



*'Planting the seeds for a lifetime of growth'*  
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Article 28 - 'A right to an education'

Article 29 – 'A right to be the best that we can be'

## Dear Parents and Carers / Annywl Rhieni a Gofalwyr,

We have enjoyed a good start to the term with lots of exciting activities. In the newsletter below we will share these with you. Half term is fast approaching, and we know that you and your children are all looking forward to it. At the end of the newsletter will be the list of dates we currently have for the whole of this term we hope this helps! The children and staff have completed lots of exciting and fun learning activities which can be seen on the school's 'x' page formally known as 'twitter'. Please join to see what your child has been learning about in school Information about their learning can also be found on the school website [www.pontlliwprimary.co.uk](http://www.pontlliwprimary.co.uk). Please can we remind parents if someone else is collecting your child from school you will need to inform the class teacher or ring the school office. The school will not release a child to an adult (who is not a parent) unless they have been informed.

### School Improvement Plan

The school improvement targets are set at the start of every year. The targets are below in summary for you to see. They are included in the school improvement plan in child friendly language and shared with all stakeholders so the whole school community understands what the school is working towards within the year. Progress towards the targets are regularly reviewed by all staff, pupils within the pupil voice groups and with governors in regular meetings. The progress that has been made towards these targets will be shared with parents in the next newsletter.

### Summary of Priorities 2024-2025

Priority Area /Aligned Sub-committee	Headline School Priorities 2024-2025		2025-2026	2026 - 2027
Teaching and Learning (L) IA1	<b>Literacy (E)</b>	L1: Improve standards in reading and writing in Progression Step 1	Evaluate and review approaches being used.	Evaluate and refinement
	<b>Science &amp; Technology</b>	L2: Ensure all pupils have the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge in a wider variety of scientific concepts.	Evaluate coverage and learning opportunities of Scientific concepts, skills and opportunities	Evaluate and refinement
Teaching and Learning (T) IA1	<b>Teaching</b>	T1: Further develop pupil's independence through the development of pedagogical approaches and strategies.	Review and embed the pedagogical approaches	Evaluate and refinement
	<b>Progression</b>	T2: Review and refine our Area of Learning progression documents.	Evaluate and refine	Evaluate and refinement
Well-being, Care Support and Guidance (WB) IA2	<b>Wellbeing</b>	WB1: Develop all stakeholders awareness and knowledge of behaviour strategies and policies to improve pupil wellbeing.	Evaluate and review implementation.	Evaluate and refinement
Leading and Improving (LI) IA3	<b>Assessment</b>	LI1: Refine and further develop assessment and feedback to ensure pupil progress.	Evaluate, refine and further develop	Evaluate and refinement
	<b>Attendance and Safeguarding</b>	LI2: Further enhance attendance and the role of the family liaison officer to improve well-being and the support provided to pupils, families and their wider community.	Evaluate and review	Evaluate and refinement



### Achievement and Activities

The staff and pupils have been very busy participating in cluster, sporting and curriculum events. The pupils participated in a cluster spelling bee and progression step 3 won and were presented with a lovely trophy whilst progression steps 1 and 2 worked very hard. The pupils were amazing, and we were all very proud of them. Year 2 have been participating in kerbcraft and we have had a lovely group of parental helpers who have been helping them to stay safe near the roads. Year 6 have also been learning about road safety when using their bicycles. They have been completing a cycling proficiency course, and you may have seen them around Pontlliw. They have listened and responded very well to all they have learnt. The Year 4/5 girls participated in a football tournament they were very excited and played extremely well. They even had time for some great pre-match photographs. The Year 1 and Year 2 classes have participated in whole class violin lessons and are beginning to learn some notes and bowing actions.



## Staff Training

The staff were trained in metacognition and pedagogical strategies during the January INSET day. One of these was modelling which they have been using in class. They carried out a book look so that all staff could see the work that had been carried out following the training. Governors have also been updated and the LA curriculum lead came into school to reflect with the staff about how the training had impacted on teaching and learning. All staff are going through a rolling program of training in emergency first aid. There is continuous and ongoing training for all staff in all aspects of additional learning needs which is ongoing throughout the year and area of learning leads attend regular meeting and training to ensure they are up to date with any new initiatives.



## Siarter Arian

The Athrawes Bro recently attended the school to see how we are implementing the 'Fa la la' program in our class to encourage pupils to enjoy learning Welsh. She was impressed with what she saw and has asked to use some of the clips in further training with other schools. She has provided the school with a report on her visit. The year 1 and year 2 pupils also attended Pontarddulais primary school to participate in 'Fa la la' singing with our other cluster primary schools. We are beginning to prepare for our St Davids day and look forward to sharing the children's achievements with you. This is always a special day and reinforces our sense of 'Cynefin' (belonging).



## Complaints Policy

Parents who wish to make a complaint can contact the school and make an appointment to share their concerns, in accordance with the school's open door policy. If parents do not feel satisfied following this meeting, they can request, in writing, for the matter to be investigated. During investigation all details are recorded and people involved interviewed. Following this, a decision regarding the complaint is made and the complainant notified of the decision. If the complaint is not upheld, and parents are unhappy with any decisions then this progresses to the governing body, in accordance with the procedure.

## Child Protection

The child protection officer for the school is Mrs. Alison Norman, the Headteacher and in her absence the Deputy Headteacher, Mrs. Kirsty Cusack. The Governor with responsibility for child protection is Mr. Ian Humphreys, the Chair of Governors. In the event of child protection issues the school must follow procedures and report this to social services. There may also be a need to share information with other agencies.

## Children's Mental Health Week

The theme was 'Know yourself' and based around the characters from 'Inside out'. It started with an assembly which asked the children to recognise emotions and how their bodies respond to them. Each class has completed a variety of activities around the 'know yourself' theme.



## Projects

The year 3 have been asked to participate in a digital project with Just2Easy and a number of other schools from around the world. They were selected due to the work they have been completing digitally on hwb. The pupils have had their first meeting and have met their digital pen pals. They learnt about 'where in the world are you? They will then start on their own projects and will share these at the end of the project. We have also been selected to participate in a film project with Pen Y Bryn where the pupils will learn film making skills such as lighting, sound and camera angles. We hope to invite parents in to view the end product.

## Dates for this term:

- 10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer internet day
- 11<sup>th</sup> February – Fa La La Pontarddulais Primary Year 1 and 2
- 11<sup>th</sup> February – Fire service Year 2 and Year 5
- 13<sup>th</sup> February – PTA Valentines disco
- 14<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5/6 boys football tournament
- 20<sup>th</sup> February – Theatre Carrie's War Year 6
- 21<sup>st</sup> February – Pupils finish for half term
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Pupils return to school
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Eisteddfod
- 6<sup>th</sup> March – World book day
- 14<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 / 4 boys football tournament
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 / 6 girls football tournament
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Basketball
- 21<sup>st</sup> March – Red nose day
- 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 cluster sport competition
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Year 2 St Fagan's trip / Year 6 Techniquetrip
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 4 basketball tournament
- 9<sup>th</sup> April – Year 1 Manor Park trip
- 10<sup>th</sup> April – Pupils finish for Easter
- 11<sup>th</sup> April – INSET day
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – Pupils return to school.



Thank you for your continued support  
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Headteacher