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# Cross Ash Primary School

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## Newsletter- Newyddion

**13th 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,

We are so grateful for the generosity of the local community regarding our **Harvest** donations. As well as these fantastic donations, they have also raised £150 to buy items for the local food bank. Harvest is a time to share and be thankful for what we have, even if these times are difficult. These donations will be appreciated more than ever this year!



Article 27 of UNCRC: Children have the right to food, clothing and a safe place to live.



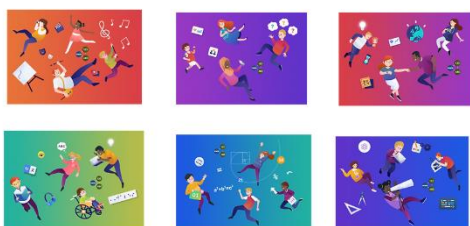
As previously mentioned, it is a sad time for us here at Cross Ash Primary as **Mrs Powell** leaves us today after ten years of working with us. Mrs Powell has added a great deal to Cross Ash Primary over the past ten years and will be missed. I know she has worked with many children over the years and, as I said previously, they have benefitted from her expertise and care. Unfortunately, she has been ill this week so couldn't come in for her last few days! This was so disappointing. The memories the children had prepared for her assembly today were recorded for her to see online. We all wish her well and send her good luck for her future career. She will be working for the Aneurin Bevan Health Board. Thank you, Mrs Powell,!

Tomorrow we are celebrating **Shwmae Day**! This is a day when we celebrate all things Welsh. The children are welcome to come to school dressed in the colours of the Welsh flag or anything linked to Wales if they would like to.



At midday tomorrow, the booking line for **Parent Consultation appointments** will close. Please book if you haven't already done so. Parent Consultations in the Autumn Term are always based around meeting your class teacher and around wellbeing and initial targets for improvement in literacy and numeracy in particular. This is such an exciting time for education in Wales with the New Curriculum for Wales being in

place, and the way we teach is quite different. There will be some work in books you will be able to see, but other work could be IT based or collaborative, but your child's teacher will explain that to you. We look forward to seeing you in person next week. Please follow these links to the website for a greater understanding of our curriculum. [Curriculum | Cross Ash Primary School](#)



Last week the **PTFA** met with Mrs Willis to discuss events for the term. The calendar is on its way to being sent for printing and other creative activities are underway already too! The Pumpkin Trail will be the next event for us all to enjoy on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks for all of your support PTFA!

On Monday we held an **Open Afternoon** so that parents and prospective parents could come and have a guided tour of our school. Due to Covid restrictions in the past, some of our current families wanted to see inside the school after being unable to do this previously.

We were so proud of our Y6 guides! The feedback from parents was that they were informative, amusing and so articulate. Their love of their school was also very clear to see. Very well done for being such great ambassadors for our school. Pictured are Phoebe, Aneira, Rey, Alexander, Ramona and Alexis.



Thank you to all of those who came. We hope you enjoyed having a look around. The sun was shining so you were even able to visit our Forest Schools. The children and staff have created some beautiful displays this term which are included on the next page for you to see. Thanks Mrs Willis and Y6 of course for helping me with this.



Have a lovely weekend all.

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

### Scholastics Book Fair

This will be open after school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October and then every day after school up to and including the Friday. It will also be open every morning break from the Tuesday through to the Friday.

Unfortunately, books won't be available to buy before school.

With a view to getting ahead for Christmas, please support school with this venture as this brings in much needed commission to purchase books for our school library.

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Open afternoon from 1.30pm</b>
<b>w/c Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Parent Consultations – see details below</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Scholastics Book Fair arrives</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Choir Trip to Barry Arts Centre - THIS HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO Wed Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Letter to follow (Venue TBA)</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>PTFA Pumpkin Trail</b>
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Motorpoint Choir Event – THIS HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEB (Venue TBA)</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Children In Need</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Infant Visit to Cantref Farm Brecon – more details to follow</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Flu Immunisations – more details to follow</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christingle Service at Grosmont – 6pm – more details to follow</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>Training Day</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Training Day</b>
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Choir Event – See above</b>
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Choir Event – see above</b>

**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.**



## Twitter

Follow us if you can!



@CrossAshPrimary (whole school account)

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

# CLUBS

Clubs set up so far are as follows:

All pupils participating in clubs need parental permission – [please ensure you have signed the appropriate letter/s](#).

They have been distributed to those interested / eligible.

