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Annwyl Rhieni,

I hope you are keeping well, it has been good to see the sun out this week and the children enjoying their play in our amazing grounds. Over the summer we want to create some new learning areas for the outdoors and we need some resources to help make them. If you, or anyone you know, can donate some of the following we would be very grateful,

- Large branches that can be used for den building
- Cut logs – suitable for creating seats or a log circle
- Fruit trees or plants for various areas around the school
- Clean plumbing pipes or guttering – various lengths
- Wooden benches or chairs – outdoor
- Old wooden ladders
- Wooden crates
- Enamel cups, plates, jugs, bowls
- Old red bricks
- Large rocks / boulders
- Belfast or Butler sinks

We had some great help from parents over Easter to help in our early years area – diolch yn fawr!

Hands Up For Down's

We are an inclusive school and want everyone in our community to feel valued and that they belong – our No Outsiders approach promotes this. Lara Smrtnik is trustee of the local charity Hands Up For Down's which supports children who have Down's syndrome and their families in the Swansea Bay Area. We have several children in our school who benefit from this support.



Hands Up For Down's has been shortlisted to win a grant from the National Lottery People's Projects and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Four other charities have been shortlisted and we need the public to vote for Hands Up For Down's so that the charity can win enough to fund vital speech and language therapy for another year. This therapy is life changing and will help members to develop core skills so they thrive in their families and among the community they live in. There is no other way to access this amazing therapy than through the provision from the charity.

Please take 2 minutes to watch the video in the link below to see what the project is about and to vote for us. ['Giving Children With Down's Syndrome a Voice'](#) will change lives immeasurably.

CLICK THE LINK TO VOTE : ['Giving Children With Down's Syndrome a Voice'](#)



Dream, Believe, Achieve Together - Breuddwydio, Credu, Cyflawni Gyda'n gilydd

Class Photos & Colorfoto day

We had our class photos last week on Thursday. A final check before we release the code for all families to check that parents are happy for their child to appear in their class photo. Our admission booklet does not specifically mention class photos so we need to double check before releasing the code. Please let us know by Monday if you are **NOT** happy for your child to appear in a class photo as we can retake the pictures if need be on Tuesday.

On the 23rd May we have a promotional photo day to have pictures taken for our school website and prospectus. We will follow the preferences in the admissions booklet (this is included!) unless you let us know otherwise. We want to celebrate the best of our school, so in the main, photographs will be taken to highlight those fantastic features we have such as our amazing grounds, our learning environment and the wide variety of learning experiences we offer here at Pennard. Please make sure you send your child to school in uniform, or a plain blue or white top.

We'd like to take photos in our swimming pool, this would be a head / shoulders shot across the top of the pool. We need a few volunteer children who would be willing to be photographed in the pool. We would like to use this for fund raising purposes also in a bid to save the pool for future generations. Please let me know Monday if you could volunteer your child for this.

Nursesey places

It's lovely to see new parents arrive to see our school, we have some good numbers on our Nursery list next year. If you know anyone with a rising 3 who might like to join our school, please ask them to get in touch for a visit.

FoPP

A huge Diolch yn fawr to those that supported FoPP Auction of Promises last Friday.

Carpark & Fencing

You'll see the fencing in the carpark and behind the library has been finished. The main side gate to the pool side of the school will be the entrance behind the library entrance. This gate will be locked at the start of the day and opened at home time from Monday next week.

Finally,

You can now follow us on Instagram – take a look at https://www.instagram.com/pennard_primary/ we will stop using twitter to move to Instagram instead. See pennard_primary
As ever if you have any concerns of queries, please contact the school.

Kind regards,

Kerina Hanson

Headteacher

Dates at a Glance

Event	Details	Dates
Community Events	Summer Fair	14-7-23
School Trips/ Visits/ Events	Empathy Lab Day Sports Week Urdd music Workshop Y6 London visit Bumbles of Honeywood Y6 transition Activities	8.6.2023 12 to 16.6.2023 21.6.2023 22 and 23.6.2023 22.6.2023 3 to 5.7.2023
Term Dates	Monday 17 th April 2023 – Friday 26 th May 2023 Summer Half Term Bank Holidays – Monday 1 st May / Monday 8 th May (Coronation) Monday 5 th June 2023– Monday 24 th July 2023 (INSET Day – last day for pupils Friday 21 st July)	
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 – (3 x twilights through summer term for staff)	

Action for happiness - Why not take some ideas from Meaningful May to make a difference to you and those around you...

Meaningful May 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Do something kind for someone you really care about	2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why
8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture	14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature
15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger
22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others	28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight
29 Today do something to care for the natural world	30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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