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Newsletter- Newyddion

27th October (Hydref) 2022

Right of the Month: The Right to have an Opinion and to be Listened to

Value of the Month: Responsibility

Seal Theme: Getting On and Falling Out

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Annwyl Rhieni,

This half term has been a joy! We have been able to return to so many of the things that we have missed over the past few years. We have had sports and choir events, after school clubs, whole school community celebrations such as the Harvest celebration at Skenfrith Church, face-to-face Parent Consultation Evenings and an Open Afternoon, just to mention a few things! More importantly, the children have been able to mix together and experience a normal start to the school year. We are very grateful for this and realise how precious normality can be.

I have a few important pieces of information to let you know about **staff changes** over the next half term. **Mrs Goddard** will be leaving to commence maternity leave, the very exciting next step of her life, two weeks after half term. **Mrs Lisa Dunn** has been appointed to take over in her absence. Mrs Dunn is an experienced teacher who will add a great deal to our school team during this time. Governors and I believe that our Year 2 children will be in very safe hands.

Sadly, for us, **Miss Lisa Probert** will be leaving us after half term to move on to new adventures. Mrs Probert is one of our longest serving members of staff and she will be very greatly missed by us all. Her experience, care for the children and staff, commitment to Cross Ash Primary, alongside her great sense of fun, has been so appreciated. You will leave a huge gap here Miss Probert! We will enjoy having one last week with her after half term and will share our thoughts about her and her time with us in the next newsletter. I know you will want to share with us in our thanks for all she has done during her time here. She has been a big part of the lives of so many children over the years.





The **Pumpkin Trail** was very successful today and has become an event which the children love during the school year. The children enjoyed spotting the different pumpkins around the school grounds and loved completing the activities associated with this. Thank you PTFA for being so imaginative in your creations and for providing such well organised gifts too. Such a lot of work goes into this event, but I think you can clearly see how much this is enjoyed by all. Diolch!



Congratulations go to our **Catering Team** who were inspected by The Agency this week and received a five-star rating! Well done to you all. It's achieve this grade and is testament to your commitment to giving our very best!



Food Standards hard work to children the

Year 5 will begin their **swimming sessions** after half term from Wednesday 9th November to Wednesday 21st December. So don't forget your swimming gear the first week back Year 5! Please make sure that you complete the Parent Pay information. A **football tournament** has also been arranged for those selected in Years 5 & 6 to attend Overmonnow School on Monday 14th November. More details to follow.



Thank you for supporting the Scholastics Book Fair – We have earned over £1100 in book fair rewards for the school. Fabulous achievement – thank you.

VACANCIES

Please contact the head teacher/school office if you would be interested in the following positions at school – everyday or set days or on a casual basis.

Breakfast Club Supervisor

8am to 9am – Monday to Friday

Midday Supervisor

11.55 to 12.10 – Monday to Friday

These are salaried positions subject to the regulatory checks.

£9.79 per hour - starting salary band B SCP 3-5 pro rata

Our PTFA has arranged a collection of good quality, reusable clothes from our school in 5 weeks time on 25/11/2022 by **Rags 2 Riches**, so please start sorting your items over half term to raise monies for school.

Please support the **Ground Works Day** on Saturday 12th November if you can.

As you may be aware, we have a **defibrillator** situated outside the main doors which is for community use. If you are interested in taking part in some training with us, please fill in the online form using the link below. <https://forms.office.com/r/c4vCv5k8d4>

Have a wonderful holiday. We will look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 7th November.

Kind regards /Cofion Cynnes,

Kathryn Presdee

Pennaeth /Prifathrawes



Can I please say that we have to return to reporting **persistent lateness** to school as we return to more normal times. The school gates open at 8.50 am. Registration starts at 9.00am. Gates also close then. Late forms have to be completed in the reception area if children arrive after the gates close. Children **have** to be accompanied by an adult/parent to reception if late for health and safety reasons.