DAY	CLUB	SCHOOL/PRIVATE	AGE	Afterschool or Lunchtime
MONDAY	DRAMA CLUB	SCHOOL – Mrs Bennett	Year 6	3.30 to 4.30 pm
TUESDAY	DANCE EXPLORERS See last week's letter for further details	PRIVATE – Dance Blast – Fran – Payment Required	Years 1 - 2	3.30 to 4.30pm
	NEWS CREW	SCHOOL – Mrs Willis	Selected Pupils	3.30 to 4.30pm
WEDNESDAY	FOOTBALL	SCHOOL – Mr Collins	Years 4 & 5	3.30 to 4.30pm
	GARDENING CLUB	SCHOOL – Mrs Brunt & Mrs Jellard	Year 6	Lunchtime
	CHOIR	SCHOOL- Miss John	Years 3 - 6	3.30 to 4.30pm
THURSDAY	FOOTBALL	SCHOOL – Mr Collins	Years 5 & 6	3.30 to 4.30pm
	WILD CUBS – Outdoor Club	SCHOOL - Mrs Adams & Mr Williamson & Volunteers	Years 5 & 6	3.30 to 5pm

**PLEASE NOTE – DUE TO THE PARENT CONSULTATIONS AND BOOK FAIR TAKING PLACE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT WEEK.**

**PLEASE PREPARE YOUR CHILD MINDING ARRANGEMENTS IN ADVANCE**

## FINANCE

Choir Members – a reminder about the second rehearsal for the Massed Concert.

The rehearsal is being held in Barry on 19.10.22. Please log onto Parentpay.

## Club Cwtsh

Would you like to speak Welsh at home?

We would like to offer a basic, formal, Welsh programme, focused on speaking Welsh with young children.



Club Cwtsh is aimed for parents/carers, extended family members and the wider community of children from Cross Ash Primary School.

You don't need any Welsh to join so what are you waiting for?!

Sessions will run every other Thursday (date to be confirmed) 1.30 - 3.15pm at Cross Ash Primary School

To register your interest please email [spencerg1@hwbcymru.net](mailto:spencerg1@hwbcymru.net)

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### Phrase of the fortnight

Faint ydy d'oed di? (How old are you?)  
Dw i'n ..... oed (I am ... Years old)  
Penblwydd Hapus (Happy Birthday)

## Parent Consultations 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Parent Consultation bookings opened on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of October at 6pm and remain open **until tomorrow midday** (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of October). This year we are so pleased to be able to offer face to face meetings. Booking is very straightforward; please follow the link in the letter send out last Friday and the onscreen instructions will guide you through the process. Please see below for the days being offered by the Staff. Should you have any problems please contact the office and we will endeavour to resolve these quickly for you.

### Staff Member      Days offered

Mrs Stirling:	Monday and Wednesday
Miss Phillips:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Mrs Goddard:	Monday, Tuesday
Mr Williamson:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Miss Morris:	Monday, Tuesday
Mrs Willis:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Miss John:	Monday, Tuesday

# Scholastics Book Fair



## The Cross Ash Book Fair is Back!!

After a long wait, we are thrilled to announce that the Book Fair will be with us from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. The Book Fair will contain over 200 titles from as little as £2.99. Children will be able to browse the Fair with their class teacher and let you know what they might like to buy. Every book purchased earns money for the school, which we then use to buy brand new books for the classrooms and libraries. Past Book Fairs have seen us raise over £600 per event for new books and we have really missed this wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading and replenish our book corners.

The Book Fair will be open every day at morning break time (10.30am) and after school. Books and stationery will be available to purchase from our fantastic Year 6 Book Fair team. If you are sending money in with your child please ensure it is in a clearly labelled envelope that can be given to the class teacher for safe keeping.

If you wish to browse the Book Fair after school with your child please wait at the Breakfast Club entrance and a member of staff will let you in once bus lines and walkers have been organised. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times when visiting the Book Fair. The Book Fair will also be open each evening during Parent Consultations and this is a wonderful opportunity for some Christmas shopping!

We are able to accept cash and cheques at the Book Fair. There is also an option to pay using a QR code, but we do need to keep in mind that our phone signal at Cross Ash is rather intermittent and not always reliable.

Unfortunately we are unable to reserve books as they sell so quickly, but we can order extra copies in for you once payment has been made.

We very much hope to see you at the Book Fair! Diolch!

