



PENDARREN HOUSE NEWSLETTER

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NEWS

This newsletter covers Autumn Term 2017

Garden

The greenhouse has a roof on and has successfully been used to grow various crops this year. The tomatoes were still going into winter, enjoyed by our groups into November. We will be planting new vegetables for spring - radishes, tomatoes, aubergines, chillies, broad beans and cucumbers - and are going to take part in a national potato growing competition!

Staff changes

We have four new members of our instructional team, Melanie, Luke, Joe and Lisa, who have settled in well and proved to be very popular with all of our groups.

Displays

A new notice board will be going up in the hall with photos of all staff. The annexe will have a new large display board with lots of activity photos.

Greig City Academy Fastnet race

Huge congratulations to the 12 students from Greig City Academy who competed in the Rolex Fastnet yacht race in August, and to their skipper who was subsequently selected as 'Young Sailor of the Year'. A truly remarkable achievement by a Haringey school!

Friends of Pendarren

Many thanks to the Friends for funding new seeds for the greenhouse as well as all the cameras and DVDs that we use for photos each week.



OUR SCHOOLS

Bancrofts School rugby team visited at the end of the summer for their annual 'international' tour!

Weston Park Primary 4th-8th September 2017

It was very fun and caving was my favourite. It was fun working as a team and doing stuff on my own. And I like the story teller that came in and told us a story about a green man. *Oscar*

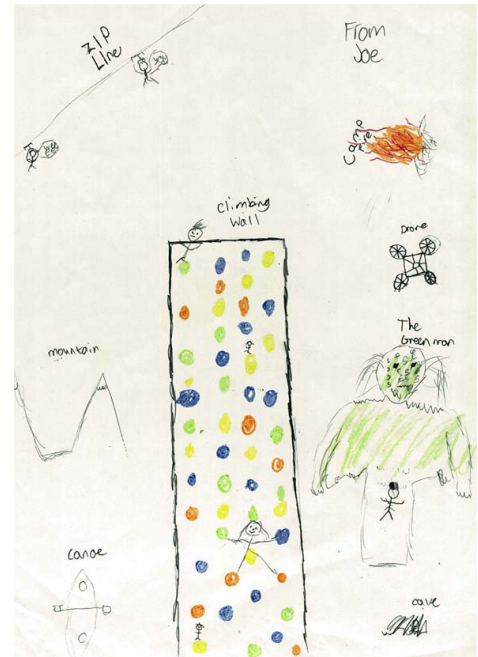
It helps you learn a lot about the people in your class and understand more about them. It helps you to co operate with other people and talk to people you don't usually talk to. *Mossy*

I like Pendarren because we did activities that I would never do where I live, caving was my favourite because I leant to stay calm and not to panic or cry. In climbing I confronted my fear of heights which was quite big but now I don't have it. *Eleonora*

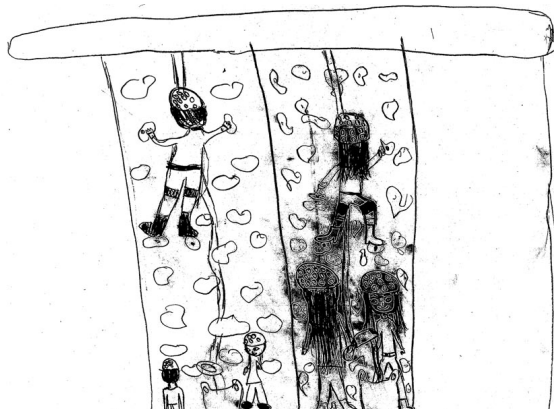
I really liked caving and being duty table. *Iolanda*

It was really fun working with new people we don't normally spend time with and all the teamwork challenges were exciting. Some of them were a bit tricky and/or frightening! It was also good as we got to know everyone better and learnt new things about ourselves plus we also tried lots of new thing that we have never done before like caving. *Jeevan*

Pendarren is a awesome experience and I got to do lots of different things that I have never done before, also I really loved jumping of the upside down canoe and it was the most funniest thing I have ever done in my life. *Mercedes*



Earlham Primary 11th-15th September 2017



I learnt how to use my friends to help me to do all the things I can't do, also not always being a leader was better than always being one. *Rayan*

