



Friday Flyer

Annwyl Rhieni,

It's been a great start to a new term with new Big Ideas in each Bae. It's great to see how engaged the children are in talking about and planning their learning alongside their teachers.

Attendance and Punctuality *'We have the right to learn & be the best we can be.'*

After autumn illness, our attendance is below our target – hopefully we'll have a good term ahead! Having looked at attendance I can see that we have many unexplained absences, parents **MUST** inform the school to let us know why a child is off. NB After 2 weeks unexplained absence is marked as such and may be picked up by the EWO for followup. Reporting absence is simple - you can use our absence reporting line on 233343 or leave a message via the SchoolGateway app. While we are encouraging good attendance, we also ask you to ensure your child is well enough to be in school. Illness will impact on attendance, but spreading illness impacts on the attendance of many more. A reminder also to aim to get your child to school on time, we open the doors at 8.45 am. Arriving late is not only disruptive to the child, but to other children in class. Being late can mean a child feels flustered and this disrupts the rest of the day making learning difficult. Please note that arrival after the closure of the register will mean an absence mark for that session. **Registration is between 8.50 and 9.00**, arrival after **9.00** until **9.30** will result in a late mark. Our registers close at 9.30, so arrival after this time will result in an unauthorised absence mark for the whole session. (Apologies I noted the wrong times in the last update)

School Target 2022– 2023: 96.5%
Current Whole School Attendance to date: 93.6%

Pennard Puddle – Save Our Puddle! *'We have the right to be fit & healthy.'*

Our pool is a fantastic resource for the school and local community. We believe learning to swim, especially in our locality, is a vital skill for the children in our school and we aim to have every child a swimmer by the time they reach the end of Y3.

The pool was built by the community for the benefit of the community, but unfortunately, the future of Pennard Puddle looks very bleak. We rely on our lettings to Poseidon to bring in revenue to support the running of the pool. Poseidon were themselves hit hard by the pandemic and are slowly building back their business. This has meant a reduced income for us as a school. Historically the income from the pool has supported the school in being able to afford more teaching assistants, and resources that support the learning experiences we are able to offer at the school.



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The pool is an old building with virtually no insulation, this means that running heating the pool and the building is not only very expensive but also environmentally inefficient. The pool has the lowest environmental efficiency rating. Add to this the energy crises and the ability to keep the pool open year-round is becoming impossible. The school is facing a significant energy bill rise in March, along with significant rises in all costs, we are facing a real financial problem in the year to come.

Heating a swimming pool water is an energy-intensive operation – but the advancement in technology offers an amazing opportunity to improve the energy efficiency of pools to make them more environmentally sustainable. Many pools have invested in future proofing the infrastructure – zero carbon and vastly reduced energy costs.

I'm also interested in looking at how we can make our pool a more inclusive environment for the wider community, perhaps with specialist facilities for ALN and a better waiting room area for parents and carers.



I believe that with the right support we could find a solution to ensuring a sustainable future for our pool. I am looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join a working party to explore possible solutions and lead the way in raising funds. I am sure we have a wealth of skills and enthusiasm in the community – if you can help or know of anyone who might be interested in joining a working party or who could give advice please ask them to get in touch.

Llongyfarchiadau!

After a fantastic Eco presentation to Matthew Bunt from Eco Schools Award Wales I'm delighted to say we have again retained our Platinum Eco Award status. Our brilliant Eco ambassadors presented an assembly outlining our environmental targets this year. Bae 3 have are supporting the community by taking part in litter picks each week in the locality, they have tidied the schools grounds, the local park and taken a walk to Pobbles to tidy the beach. Ardderchog Bae 3 – Gwaith gwych!



School Uniform *'We have a right to our own culture & way of life'*

A reminder that we expect **all** pupils to wear school uniform. Wearing a uniform provides a sense of identity and cohesion within the school and instils pride in its achievements. Uniform enable pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity and help reduce inequalities between pupils and some triggers for bullying. Wearing a uniform also prepares children for later life, it teaches them to dress appropriately and take pride in their appearance. You can purchase uniform through the following suppliers:

<https://www.bergoni.co.uk/collections/pennard-primary> or <https://myclothing.com/Pennard-Primary-School/11963.school>

Every uniform bought from myclothing also provides a small donation to the school.

Mae siarad cymraeg yn wych! 'We have a right to our own culture & way of life.'

Our Dreigiau had a great time visiting Bishopston Primary, along with our cluster partner schools Knelston and Crwys last week to share ideas for Crew Cymraeg from each school.



We've also had some great workshops with Menter Iaith and Nia from Urdd teaching us some great new games in Welsh. Roedd yn hwyl – Diolch!

Learn Welsh with us - Dysgu Cymraeg gyda ni!

**Wyt ti'n
barod?**

**Are you
ready?**



**Wyt ti'n
iawn?**

**Are you
ok?**



Join in with our patwrn yr wythnos, pattern of the week.