## **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**

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

## **Gwent Music Support**

Contact: 01633210800

Additional Peripatetic Teachers visiting our school this term

are as follows:

Mondays – Guitar – StJohn Diston

Wednesdays – Percussion – Hope Holliwell



# PTFA

## Calendar Sponsorship



Cross Ash Primary School  
2023 Calendar Sponsorship



Our school calendar is very popular and an ideal way to advertise your business to several hundred local families in the local community and further afield.

Every year Cross Ash Primary School PTFA produce a calendar with all profits directly invested into the school and the children at Cross Ash.

To help cover production costs of the calendar, Cross Ash Primary School PTFA offer parents and local businesses the opportunity to place an advert in the calendar.

If you would like to advertise in the 2023 calendar, please contact us at [crossashcalendar@yahoo.com](mailto:crossashcalendar@yahoo.com)

Don't worry if you haven't already got a suitable advert, we will produce one for you free of charge!

Deadline for sponsorship is

**Friday 21st October 2022.**



Cross Ash Primary School  
2023 Calendar Sponsorship



Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Sponsored Month(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsorship Amount: (donation of min. £50 per advert) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to Cross Ash School PTFA or Bank Transfer (contact us for the details).

*Every effort will be made to allocate your advert to your preferred month, however allocation is on a first come first served basis.*

### **Advert information**

The images should be TIFFs or JPEGs and ideally 300dpi.  
The advert area is 267mm wide x 25mm deep.

Please email any adverts, logos or images to: [crossashcalendar@yahoo.com](mailto:crossashcalendar@yahoo.com)

If you have any queries regarding sponsorship or your advert, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Please return sponsorship form and payment in a sealed envelope marked "PTFA Calendar 2023" to:  
Cross Ash Primary School, Cross Ash, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire NP7 8PL  
Alternatively, you can email us this information at the above address.

Deadline for sponsorship is **Friday 21st October 2022.**

Thank you very much for supporting our school!



## Tweets made This Week by the following Classes! 😊

### Year 6



**Blwyddyn 6 Cross Ash**

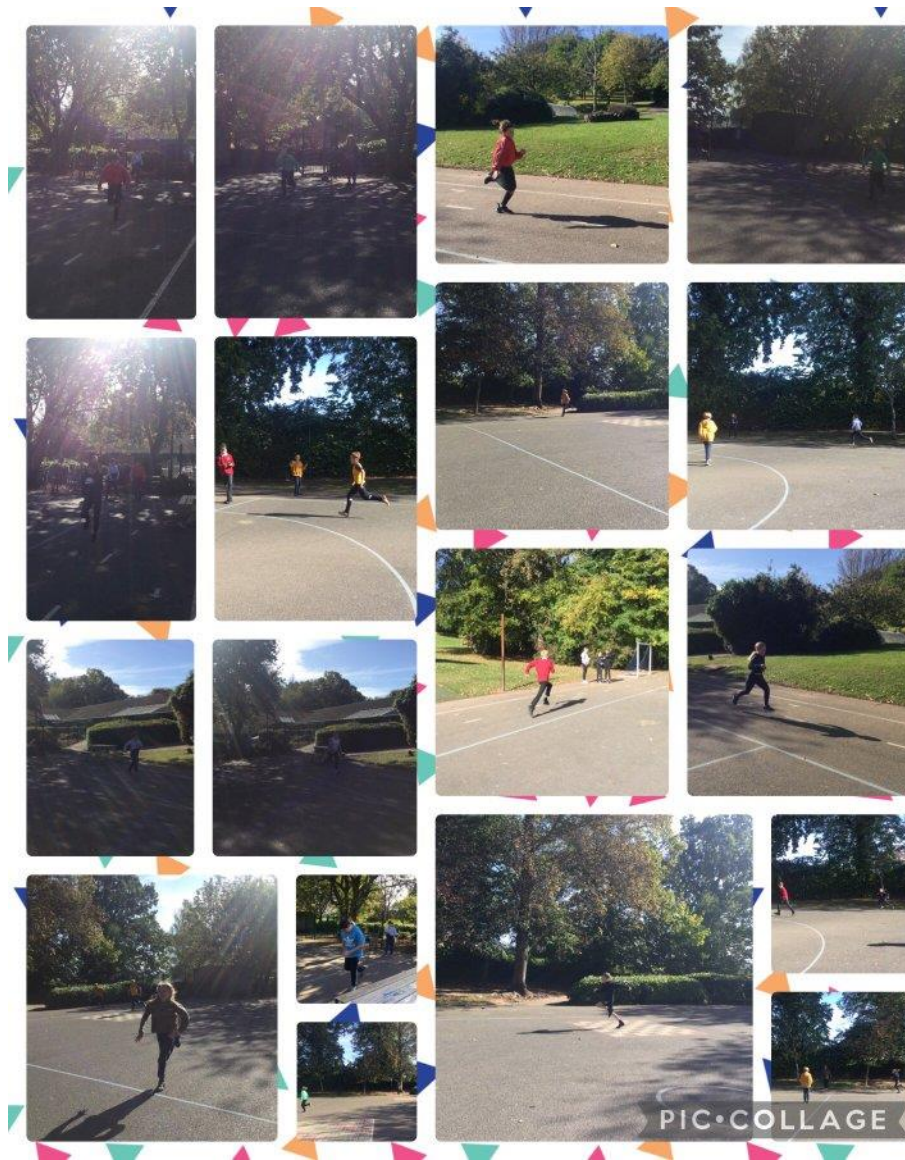
[@CrossAshY6](https://twitter.com/CrossAshY6)



