



NEWSLETTER 23RD FEBRUARY 2024



The other day Kyle and Miles went up to the top reception and we helped the man load the van and we had to throw the bags into this crate that weighed the clothes and we raised £74.50. - Kyle

So this is on behalf of all the **Eco Councillors** at Ysgol Penrhyn:

Before half term we announced that we were working with Rags 2 Riches. It was like a charity but the school also raised £74.50.

That's amazing! It was 50p per KG. Me and Kyle

helped load the van. We wouldn't have done it if you didn't give! A great big thank you from our Eco Council for all the Rags2Riches donations 😊 In total all 37 bags weighed 146kg and we raised an impressive £74.50 💰



22nd February is a very special day in the **Girlguiding** calendar. It is when we celebrate the birthday of our founders, Lady Olave Baden Powell, and her husband, Sir Robert Baden Powell. On this day, we think of all the thousands of girls, in the many countries of the world, who are part of our organisation and of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. There are Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 128 different countries all over the world and we try at this time of year to encourage our girls to learn something about at least one of these countries and the

type of activities they enjoy. Our worn their uniform with pride.

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On Friday, Cana from Wrexham Music Co-Operative delivered a music session to **Year 3**. We began by listening to four different pieces of music and recording any ideas and feelings about the pieces of music that we heard.

We then went on to discuss melody and used our imagination to think of a theme. Ideas of different themes included nature, oceans, seas and sports.



In partners, we used the glockenspiels to compose our very own piece of music based on the theme that we had chosen. The melodies were in three parts, the beginning, middle and end.

We listened respectfully to each others melodies at the end of the session. Cana was very impressed with how enthusiastic the children were and how they all tried so hard to compose their own melody using the glockenspiels. Da iawn Blwyddyn Tri! 😊 You are marvellous musicians! 😊

Here are a few quotes from **Year 3**:

"It was so fun. We got to make our own songs and we were trying to think how the music goes like, like happy or sad," - **Amelia**

"I really loved when we were playing with the glockenspiels. It was so fun to make our own songs," - **Aishat**

"I think it was really fun. I got to experience my own song. I think it was cool!" - **Roman**

"It was very fun. I liked the melodies. It was very good on the whiteboard," - **Leighton**

"It seemed like great fun. My partner was Zac. We chose our theme as, 'Funky' We went with some funky sounds. Cana is quite a good teacher. She is fun and kind," - **Wiktor**



We are working with the **Little Learning Company**. We are trying to set up some parent workshops but need your feedback to know what you would like. Please can you follow the link posted on Seesaw and complete a short questionnaire.

We've arranged for The Little Learning Company to deliver an Easter Crafts workshop for Nursery and Reception parents, grandparents and families. Your child will be welcome to join you too- making Easter Crafts together on Thursday 14th March at 2.30pm in the school hall.



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For over 4 months **Year 6** have been collecting hours for **Children's University**. They had to get 30 hours to graduate. To get hours they had to do activities to gain hours.

To get hours I did some baking and went to some football tournaments. If you got over 30 hours you got to go to the graduation ceremony. After the ceremony we went to the Maesgwyn and had dinner. We had a great time! - **Kai E**

The school have received an email which stated, "Firstly, we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who attended our graduation ceremonies this week. We had an amazing celebration which were the culmination of many months of hard work from us, yourselves, and your pupils.

The graduations were a massive success, with 400 pupils attending from 23 schools across Flintshire and Wrexham alongside lots of very proud parents, carers, family, and friends. We are so happy with the feedback we have received so far, and the number of smiling faces we saw on each day! We hope you all had a lovely time."



With the weather starting to improve the children are beginning to use the field- they are so excited. They are encouraged to stay on their feet and not get muddy. If the field is too wet, they will not be using it. Opposite is a rota of who is playing football on which days.



Day	Classes
Monday	Reception & Year 2 Year 3 & Year 5
Tuesday	Year 1 Year 4 & Year 6
Wednesday	Reception & Year 2 Year 3 & Year 5
Thursday	Year 1 Year 4 & Year 6
Friday	Football Free Friday

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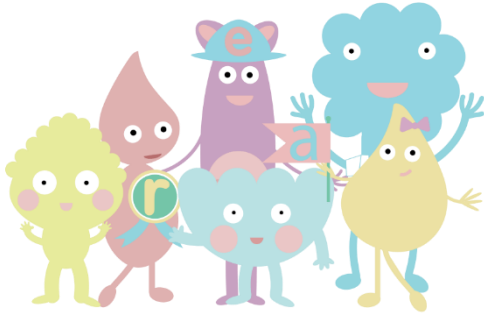


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Year 6 are looking forward to learning how to ride their bikes properly and if ready riding on the road to ensure they are safe and know the rules.

I hope your bikes and helmets are ready for Monday!

"myHappyMind is a relaxing and calming app where you can learn how to do happy breathing etc. Please download the myHappyMind Parent app so you can stay calm and relaxed. You can have fun with myHappyMind at home just like we do in school!" - **Alfie and Brooklyn**
- **Year 6 Wellbeing Ambassadors**



"myHappyMind is a fun and good learning app. You can calm yourself down and feel relaxed. Can you please download the Parent myHappyMind app for free so you can start doing happy breathing at home like we do in school. You can see what your children get up to in school!" - **Seren and Harry** - **Year 4 Wellbeing Ambassadors**



This week Sophie from St Johns came into school to teach **Year 3 - Year 6** about First Aid. The first thing we learnt was DRS ABC.