In Pendarren I have learned that we could work together to solve problems that we cant solve alone. *Kushie*

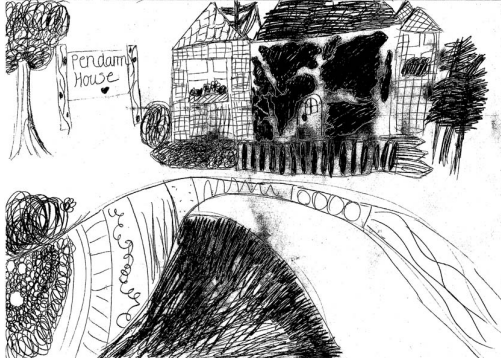
I love this place and it has tought me a lot. I wish I can come back to Pendarren. *Ayoub*

Pendarren house was a place where I learnt to do things I never did and believe in myself. *Elanur*

I really enjoyed Pendarren because it helped me to be brave and help others who need help or if they were scared. *Daniela*

Pendarren is the best place I have been. *Ivan*

St John Vianney RC Primary
18th-22nd September 2017



I think my time at Pendarren should have been expanded to about a month or two with parent visits. *David*

I would love spend more time here, time here helped me learn about myself better at home. I discovered so much, all of these activities helped me and I want to do these things in the future. *Kyro*

The food was good and tasty. The beds were amazing and comfortable. The dorms are wonderful and big. *Christopher*

Pendarren is an amazing place. I truly recommend it for shy or less confident people who feel like they're on their own. Make sure you come, I promise you will have the time of your life. [The food is really good!!] *Stephanie*

Best place ever. Helped build my confidence. *Trea*

I think that Pendarren has helped me to be able to look after myself and do things that I have never done before. *Saoirse*

I think Pendarren is really fun and I really enjoyed it. I learnt many new things and got to know people from my class more. Pendarren has brought Year 6 closer together and I found it easier to talk to teachers. the activities are well chosen, the times and routine is good and overall I would love to come back to Pendarren! *Ola*

It was really fun being in Pendarren and all of the activities were so much better than I thought it was going be and I really enjoyed getting to spend time with my friends and getting to know my friends better. I really hope that all of these memories will stay with us until the end our lives. It even helped me be more independent. *Cristiano*

St James's CE Primary
25th-29th September 2017

It was really fun to do Climbing and Abseiling, because you had to trust on people to hold on to the ropes. it will help me learn to rely on others better at school. *Christabella*

It is brilliant here and you learn even more than you think. *William*

I learnt that there is no limit in life but yourself and if you don't try you're missing out on something you might never do again. *Mia*

I learnt to face my fears and that I shouldn't always be worried about keeping clean. It's fun to get dirty and wet! *Lauren*

I have learnt things about myself I would never have known and I did things I would never have expected. *Burley*



I really liked when we served food and made our beds because I really learned how to look after myself and help myself. *Felicity*

I really liked how everyone really pushed themselves and some people were really quite confident but others were not as confident but still everyone pushed themselves. *Lola*

I really liked Pendarren because I liked working with other people that I didn't know very well. As well as that, it was fun and great, I can't say thank you enough. *Emma*

I loved Pendarren lots and I learnt to encourage others and look after myself. *Naomi*

Knowledge is not always learnt by sitting 6 hours in a classroom. You learn more by experience then by being taught in a classroom. Pendarren is a once in a lifetime experience. *Mohamed*

I learnt that it is better to work with other people and I really enjoyed horse riding because I had never rode a horse before. *Nick*

Welbourne Primary
2nd-6th October 2017



Now I know that being here made feel brave about myself but the most important thing is we had fun. *Sheralynne*

I know now how to live on my own. I really liked when we did orienteering on the last day. Also I did things that I have never done before like river study going into caves. It was really nice to experience things rather than looking at it on a board. *Yezda*

I like how Pendarren set things up. You don't get taught these type of things, it's a once in a life time type of thing. It helped me learn new things. *(anon)*

