

# YSGOL PENMORFA NEWSLETTER

## July 2014

### End of term

School will close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July for the Summer Holidays. There will be two Staff Training Days at the beginning of the new term on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The new term for pupils will begin on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. At the start of the first morning back in September pupils will go directly to their new class, where their new teacher will be waiting to greet them.

### Estyn Inspection

Estyn inspectors carried out a full school inspection at Ysgol Penmorfa during the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The inspection report will be published on the Estyn Website on 27<sup>th</sup> August. Schools are requested by Estyn to refrain from releasing information about an inspection until the final report is produced. However, governors and staff at Ysgol Penmorfa were very pleased with the feedback from the inspection team last month and we look forward to the publication of the final report on 27<sup>th</sup> August.

### Staff Changes

Mrs. Baker, who has been a teacher at Ysgol Penmorfa for 17 years, is retiring at the end of this term. Mrs. Baker's involvement with many extra-curricular events over many years has helped to raise the school's profile in the town. She encouraged pupils to join the choir and to enter a variety of local community competitions. Also, Mrs. Baker's interest in cooking inspired pupils to bake at school, leading to Ysgol Penmorfa representing Wales in the national Kids Get Cooking competition in London, meeting Jamie Oliver. Best wishes to Mrs. Baker for a happy retirement.

Miss Laura Swann has been appointed as Mrs. Baker's replacement in Year 5 from September.

### Summer Reading Challenge



Kara Orford, children's librarian at Prestatyn Library, attended assemblies at school this term to encourage pupils to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. The scheme is to develop children's interest in reading. All pupils have been invited to visit the library during the summer holidays.

[Ysgol Penmorfa Website](http://ysgolpenmorfa.com)

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A new school website has been set up recently and can be accessed using the address shown above. The website is regularly updated with lots of information including latest news, documents, policies and photographs of activities held during the term. The new-look website is still work in progress and will be added to during the next few months. Please take a look and contact us via the website if you have any suggestions to be included.

## Term Dates 2014-2015

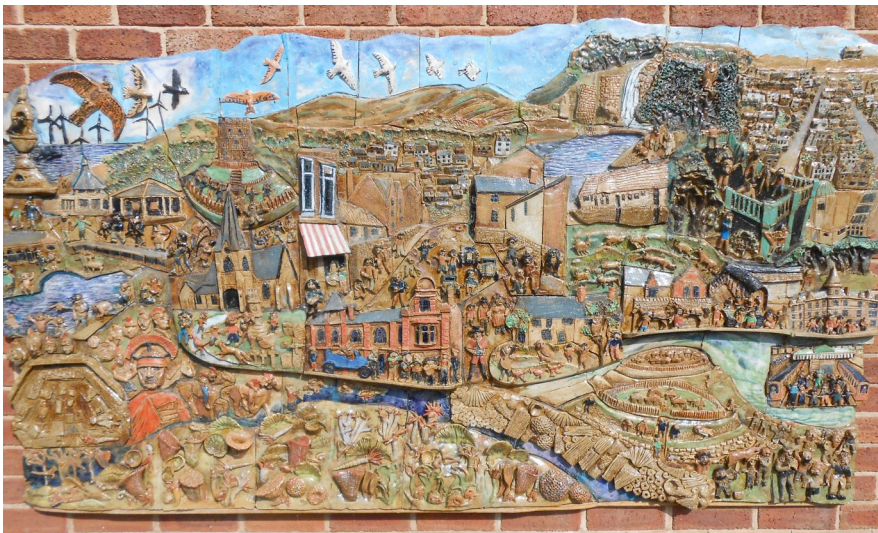
Autumn	School opens	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2014
	School closes	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2014
	School opens	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2014
	School closes	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2014
Spring	School opens	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2015
	School closes	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2015
	School opens	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2015
	School closes	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2015
Summer	School opens	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2015
	School closes	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2015
	School opens	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2015
	School closes	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2015

### School Security

Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding during the introduction of the new arrangements in the mornings. Pupils have quickly become accustomed to entering the school building independently and lessons are commencing promptly. Following initial teething problems, the system for pupils arriving at school is now working efficiently. During the recent Estyn inspection, the inspectors found our pupil safeguarding procedures to be robust.

### Best Wishes to Year 6

As our Year 6 pupils leave Ysgol Penmorfa this week, we wish them luck and happiness in their new secondary schools from September. We also realise that there are some parents who will no longer be coming to Penmorfa now that their children have left the school. Thank you for your support over the years.



### History of Prestatyn

A ceramic wall mural depicting historical sites in Prestatyn has been placed on permanent display near the front entrance of the school. Pupils in Year 4 and Year 5 have had the opportunity to work with a professional sculptor to produce the wall mural. Next term, pupils will be producing a booklet about the history of Prestatyn.

### **School Performance Data**

The actions in last year's school development plan to raise standards have had a positive impact on end of key stage pupil attainment. We are very proud to be able to confirm that the Teacher Assessments for Year 2 and Year 6 are very pleasing this summer. Both groups of children have achieved very good results and have exceeded their target levels.

In September, every school in Wales will be provided with information on how well it has performed compared to similar schools in Wales. This information will be included for parents in the Governors Annual Report to Parents next term.