Covid cases are still being seen in school and the community. If your child has Covid, please keep them off school for 5 days from the start of the symptoms please. Two negative tests are also needed on Day 5 and 6.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 31st Oct – Friday 4th Nov	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 10th November	Motorpoint Choir Event – THIS HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO MONDAY 6TH FEB (Venue TBA)
Monday 14th November	Overmonnow Football Tournament – more details to follow
Friday 18th November	Children In Need – Come dressed in Pyjamas!
Wednesday 23rd November	Mon Schools Festival – Football – MCS – AM – More details to follow
Friday 25th November	PTFA - Rags 2 Riches Collection
Thursday 1st December	Infant Visit to Cantref Farm Brecon – more details to follow
Monday 5th December	Flu Immunisations – more details to follow
Monday 19th December	Christingle Service at Grosmont – 6pm – more details to follow
Friday 23rd December	Training Day
Monday 9th January	Training Day
Wed 18th January	Choir Event
Mon 6th Feb	Choir Event – see above

It is with sadness we learn that two strong supporters of our school, Mr & Mrs Wilf Mayo, have recently passed away. Wilf was a bus driver for many years and he supported many events at school with his wife Doreen.

We send our condolences to all their family at this sad time.



Twitter

Follow us if you can!

@CrossAshPrimary (whole school account)

@CrossAshRec @CrossAshY1 @CrossAshY2 @CrossAshY3 @CrossAshY4 @CrossAshY5 @CrossAshY6



School Holiday Requests

Application forms can be found on our website using the link below.

[Application for Term Time Absence](#)

HEAD LICE

Here is the most up-to -date NHS link discussing how to treat head lice effectively. The main points are included below too.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Please check your child's hair daily and take the appropriate action if needed.

Scholastic Book Catalogues coming home today!

Browse in time for Christmas gifts!

Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/cross-ash/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online.

For every **£1** you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn **20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online** by **December 9th, 2022**.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL. This is vitally important. We have children and staff with nut allergies within school. Please take note of the ingredients in sandwich spreads too eg. Nutella. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



Welsh

Scan the QR code to help with the pronunciation



Phrase of the fortnight

Ga i'r fynd i'r ty bach?
Can I go to the toilet?

Ga i'r ...?
Can I ...?

Diolch!
Thank you!

os gwelwch yn dda
please



Scan with Seesaw to view this work!



Welsh Guided Reading Week

This week the children have enjoyed taking part in Welsh reading activities for our Welsh Guided Reading Week. We have been exploring new books and vocabulary, and completing tasks such as wordsearches, alphabet games and locating information in books. We have also been refreshing our knowledge of Welsh apps!

If you would like to download Welsh apps for your devices at home, here is a list of fun and engaging apps to guide you! We would love to see pictures of your child (and you!) using these at home, and there are always Welsh Dojos up for grabs!

 <p>Cyw a'r Wyddor Welsh alphabet / Letter formation App Practise forming your letters whilst learning the Welsh alphabet.</p>	 <p>Llyfrau Hwyl Magi Ann 1/2/3/4/5 Come and learn to read in Welsh with Magi Ann. This is a great app that will help you with your Welsh reading development. You can read the story or have the story read to you (translated into English too). There are also games that you can play on.</p>	 <p>hAPus 1/2 This app is for KS2 children to help them speak Welsh. You can work interactively through different activities — learning vocabulary and ways of saying things, then practising that in exercises and recorded material.</p>
 <p>Rhifau Practise your maths skills by playing these games.</p>	 <p>Tric a Chlic Through this app you can reinforce letter sounds and formation, with songs to lead you from letter to letter. Games provide opportunities to practice and use the skills taught within the scheme.</p>	 <p>Plant yn dysgu Do you like playing games on the iPad? On this app you can improve your Welsh language development by playing on these games.</p>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - A NOTE FOR ALL FAMILIES FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

If you receive any of the benefits outlined below, you **MUST register for a free school meal through your Local Authority. You may be entitled to other grants which help financially with obtaining school uniform, help with school residential trip costs, free music lesson provision and PE kits for example. **THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR YOU AS FAMILIES AND FOR US IN SCHOOL.** If you register, we may also get additional money which can be spent on supporting learning in our school.**

Even though all Foundation Phase children have free school meals, this is a completely different provision which is open to all. Please apply for Free School Meal Grants, which lead to additional grants too, if you receive any of the benefits below. Times are difficult and help is there.

Qualifying benefits include:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

How to register

in receipt of any of the benefits listed above, your benefits team in the Local Authority can help you.

FINANCE

Foundation Phase Trip to Cantref Farm, Brecon on Thursday 1st December £20.60

Massed Choir Second Rehearsal on the amended date of Wed 18th January. £12.00

Please log onto Parentpay to make your contributions towards the costs of these trips.

Children In Need on Friday 18th November the School Council would like everyone to come dressed in pyjamas!

