and created their own book covers based on the biblical story. They have discussed how God kept his promise when he sent the rainbow after the flood. Following on from this, our children have made their own promises. They have also been practising words with "ar" graphemes and used them to complete sentences. Numeracy work has involved identification of the number of faces and edges on a variety of 3D shapes. They have enjoyed Commando Joe activities in the forest, making dens after escaping the fire of London!

Our Year 3 pupils have been investigating features of newspaper reports and written a report about Hansel and Gretel's experience in the forest. Before completing the report children used hot seating techniques to collect information about the incident and constructed a time line of events to ensure their report was written in chronological order. They also looked at



the correct use of speech marks to show direct speech in their reports. Numeracy tasks have involved investigating complements of 1000 with the aid of bead bars, hundred squares and empty number lines. They are continuing their Roman topic and have made a Wanted Poster for Boudica. Music lessons have involved investigating pitch and rhythm and trying to master the Cup Game which proved to be very noisy! In Welsh they are learning to discuss family members and are continuing to use prepositions accurately.

Pupils in Year 4 are continuing to read their class novel, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and collected powerful vocabulary, including adjectives and similes from the text to describe Mr. Wonka.

They have studied features of writing character portraits to include in their Big Write session. They have discussed the importance of taking pride in the presentation of their work and the finished results. Numeracy work has centred around mental strategies to add multiples of 10 to 2,3, and 4 digit numbers. They have investigated strategies for adding 9 and 11 and discussed how knowledge and understanding of place value can help to calculate. Science work has involved classifying animals according to their skeletons and have investigated endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydrostatic skeletons. ICT tasks have involved using "Sheets" to create bar charts to present data following their survey on "Our Favourite Jungle Music" Pupils have created acrostic poems based on Harvest and enjoyed a scavenger hunt through the nature trail and orchard identifying items that we link with Harvest time and Autumn.

Year 5 children have been developing their literacy skills and have identified the features of diary writing before writing their own diaries from the point of view of Harry Potter. They have been using inference to understand feelings of characters, using pictures, texts and video clips. They have used their research skills to present a fact file about an actor from Harry Potter and also to collect facts on a country of their choice. Numeracy work has involved using multiplication grids to practise multiplying by 10 and 100 and investigating different strategies to solve multiplication problems. Children are encouraged to use their preferred method. They have completed activities set on google classroom to encourage independence and resilience. Both classes have enjoyed spending time carrying out gardening duties, organising and restoring areas around our school grounds.

Our Year 6 pupils continue to enjoy studying World War 2 and are looking forward to their Evacuation Day on Monday when they will complete their diary entries empathising with the children who had to leave home during the war. Our pupils will dress up as Evacuees which will add to the authenticity of the day. Year 6 art work has involved creation of The Blitz pictures using mixed media, we have very talented artists in Year6 and look forward to the finished display. There has been a buzz of excitement as they have watched the lilies start to open ready for dissection and identification of male and female parts of the plant. Black History month has arrived and they have collected information about S.S. Windrush. In RE pupils have investigated the different symbols of Christianity and looked at the meaning of each one. PE and Forest School activities have involved participating in small games, working in teams to solve problems requiring both communication and team work.





12th October

Our Nursery pupils have continued their topic on “Homes” and have experimented with a range of mark making instruments and materials to design their own homes. They have counted the number of homes on “My Street “and discussed the number of

windows, the shape of the windows, colour of the doors and counted the rectangles. They continue to develop their gross motor skills through Dough Disco, Squiggle and Flipping and Flapping. They have enjoyed the Autumnal weather outside and continue to practise moving their bodies in different ways.

Our children in Reception continue to enjoy learning their sounds and new words. They are very proud of their completed “Supertatos” especially as lots of them have started to sprout hair! They have been busy identifying and sorting 2D shapes, discussing their properties and used the iPad to take photos of 2D shapes in the classroom and in our Forest School area. They have made 2D shapes using natural resources and developed their fine motor skills by using tweezers to “save the spiders from the rice.” They have enjoyed designing their Christmas cards and created Christmas trees by painting triangles and using their fingers to print different coloured baubles to add to their trees.

Year 1 pupils have enjoyed reading and exploring the text of “Lost and Found. “They have ordered the characters of the story by size and created a Wanted Poster to help find the penguin in the story. Pupils have also retold the story and discussed how they can help someone if they were lonely. In Numeracy they have been investigating subtraction strategies using number lines. They looked at animals that live in the Antarctica and sorted the animals according to their polar regions. They have also investigated direction using beebots and created their own maps. They have been practising their handwriting as well as reading and writing the days of the week. We have very talented artists in Year 1 who have experimented with different colours to draw and paint penguins.

Pupils in Year 2 have enjoyed retelling the story of “Noah’s Ark” making sure they used accurate punctuation including capital letters and full stops. Numeracy work has centred around rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and adding tens and multiples of 10 to a given number. They have identified the senses we all have and which part of the body is used for each sense. Our Year 2 pupils enjoyed a senses walk around our school grounds and discussed their findings. They have been talking about celebrating people’s differences and discussing what makes us all special. They have been designing their Christmas cards and revised the names of shapes and colours in Welsh.