D=Danger (Look round for any danger)

R = Response (check that the person is responding)

S=SHOUT FOR HELP!

A=Airway (the tongue may block the airway so gently tilt the head back, which moves the tongue to the person can breathe)

B=Breath (Check that the person is breathing by listening, feeling for air and looking/checking that their chest is going up and down.

C=Circulation (Check that the persons doesn't have any big cuts or wounds). - **by Claire Year 6**



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At horse riding we got fitted with a hat. After we got fitted with a hat the workers paired us with a horse. My horses name was Eric. It was so much fun and we learnt a lot about all the straps they have on their head. - **Gracie**

I went horse riding. I had to get a bus 20 minutes away. I don't really know where it is but I really enjoyed it. I got to pick out of 2 loving, joyful, galloping horses. Their names were Ted and Billy. I picked Ted, he was a chocolatey brown with a dark brown on top. He was a loyal, beautiful, cute horse. That's why I chose him. - **Cairon**

On our first day at horse riding we got weighed and fitted with a helmet. After that we went up the lift to see how we mount the horse. We then went to meet our horses, I got Billy who is the colour pimbole (black and white). We then learnt the names of the tac, which is the equipment. To finish off, we learnt how to hold the reins and how to turn left, right and to stop with wooah. - **Owen**



The first day of horse riding was super fun and I'm about to tell you about it! We got there super excited and they were so friendly. We sat down and introduced ourselves, we got weighed and got a helmet and then we got to see our horses but first we had to be partnered with a helper then we went out to meet our horses. I got Harvey, Brooklyn got Obi, Shannon had Mouse, Gracie had Eric, Cairon had Super Ted and Owen had Billy. Harvey was so cool, he was a skewball (black and brown). He had so much hair on him because he hadn't been cut for the summer. He had a long tail and I learnt he had a tail so that in the summer when flies are about he can hit them away. I can't wait to go back next week. - **Zachary**

In horse riding we were measured for our helmets and weighed us and then gave us our horses. Then we met our horses, my horse was Obi. We got to touch our horses and learnt facts about horses it was so fun! - **Brooklyn**

Horse riding was really fun. Firstly, we went in and sat down, then one of us went in to get fitted for hats and get weighed. I got mouse, he's a brown bay. Next, we paired up with our trainers and we went up to our horse. I found out my horse was 19 years old. After going back to our seats we learnt how to stop and steer our horses. Then we went back to the bus. I had a lot of fun and I love my horse. - **Shannon**



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We're holding our Parents Evening next week. You should all have received your appointment times, if you requested one.

Staff will try to keep to the times, if a longer discussion is needed, this can be arranged for a later date.

Some teachers may use a timer to help them manage their appointments.

You will have seen the letter I posted before half term from all the Wrexham Primary Headteachers making you aware of the budget pressures we are facing at the moment. Thank you to those who have asked how they can help.

One way to help is to sign up for Free School Meals if you are eligible. Please don't be offended if staff ask you during Parents Evening if you are claiming any of the below. If so, please sign up for Free School Meals, it is completely confidential and ensures our school gets extra funding to benefit our pupils.

If you receive any of the criteria below please follow the link to apply for Free School Meals

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Free School Meal Pupils are entitled to Free Residential Trips and Free Music Lessons - but you do need to apply



There are also two Welsh Parliament petitions.

- 1) to continue to fund school police officers who educate children and support schools.
- 2) Welsh Government to protect funding in education from WG and Local Authority cuts.

Both petitions need 10,000 signatures for them to be discussed in the Senedd. For more information and to sign the petition please follow both links posted on Seesaw

Diolch yn fawr for your continued support.

Mrs Beth Davies - Headteacher

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SCHOOL TRAINING DAYS 2022-23 are Friday 22nd March, Thursday 2nd May, Friday 3rd July.
School will be closed to pupils on these dates

Monday 26th February – Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 29th February – Year 6 visit to Ysgol Bryn Alyn for an English Workshop

Friday 1st March – School Eistedfodd

Monday 4th March – Class Photographs

Wednesday 6th – Friday 8th March – Year 6 residential to Nant BH

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – dress up as your favourite character

Monday 11th March – Year 1 visit to Pendine

Thursday 14th March – Easter Crafts 2.30pm for Nursery and Reception parents & pupils

Friday 15th March – Own Clothes day – donate items for Easter Bingo Hamper

Friday 15th March – Football Team to attend a tournament

Tuesday 19th March – Year 3 and 4 Production 1.30pm

Wednesday 20th March - Year 3 and 4 Production 9.30am

Wednesday 20th March – Easter Bingo

Thursday 21st March – Year 4 visit to Explore

Thursday 21st March – School closes for Easter (children are in school)

Friday 22nd March – Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)

We are celebrating St David's Day in school on Friday 1st March 2024. Children are invited to wear red – to include welsh rugby shirts, welsh football kits, welsh tops and costumes (welsh lady and men outfits) – should they wish to. It is **not** a dress-down day, therefore children should wear their usual trousers and skirts with their red tops.

Thank you



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World Book Day is 7th March 2024 this year. We invite all pupils to come to school dressed in their favourite character from their favourite book. (Please note this is not compulsory).

We are also holding a competition for the best book character made from a household item i.e a potato, boiled egg, wooden spoon - use your imagination!! Entries need to be brought to school on 7th March for judging.

Prizes will be given to the best creative character from:-

Nursery & Reception

Year 1 & Year 2,

Year 3 & Year 4,

Year 5 & Year 6.

We look forward to seeing all your entries.

Good Luck



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