Breaktime snacks and treats

A reminder to parents about snacks and encouraging healthy food choices – no chocolate, crisps, sweets or fizzy drinks please. We encourage only healthy snacks in school - keep the treats to snack time at home. Let's work together to encourage healthy choices.
Diolch.

FOPP

Help our school raise some extra funds. Join us at the next meeting in the **Golf Club on February 7th @ 8pm**
You don't have to help at every event – the more people that support the lighter the load for all.
Please come along and join!

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Our Inquiry Learning *'We have a right to learn & be the best we can be.'*

We are 'Tuning In' to our first inquiry of the spring.



In Bae un we have been looking at how art has an impact on our emotions. We noticed that the different art works we looked at made us feel different emotions.

In Bae dau our Big Picture area is **'Sharing Planet Earth'** with a focus on the central idea *'Our dynamic planet presents opportunities and challenges for living things'*. The children created images of their thinking and shared these to make connections with each other.



In Bae tri our Big Picture area is **'Express Yourself'** with a focus on the central idea *'People's appreciation of arts and culture has changed over time.'*

We've looked at art through the ages and started to think how the different art styles makes us feel and think.

I'm looking forward to seeing how our inquiries develop over the next few weeks!

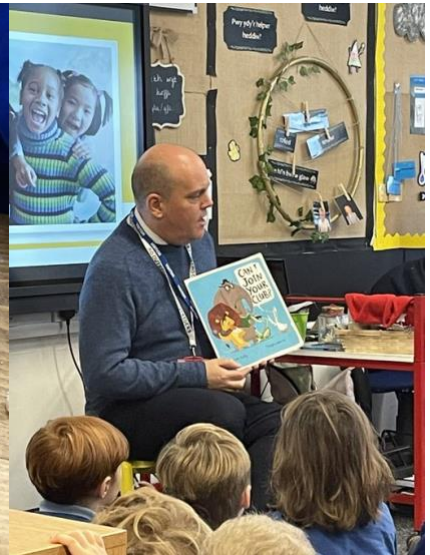
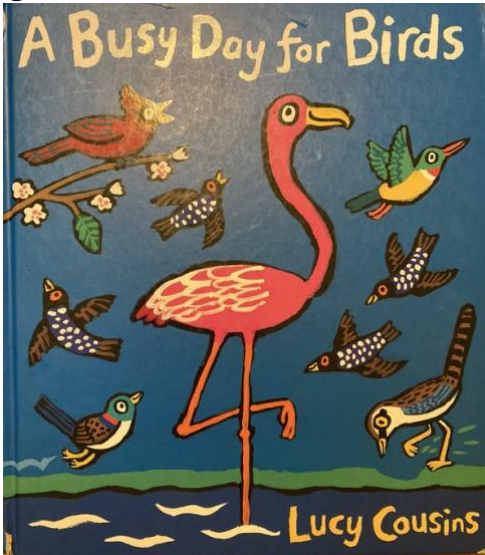
Internet Safety *'We have the right to be safe & protected from harm'*

As a follow on from my last update, children in Rhossili have been thinking about online safety and being responsible online. They gave some excellent presentations.



No outsiders 'We have the right to know & have our rights'

We were lucky to welcome Andrew Moffat last week who came to deliver a day of No Outsiders alongside our teachers



We've are using a book approach to help us think about difference and used our empathy skills to think about how it feels to be different. We are developing our understanding that we all have different opinions and ideas and that's ok – we can be different! We'll be holding an information afternoon for parents on our 'No Outsiders' approach in the next few weeks. Keep an eye out for the date.

Pupil Voice Ambassadors 'We have the right to be heard & have our say.'

Our pupil voice ambassadors presented an assembly where they gave us an update of the progress the pupil voice groups have made to date and a plan for this term. Lots of exciting ideas coming up!

Finally,

Its been great to welcome Mrs Samuel this week who is joining us to teach music and singing. This term both Bae Dau and Bae Tri will have music each week with Mrs Samuel. Have a fantastic weekend all!



Cofion Cynnes,
Kerina Hanson
Pennaeth – Headteacher

A reminder that the school is closed to children on
Wednesday 1st February due to industrial action.

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Dates at a Glance

Event	Details	Dates
Community Events	Comic Relief Day Parents Evenings	17.3.23 27.3.23 – 30.3.23
School Trips/ Visits/ Events	Urdd Games Workshops Menter Iaith Games – Bae 1 + Three cliffs Menter Iaith Games – Bae 2 + Rhossili CAHMS Bae 2 Workshop Valentines Discos Dydd Gwyl Dewi Swimming Gala	20.1.23 23.1.23 24.1.23 26.1.23 16.1.23 1.3.23 9.3.23
Term Dates	Monday 9 th January 2023 – Friday 17 th February 2023 HALF TERM Monday 27 th February 2023 – Friday 31 st March 2023 EASTER BREAK	
INSET days 2022 -2023	Monday 5 th September 2022 Friday 2 nd December 2022 Friday 23 rd December 2022 Friday 10 th March 2023 - Now confirmed by Welsh Government Monday 24 th April 2023 Monday 24 th July 2023	