

A busy Summer Term in Pentyrch Primary School!

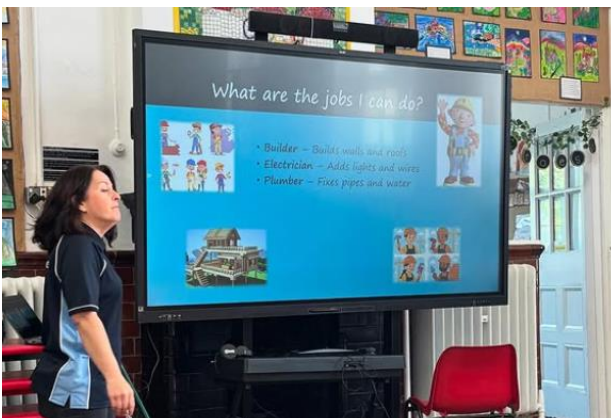
Summer in Pentyrch is always full of special events and activities and this year has been no exception.

VE Day

The whole school came together to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May. Everyone came to school wearing red, white and blue. We marked the occasion with a lovely picnic on the school field and enjoyed traditional music and fun games on the yard. Each class took part in special activities to learn more about this important day in history. Children waltzed to Vera Lynn's music, designed their own war medals, created beautiful artwork, and explored the meaning behind the Union Jack flag. Some classes also carried out research into World War II, helping them to understand the significance of Victory in Europe Day. To bring the whole school together, we held a special assembly where we learned why VE Day is remembered each year and reflected on the importance of peace. It was a wonderful day filled with learning and creativity helping us all appreciate the past and celebrate together.



SACYR-Inspire a generation



As part of the Inspire a Generation initiative, our school recently welcomed representatives from SACYR, the construction company behind the new Velindre cancer centre. During their visit, students learned about the wide range of careers in the building industry, from engineering and architecture to project planning and sustainability. The session offered a unique glimpse into how major infrastructure projects come to life and highlighted the real-world impact of construction on communities. It was an inspiring experience that encouraged many students to consider future careers in the industry.



Football Tournament Year 3 and 4

We had a fantastic day at the Cardiff and Vale Year 3 & 4 Primary Fives Football Festival! Our boys played brilliantly, showing great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event. They represented the school with pride and enthusiasm, making us all incredibly proud. It was a wonderful opportunity for the pupils to enjoy competitive football, build confidence, and make lasting memories on and off the pitch. Well done to everyone who took part!



Eisteddfod Yr Urdd



We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Pentyrch Primary School has triumphed at the National Eisteddfod Yr Urdd, winning with the scene 'Craig y Nos'! Our phenomenal Year 6 trio delivered a truly captivating performance that left the judges and the audience so impressed.

Over the past few months, these talented young performers have poured their hearts into every rehearsal, showing extraordinary dedication, passion, and growth in their Welsh language skills. Their hard work and determination paid off in the most spectacular way.

Not only did they perform with confidence and grace, but they also showed incredible sportsmanship—cheering on their fellow competitors while waiting for the results. It was a moment of pure pride for everyone in the Pentyrch team. A special thanks to Ms Coombes for all her hard work preparing the girls for their performance.

Girls, you are an inspiration and a shining example of what can be achieved through talent and teamwork.

Llongyfarchiadau mawr—what an amazing achievement!



HMRC Junior Tax Workshop

Richard, from HMRC, visited year 5 and 6 to run a fantastic workshop all about taxes! He explained the different things we pay tax on—such as wages, shopping, and services—and helped the children understand why it's such an important part of everyday life.

The children were amazed to learn how tax money is used to fund schools, hospitals, and emergency services. Richard gave great real-world examples, showing how taxes keep communities running smoothly.

Through fun discussions, Richard helped the class see why paying tax matters and how it benefits everyone. The children were full of questions and enjoyed exploring this important topic in an engaging and interactive way!

Year 4 and Year 6 Camp Out Adventures!



What an unforgettable experience we had during our annual school camp out! Year 4 and Year 6 kicked things off with a sunny walk up the beautiful Garth Mountain. The weather was on our side, and we had a brilliant time enjoying lunch at the top, rolling down the hills, and playing with our friends in the fresh mountain air.

Back at school, the fun continued! We tucked into a delicious dinner of pasta and garlic bread, eaten outdoors, of course. We even managed to sneak a slice or two of the teachers' pizza! To help us cool down after all the excitement, Mrs Bates gave us a surprise squirt with the hose pipe, which had everyone laughing!

