

RHIGOS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Seren yr Wythnos

Class 1- Penelope for settling into nursery so well.

Class 2- Peighton for her hard work and independence.

Class 3- Amber for being an excellent role model and being enthusiastic with her learning.

Head teacher's Award -

Penelope - for settling so well in to our Nursery and for exploring all the different activities.

Jacob J - for reading his book so beautifully to me.



This week's school attendance is

96.5%

We have regular visits from the AWS (Attendance and Welfare Service) who monitor school attendance to identify any absences that cause concern.

Frequent absences will have a serious effect on your child's progress. If a child misses one day a week, over their whole school career, it will mean that they will miss over two years education. This is very likely to mean they will not fulfil their academic potential.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on **01685 811253** if you are having any difficulties regarding attendance, as the school will be happy to offer you support in this matter.



Criw Cymraeg have decided on

Ymadrodd yr Wythnos

Phrase of the week

Ble wyt t'in byw?

Where do you live?

Dwi'n byw yn _____

I live in _____

This week's Welsh speaker is

Alayah

Da Iawn!





Welcome back to the new Spring term. We hope you had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The children have settled in well to the new term. We look forward to sharing all the good things that are happening in and around Rhigos Primary. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Card Recycling Challenge

Please remember to save your Christmas cards so that we recycle them. They will be collected on January 30th 2023



Toddler Group

Toddler Group will restart on Tuesday, January 24th at 9am until 10.30am in the school hall.

All welcome.



SWIMMING

Years 3/4/5 and 6 have started their swimming block at Aberdare Swimming Pool. Please can your child bring a bag so that all of their clothes can be put in it while they are in the swimming pool. This will help some items of clothing getting misplaced.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday	3.30 – 4.15	Sport Club	Years 4/5/6	Mr Thomas
Monday	3.30 – 4.15	Sports Activities Club	Years 1/2/3	Miss Harris
Thursday	Lunchtime	Choir/Singing	Years 3 - 6	Mrs Murphy

After School Clubs will re start on Monday 23rd January. Permission slips will be coming home with your child on Monday. If your child would like to attend please sign and return to school.



Back to school advice for parents in Wales to help protect against winter illnesses

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Public Health experts are reminding parents in Wales to keep children away from school if they are unwell and have a fever, following an increase in illnesses like flu. It's one of a number of simple steps parents can take to protect their child and to minimise the spread of winter illnesses when children return to schools and nurseries in Wales next week.

Flu and Covid-19 are currently circulating at high levels and an increase in cases of scarlet fever is also being reported.

Children who are unwell with a fever (a high temperature) should stay at home until they feel better and the fever is over.

Dr Graham Brown, Consultant in Communicable Disease Control for Public Health Wales said: "It is also important to remind children about the importance of washing their hands to avoid germs spreading and to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell. If they have to go out when unwell, it is a good idea to wear a face covering to protect others."

The best way to protect against catching flu this winter is for those eligible to get the flu vaccine. Children can have a free flu nasal spray which is safe and effective. It is available for:

- All children in primary school
 - All children in secondary school years 7 to 11
 - All children who are aged two or three on 31 August 2022
- Children aged six months or over and who have any of the long-term health conditions that puts them at increased risk from flu.



January 2023

Tuesday 17th class 3 trip to Aberdare market

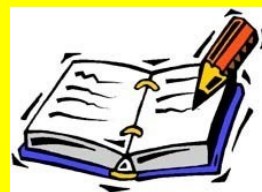
Thursday 26th INSET school closed to pupils for staff training

February

Tuesday 14th Valentine disco in school hall 1.30pm

Friday 17th end of term

Monday 27th INSET school closed to pupils for staff training



Holidays in term time

Can I remind everyone that holidays will only be authorised if your child's attendance for the 12 months prior to the holiday application is over 95% and stays above 95% to the date of travel.



Absence messages

Following a monitoring meeting with RCT's Attendance and Wellbeing Service, if your child is unwell medical evidence is required otherwise the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.



Road Safety

In the interest of safety for all our children please do not park on the yellow lines in front of the school and from parking on the pavement opposite the entrance of the school. With poor visibility during bad weather crossing the road becomes very hazardous when the traffic is increased at the start and the end of the school day.



As we continually update our records please could you inform us of any NEW allergies that your child may have.



Pupil contact details

Please can you notify the school of any change of home address, email address or contact details as soon as any changes are made for your child.



Please could children bring their reading books every day to school.



Home work will be posted online on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

If you have any problems accessing the homework please let your child'

