



Friday 24th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week has passed by very quickly at Penrhiwceibr Primary School! It has been another fantastic week of learning. All classes have continued to enjoy using *Hike* by Pete Oswald as a basis for their learning ([Hike by Pete Oswald](#) | [EARTH DAY READ ALOUD](#) | [EARTH DAY CHILDREN'S BOOK](#)) and also celebrated Earth Day on Wednesday with many enjoyable activities.

Acorns Class new starters have continued to settle in really well. Among lots of other things, the class have been learning about insects and sorting them into groups.

Beech Class have been learning to read compasses and learning about the lifecycle of a plant.

Laurel Class have been solving time problems along with assessing their water cycle in a bowl investigation.

Oak Class have been continuing to learn about the life and achievements of Charles Darwin.

Next week, we are looking forward to engaging with **Outdoor Learning Week** at school.

A few notices:

- A high number of pupils are bringing **fidgit toys or "squishies"** into school. We want to support pupils who require such items to support identified needs. However, we ask that pupils only bring such items to school if this has been **agreed between the parent/carer and class teacher**. In cases where an item has been brought in and this has not been agreed between the parent/carer and class teacher, the item will be sent to the office and parent/carers will need to collect from Mrs Carroll. Thank you for your support with this.
- You will have received a letter earlier in the week regarding pupil attendance. You may have noticed that the highlisted colour of your child's attendance on the My Child At School app now correlates with the following: Green: 96-100%, Yellow: 91-95% and Red: 90% or below. This reflects Welsh Government guidance that less than 90% attendance is classed as "persistently absent". We appreciate everyone's continued efforts to improve levels of attendance at the school.
- A reminder that **Little Seeds Playgroup** has now moved to Fridays at 1.30pm in the infant hall.
- **Health and Safety Notice** – A "near-miss" took place this week where a car was reversed towards the main gates of the school (Cross Street) while a pedestrian was crossing. Please take great care when driving around the school. Many children walk to and from school unsupervised and it is vital that we keep everyone safe.

I want to wish everyone a pleasant and enjoyable weekend, hopefully in the sun! We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Tudge
Headteacher
Penrhiwceibr Primary School