As evening came, we gathered around the campfire, singing silly songs with our teachers, sipping warm hot chocolate, and toasting marshmallows to perfection. Setting up our tents with our friends was a highlight, and although some of us felt a little nervous about sleeping away from home, we showed amazing resilience and made ourselves (and our teachers!) proud.

We woke up to the peaceful sounds of sheep and birds, ready to enjoy breakfast and share stories from the night before. It was a camp out full of fun, friendship, and laughter - an experience we'll remember for years to come. There were definitely some sleepy faces around school the next day, but every yawn was worth it!



Pentyrch Primary Takes on the Summer Reading Challenge!

This term, we had a special visit from Sian at Cardiff Libraries, who came to tell us all about this year's exciting Summer Reading Challenge. It's all about having fun with books, being creative, and using your imagination!

Over the summer holidays, children are encouraged to read for pleasure, draw, write stories, and explore their creative side. Whether it's painting a picture from a favourite book or dreaming up their own adventures, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Don't forget to pop into your local library to sign up and start your summer reading journey. Let's keep those brilliant brains buzzing all summer long!



Rhiwbina Summer Festival 2025



Pupils from Pentyrch Primary and Llanishen Fach Primary joined together to perform at this year's Rhiwbina Summer Festival. Despite the rainy start, the children sang with enthusiasm and did a great job of lifting everyone's spirits. The joint choir performed a lovely selection of songs, and it was a great opportunity for the two schools to work together and share their love of music. Thank you to all the children who

took part and to the staff and families who came along to support them.

Community Litter Pick

The children in Dosbarth Maes, in their Senedd role as Eco Warriors, took part in the Pentyrch community litter pick at the end of June. They were joined by the local organisers, parents and pupils throughout the school and were surprised by the amount of litter collected! The class have also been working hard to produce posters which are now displayed around the village asking people to 'Stop Littering'. Look out for them when you're out and about and we'll see if they make a difference!



Pre-loved Toy Sale



For one magical day, the classroom of Dosbarth Maes transformed into a bustling toy shop, filled with excitement. The idea came from one of the pupils in the class, who suggested holding a Pre-Loved Toy Sale, a brilliant initiative that quickly captured the imagination of the entire class. With tables brimming with toys, games, and stuffed animals, the classroom became a treasure trove for children across the school. Pupils from every year group visited the shop, browsing and buying toys that were once loved and ready to be loved again. The event was more than just a fun shopping experience, it was a lesson in sustainability, generosity, and community spirit. Dosbarth Maes took charge of organising the sale, from collecting donations and setting up displays to managing the "checkout" and helping younger pupils choose their new treasures. Thanks to the overwhelming support from the school community, the sale was a huge success. The funds raised will now be used to benefit all children in the school, and Dosbarth Maes will be leading the decision-making process. Ideas are already flowing from classroom resources to a school pet.

This inspiring event shows what can happen when a simple idea is embraced with enthusiasm and teamwork. Dosbarth Maes has not only raised money, they've raised smiles, built memories, and made a lasting impact on our school.

A Roaring Success: Reception – Year 2 Rock School

The school hall was transformed into a scene from the African savannah as children from Reception to Year 2 took to the stage for a vibrant and heartfelt interpretation of scenes from *The Lion King*. This expressive arts project brought the whole Foundation Phase together in a creative journey that culminated in a spectacular performance, where every child played a vital role.

The performance was the result of weeks of preparation, exploration, and collaboration. Learners were divided into three key groups, each taking ownership of a different aspect of the production, developing not only their creative talents but also important skills such as teamwork, communication, and confidence.



The first group focused on music, specifically learning to play Boomwhackers—brightly coloured, tuned percussion tubes. Under the guidance of Mrs Coleman, these children worked hard to explore rhythm, timing, and coordination. Over time, they mastered simple patterns and began to perform together in harmony.

The second group became the creative minds behind the scenes, tasked with building the visual world of the performance. These learners enthusiastically took on the challenge of designing and crafting props and scenery. From painted backdrops of the African plains to handcrafted animal masks and Pride Rock, their creativity knew no bounds. This work allowed them to explore different art materials, textures, and construction techniques, all while supporting the storytelling with their imaginative designs.

The final group of learners took centre stage—literally. These children learned lines, practiced expressions, and rehearsed their movements as they prepared to act in key roles throughout the performance. With enthusiasm and growing confidence, they brought characters such as Simba, Nala and Mufasa to life.

It wasn't just a performance—it was a learning journey that celebrated the expressive arts in its fullest form. The project gave every child a voice, a purpose, and a chance to shine. As the final song played and the curtain fell, the applause echoed not just for the show, but for the creativity, collaboration, and confidence that had blossomed in every learner.