Our Year 3 pupils have been investigating features of play scripts and written their own based on “Hansel and Gretel”. They have included the correct format and included character lists, prop lists, speakers, stage directions and scene settings. Numeracy tasks have involved



investigating complements of 1000 and 100 and finding complements of £10. In Music, pupils have enjoyed counting how many beats are in a bar. In Welsh they have been learning to ask and answer questions based on where pupils live. PE activities have centred around developing coordination and agility using a variety of apparatus.

Pupils in Year 4 have continued to collect imaginative words and phrases from their class novel, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" to describe the Chocolate Room. They have also used their senses to add to their description. They have used Roald Dahl's description of the Chocolate Room to draw their own versions of the room. Numeracy work has centred around revision of mental strategies to add multiples of 10 to 2,3, and 4 digit numbers. They have investigated strategies for doubling 2 and 3 digit numbers using the doubling diamond strategy. Science work has involved matching animals to the skeletons, they have tested their "model bones" to see how straight they were. They were flabbergasted when their model could support 29 books! The Rainforest topic has continued with pupils using the chrome books to research and complete tables showing the features of each layer of the rainforest.

Year 5 children are continuing to enjoy Harry Potter and have completed their Harry Potter diary entries and are looking forward to a number of magical activities based on the book after half term. They have also practised their reading comprehension skills focussing on writing summaries and retrieving facts from the text. They have continued to practise their multiplication strategies using the grid and column methods. They have also investigated inverse operations linked with multiplication and division as well as factors and multiples. RE work has focussed on creating a fact file on Mother Teresa. Pupils have been focussing on the key values and learning behaviours in school which has resulted in some excellent discussion work. Activities for Black History Month and our value of the month, Equality have centred around research on the story of Rosa Parks.

Our Year 6 children have completed another busy week. It started off with a bang on Monday when the children travelled back in time to experience being a WW2 evacuee for the day. Mrs Symes and Mr Cleaves were especially strict and enjoyed playing the role of 1940s teachers. Mrs Rowe certainly put the children through their paces checking their necks and fingernails for signs of possible germs! The children experienced squashing onto a bus and a train and carried around their gas masks and suitcases or pillowcases for the whole day. As a result of the role play, they have all written some very powerful diary entries. Da iawn, pawb! The pupils enjoyed the experience but were relieved to be back in the 21st century the next day. A forest school and P.E. session certainly brought them back up to date. Mrs Mason and Mrs Pask enjoyed being outside testing the children's physical and mental skills with a blast of 40 seconds circuits to get the hearts racing and a forest treasure hunt to engage the brain. Science this week has focussed on the process of pollination which will culminate with a group drama after half term. All in all, a very busy week but a very enjoyable one too.

Please keep up to date with school activities by following classes via their class Twitter pages.

Click the Classes tab on the school website.

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PTA Newsletter

Sadly we won't be able to run most of our annual events this year due to Covid 19 however we hope we can still come up with some fun things for the children to do...

What are we fundraising for?

Chromebooks

The PTA has liaised with the school and currently all fundraising will go towards the purchase of Chromebooks.

The school has had to adapt the way they teach with Covid regulations, a lot of learning is moving to online and word processed. In the event of school closure Home learning will kick in.

We have funds left over from last year's fundraising efforts and are putting these towards the purchase of Chromebooks - We have donated **£4000** so far but in order to buy another 60 the school needs a further **£11,000** so we are asking for your help.

Please remember to tick the Gift Aid box when asked as we are a charity and can claim. ***A Go Fund Me Page has been set up, if you would like to make a donation, we know some parents would prefer this to participating in events so this is ideal.***

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/y7nyts-a-cause-i-care-about-needs-help>

Please share with friends and family and anyone who may be able to donate anything towards our cause.



Halloween Activity Packs

Some of our awesome parents have helped us create a Half term Halloween Activity pack crammed full of things for the children to do. Puzzles, games, recipes, crafts. Prizes up for grabs!!!

Price is only £2 per household you will be sent a link to the pack on receipt of payment. Please send us an email to register for your pack pentrepoethpta@gmail.com



Cartridge Recycling

We will be taking delivery shortly of some Cartridge recycling boxes that children can bring used cartridges into school for recycling. Not only does this promote recycling but the PTA will receive funds for each cartridge we recycle. We will link in with Pentrepoeth Eco club and decide what to spend these funds on. A message will be sent as soon as they arrive.

Amazon Wish list - Click the link to view -

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/38G5VIXSUHPBI?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_ip_5dKzCt9DwK2S

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Pentrepoeth PTA

Twitter: @

WhatsApp group:

Send message to join we use this to organise fundraisers/plan events

Next Meeting:

November 12th
19:30 via Teams



Poppy Appeal



We will be supporting the British Legion Poppy appeal this year. In order to comply with our risk assessment and to maintain social distancing we will provide all children with a Poppy and ask that parents donate 20p or a contribution of your choice via a collection bucket that will be at the top of the turning circle for children or adults to drop the donation in on your way in to school.