To mark [#blackhistorymonth](https://twitter.com/hashtag/blackhistorymonth) we have been researching figures throughout history and from today, that have inspired and influenced positive changes towards a more equal and diverse future. [@CrossAshEIC](https://twitter.com/CrossAshEIC)

[@CrossAshHC](https://twitter.com/CrossAshHC) [pic.twitter.com/7yaa5dfKSsk](https://pic.twitter.com/7yaa5dfKSsk)

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Blwyddyn 6 Cross Ash  
@CrossAshY6

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This morning we timed how long it took to run the length of the yard. We ordered and investigated the results, exploring patterns and trends. We discussed the importance of warming up correctly and setting targets. [@CrossAshHCI](#) [@CrossAshHW](#) [@CrossAshMaths](#)

## Year 5



Blwyddyn 5 Cross Ash  
@CrossAshY5

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@CrossAshY5 have been honing their hockey skills today. Great concentration and precision 🏏  
@CrossAshHCI @CrossAshHW



## Year 4



**Blwyddyn 4 Cross Ash**



[@CrossAshY4](#)

Today we looked at whether any animals had used the animal homes we built last week for them to hibernate in. We made modifications to them to improve them further.

[@CrossAshHW](#) [pic.twitter.com/5x8NoIGmfH](https://pic.twitter.com/5x8NoIGmfH)

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## Year 3



**Blwyddyn 3 Cross Ash**

[@CrossAshY3](https://twitter.com/CrossAshY3)



Today, we were thinking about how important it is to talk to one another and to make time to listen carefully to each other. We discussed small and big feelings, who we could talk to, role-played some different scenarios, and created a list of what makes a good listener. [@AFNCCF](https://twitter.com/AFNCCF)  
[pic.twitter.com/OioNsmllm2](https://pic.twitter.com/OioNsmllm2)