More information to follow after half term 😊

Children in Need

Just simply click on the link below to make donations please.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8129>

Eco Corner

Our Eco committee member James in Year 5 feels incredibly passionate about how we can be more Eco friendly this coming Halloween so he has researched and created an informative poster to share with you all. There are some very scary facts and statistics and let's make ALL of our Halloweens this year a little greener using some of his useful tips.

Bendigedig James! Wonderful work! 😊

Want to know the scariest thing about Halloween?

39.9 million pumpkins will be bought in the UK for Halloween.....

22.2 million will end up in **LANDFILL***

(*www.hubbub.org.uk)

There are **SO** many exciting things to make from pumpkins, so why not turn your **Halloween horror** into a **Halloween treat**.



Here are some tips and ideas to help you!

1. **Don't carve your pumpkins until Halloween.** The flesh will stay fresh and can be used the following day to make some delicious treats including the following:
 - a. **Roast the pumpkin flesh** in the oven with some olive oil and nutmeg, or cumin and honey at 200°C until golden. Add to a salad or use to make a warming bowl of velvety soup.
 - b. **Make pumpkin hummus.** Roast your pumpkin as above, then leave to cool. Scoop out the flesh (if you didn't remove the peel first), then blitz in a blender with tahini, lemon juice, a bit of garlic and cumin.
 - c. **Roast the seeds:** Rinse the seeds of the fleshy, stringy bits and dry using a clean tea towel. Next, place on a baking tray and coat with olive oil or coconut oil and a pinch of salt and chilli flakes (if you like). Then roast for about 10 minutes at 180°C. Enjoy as a tasty snack.
 - d. **Make pumpkin mash.** Chop the flesh into small chunks (make sure to remove the skin first) and boil until tender. Drain and mash it well with a knob of butter or a bit of oil and a splash of milk or dairy-free milk.
2. If you're short of time, chop up the flesh and **freeze** for another day. Pumpkin can be used in stews, soups, risottos or curries.
3. If you don't want to eat your pumpkin, there are plenty other ways to use it responsibly:
 - a. Leave your pumpkins outside **for animals** to eat by chopping it up into cubes. Just make sure you dispose of any candles responsibly and that your pumpkin cubes don't have any paint on them, as this could be toxic to the animals you're looking to feed.
 - b. Pop it on your **compost heap** or into your food bin.

4. Use the seeds for next year's harvest (**Save the food miles!**)
Scoop out and wash and thoroughly dry the seeds. Store in an envelope until ready to plant next year.

There are lots of other ways to be eco-friendly this Halloween:

Make your own costumes from things you've already got in your home. Use non-toxic face paints to finish your look.

Upcycle last year's costumes or why not do a fancy dress swap with your friends?

Make your Halloween an ECO-FRIENDLY treat for EVERYONE!

Gardening Club

Members had fun with Mrs Jellard in Gardening Club today! 😊



Information From Your PTFA



CROSS ASH PTFA

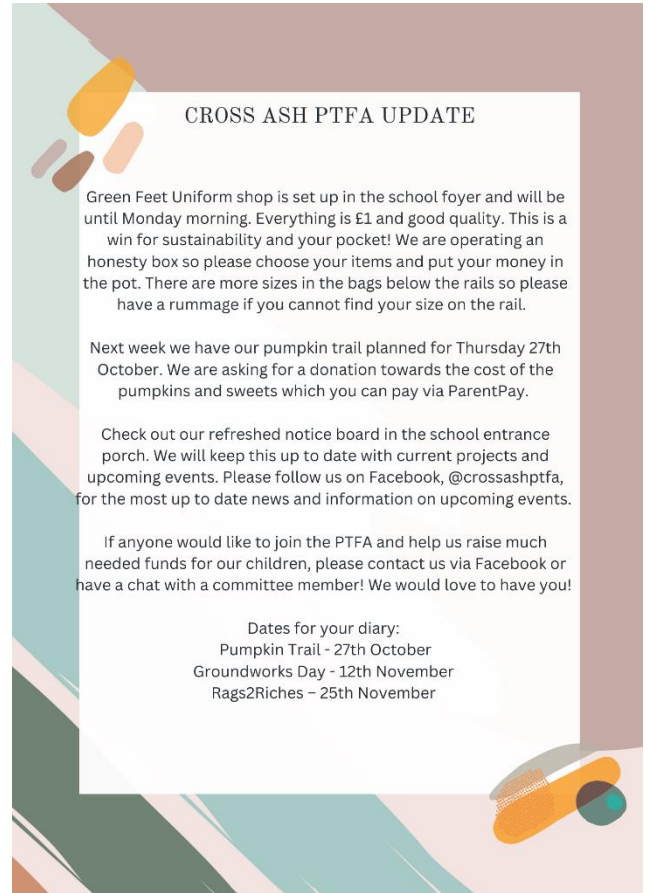
GROUNDWORKS DAY

JOIN US FOR TREE PLANTING, FOREST SCHOOL SITE CLEAN UP & WILLOW COPPICING ETC

Saturday 12 November || 10am || School Grounds

Everyone welcome, including little ones!

