



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a strange week at school, what with the Bank Holiday and many Y5/6 pupils and staff taking part in the residential trip to Bryn Bach Park! However, Acorn, Beech and Laurel pupils have been busy continuing with their learning experiences back in school.

**Acorns** class have been planting seeds, writing instructions about how to plant seeds and using positional language.

**Beech** class have been looking at the features of a letter, telling the time on a digital clock and writing a prediction for their plant experiments.

**Laurel & Oak** classes who did not attend the residential have been undertaking a save the oceans project.

**Oak** class have had the time of their lives at Bryn Bach Park, making many core memories that I am sure will stay with them forever! They have engaged in a range of activities including gorge walking, caving, abseiling, paddle boarding & crazy golf. All pupils were impeccably behaved, had a positive attitude towards the challenges and represented Penrhiwceibr Primary well – their families should be so proud of them. A huge thank you from myself to Mr Phillips and Mrs Lewis who have given up their time to stay with the pupils throughout the residential experience and to Mrs Williams who supported on the final day. We are fortunate to have such caring and committed staff at Penrhiwceibr. We hope all pupils enjoyed their time at Bryn Bach Park and I am sure they will all sleep soundly tonight! A podcast was recorded during the trip so keep an eye out for the link to this in the near future to hear about the residential from the pupils themselves!



**Beech and Acorns** classes marked **Deaf Awareness Week** during assembly by learning about sign language and they even learned some signs for different foods they like to eat! [Learn to sign different types of food | Mr Tumble and Friends](#)

It has been fantastic to hear so many pupils talking positively about walking to school this week as we launched our **Walk or Wheel to School Challenge** to mark International Walking Month. As a mini-challenge for next week, we would like to encourage pupils to time their walk or count the number of steps taken.

Thank you for your continued support to improve **pupil attendance**. Last week's whole school attendance was **92.5%**.

Following parent feedback that Twitter (or X) is not the preferred social media platform – we are pleased to launch our new **@PenrhiwceibrPrimary Instagram page**. We will be using this page to share our school highlights from now on so please check it out!



I have now been Headteacher at Penrhiwceibr for four weeks and feel like I am really starting to get to know the pupils and staff. I would like to strengthen links with the



**community** and develop a relationship between myself and our **families**. I enjoyed my first visit to Lee Gardens Pool drop-in session last week where I met with the fantastic community workers, local police officers and some members of the local community. After half-term I will be inviting **Penrhwiwceibr families** into school to meet me and chat to me about the school over a cup of **tea or coffee and some biscuits**. Please see below for dates. **All will be held 9.15-10.15am in the Junior Hall (Dilwyn St entrance)**.



Parents/ Families of **Oak** pupils: **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Parents/ Families of **Laurel** pupils: **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
Parents/ Families of **Beech** pupils: **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
Parents/ Families of **Acorn** pupils: **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

I hope to see many of you there!

I wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

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