

Ysgol Penyffordd  
Foundation Phase Topic Newsletter  
Autumn 2018



Welcome back! As your child starts a new school year we would like to make this period of settling in as easy as possible. This term the children will be taking on the topic of 'Marvellous Me' where they will be learning about our bodies and the 5 senses.

Literacy

In the lower foundation phase your child will be continuing to recognise and write initial sounds. They will begin to write simple sentences, concentrating on letter formation and sounding out words independently. Years 1 and 2 will be learning about instructional writing using 'bossy' verbs. After half term the children will plan and write their own poems.

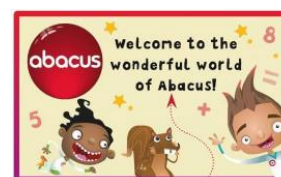
Read, Write, Inc.

This term we hope that your child will be coming home full of enthusiasm about the sounds they have been learning and the words they are beginning to read and write. Your child is currently taking part in 20-minute daily Read, Write, Inc. sessions, which will improve their reading and writing abilities.

Numeracy

We are developing our mathematical skills and we will be paying particular attention to forming numbers correctly, addition and subtraction, doubling, halving and shape. We currently use the Abacus Maths Scheme and are paying particular attention to problem solving and perseverance.

Years 1 and 2 will be given Abacus maths homework to complete weekly. Year 2 children will also have a mental maths test on a Friday, looking at concepts such as times tables, doubling and halving. Please do practise these at home with your child.



Knowledge & Understanding

In our Knowledge and Understanding lessons we will be finding out about the parts of our body and our senses. We will also be focusing on where we live and our local area.



Creative

This term the children will be developing their 3D and sketching skills. They will be making playdough models and developing their skills when drawing themselves and other people. The children will learn new songs weekly.

### Physical Development

We will be developing our fine motor skills which help us with our handwriting and scissor control and our gross motor skills which help with our balance and co-ordination. The children will take part in Dough Disco, Playground Games and will create and perform a class dance.

### Personal, Social Development and Religious Education

'Our Happy School' and 'Out and About' are our themes in PSD. These will focus on Rules and Keeping Safe. In RE we will be learning about stories from the Bible such as the story of Creation and studying other religions and cultures.

### Digital Competency

We will be working very hard to develop ICT skills and paying particular attention to staying safe on line. Please support your child's ICT skills by allowing them to type on a keyboard and use a mouse or even log in to their Hwb account.

### Welsh

All children follow the Fflic a Fflac scheme and looking at the topic Fi Fy Hun (Myself) and will be encouraged to speak Welsh as much as possible, especially during our daily Helpwr Heddiw sessions.



### Additional Activities

Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 have the opportunity to become part of the School Council and Eco Council. Elections will be held in the next few weeks and if voted in, your child will be involved in meetings and consulted on matters such as how we can be a more eco-friendly school or even the new build!

Year 2 children will also have the opportunity to become a Digital Leader, being responsible for maintaining the laptops and iPads and teaching the younger children about digital safety.

An extra curricular football club run by Nev Powell will start on Wednesday 19th September for children in Years 1 and 2. Children will need suitable clothes for training outdoors in all sorts of weather and sturdy trainers or football boots. The cost of the club is £2 session.

### Seesaw

This year we will be introducing a new way of celebrating with parents the work their children are doing in school. Seesaw is new way of parents viewing photographs and videos of their child's work on a weekly basis. Please come along to our information evening, detailed below, to find out more about this initiative.



### PE Days

Please make sure that your child has the correct P.E. kit in school on the right days. Your child needs black or blue short, a white t-shirt and appropriate footwear such as pumps or trainers.

Nursery - Wednesday

Miss Green's class - Monday

Miss Peters' class - Thursday

Mrs Foley / Miss Shaw's class - Tuesday

Mrs Griffiths' class - Thursday



### Picking up

Due to the building work and afternoon nursery session we have had to change which doors our children leave from in the afternoon. This has made the front entrance very congested at the end of the day. From tomorrow the nursery will exit through their side door in the afternoons, Class P will return to the main nursery door and Class 2G will come from the nursery door close to the main entrance. In order to assist with this please try to stand closer the door your child leaves from and exit the school premises as soon as possible. We promise that this is not us being mean! We are finding it a little difficult to see where parents are and we really don't want to lose any children!!!

### Dates for your diary.

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Pandemonium Theatre group to visit school (Reception - Year 2)
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September @6pm - Reception, Year 1 and 2 Information Evening for parents. Please come along to talk to your child's class teacher to find out about what they will be doing this year.
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Bodies and Bones Techniquet Workshop in school for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children. There will be a small charge for this.
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September @3pm - 4pm - Minecraft Club for Year 2's begins.
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October @9.30am - Harvest Assesmbly for parents.
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Foundation Phase Parent's Evening.
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Break up for half term.

If you have any queries or concerns during the term, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. Many thanks for your continued support.

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