



# Friday Flyer

## Annwyl Rhieni,

This half term seems to have whizzed by! It's been great to see the children using the outdoors more now the weather has improved over the last few weeks. We are improving our outdoor areas and opportunities for learning bit by bit and with some help from our parents. Over the summer some parents, supported by FoPP, are going to rebuild our decking in the pond area. We are also developing some outdoor learning areas to better support learning in the outdoors by zoning off spaces on our field – we'll keep you updated on this. Thank you for the donations we've already had -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 and long logs for seats
- Fruit trees or plants for various areas around the school
- Wooden benches or chairs – outdoor
- Old wooden ladders
- Wooden crates
- Large salt bins – clean with a lid that closes
- Old dining tables.
- Enamel cups, plates, jugs, bowls
- Large rocks / boulders
- Belfast or Butler sinks
- Large electric reels – wooden in good condition that we can varnish and paint.



You might have connections in the community who could help us with some of these things.

## We value your voice - Pennard Primary Parent Feedback May / June 2023 'We have a right to have our say'

We want to hear your views on our school, what we are doing well and what we could improve more. Please take part in our parent feedback by completing our Parent Feedback form. We share the results with you and Governors, and use information alongside our pupil voice to improve our school. We are also asking about interest in after school club and wrap around for nursery, if there was an option would you like your child to stay in nursery all day? Let us know your thoughts.

Please complete the form here - <https://forms.office.com/e/f7tQMAFPJQ> Diolch yn fawr!

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

Bae un have started work on making our outdoor learning areas safe – they used saws to cut some low branches off the trees. They also had great fun building stick dens – but we found we need more sticks!



The children explored the woods and went on a barefoot safari.



Dosbarth derbyn have been thinking about how to resolve disagreements through role play as part of their Wellbeing Wednesday activities. They've also been thinking about 'community' this term. They weren't sure what it meant so they wrote some letters to find out and then went on a walk around Pennard to see what they could find in the village around us linked to community. Of course, we had to stop for a play in the park!

Bae dau have been busy in the outdoors too – they have been working on fractions and problem solving. They also practised mindfulness using the 'grounding' technique to help stay connected to the present and manage any overwhelming feelings.