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## Year 2



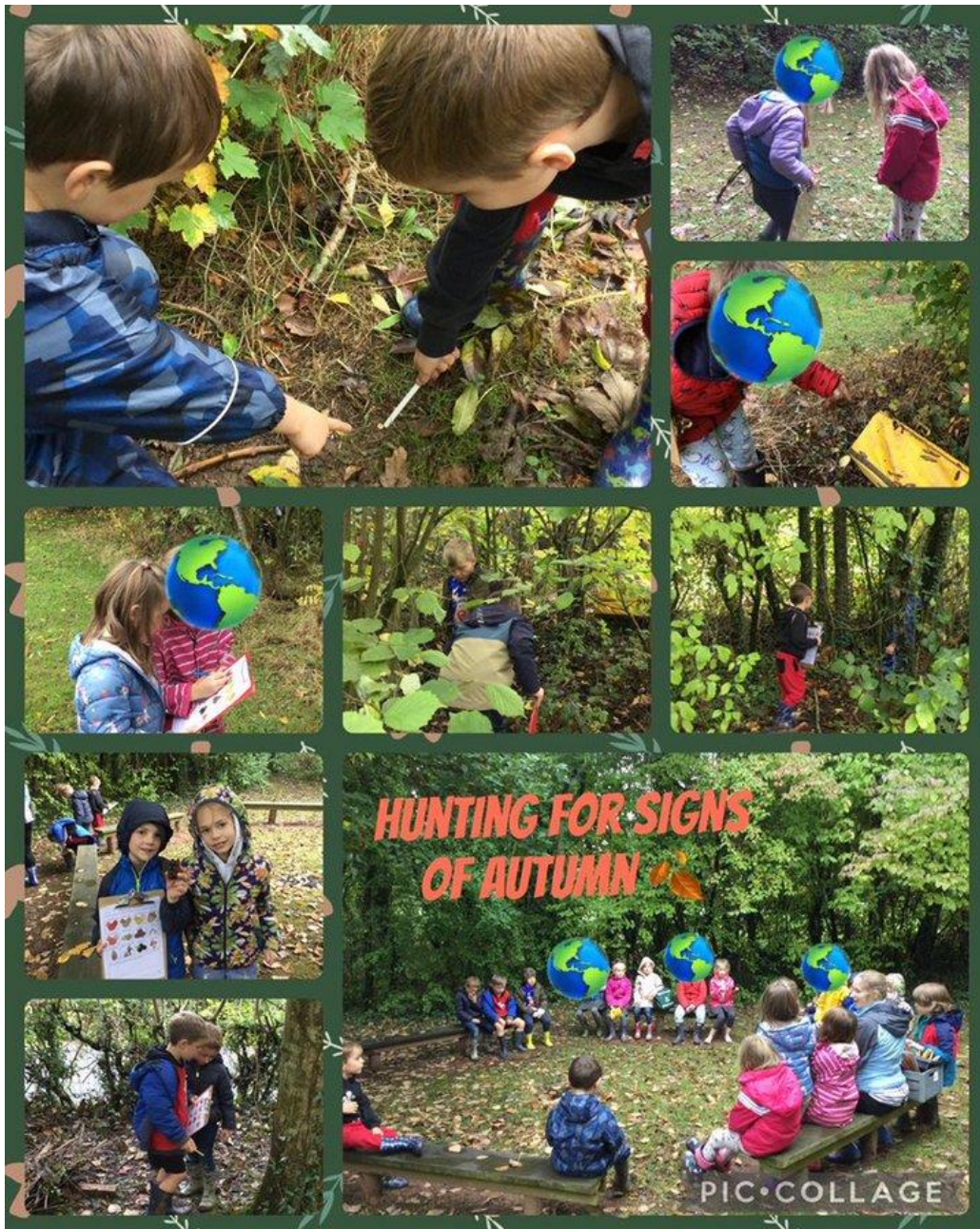
**Blwyddyn 2 Cross Ash**



[@CrossAshY2](#)

[@CrossAshY2](#) have been busy exploring stars and constellations this afternoon. Using golden stars, we enjoyed designing and creating our very own constellations! [@CrossAshArts](#) [@CrossAshECC](#) [@CrossAshSTEM](#) [pic.twitter.com/50OkGOWX54](https://pic.twitter.com/50OkGOWX54)

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**Blwyddyn 2 Cross Ash**

[@CrossAshY2](#)



We loved hunting for signs of Autumn during our outdoor learning this week! [@CrossAshSTEM](#)

[@CrossAshHW](#) [#Autumn](#) [#OutdoorLearning](#)

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## Year 1



**Blwyddyn 1 Cross Ash** @CrossAs... · 18h ...

We have had lots of fun in @CrossAshY1 this week! We have been learning to ask and answer the question “Beth wyt ti’n gwisgo?” We dressed in different clothes to learn a range of vocabulary. Play the music... Let the catwalk begin... 👗 👖 🎩

@CrossAshLLC



## Reception



After our wonderful Harvest Service this morning,  
[@CrossAshRec](https://twitter.com/CrossAshRec) enjoyed sharing our bread, jam and  
cheese this afternoon. [@CrossAshPrimary](https://twitter.com/CrossAshPrimary)  
[pic.twitter.com/GyBQo78CXb](https://pic.twitter.com/GyBQo78CXb)



**Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash**



[@CrossAshRec](https://twitter.com/CrossAshRec)

On [#WorldMentalHealthDay](https://twitter.com/WorldMentalHealthDay) [@CrossAshRec](https://twitter.com/CrossAshRec) talked about how we can help to keep our minds healthy. We discussed feelings and what makes a good friend.

[@CrossAshHC](https://twitter.com/CrossAshHC) [pic.twitter.com/mgOmRRekL5](https://pic.twitter.com/mgOmRRekL5)

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## Community



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

*Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.*