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Ysgol Penyffordd

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We have enjoyed a great start to the new year. The children have been involved in so many activities. Reception had a great time visiting Theatr Clwyd last week. They really enjoyed the day and their behaviour was excellent.

We all enjoyed a joint Infant and Junior Assembly at the Youth Club to start the year and the Open the Book assemblies with Rev. Pawley are going down well!

This term we are looking forward to the Welsh week events, culminating in St David's Day and the Eisteddfod. Soon you will receive a letter detailing the at-home activities.

On Tuesday 28th February we would love Infant parents to join us straight after school to see the work exhibited.

On 1st March, Junior parents are welcome to do the same and to see the children performing their songs and poems after school.



In your Family Engagement Booklet and on this newsletter, you will see the dates for the family ICT workshops in March. Please try to join us if you can.

DIGITAL LITERACY AND THE E-CADETS



All of our children learn about the importance of keeping safe and being responsible online. In this time of rapid technological advances, with more children owning tablets and smart phones, this is increasingly relevant.

PC Barker delivered talks for parents on this important issue last term. She has asked us to share this message from the North Wales Police Cyber Crime Team:

"We are seeing incidents each week where children in North Wales have been contacted via apps and games, accepted friend messages and are freely engaging with people they don't know and have never met. "

North Wales Police have a large selection of free privacy checklists and online parental control settings available on their website:

<https://www.north-wales.police.uk/advice-and-support/cyber-crime/links>

and click on the 'Online Safety- Advice for Parents' tab.

Our E-cadets have also been doing a great job in sharing positive messages about internet safety throughout the school, including giving an impressive presentation to pupils, parents and governors recently. All children, including the e-cadets will provide you with essential information and guidance during the family sessions in March.

All sessions will begin at 9:20am.

Year 2 - 9th March, Year 1 - 10th March, Class 3/4Y- 13th March, Class 3/4C -14th March, Class 5/6C - 15th March, Class 4/5W - 16th March, Class 5/6H - 17th March.



Dates for the diary

Wednesday 1st—Friday 3rd
February-Year 6 Cardiff Trip

Thursday 9th February-Young
Voices.

Wednesday 15th February-
FOPS INFANT disco.

Friday 17th February-World
Book Day (early) and
Half Term Break

Monday 27th February—Return
to school

Tuesday 28th February – Infant
Exhibition

Wednesday 1st March –Junior
Eisteddfod and exhibition

Thursday 2nd March —Fairtrade
project and FOPS JUNIOR
Film night.

Monday 6th—Wednesday 8th
March—Year 5 trip to
Pentrellyncymer.

Thursday 9th - Friday 17th
March—ICT Family En-
gagement sessions, at
9:20am.

Thursday 23rd March—FOPS
Mother 's Day gift table.

Monday 27th March and Tues-
day 28th March—Infant
Parents ' Evening

Monday 3rd April and Tuesday
4th April- Junior Parents '
Evening

Wednesday 5th April—
Cheerfest

Friday 7th April—Close for
Easter

YOUNG VOICES

We are thrilled and excited about the choir's forthcoming visit to the Young Voices concert at Manchester Arena on 9th February. They have spent months, under the expert tutorage of Mrs Turner, rehearsing for this fantastic event. They will join thousands of other children from school choirs all over the North-West. From the Young Voices website:

"Every year, schools across the country practise our music in class with their teachers to prepare themselves to take part in these massive concerts. Over the years the children in the choir have performed with artists such as Alexandra Burke, Joss Stone, and Gary Barlow as well as raising over 1 million pounds for Children's charities such as CLIC Sargent. With a full live band, backing singers and the internationally acclaimed conductor David Lawrence, it makes for one of the most exciting and memorable musical experiences you can imagine."

Huge thanks go to Mrs Turner and Mrs Edwards for organising this event.



CARDIFF and PENTRELLYNCYMER

Year 6 children will soon be travelling to Cardiff for their residential trip. The trip was fantastic last year and again we look forward to visiting the Senedd, the Millenium stadium and Cardiff Castle amongst other places. Look out for the tweets!

In early March, Year 5 will be enjoying the outdoor adventure activities at Pentreellyncymer. We are again looking forward to the visit.

Many thanks to all the staff who accompany the children on the residential visits.



SAFEGUARDING

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please can you inform the office by 9:30am? If we are unable to take your call, please leave a message on the answerphone. This is especially important for Junior children who may walk to school unaccompanied.

Parking - please remain vigilant when parking, particularly at the Infants' site. We have received a number of complaints about parents' parking which puts children potentially at risk.

We are celebrating World Book Day early on 17th February.

NATIONAL TESTS

The dates for the National Literacy and Numeracy tests for Year 2 up to Year 6 children are 3rd-10th May.

Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school during this period.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

In the event of bad weather, please check the Flintshire County Council website for a list of school closures. We will send a text, but please check the website in the first instance.

THANK YOU

We are always grateful for the parents and other family members who support us in school: listening to readers, accompanying us on trips, working on art and gardening projects or creating story-sacks. Thank you so much to all our volunteers. Your work has a huge impact on the children.

If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer, please contact the school office so that we can arrange DBS clearance. We'd love you to join us!

FOPS

The Friends of Penyffordd Schools have begun the new year working as hard as ever to organise a range of fund-raising events for school. You can see the planned events in the dates for the diary list.

They do so much to help the school- thank you FOPS! If you have any spare time to help, please look at the FOPS page on our website for more information.

EMAILS AND TEXTS

The staff have been working hard to sort any glitches in the system and you should all now be receiving texts and emails if you have signed up for the service. If you are still experiencing problems, please could you contact the school office to let us know?

Have you seen our website?
www.ysgolpenyffordd.org