

PONTLLIW PRIMARY

Newsletter

Return to school

As we move further into the autumn term, we have been delighted with how quickly our pupils have settled into their new classes, classroom routines and learning environments. It has been wonderful to see the children embracing new challenges, forming positive relationships and demonstrating such enthusiasm for learning. We would like to thank all parents and carers for their patience and support while staff and pupils get to know one another and settle back into the routines of providing reading books, homework and opportunities to share learning. The term has already got off to a fantastic start, with pupils enjoying a visit to Theatre Na Nóg, which provided a memorable opportunity to experience a live performance while learning more about life during World War II. We have also taken part in a cluster netball tournament, where our pupils represented the school brilliantly and competed with great determination. In music, Year 2 pupils have begun their whole-class violin lessons, while pupils from Years 3 to 6 have had the opportunity to learn a musical instrument of their choice with our visiting peripatetic music teachers. Year 6 pupils continue to develop their musical skills through PBuzz, with some now progressing onto brass instruments. There are many exciting opportunities and experiences planned for the rest of the term, and as always, we greatly appreciate your continued support in helping us provide the very best learning opportunities for all of our pupils.



Our Learning

As we begin a new term, our class teachers have started exploring the new Big Questions with pupils. The curriculum overviews for each year group will be available on the school website soon and have been reviewed to make them more user-friendly for families. We would love to hear your feedback, so please let us know what you think. Pupils have also shared their ideas about what they would like to learn this term, and these can be accessed via the QR code at the top of your child's year group overview. You can keep up to date with your child's learning experiences through the school website and our X account, which you can follow for regular updates. We look forward to sharing the exciting curriculum activities and learning experiences taking place throughout the term.

After School Clubs

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.



Junior - Cooking Club

Upcoming Events

- End of half term - 23rd October
- Rags to Riches collection - 9th October
- PTA Disco - 12th October
- School Book Fayre - 13th - 15th October
- Pupils return to schools - 2nd November

After School Activities

- Primary Performers (Tuesday Y3 -Y6)
- Lego (Tuesday Rec-Y2)
- Cooking Juniors (Wednesday Y3-6)
- Story Time (Wednesday Rec-Y2)

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



Pupil Voice

Our Pupil Voice groups are now underway across the school. Pupils have chosen the group they would most like to be involved in and are excited to begin working towards their group's aims and priorities for the year ahead. We are looking forward to seeing their ideas and leadership skills in action as they work together to help make positive changes within our school community. Don't forget to visit our Pupil Voice pages on the school website to keep up to date with all the exciting projects, ideas and achievements from our groups throughout the year. The groups are:

Digital Dragons
Safety Soldiers
Cryw Cymraeg
Eco Warriors
Diversity Developers
Healthy Heroes



Attendance

This Terms Attendance for each class to date:

Recep - 92.9%

Year 1 - 95.4%

Year 2 - 91.4%

Year 3 - 96.8%

Year 4 - 96.1%

Year 5 - 93.5%

Year 6 - 95.2%

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