Mrs
to



CROSS ASH PTFA UPDATE

Green Feet Uniform shop is set up in the school foyer and will be until Monday morning. Everything is £1 and good quality. This is a win for sustainability and your pocket! We are operating an honesty box so please choose your items and put your money in the pot. There are more sizes in the bags below the rails so please have a rummage if you cannot find your size on the rail.

Next week we have our pumpkin trail planned for Thursday 27th October. We are asking for a donation towards the cost of the pumpkins and sweets which you can pay via ParentPay.

Check out our refreshed notice board in the school entrance porch. We will keep this up to date with current projects and upcoming events. Please follow us on Facebook, @crossashptfa, for the most up to date news and information on upcoming events.

If anyone would like to join the PTFA and help us raise much needed funds for our children, please contact us via Facebook or have a chat with a committee member! We would love to have you!

Dates for your diary:
Pumpkin Trail - 27th October
Groundworks Day - 12th November
Rags2Riches - 25th November



Football Predictions for Football World Cup 2022



FIFA WORLD CUP Qatar2022

1st Prize: Pair of premier league tickets.
2nd Prize: £50 sports voucher.
3rd Prize: £30 sports voucher.

Plus football prize for the Cross Ash pupil who sells the most sheets.

The children will bring home today one copy of the predictor sheet. £2.50 per entry. Please photocopy or if you would like more copies please contact emmamfmorgan@hotmail.co.uk Please return in envelope your entries by 18/11/22.



FIFA FOOTBALL WORLD CUP 2022 GROUP STAGE SWEEPSTAKE!

COMPETITION

Cost to enter is £2.50 per sheet.

Photocopy the sheet and pay for more entries and/or sell them to your friends and family to win a prize!

The child who sells the most predictor sheets will win a prize!

Deadline for entries is 18 November 2022

1st Prize: Pair of Premier League tickets
2nd Prize: £50 Sports Voucher
3rd Prize £30 Sports Voucher.

FIFA WORLD CUP Qatar2022

Tweets made This Week by the following Classes! 😊

Year 6



Blwyddyn 6 Cross Ash



[@CrossAshY6](#)

We've had a lot of fun this week playing Welsh games to help develop our use of past tense verbs!

[@CrossAshLLC](#) [@CrossAshACL](#)

[@EAS_Cymraeg](#) pic.twitter.com/LpLkEyUOx8

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Year 5



Blwyddyn 5 Cross Ash



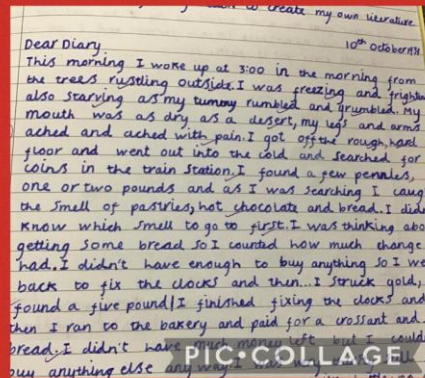
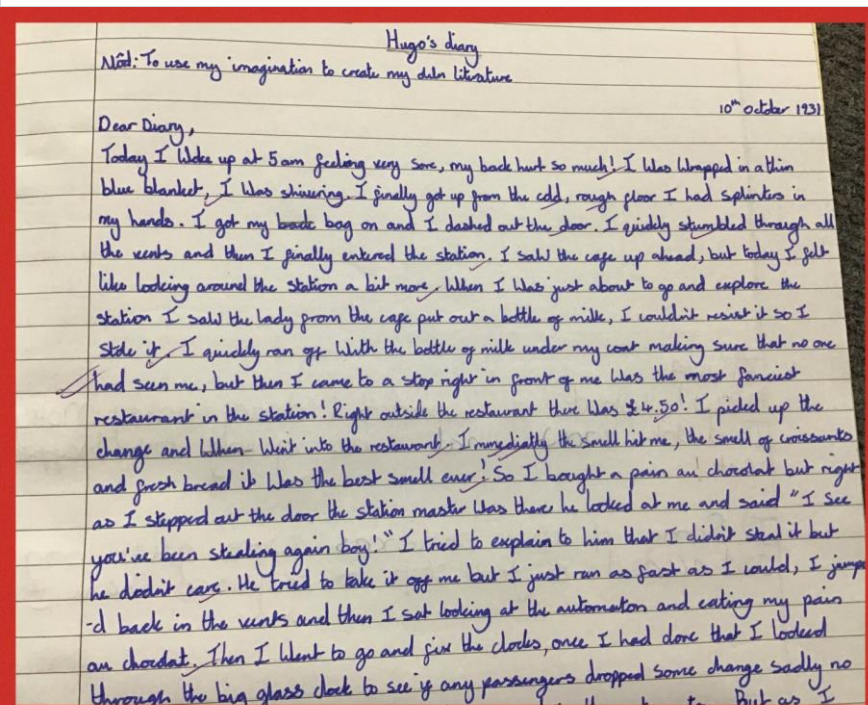
@CrossAshY5

