



Ysgol Penmorfa Newsletter



February 2018

We have had a lot of fun this half term and we are looking forward to the rest of the Spring term. It is only a short term, but always busy. St David's Day is coming up after the holiday and World Book Day. Unfortunately, they have clashed this year and are both on the same day. You should have received a letter detailing what is happening for these events, if you haven't had it you can get a copy in the school office. We will also be having a visit from Pandemonium Theatre. They are always a lot of fun and their performances this year will feature 'Tales from Wales', the dates are shown below.

I would like to thank the 8 pupils in Year 6 who entered the Public Speaking Competition. You were a credit to the school and all of your performances were outstanding. Well done to Tegan and Precious who were selected by the Rotary Club Judges to go to the final which will be held at Bodnant Community School this year.

I would like to say a big thank you to all for your continued support.

Highlights of the term:

- ◇ **Well done to our Boys Rugby team who competed well in the local Rugby Tournament this half term. They lost 1, drew 1 and won 3. A fantastic effort boys!!**
- ◇ **A big thank you to the PTA who have held Film Nights for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. They raised £330.50!! They have big plans for a Summer Fayre with a difference this year and we look forward to hearing more!**
- ◇ **PC Cartlidge, our Police Liaison Officer has been visiting school and talking to different year groups.**
- ◇ **'Open the Book' have continued to do assemblies with Foundation phase pupils.**

- ◇ **Year 2 visited the Library in Prestatyn.**

And more to look forward to next half term....

- ◇ **Monday 19th February: Back to School.**
- ◇ **Monday 19th—Wednesday 21st February: Year 6 will be going on a residential visit to Nant BH.**
- ◇ **Thursday 22nd February: 'Tales from Wales' from the Pandemonium Theatre.**
- ◇ **Monday 26th February: Final of the Public Speaking Competition at Bodnant Community School.**
- ◇ **Thursday 1st March: St David's Day and at 3pm a Cake and Book Stall.**
- ◇ **Friday 2nd March: World Book Day.**
- ◇ **Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th March: School Photos.**
- ◇ **Tuesday 13th March: Reception visit to the Library and Year 2 visit to Christchurch Church.**
- ◇ **Monday 19th—Wednesday 21st March: Year 5 are going to Plas Menai.**

Parking

Thank you adhering to the parking restrictions in place on St George's Drive. However, there have been a number of times when our neighbours on Dawson Drive have had their driveways blocked by parents parking to pick up their children from school. Please respect our neighbours and park where you are not causing an obstruction.

Thank you



Breakfast Club

Struggling with the morning rush and traffic congestion outside school? Don't forget that school offers a free breakfast club that opens at 8.30 am.

Playmates Playgroup

10 hours free childcare

There are places available if you have a child who is 3 before the end of December, you are entitled to 10 hours free childcare. Please call into Playmates for a form.

Spring Half Term

First day back Monday 19th February 2018

Last day of term Friday 23rd March 2018

Easter Holiday

First day back Monday 9th April 2018

May Day Monday 7th May 2018

Last day of term Friday 25th May 2018

May Half Term

First day back Monday 4th June 2018

Last day of term Friday 20th July 2018

Headlice information—taken from NHS Direct

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and treat them on the same day if they have head lice. There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Use lotion or spray to treat head lice

You can use medicated lotions and sprays that kill head lice in all types of hair. You can buy these from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day. Lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see whether they're OK for you or your child to use and how long they should be left in the hair.

If lotions or sprays don't work, speak to your pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments aren't recommended because they're unlikely to work:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

If you don't want to use chemicals

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There will be instructions on the pack to follow, but typically you:

- use the comb on wet or dry hair – although it usually works best on wet hair with conditioner
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends, repeat every few days for 2 weeks

You can't prevent head lice

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can reduce the risk of lice spreading by avoiding head-to-head contact. Don't use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. This can irritate the scalp. There's no need for children to stay off school, or to wash laundry on a hot wash.