Risley Avenue Primary
9th-13th October 2017

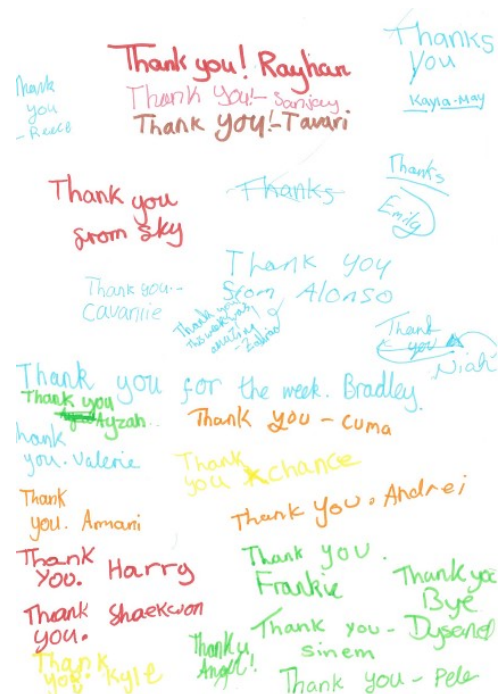
Pendarren was AMAZING being independent away from my parents for five days it felt really long. I kind of overcame my fear of spiders being in a CAVE and all but I think that anyone that gets a chance should go because you get to do things you haven't done before. *Niah*

Pendarren was extremely fun. I enjoyed it alot because I learned how to be independent and I overcame my fears. *Zahraa*

I liked Pendarren because I looked after my friends and had a nice time with them. Thank you for the lovely time here. *Sky*

Pendarren was really fun because we experienced new things we never do. This is an once in a lifetime event. *Bradley*

I think that Pendarren should stay open because it is a a great experience and a great a way to learn things. *Valerie*



Earlsmead Primary
16th-20th October 2017



Pendarren was THE BEST EXPERIENCE OF MY ELEVEN YEARS LIVING. *David*

Pendarren taught me to believe and to get into the things I was doing. *Fuad*

I love Pendarren, it helped me to experience new things and helped to try things I've never done before it also brought me and my friends together. *Flynn*

I had a incredible time in Pendarren and it helped me learn how to be mature and how to work together. *Jaden*

I ABSOLUTELY LOVED IT HERE. I learned how to work as a team with many new friends. *Tia*

I really enjoyed the time at Pendarren as it gave me a chance to get to know my friends and teachers even more than I could ever in my school, I know that this was a holiday to remember. *Vidhi*

St Thomas More Catholic School
23rd-27th October 2017

Pendarren was great I had lots of fun and worked great with my group and I got to know other people better and work with them. The best thing that I did this week was rock climbing because I thought I could not do it but I did. *Anna Maria*

Pendarren is a total blast! I loved doing the activities. If I were to sell this trip to someone, I wouldn't be able to find the right words other than 'breath taking'. *Faith*

Thank you Pendarren for bringing me on this journey to face my fears and make new friends :) *Andy*



I liked Pendarren because it was a time to know people more and to know my teachers better. *Wilfred*

I liked when we went caving and also when we went down the mountain on a rope. *Nicolas*

Chestnuts Primary
30th October-3rd November 2017



My experience at Pendarren has made me more confident and get to know people. *Lila*

Pendarren has helped year 6 learn more about ourselves and grow closer together. I now think that we are more one amazing person rather than separate individuals due to the fantastic challenges which meant we had to work together and help each other through everything. *Matilda*

I really enjoyed Pendarren and really liked the sense of responsibility because if you don't do things nobody will do them for you. *Leonardo*

I loved the fact that I could talk to the teachers like they were friends. *Ava*

I think that Pendarren has helped me to never give up and to get to know lots of other people due to the amazing challenges and staff. *Marin*

This week i have learnt that it is important to give everything a go even if you feel uncomfortable with what you are doing! It makes you feel really good at the end. *Jessie*

Mulberry Primary
6th-10th November 2017

As usual, Mulberry managed to squeeze in time for a bonfire and sparklers

Thank you for letting us be inspired by the nature around us. I had such a great time doing all these wonderful activities with the staff and teachers. *Aminata*

Pendarren was an interesting, educational and extremely FUN experience. Not only the breath-taking activities or the extreme challenges but also teamwork and learning how to co-operate kindly. All of the skills I have learnt are useful (in Pendarren House and in your entire life). *Blanca*



