

# NEWSLETTER

Wentworth Avenue | 01492 531 260 | [swyddfa@penybryn.conwy.sch.uk](mailto:swyddfa@penybryn.conwy.sch.uk)  
Colwyn Bay, LL29 6DD

Dear Parents / Annwyl Rieni

As you may already have heard, next week will be Mrs Taylor's last week with us here at Ysgol Pen-y-Bryn after nineteen years of supporting children both in and out of the classroom. With her very last day being on Monday 4th December. Having only gotten to know Mrs Taylor since September I would very much echo the words of all the staff and governors who have said how much Mrs Taylor will be missed and the valuable contributions she has made at the school and across its community. I know Mrs Taylor is sad to be leaving but that she is also excited to be taking on her new role and responsibilities and we'll be looking forward to when she can pop in and see us again in the future.

On a separate issue can I kindly ask that when dropping children off and collecting at the end of the day that you please take extra care when driving. This extends to driving up and down Kings Drive where there have been a couple of reports of tail gating and speeding.

I hope you have a nice weekend.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,  
Mr Richard Monteiro



## Classroom Call

Story Time is very important to us in Year 1 - this is when the children listen to stories for pleasure and start to show a love for reading stories & books! It helps with imagination, vocabulary and the children gain knowledge through the story and our discussions. Our Read Write Inc sound and spelling work runs alongside Story time but we never underestimate the power of story time and we always make time for it. Last Friday we read the Itchy Bear by the wonderful Neil Griffiths and we really enjoyed it! This week we have listened to a different Elmer story every day as our author this half term is David McKee. We



## Other News

### Ukraine appeal 2023

Thank you so much for your help with the 'Ukraine' appeal. We have received a wealth of items that will be sent on to the people of the Ukraine.



### Children In Need

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November pupils were invited to wear their pyjamas to school to help raise money for Children In Need. A big thank you to everyone we raised an amazing £598.73!

### Christmas Fair

Please see attached letter with details for the Christmas Fair on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 3.30 - 530pm.

### Online safety

Common sense media is a useful website which provides advice and information regarding keeping children safe online. With recommended games and films, apps advice, podcasts and parents FAQs it is well worth looking at. You can visit the website by clicking the link [here](#).

hope the children love story time at home as much as they do in school!

We have also linked our maths work to our topic this week by making rangoli patterns using natural materials in the outdoor area as part of our work on Diwali. We talked about the different 2D shapes we could see and worked with partners to create our patterns. We hope you like them!

Finally our creative task this week has been to decorate Elmer to celebrate our differences linked to the Elmer story! Look how colourful they are!



### Attendance for last week

Attendance (1 day = 20% ½ day = 10%)

	100%	90%	80%	70% or less
Number of pupils	359	8	35	42

We are aiming for all our pupils to achieve an average of **97%** attendance a year (6 days absence).

Dates for  
your  
diary

1<sup>st</sup> Dec  
10.00am  
RCW  
Wriggly  
Nativity

1<sup>st</sup> Dec  
Christmas  
Fair 3.30-  
5.30pm

4<sup>th</sup> Dec  
10.00am  
RLH  
Wriggly  
Nativity

4<sup>th</sup> Dec  
2.00pm  
1VM The  
Midwife  
Crisis