A Journey to Oz: Year 3-6 Rock School



For the second year running, our talented Year 3–6 pupils transformed the Village Hall into a stage of dreams, delivering a show-stopping performance that brought the house down! This wasn't just any school production—it was the grand finale of our now-thriving Rock School, where creativity, confidence, and collaboration take centre stage.

Throughout the year, our young stars have immersed themselves in a rich tapestry of Expressive Arts, exploring everything from music and dance to drama, learning instruments and circus skills. This term, they followed the yellow brick road on an unforgettable 'Journey to Oz', and their dedication culminated in two spellbinding performances that left families and friends utterly amazed.

From soaring vocals and high-energy dance routines to breath-taking gymnastics, live instrumental music, and even circus acts—every moment was pure magic. The stage came alive with colour, sound, and sparkle, showcasing the incredible talents of our pupils both on and off the stage.

We couldn't be prouder of each and every child. Their passion, teamwork, and hard work created a theatrical experience worthy of the West End. Bravo to our brilliant performers for making the journey to Oz one we'll never forget!



Sun, Sand, and Smiles: Dosbarth Dafad and Calons' Beach Party!



Laughter, splashes, and sunshine filled the air as Dosbarth Dafad hosted a fun-filled beach party to mark the end of term. The day was a joyful celebration of friendship, summer spirit, and active play — made even more special by the invitation extended to their friends from Dosbarth Calon to join in the fun! From splashing in the water play area to racing in energetic sports games, the beach party offered something for everyone. Whether children were competing in bean bag throwing, running the obstacle race, or simply paddling and giggling in the sunshine, there was no shortage of excitement. With music playing,

feet dancing in the sand, and endless smiles all around, it was the perfect way to celebrate the end of a wonderful term.

Ynysangharad Park Fun

Children from Years 1 to 6 enjoyed a lovely day out at Ynysangharad Park in Pontypridd this week. The weather was perfect, with warm sunshine making it ideal for outdoor fun. Pupils had the chance to explore the large play area, climb, swing, and slide, and take part in friendly games of cricket and football on the open grass. Everyone brought packed lunches, and we all sat together for a picnic under the trees, chatting and enjoying our food. It was a great chance for children from different year groups to mix, play together, and enjoy a change of scenery. The day was full of smiles, and we returned to school tired but happy after a fun-filled day in the fresh air.



Year 6 Leavers' events – A Joyful send off



The end of Year 6 is always a special time, and this year's celebrations were truly unforgettable as we bid a fond farewell to our fantastic leavers.

Leavers' Assembly

Parents were invited to join us for a heart-warming assembly where the children shared their favourite memories, received 'most likely to' awards, and even performed their own poems and original



songs. There wasn't a dry eye in the house as we reflected on the incredible journey these pupils have had.

Leavers' Party

For the first time in several years, our school hall transformed into a party venue! The evening kicked off with welcome drinks and delicious food, followed by enthusiastic karaoke sessions. A snow machine added to the party spirit, and the grand finale – an epic water fight – saw the teachers drenched, much to the delight of the children!



Leavers' Fun Day

To round off the celebrations, the children enjoyed a laid-back fun day featuring a pizza party and a silent disco, creating more wonderful memories to take with them on their next adventure.

We are so proud of each and every one of our Year 6 leavers. They leave us with happy hearts, ready to embrace the next chapter. We wish them every success and happiness in their new schools!

A final goodbye.....

As we come to the end of another school year, we say some fond farewells to special members of our Pentyrch Primary family.

We say goodbye and a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Ahmed, Miss Quilter and Miss Benjamin. Your kindness, care, and support have meant so much to all of our pupils. You've shown incredible nurture and compassion, and we are so grateful for the positive difference you have made to our school community.

We also say goodbye to Miss O'Leary — thank you for everything you have done, especially for the pupils in Year 4 this year. Your energy, creativity, and enthusiasm and have brought learning to life for the children. Good luck in your new job!

And after eight wonderful years, we bid a very special farewell to Mrs Wills, who is retiring. It will feel very strange not to have her as part of our school. She has given so much to hundreds of Pentyrch children over the years, and we are truly grateful for your dedication and care. We wish you a very well-deserved and happy retirement.

Thank you to you all — you will be very much missed.





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Thank you to our school community

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we want to extend a huge thank you to all our parents and carers. Your ongoing support, encouragement, and involvement have made a huge difference in the lives of our pupils and the wider school community. A special thanks to FOPSA for working tirelessly to raise valuable funds for the school – your support is so valued and makes a huge difference to the school and children.

Wishing you all a restful, joyful summer break—we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 for another exciting year ahead!