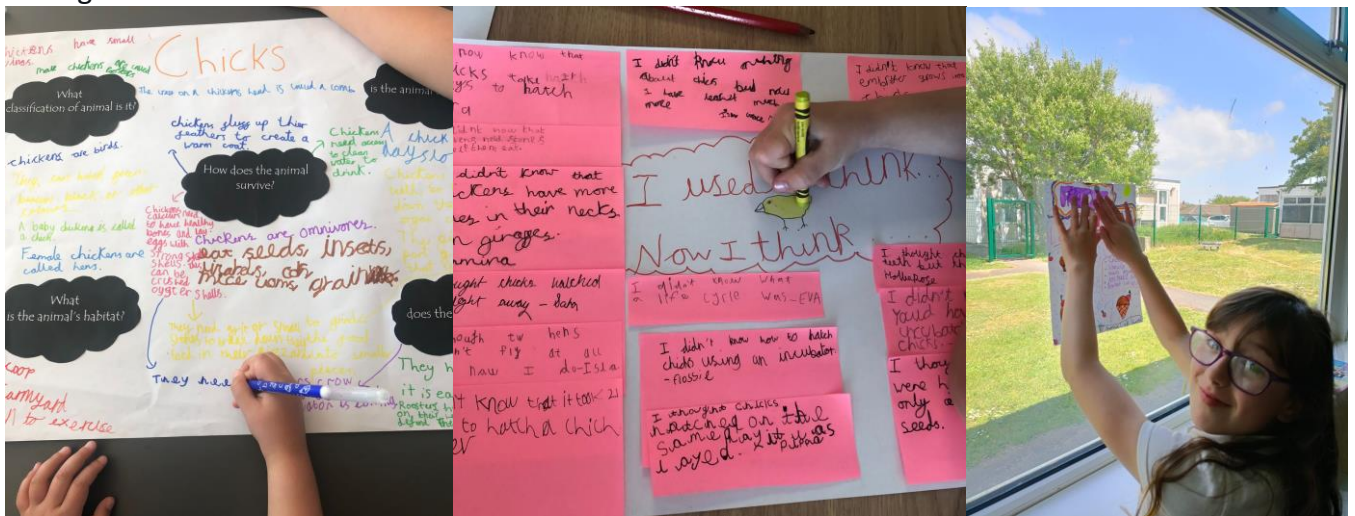


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We had a lovely visit from an ex pupil who now lives in New Zealand. Nerys wanted to support the school in some way and offered to do some artwork for us. She worked with Bae dau children to design a fantastic 'Croeso' graffiti which she then painted for the school – we love it! Diolch yn fawr Nerys – what a lovely gift!



Bae dau Inquiry this term is linked to living things – they have been busy sorting and organising information gathered from 'finding out'. They have also reflected on their new learning and how their thinking has grown and changed.



Dosbarth Langland pupil voice project this term is 'Enterprise'. After lots of thinking and discussion, the children voted on 'Freeze Friday'. They had a £50 budget to buy their stock which they ordered and had delivered to school. They presented their idea to the school, put up posters and emailed parents. Their first Freeze Friday went down a treat! They showed excellent collaboration and have made a profit of £31.85 so far

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

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Bae 3 have been busy working in their allotment – they've been painting their pallet seats and planters, planting and making thinking to protect their crops from the birds. The scarecrow is brilliant!



The children have been developing their art skills with Mrs Chisholm, they've made these wonderful mosaics



They are also working on charcoal pieces inspired by Joseph Herman as part of their latest Inquiry into materials. The children are looking forward to their visit to Big Pit after half term.



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Children in Bae 2 and Bae 3 had a fantastic time taking part in a triathlon on Monday this week - what a great challenge!



Our Cornonation celebration was a big success – we had a fantastic lunch party!



## FoPP

FoPP made just over £1,600 at their Auction of Promises. This will be going towards a new piece of play equipment for the field – the children have made their choice so now we just need to raise the funds! Diolch yn fawr FoPP!

Our Summer Fete is planned for Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>. We have lots of amazing activities planned! FoPP will be supporting us and need items for the tombola and some great prizes for the raffle. If you, or any local businesses you know, can make a contribution they would be very grateful – please let us know.

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## Sports Week

You can find information about our annual Sports Week attached along with this flyer. Please support us, we use the funds raised to improve sports equipment and activity in school. We have improved our PE curriculum in the last two years and continue to promote a wide range of sports and activities. Y6 are due to go to the Golf club after half term for lessons which we will subsidize along with contributions from parents.

## Carnival Kings & Queens

Please see the attached letter for the Pennard Carnival Kings & Queens.

## Finally,

You can now follow us on Instagram – take a look at [https://www.instagram.com/pennard\\_primary/](https://www.instagram.com/pennard_primary/), we will stop using twitter to move to Instagram instead.

The free school meals offer rolls out to Y2 children after half term. Don't forget, if you are eligible for Free School Meals under the pre universal meals provision you should still apply – schools are funded to support FSM pupils with their learning, if you don't apply schools don't get the funding to support that learning.

We said a 'hwyl fawr' to Miss Owen today – Pob lwc Miss Owen – we have really enjoyed your company this year!

Have a safe and enjoyable half term all!

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*Kerina Hanson*

Pennaeth – Headteacher



## Dates at a Glance

Event	Details	Dates
Community Events	Pennard Carnival weekend Summer Fair	7.7.2023 20.7.2023
School Trips/ Visits/ Events	Empathy Lab Day Sports Week Bae 3 Big Pit Urdd music Workshop Y6 London visit Bumbles of Honeywood Carnival Workshop day Bae 2 Y6 transition Activities	8.6.2023 12 to 16.6.2023 20.6.2023 21.6.2023 22 and 23.6.2023 22.6.2023 4.7.2023 3 to 5.7.2023
Term Dates	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 Summer Half Term Bank Holidays – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May / Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May (Coronation) Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023– Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 (INSET Day – last day for pupils Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July)	
INSET days 2022 -2023	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022 Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2022 Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 - Now confirmed by Welsh Government Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 – (3 x twilights through summer term for staff)	