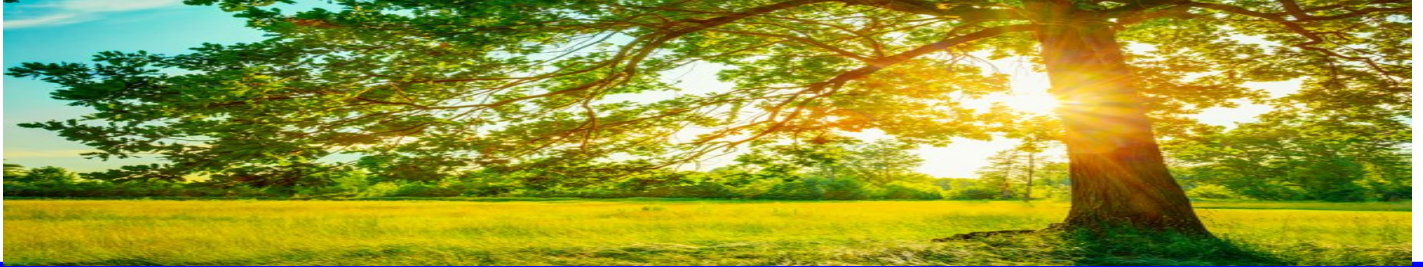


Ysgol Gynradd Penclawdd Primary School

 @penclawdd



Welcome back to school, hope you all had a lovely Easter break. This term our topic is Rio da Vida; we will be learning about Brazil and carnivals! We will be creating dances and music to play at a carnival and will make carnival headdresses. We will be learning to speak some Portuguese (the official language of Brazil), and study maps and globes to locate Brazil and compare it to parts of the UK . The children have already come up with some ideas of their own that they would like to learn more about and we have a Samba drumming session planned to engage us in this exciting and colourful topic! At the end of our project, the children will lead a language class to teach you some Portuguese words and phrases and they would like to parade their carnival headdresses, accompanied with a bit of samba drumming and dancing! In our literacy lessons, we will be reading and exploring another beautiful book and learning how to write an Information text. The children love our end of day class novel and we will be choosing another book by a different author this term , to continue this enjoyment. In maths, we will be working on multiplication and division, measuring, fractions and time. We are pleased to tell you that we have Miss Parker, a student teacher, joining us every Monday to Wednesday this term and we are looking forward to having her in our class. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the term, please do not hesitate to contact me either via the office or See-saw. Thanking you, once again, for your continued support.

Diolch, Mrs Rees and Mrs Smith.



Attendance

Please inform the school office if your child is unable to attend school by 9.15am each morning. Many thanks

**Our April 'Right of the Month' is
Article 24 —The right to food, water and
medical care**

Class Information

This term, we will be celebrating...

Date	Event	Location
28th April	Inset Day	School
May	Local Community History Month	School
5th May	Coronation Party!	School
8th May	World of Work Fortnight	School
15th-21st May	Mental Health Awareness Week	School
15th-21st May	Walk to school Week	School
June	Pride Month	School
5th June	World Environment Day	School
12th—16th June	Healthy Eating week	School
23rd June	Sports Day	School
30th June	Inset Day	School
7th July	Y6 Leavers Fun Day	School
12th July	Class Carnival event for parents to celebrate the end of our topic. 2pm	School
20th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly	School
Please follow us on Twitter @penclawdd		
		
Please read HT weekly blog and visit our website calendar for additional dates.		



PPA

My PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time is on a Friday morning. The children will be with Mrs Thomas and Mrs Smith during this time .

We will be doing PE on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that the children have suitable footwear for activities on these days. Please send the children into school in their PE kit.

Outdoor Learning/ Forest School

Outdoor Learning will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Please send in wellies and waterproof, warm clothing on this day.

Sharing the Learning

Homework books will be sent home for your child to use but please feel free to send homework via Seesaw too. Please could homework be completed by the Thursday of the following week.

Spelling

These will be uploaded on a Friday to Seesaw and J2Spell on HWB , where your child is able to practise them on a computer/ipad if they wish. We do encourage this, as they will be using their HWB accounts in school regularly. We will assess how well they are doing with their spellings on a Friday.

Reading Books

Children have been allocated a reading day and read regularly in school. They also have access to Oxford Owl at home, from which you can find reading books from their stage. Please let me know if you need the login information. We encourage regular reading at home. Please can you send in their reading books on their reading day.

Mathematics

Lots of practise at home with basic number facts will help your child develop their skills. Again, they are able to use HWB—J2Blast, to help with this. We also use 'Maths Bingo', 'Hit the Button' and '1 minute maths' Whiterose maths App . Involve your child in telling the time and using money at home too, as these are important skills that they will need as we progress through the year.

Letterjoin at Home

We are a cursive handwriting school and it is important for us to be teaching our children the correct formation from this young age. Please use the Letterjoin log in to continue their handwriting practise at home. Log in details have been sent previously but If you need the details please let me know.