



# Blaenhonddan Primary School

## Spring Term 2018 - Newsletter 1

### Cornerstones Curriculum

The pupils will all be bringing home an information sheet of the topic they are covering this term. Outlined on the sheet are the areas that the children will be working on throughout the next six weeks. The aim when sending this information is to keep you informed about what your child is learning. The Cornerstones curriculum provides the school with new, up-to-date and exciting topics for the pupils.

The topic names for each class are:-

Nursery – Is it shiny?

Reception – What happens when I fall asleep?

Year 1 – Memory Box

Year 2 – Cardiff Tales

Year 3 – Urban Pioneer

Year 4 – Misty Mountain Sierra

Year 5 – Alchemy Island

Year 6 – Frozen Kingdom

Class 7 – Splendid Skies

Once again, if you have any resources that we could borrow to support our curriculum, please send them into school.

### Reading Pro Key Stage 2

We are currently in the process of assessing children's reading from Year 3 to Year 6 for those children on Reading Pro. Your child will come home with a report at the end of the week which will show how well your child is doing.

The test will once again test your child's reading but more importantly their comprehension and understanding.

We are expecting most children to make progress, however there will be some pupils who do not.

If you would like to discuss your child's report, please contact Mrs Major, who will be happy to go through the report with you.

### An Opportunity To See Your Child's Work

I would like to invite you into school to view your child's books at the times listed below. During this time, you will have the opportunity to go into the school hall and spend 30 minutes looking at and discussing your child's work in the presence of your child. The session will run from 9.00am until 9.30am. The class teacher will be in the hall to answer any questions that you may have. This is not a parents evening where you can discuss things on a one-to-one basis with the teacher but an opportunity for you to see once again the work that your child is involved in. The times that are listed below are the only times that you will be able to have this opportunity. So please try not to miss it.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Recep – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am-9.30am

Year 1 - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am-9.30am

Year 2 - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am-9.30am

Year 3 - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 9.00am-9.30am

Year 4 - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am-9.30am

Year 5 - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am-9.30am

Year 6 - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am-9.30am

Class 7 – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Open Day (Times to be arranged with Mrs Morgan)

### IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – NSPCC Assembly

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Jan – Violin Sessions (Existing Musicians)

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – PTA Meeting at Bryncoch Inn 5.30pm

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – NSPCC Workshops Y5 & Y6

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Football Tournament – House of Sport Cardiff (Letters will come home with individual children)

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – Reception Hearing Test Recall

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y5 Trip Bridgend College Smile ICT Project

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Swansea City Football Tournament (Letters will come home with individual children)

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Jan – Chloe Lyons Road Safety Lessons with Nursery, Rec, Year 1 & Year 2.

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – Welsh Water Assembly on Sustainability

Followed by workshops for Key Stage 2

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Jan – Year 2 Trip to Cardiff Castle

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> & Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Swimming

(Every day for 2 Weeks)

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> – Fundraising Event NSPCC (More details to follow)

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> – Parent Workshop – Online Safety NSPCC 2.30pm

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Last Day of Half Term**

### Attendance Autumn Term

This is the attendance for each class within the school for the Autumn Term. The class with the highest attendance will get an extra 10 minutes play.

Reception – 95%

Year 1 – 93%

Year 2 – 96%

Year 3 – 96%

Year 4 – 95%

Year 5 – 95%

Year 6 – 97%

Class 7 – 84%

**Congratulations to Year 6 – Amazing!!**  
**10 minutes extra play - Thank You**

Unfortunately, attendance is still a major cause for concern. Attendance for the last four months:-

Sept – 96.02%

Oct – 96.24%

Nov – 94.87%

Dec – 93.85%

The first fines have now been issued from Blaenhonddan to some families who have continued to fail to improve their child's attendance.

Thank you to all children & their families who ensure good attendance is maintained.

**Work Together, Play Together, Succeed Together.**