Dates For Your Diary !

October	
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th Oct	AUTUMN HALF TERM
November	
Mon Nov 2 nd	INSET Day 2 – <i>School Closed for Children</i>
Tue Nov 3 rd	<i>Mr Taylor's 100 Book Reading Challenge Starts! More coming soon....</i>
Fri Nov 13 th	Children In Need Day 2020 – Five to Thrive activities in school <i>Non uniform – Hilarious hair and hats can be worn!</i>
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th Nov	Anti- Bullying Week
Mon Nov 23 rd – Fri Nov 30 th	<i>Mathematical Development Week</i>
December	
Tue Dec 15 th	Story with Santa – Foundation Phase
Wed Dec 16 th	School Christmas Dinner Christmas Movie Afternoon
Thu Dec 17 th	Class Christmas Parties
Fri Dec 18 th	Class Christmas Assemblies
Mon 21 st Dec – Fri 1 st Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK
January	
Mon Jan 4 th	Start of Spring Term 2021

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday November 3rd . Enjoy the week.

Kind regards,
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Dean Taylor
Headteacher



Primary Autumn Winter 2020 Menu Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Main Dish	Warm Chicken Mayo Wrap with Wedges	Chicken Tikka Masala With rice	Beef & Onion Pie with Mash	Beef Burger in a Bun With Wedges	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips <i>Crispy fish fingers and scrummy chips</i>
Vegetarian Dish	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Veggie Hot Dog with Wedges	Quorn Roast in gravy with Roast Potatoes	Veggie Burger with Wedges (V)	Quorn Dippers & Chips
Fresh Vegetables	Peas Sweetcorn	Cauliflower French Beans	Baton Carrots Broccoli	Baked Beans Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Peas
Desserts	Chocolate Slice	Orange Drizzle Cake	Shortbread Biscuit	Apple Sponge	Ice cream Tub

Cool Water, Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread available daily

16/11, 7/12, 18/1, 8/2,

Primary Autumn Winter 2019 Menu Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Main Dish	Maple Chicken Melt in a Bun with Wedges	Cottage Pie with Seasonal Veg	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Roast Potatoes <i>Broccoli & Carrots</i>	Spaghetti Bolognaise with Garlic Bread	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegetarian Dish	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Veggie Cottage Pie	Quorn Roast in Gravy With Roast Potatoes,	Tomato & Basil Spaghetti with Garlic Bread	Cheesy Bean Wrap & Chips
Fresh Vegetables	Baked Beans Sweetcorn	Broccoli Baton carrots	Baton Carrots Green Cabbage	Sweetcorn Salad	Baked Beans Peas
Desserts	Jam & Coconut Sponge	Short bread biscuit	Flapjack	Chocolate Sponge Cake	Ice Cream Tub

Cool Water, Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread available daily

2/11, 23/11, 14/12, 4/1, 25/1,

Primary Autumn Winter 2019 Menu Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Main Dish	Warm BBQ Chicken Wrap with Wedges	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato and Beans	Turkey & Leek Pie With Roast Potatoes,	Beef Lasagne with Wedges & Garlic Bread	Crispy Battered Fish with Chips
Vegetarian Dish	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges (V)	Veggie Bangers with Creamy Mash & Beans	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes, In Gravy	Veggie Lasagne with Wedges & Garlic Bread	Veggie Pizza Hot Dog & Chips
Fresh Vegetables	Baby corn on the cob Salad	Garden Peas Fresh Carrots	Baton Carrots Broccoli	Salad Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans
Desserts	Orange Shortbread	Chocolate slice	Cookie	Chocolate & Raspberry Swirl Cake	Ice Cream Tub

Cool Water, Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread available daily

9/11, 30/11, 1/2, 11/1



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School Schemes



Primary School Option 2

Jacket Potato

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Baked Beans	Baked Beans	Baked Beans	Baked Beans	Baked Beans
Option 2	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Option 3	Tuna Mayonnaise	Tuna Mayonnaise	Tuna Mayonnaise	Tuna Mayonnaise	Tuna Mayonnaise
All served with side salad and coleslaw					
Desserts	Cookie	Shortbread	flapjack	Chocolate	Ice-cream Tub
Cool Water, Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread available daily					

Primary School Option 3 Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sandwich Option 1	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham
Sandwich Option 2	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Sandwich Option 3	Tuna	Tuna	Tuna	Tuna	Tuna
Drinks	Calypso Pure Fruit Juice Or Bottled Water	Viva Milk Shake Or Bottled Water	Calypso Pure Fruit Juice Or Bottled Water	Viva Milk Shake Or Bottled Water	Calypso Pure Fruit Juice Or Bottled Water
Desserts	Ambrosia Custard Pot	Shortbread Fingers 2pack	Jelly Squeeze	Oreo Biscuit pack	Ambrosia rice pudding pot
Fruit	Cool Water, Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread and Yoghurt available daily *Fruit Based **Wholegrain ***Oily Fish				

