

PONTLLIW PRIMARY

Newsletter

Cluster Competitions

This April we were delighted to take part in the first Humanities cluster competition, with Pontardulais Comprehensive hosting us.

3 pupils from Y5 and 3 from Y6 took part in the Geography escape room! The pupils had several puzzles and problems to solve. They won keys to allow them out of the room and onto the next problem, both teams worked hard and used their skills efficiently to work their way to the end. All of the pupils had a wonderful morning and behaved beautifully! Our Y6 team won overall and our Y5 team came in 3rd overall but 2nd in the Y5 group. A huge congratulations to them all for a wonderful and successful morning.

Dosbarth Alder took part in the cluster cricket competition. They really enjoyed the experience and were very competitive. There were many catches and runs scored. They came a very close second, with only 2 runs in it. A great achievement.



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Respectful is...
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Safe is...
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Our Learning!

Ready, Respectful, Safe.

We would like to share an update with you about our current approach to behaviour and the learning we have been doing together as a whole school community. Over recent weeks, all pupils have been involved in discussing and helping to decide what positive behaviour looks like in our school. Together, we talked about three key behaviours that help everyone to learn well and feel happy in school. These are being Ready, Respectful and Safe. The children worked collaboratively to create simple reminders for each one:

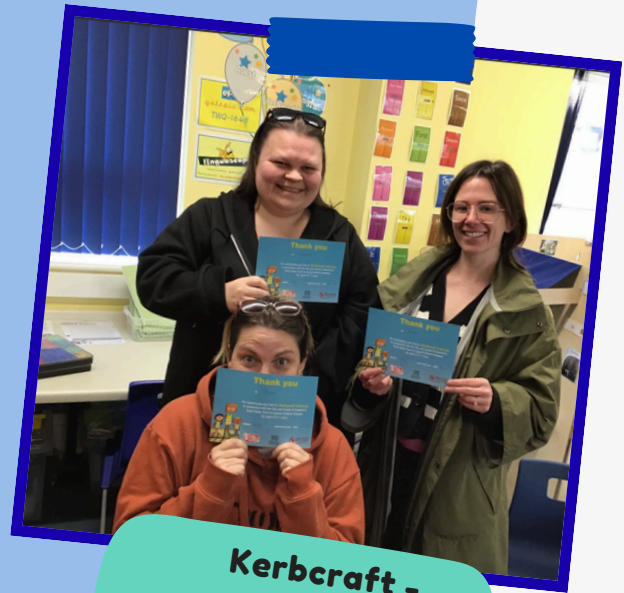
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By involving the pupils in creating these messages, it helps them feel a sense of ownership and pride in their behaviour choices and in our school values. Alongside this, we have also been focusing on something called positive noticing. Positive noticing means picking up on the small things' children do well every day, such as trying their best, being kind, tidying up, or following instructions. Positive noticing helps to build children's self-esteem and confidence. It also gently reminds them which behaviours are wanted, recognised and celebrated, making it more likely they will continue to make positive choices in school and at home.

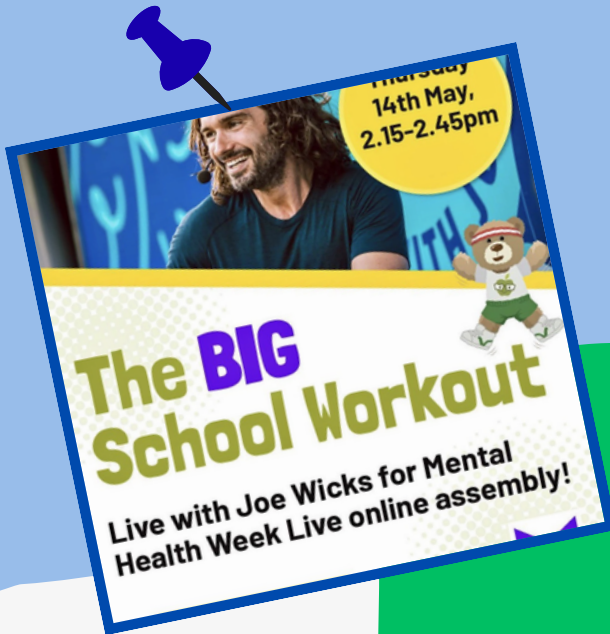
Visitors and Experiences

Dosbarth Beech have completed their block of Kerbcraft Road Safety sessions. The children have learned how to be safer pedestrians by going out onto real roads and being taught how the right decision-making and behaviour can really help them to keep safe. A big 'diolch' to Kelly who co-ordinated the sessions, and to our parent volunteers.

To celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week, pupils across the school took part in a live, Joe Wicks workout. Alongside 6,000 other schools across the UK, our pupils enjoyed getting active together and learning how moving our bodies can boost our mood, build resilience and support positive mental wellbeing. The session was full of energy and enthusiasm, and it was fantastic to see children from all classes joining in, encouraging one another and having fun while looking after both their physical and mental health.



**Kerbcraft -
Parental Volunteers**



Upcoming Events

- end of Term - May 22nd
- INSET Day - June 1st
- Pupils return to schools - June 2nd
- Sports Day - June 3rd
- Reserve sports day - June 4th

After School Activities

- Primary Performers (Tuesday Y3 -Y6)
- Drawing (Tuesday Rec-Y2)
- Rounders (Wednesday Y3-6)
- Outdoor Activities (Wednesday Rec-Y2)

Krafty Kids Club - Daily from 3.20pm - 5pm. £6 per session which includes a small snack.



TCS Mini Marathon

TCS Mini Marathon – A Fantastic Achievement for Our Pupils!

A huge well done to all the pupils who recently took part in the TCS Mini Marathon. The children completed a two mile walk around the village, joined by Cyril the Swan and Billy Blue, the South Wales Police mascot, which made the event even more exciting.

To finish off the day, our brilliant Sports Ambassadors led an energising fitness session, and pupils also enjoyed inflatable darts and football activities, adding even more fun to an already fantastic day. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, determination and team spirit shown by everyone involved.

We are also delighted to share that £70.45 was raised for Cariad Children's Charity. Thank you to all families for your wonderful support - your donations will help make a real difference to local children and families.



Attendance

This Terms Attendance for each class to date:

- Recep - 95.1%
- Year 1 - 94.7%
- Year 2 - 94.5%
- Year 3 - 94.7%
- Year 4 - 92.4%
- Year 5 - 93.4%
- Year 6 - 92.3%

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