

NEWSLETTER

Wentworth Avenue | 01492 531 260 | swyddfa@penybryn.conwy.sch.uk
Colwyn Bay, LL29 6DD

Dear Parents / Annwyl Rieni

I hope you all had a nice summer as we start back for the 2024/25 academic year. The children have settled into their new classes well and have enjoyed getting to know their teachers and starting work on their topics.

During the summer we were informed by Tesco that we received the highest amount of blue tokens and have been awarded £1500 towards resources for our STEM room which are now on order and we are looking forward to when they arrive and can be put to use.

As you may remember our school attendance policy was reviewed and updated last year, a soft roll out of attendance procedures was introduced during the summer term with the policy now being implemented in full. The attendance policy is available on our website [here](#) with the flow charts at the end of the policy explaining the steps followed when a child's absence from school becomes a concern. Finally, if you are looking for something to do this weekend or next Cadw is running their Open Doors initiative which offers free entry to heritage sites across Wales. More information [here](#).

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,
Mr Richard Monteiro
Headteacher



Classroom Call - 2ER

It has been lovely to welcome the new Year 2's over to the mobile this week. The children have settled really quickly and have done well learning all the new routines.

The children in 2ER have really enjoyed sharing their news about the summer holidays and I have been really impressed with their writing skills and how eager they all are to just 'have a go.' We have focused on developing a growth mindset and as part of that we have created our own 'Mistake Monsters.' We have discussed that mistakes can be 'marvellous' and we shouldn't be afraid to make them because we learn from them.



Other News

Residential Trips

In response to the increasing costs to families for school residential trips and the reduced uptake of pupils attending these trips we have made the decision to carry out residential trips in Years 2, 4 and 6 with day trips to activity centres in Years 3 and 5. Bookings for residential trips will be made to accommodate a whole year group to ensure every child is guaranteed a place. Any places not taken by pupils in year 4 and 6 will be offered to children in the year below. More details will follow in due time.

Punctuality

Each school day is separated into two 'sessions' a morning and afternoon session for which each child's attendance is recorded. Please be aware that the junior morning register is called at 8.45am and the infant morning register is called at 8.55am, a child who arrives after the call of the register is marked late. Arriving at school on time avoids any awkwardness for children arriving late and allows them to settle into class alongside their peers.

Community Governor Vacancy

The Governing Body has a vacancy for a Community Governor. Community Governors are appointed by the Governing Body to represent the wider community interests of the school. Community governors can be people who live or work in the community served by the school or, if they do not, who are committed to the good governance and success of the school. Please contact the office if you or someone you know would be interested in joining our Governing Body as a Community Governor.

The children also really enjoyed taking turns to sit on the 'compliments' chair and they thought of positive words to describe each other. At the end of the first day, they all took a 'compliments page' home with them which included all the lovely words that had been said about them. There were lots of smiley faces when they read and heard what others thought.

Finally, the children voted on the short 'child led' topic that we are going to focus on for the next few weeks. It was close between a few topics but the children decided on 'Under the Sea.' They have lots of ideas already about what we can do and 2ER parents will be kept updated on Seesaw.

A lovely first few days - thank you 2ER.



Attendance for last week

Attendance (1 day = 20% ½ day = 10%)

	100%	90%	80%	70% or less
Number of pupils	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Dates for
your
diary

23rd Sept
7pm
Friends
AGM

Week beginning
14th Oct
Parents
Pop in
Evenings

17 & 18th
October
Tempest
Photo's

12th Nov
Flu Nasal
Spray
Rec - Yr6