



Pontyclun News

Newyddion Pontyclun

It is only 4 weeks since our last newsletter but what a busy 4 weeks it has been. VE day was lovely with all the children enjoying a mini picnic outside surrounded by the homemade bunting and wartime music being piped to them via our new speaker system. It was great to see the whole school come together for this important day.

Year 5 have been to Llangrannog, and as always, the children were a delight and were a credit to the school and their families.

The rugby team played in the national Urdd 7's final and were superb throughout. They eventually lost to a golden try in the semi-finals. The team have had an excellent season, making both national finals and exiting at the semi final stages twice. A fantastic team of talented players- it's been a pleasure to have been with them this year.

A small choir group have sung for Alzheimer's day outside the local pharmacy joining other groups. It was very special to be part of this community event.

Sports days were a huge success. All the children participated with smiles on their faces and the support from all parents/carers for all the children was amazing- thank you.

So now we look forward to the last half of the summer term, where leaving concerts and balls, new classes, summer trips, more sporting and music activities, and hopefully more lovely weather await. Enjoy the half term break everyone.





Key Dates for Summer Term



Date	Event
Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th June	Nurse visiting Year 5 and 6 Puberty discussion
Friday 6th June	Year 1 audio tests
Wednesday 11th June	Bumbles of Hollywood workshop Year 2
Wednesday 18th June	Year 6 trip to Heatherton
Friday 20th June	Year 6 transition to Y Pant
Monday 30th June, Tuesday 1st July	Beach academy workshops PS2
Friday 4th July	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 8th July	Year 5 transition to Y Pant
W/C Monday 14th July	Report Surgery



Key Dates for Summer Term



Date	Event
Wednesday 9th July	Aberavon beach trip Reception
Thursday 10th July	Year 6 Prom
Tuesday 15th July	Year 6 leavers assembly in the evening start time 6pm
Thursday 17th July	Pontyclun got talent in school
Friday 18th July	Final day of term



Attendance



Pre Nursery	90.8%
Nursery	88.3%
Reception	95.3%
Year 1	90.9%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	92.0%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 6	93.0%

**This chart shows our
year group
attendance for
Summer Term 2
28/04/2025 -
19/05/2025**

**Green - above our
94% target
Amber - between
90-93.9%
Red - Below 90%**



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Rugby

URDD National 7's

9 of our year 6 rugby team played in the URDD National 7's competition in Aberystwyth. They played against school teams from all over Wales. After winning all of their group games they progressed to the quarter finals. Another fantastic win saw them play in the semi finals. After an amazing game of rugby they found themselves drawing at full time. Unfortunately with one team needing to win to progress too the final it l they had to play extra time which was golden try. This is where their amazing journey ended as their opposition managed to get a try during this time. We are unbelievably proud of them reaching not 1 but 2 national finals this year!



Ponty Schools under 11's DC Thomas Cup Final

5 of our year 6 pupils played in the D.C.Thomas Cup Final for Pontypridd Schools on 21st May at Rodney Parade against Bridgend Schools. This is a prestigious competition for pupils in this set up. After a brilliant game with great performances from all 5 pupils and 1 of the tries being scored by them they unfortunately came away as runners up with the final score being 15-25 to Bridgend. Da iawn!

Llangrannog

After waiting all year it was finally time for our year 5's to head to Llangrannog for their weekend residential trip. So much fun was had and pupils behaviour was impeccable all weekend with several staff members commenting on this. Pupils took part on a variety of activities including go-karting (there could be some future Formula 1 stars in the making!), zip lining, high ropes assault course, skiing and tobogganing. They also enjoyed a walk across the cliffs to the nearby beach. Here are some photos of an amazing weekend!





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Hay Festival



We had a fantastic visit to the Hay Festival. We watched Patrice Lawrence and Frank Cottrell-Boyce workshops which were both fantastic. Both authors spoke about their journey to becoming published authors and what inspires them. The children purchased their books and were lucky enough to get them signed.

International day of dance

Pupils took place in various activities at the end of April to celebrate International Day of Dance. Some pupils discussed their favourite songs to dance to and how dancing made them feel. Others tried dance techniques from other cultures and some participated in a virtual dance session organised by RCT Sport.





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VE day 80th anniversary celebration



It was wonderful to come together as a school to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE day. The day began with an assembly where the children learnt about the significance of the day. The children then participated in a range of VE day related activities in their classrooms before coming together as a whole school in the afternoon to enjoy a picnic together. The children wore red, white and blue for the occasion and enjoyed listening to music from 1945 over the school speakers.

Year 4,5,6 Sustainability workshops



We were extremely lucky that Zara from RCT visited us to run Eco Avengers workshops for all the children in Year 4,5 and 6. The workshops were linked to sustainability. The children learnt about how our new school is sustainable and then worked in small teams to create new mascots for renewable and non renewable energy sources.



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Seren a Sbarc Day



On Friday 16th May we celebrated Seren a Sbarc day as a school. It is a day that encourages children to speak Welsh to their friends and take part in activities using the Welsh language. The children linked their Welsh to their sustainability topic, many making posters encouraging recycling and living more sustainably and creating a picnic for the characters listing foods in Welsh.

Sports day and fun day



We were extremely lucky this week that the weather was on our side and we ran our Year 1-6 sports day on Monday and our Nursery and Reception fun day on Tuesday. All the children had a fantastic day and joined in with all the activities and races supporting their house teams.



Agencies that offer help should you need it



Childline - 0800 1111

Citizens Advice Bureau - 01656 762800

Samaritans - 116123

Shelter Cymru (financial and home advice) - 0800 495495

Resilient families - 01443 425006

RCT families website - www.rctfamilies.co.uk