I learnt to look after my myself and also to try things even if I think I couldn't do. *Berkan*

Thank you for having me and my school at Pendarren House. I have had so much fun here. *Michelle*

At Pendarren I found out I could do things that seemed like too much for a single kid and I did things I thought I would never do. *Matt*

Experienced things I've never done before and it was amazing so I give Pendarren a million stars. *Mustafa*

Harris Primary Academy, Philip Lane
13th-17th November 2017

I liked how we weren't kept in one place and were able to see so many amazing things. *Rhia*

Pendarren was the best week of my life and I had so much fun. *Ufuk*

I really enjoyed staying at Pendarren because it made me feel more confident and independent. I also enjoyed the activities because they were fun and exciting. *Callum*

My favourite thing about Pendarren was the adventure journey. *Ta-Kyah*

I loved Pendarren because the activities were things we thought we couldn't do but when you did them you felt like you have accomplished a mission! *Nathaniel*

I am feeling great because I learned how to take care of myself. You should come to Pendarren because it has things you can not imagine, things you will never have tried. *Liliana*



Stroud Green Primary
20th-24th November 2017

I loved canoeing and traversing on rocks. I will really miss the cooking and I wish the food at school was the same. *Ken-Wei*

I loved Pendarren because it showed me that I could do incredible things if I put my mind to it, like climb a mountain, cave and more! *Eley*

It is an amazing place to face your fears and have fun! *Jessie*

I loved Pendarren so much, the cooking was fantastic, I wish I could come here another time. *Harrison*

1 of the BEST experiences of my life. This trip has taught me alot of things. *Nar Nar*



Rokesly Junior
27th November-1st December 2017



I had the best time of my life. *Daniel*

Pendarren is a brilliant place to learn, make new friends or become closer to old ones. *Iris*

Pendarren was really fun and it was a experience of a lifetime. The food was really good and I got to know the teachers better. I loved it. *Billy*

The activities were absolutely amazing, Pendarren really makes children grow and work together. *Shiloh*

I learned that I could do things that I have never done before and that I should believe in myself and push myself a bit harder. *Aisha*

I don't think that this place could get any better. It is already brilliant. *Ruby*

I really loved all of the food and activities we did here at Pendarren and we learnt a lot of things. *Scarlett*

Rokesly Junior
4th-8th December 2017



I thought it was really great and so exiting as we went on new adventures every day. I thought it would be good if everyone could have this experience. It would be great if somehow you could try and fund a scheme for the children that have problems and can't come to Pendarren to come so every one gets this amazing chance. *Milly*

Thank you so much!!! I had so much fun and I will always remember this!!!! *Fatmira*

This has been the one of the most thrilling times I have ever had, I got over some of my fears because I knew we were safe. *Abi*

At Pendarren I learned how to be independent. (*anon*)

It was a brilliant experience! Everyone got along well and all the activities were really, really fun. I also learnt how to look after myself and also learnt a few facts as well. *Henry*

Pendarren was something I will never forget. It was a great experience. *Max*

Bounds Green Junior
11th-15th December 2017

The last week of term brought a foot of snow to Pendarren, enjoyed by Bounds Green. Organised snowball fights, sledging, snowy mountain adventures and icebreaking with canoes on the canal were all on the programme...along with a visit from Santa!

Most stuff seems difficult and sometimes even impossible, but in the end, when you're doing it, it seems easy. I found many things challenging but the trick is to get help from your friends. *Abdullah*



I think that it has become very clear to me that you need to look after your kit very carefully because if you don't, you will definitely end up very cold and wet for a whole day. *Reuben*

Pendarren helps you conquer your fears leaving you able to be a much more confident and independent person. Pendarren has been very supportive in helping you achieve your most greatest goals. The Pendarren activities are as fun as they are challenging making you feel like doing something you never thought you would do. *Joe*



I really liked the Mountain adventure because it challenged me to walk in the snow. The hardest was to learn how to look after yourself and your borrowed clothes. *Theo*

I learnt that working with someone is easier than on your own and this is all about having fun not about trying to be better than someone. *Elin*

I liked Pendarren a lot because it really challenged me when I went caving and venture walking it was really fun and I liked the food a lot. *Sufyan*

