

Autumn Term Newsletter



October 2007

Penrhys Primary School

HARVEST and SPECIAL VISITS

Our Harvest service was held last week. Every child within the school contributed to its success by either reciting poetry or singing.

It was a pleasure to welcome Sian Collins to our service. Sian visits the school every Thursday morning to conduct a special Assembly.

In addition to Sian taking assemblies, Captain Steven Westwood from the Salvation Army also visited us in September. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children, as Captain Westwood told them about the work of the Salvation Army.

The following day we were visited by a representative from the Operation Christmas Child Charity. Once again this year, we will be sending shoe boxes filled with 'goodies' to children less fortunate than ourselves. Letters will be sent out after the half term break asking children to donate £1 to this worthwhile cause.

TRIPS TO THE THEATRE

Children in years 5 and 6 will shortly be off to Cardiff to watch a performance of 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. Our years 1,2,3 and children will also be seeing a professional performance of 'Devoted Friends' but only at the Maerdy Community Centre.

BASIC SKILLS SUCCESS

The school was reassessed by the Basic Skills Agency in October in order to renew the Quality Mark. This we did with 'flying colours' and we will be awarded our second plaque in the near future.

The school currently benefits from two Basic Skills initiatives, Catch Up Reading and Spotlight Maths.

NO SMOKING

Earlier this year a law was passed regarding the smoking of cigarettes in public places. This obviously includes the school building and anything within the fence. Therefore, we would be grateful if parents DO NOT smoke anywhere in the school grounds. Failing to do this, could result in summons as spot checks are currently being carried out.

OVER THE RAINBOW PLAYGROUP

Tuesday - 1:00 to 2:45
Thursday - 1:00 to 2:45

At Llanfair

Melanie has now started 'Link Up' sessions for those children who will be soon starting school. 'Link Up' aims to help children make their entry into school a little easier. These sessions will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:30 to 11:15.

**Half Term
We break up on
Friday 26th October
at 3:20
And return on
Monday 5th
November at 9:00**

CHARITY EVENTS

On Friday 21st September a coffee morning was held at the school in order to raise money for the Macmillan and Wear it Pink charity. We raised £427.48 which has been shared between the two charities.

A big thank you to all those parents and friends who supported this event by buying cakes and raffle tickets.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Monday

Dance - Years 3,4,5 and 6
(finishes at 4:30)

Art and Craft - Years 1,2 and 3

Tuesday

Netball - Years 3,4,5 and 6

Thursday

Football - Years 3,4,5 and 6

All activities run from 3:30 to 4:15

Important Dates

Friday 26th October—Break Up For Half Term

Monday 5th November—Return to school

Thursday 8th November—Years 1,2,3 and 4 to visit Maerdy Community Centre to watch a performance of 'Devoted Friends'

Thursday 15th November—Years 5 and 6 to visit the New Theatre to watch a performance of 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'

Thursday 15th November—Porth County Comprehensives School Information Evening for Parents, 6:30 at Porth

Friday 17th December—Netball Tournament at Tylorstown Sports Centre

Tuesday 11th December—Welsh Brass Trio

Thursday 13th December—KS 2 concert at 10:00

Friday 14th December—Early Years, years 1,2 and 3 concert at 2:00

Wednesday 19th December—Early Years, years 1,2 and 3 Christmas party

Thursday 20th December—KS 2 Christmas party

Friday 21st December—End of Term