@CrossAshY5 have been honing their diary writing skills. Their inspiration is the character of Hugo, from The Invention of Hugo Cabret, and his adventures among the clocks in a Parisian train station @CrossAshACL

#CrossAshLLC @EAS_LLCEnglish

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PIC-COLLAGE

Year 3



Blwyddyn 3 Cross Ash



[@CrossAshY3](#)

We have been building animal shelters in our school grounds. The children worked collaboratively and experimented with different materials to begin to build their shelter. They cannot wait to finish 🐾

[#enterprisingcreativecontributors](#) [#expressivearts](#) [#STEM](#)

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Year 2



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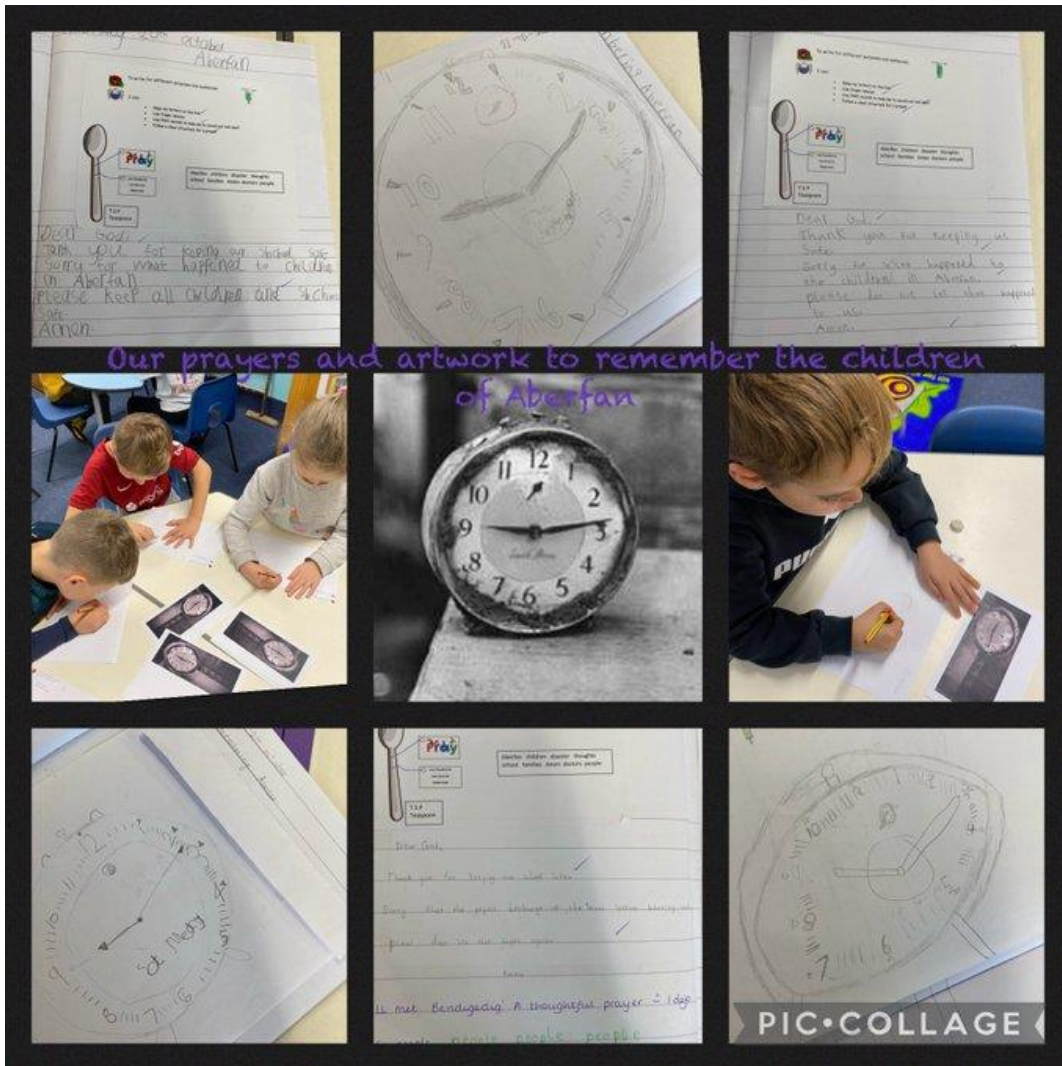
[@CrossAshY2](#)



