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Annwyl Rhieni,

This term seems to be whizzing by! I can't believe we have half term fast approaching next week. A reminder that next Friday 9th February is a Cluster Inset day.

Inquiries for Spring term

Our Inquiry focus in each Bae is as follows:

Bae Un	EXPRESS YOURSELF! People of Wales use the arts to convey their culture, heritage and belonging.
Bae Dau	EXPRESS YOURSELF! Histories, traditions and places of Wales inspire stories, myths and legends followed by People of Wales use the arts to convey their culture, heritage and belonging. (art)
Bae Tri	LIVING & WORKING TOGETHER Responsible economic decisions can have a positive impact on our personal wellbeing, our local community, and society as a whole.

Bae Tri have started their Rights Respecting Schools pilot program developed by Swansea University as a part of their Inquiry. Please note that children's human rights are an integral part of Curriculum for Wales and so all children will take part. The opt out was for evaluation of the program giving information to the university, if the form was not signed then children will not be asked to evaluate the lessons. The workshops will support the Inquiry the children are working on this term as part of their curriculum work.

Free School Meals

Y4 will transfer to Universal Free School Meals from Monday 19th February 2024.

There is some confusion amongst parents around whether they need to continue to apply for Free School Meals status. The answer is yes! If you are eligible you should apply for the support. As a school we receive a small amount of money per child that helps us pay for additional support within school, including for things like trips and visits. If parents don't apply the school has no additional funds to support parents with additional costs.

It is also worth checking if you are still eligible if your child has been on Free School Meals in the past. Some children have become 'transitional' which means they still receive a free meal but there is no funding that comes to the school, parents also miss out on additional support such as uniform grant. Follow the link here to check if you can receive help and gain support with extras through school.

[Free school meals - Swansea](#)

Reception Parents Evening

Miss Booth is away during our Parents meeting week visiting our partner school in Zambia. Mrs Mabbett and Mrs Thomas will be covering Reception class in her absence. Miss Booth will run her parent's meetings during the week of 20th February 2024. The booking form will available later this week. Booking for the rest of the school will be available after half term.



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

Mr Price.

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Mr Price will be leaving Pennard at the end of the year in July. Mr Price has become a huge part of our school family and will be missed enormously by us all. Governors will be advertising the post of teacher at Pennard soon and we will keep parents updated. In the meantime, we still have lots of time to enjoy with Mr Price!

Bae 3 trip

Bae 3 are off to the Royal Mint on Monday. Please make sure children have a packed lunch and drinks for the day. If your child has travel sickness please make sure they have something in advance and if required provide medication for the class teacher – a medical form will need completing for this. Children **MUST** wear a school jumper.

Swimming

The pool will be back up and running next week.

Clwb Aros a Chwarae - After School Club.

Our new after school club is proving popular with the children and we are breaking even at the moment. Please support us to keep the club going – you can book for the spring via SchoolGateway. It is just £10 a session with no late booking fee at the moment – we just ask that you ring to let us know if you are booking within 7 days as we can't check the booking system every day. The booking for Spring half term 2 is up and available to book.

School photos

As requested by a number of parents we have booked Roz and Kirsty to take photos again at Pennard. They will be here on Tuesday 27th February to take individual and sibling photos and Thursday May 23rd to take class photos. We know not everyone will want individual photos so I believe there will be a form to complete prior to the photo day. I will share this nearer the time.

Finally,

I am out of school for much of next week, however, you can always contact us if you have any queries or concerns. Have a wonderful half term.

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Kerina Hanson

Headteacher

Dates at a Glance

Event	Details	Dates
Community Events	Comic Relief Day Parents Evenings (Reception week of 20th February)	17.3.23 18.3.24 – 20.3.24
School Trips/ Visits/ Events	Bae 3 Rights Workshop (1 of 6) Welsh Drama Workshop Bae 2 Royal Mint visit Bae 3 Menter Iaith Bae 2 Pennard Castle Bae 3 Rights Workshop (2 of 6) Bae 3 Rights Workshop (3 of 6) PC Hadley – Cybersafe Y6 Wythnos Gymraeg Bae 3 Rights Workshop (4 of 6) Spectrum – Healthy Relationships Y6 PC Hadley – I didn't think Y5 Spectrum – Chance and Choice Y6 Spectrum – Emotions Y2 Spectrum – Safety Zone Y6 Cycle Training Y6	31.1.24 2.2.24 5.2.24 6.2.24 7.2.24 7.2.24 21.2.24 22.2.24 26.2.24 – 1.3.24 28.2.24 28.2.24 5.3.24 6.3.24 13.3.24 13.3.24 18.3.24 – 22.3.24
Term Dates	Monday 8 th January 2024 – Friday 9 th February 2024 HALF TERM Monday 29 th February 2024 – Friday 22 nd March 2024 EASTER BREAK Monday 8 th April 2024 – Friday 24 th May 2024 HALF TERM	
INSET days 2023 -2024	Inset Day 1 - Friday 1st September 2023 Inset Day 2 - Friday 6th October 2023 Inset Day 3 - Friday 22nd December 2023 (3x Twilight sessions for staff) Inset Day 4 - Friday 9 th February 2024 (Cluster INSET day) Inset Day 5 – Monday 8 th April 2024 Inset Day 6 – Monday 3 rd June 2024	
	INSET days We use our INSET days to provide essential professional development for all our staff. This year training includes 'Inquiry' teaching & learning Mathematics & Numeracy Independent learning, metacognition and Learner Assets. Diversity & Inclusion Nature Pedagogy Assessment – developing a shared understanding	