[@CrossAshY2](#) were very respectful today discussing the very sad events of Aberfan in 1966. We wrote our own prayers and sketched the clock recovered from the school.

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Blwyddyn 2 Cross Ash
@CrossAshY2

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We have been learning about the inspirational [@maejemison](#) as part of our Space topic and Black History Month celebrations. After finding out about her incredible achievements, we have been busy writing our own fact files all about her! [@CrossAshPrimary](#) [#BlackHistoryMonth](#)



Year 1



Blwyddyn 1 Cross Ash
@CrossAshY1

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Happy Diwali from all in [@CrossAshY1](#). We have enjoyed discovering more about the 'Festival of Light' this week. [#Diwali2022](#)



Reception



Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash



[@CrossAshRec](#)

Based on the story 'Leaf Man' [@CrossAshRec](#)
created their own pictures. [@CrossAshLLC](#)
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Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash
@CrossAshRec

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Bubble fun in @CrossAshRec with the help of @CrossAshY6 Diolch yn fawr 😊🫧🫧🫧



Happy Half Term Everyone!

Half-term holidays can be an expensive time, especially if you have children. This is a reminder that there are places where children can eat for less (or free) during October

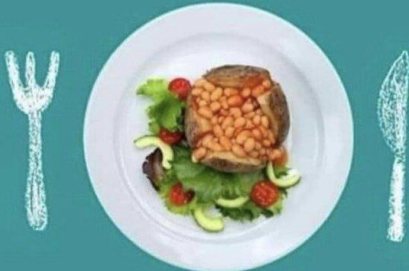
Where children can eat for less (or free) this half-term...

Morrisons Kids eat free when an accompanying adult spends £4.50 or more on a meal.	IKEA Kids eat from 95p in IKEA restaurants every day from October 11th from 11am.	M&S Free kids' meal – a main, a drink & a snack – when you spend £5 or more.
YO! Sushi Kid's eat free all day, Monday to Thursday until 29th October 2022.	ASDA café Kids eat for £1. Each child is entitled to a meal when an accompanying adult spends £1.	Tesco Kids can eat FREE from October 17th – 28th. Spend 60p or more to claim.
Toby Carvery Offer valid Monday to Friday. One adult main entitles you to one children's main for £1.	National Trust Kid's eat free all day, Monday to Thursday until 29th October 2022.	Bella Italia Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of every adult main course. Available Monday to Thursday.

HEINZ **Morrisons**

ASK FOR HENRY

We want to give a little helping hand this half term... something our founder Henry Heinz was known for. Just 'Ask for Henry' at a Morrisons cafe and get a warming and hearty jacket potato with Banz on us.



Available from 26th October

From 24/10/22 - 24/11/22, ask for 'Henry' at the till point at any UK Morrisons Cafe to receive a free Heinz Beans & Jacket Potato meal, while stocks last and subject to availability. Limit of 1 meal per customer per day. Offer is not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash.

Local Community



Chwarae Clai Anifeiliaid yr Hydref

Mae'r dail yn troi eu lliw ac mae ein bywyd gwylt bendigedig yn paratoui ar gyfer y dyddiau oerach sydd o'n blaenau. Galwch heibio ac ymunwch â ni am hwyl hanner tymor am ddim gyda'n dyddiau chwarae clai anifeiliaid yn yr hydref.

Dydd Iau 27ain Hydref	Neuadd Dril Cas-gwent
Dydd Llun 31 ^{ain} Hydref	Neuadd y Sir, Trefynwy
Dydd Mawrth 1 ^{af} Tachwedd	Amgueddfa a Chastell y Fenni
Dydd Iau 3 ^{ydd} Tachwedd	Neuadd Dril Cas-gwent

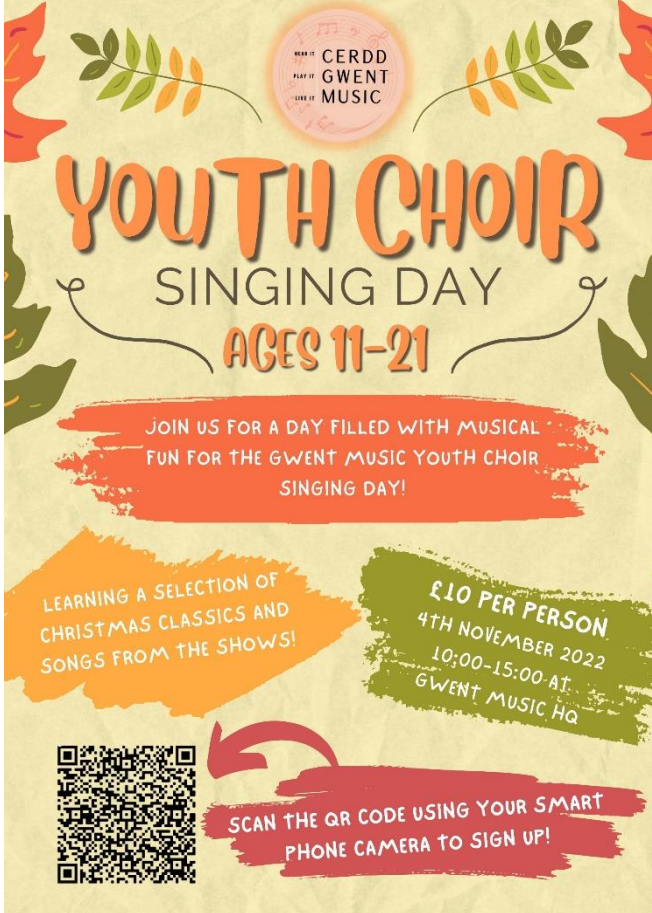
Mae pob sesiwn yn rhedeg 11.00 – 3.00 Nid oes angen archebu
Rhaid i blant fod yng nghwmni oedolyn

Autumn Animal Clay Play

The leaves are turning and our wonderful wildlife is getting ready for the colder days ahead. Drop in and join us for free half term fun with our autumn animal clay play days.

Thursday 27 th October	Chepstow Drill Hall
Monday 31 st October	Shire Hall, Monmouth
Tuesday 1 st November	Abergavenny Museum and Castle
Thursday 3 rd November	Chepstow Drill Hall

Each session runs 11.00 – 3.00 No booking required
Children must be accompanied by an adult



YOUTH CHOIR


SINGING DAY

AGES 11-21

JOIN US FOR A DAY FILLED WITH MUSICAL FUN FOR THE GWENT MUSIC YOUTH CHOIR SINGING DAY!

LEARNING A SELECTION OF CHRISTMAS CLASSICS AND SONGS FROM THE SHOWS!

£10 PER PERSON
4TH NOVEMBER 2022
10:00-15:00 AT
GWENT MUSIC HQ



SCAN THE QR CODE USING YOUR SMART PHONE CAMERA TO SIGN UP!

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

AT OLD STATION TINTERN

MonLife

Worcestershire
Council



MONDAY 31st OCTOBER,
THURSDAY 3rd & SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER

11:00am - 3:00pm | FREE ACTIVITIES

- Halloween craft activities will include your own broom stick making, pinecone spiders and spiderwebs.
- Halloween themed cakes and treats in the Tearooms



*Father Christmas is
coming to Cross Ash Hall
for the 1st time since the 60's!*

Saturday 10th December

10 am - 5 pm

Cross Ash Village Hall

*Watch this space for further info.
on how to book your children a
slot at the fully immersive Grotto
experience at The Cross Ash
Christmas Shopping Event.*

