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Cross Ash Primary School

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Right of the Month: To an Education, to learn

Value of the Month: Courage

Seal Theme: New Beginnings

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Thank you for your patience while waiting for the **Pupil Voice Committees** applications to be opened and the IT issues sorted out. The standards have been very high and teachers have been busy reading them all in readiness for the results to be announced tomorrow. I know that they have enjoyed the inventiveness of the applications and have really loved this opportunity to see what your children feel is important to the growth of our school. Lots of ideas have been gained already for projects we can take forward as a result of the applications themselves. Diolch pawb!



Article 12 of UNCRC: Children have the right to give an opinion and for adults to take this seriously

Many **extra-curricular after school clubs** have started this week and I would like to thank staff and volunteers for providing these. We have had a few issues arise and I know that this has affected Drama Club in particular. Unfortunately, Dance Blast can only provide a club for us on a Tuesday and this clashes with use of the hall for Drama Club. We will have to run Drama Club on Mondays for now and we will look to see if Dance Blast can change to an alternative day next term. Hopefully this will help Year 6 to take part on a Tuesday if they cannot do so now. Sorry Mrs Bennett and Year 6! **A separate letter regarding Dance Blast is also being sent out today. The taster session went very well!**

It was lovely to send our **Cross Country Team** out today for the first time. This event was a celebration of running rather than a competition. Thanks to Miss Phillips for organising this and to Mr Williamson, Mrs Powell and Mrs Davies who attended with the pupils. The staff reported that they were very proud of our team, who all performed incredibly well and showed great team spirit and sporting behaviour.

Next Tuesday we will be taking our **annual PTFA Calendar photographs**. I know that you have had letters regarding this. The themes for each month, which detail the things your child will need to wear, are further on in the newsletter too. Don't buy anything new! Any issues, please let us know and we will try to help. If you would like to sponsor a page, or know a business that might, please fill in the form on the letter.



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.

On the **10th October** we will be having an **open afternoon**. This is primarily for new Reception children for next September! However, I know that several parents, particularly in our current Year 1 have also not had the opportunity for a look around the school due to restrictions that were in place at that time. If you would like to visit then please could you email me directly, just so that I can see numbers. You will be very welcome to have a guided tour!

Have a lovely weekend all.

Kind regards /Cofion Cynnes,

Kathryn Presdee

Pennaeth /Prifathrawes

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.

Dates for your Diary

Scholastics Book Fair

This will be open after school on Monday 17th 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.

Monday 26th September	Training Day
Thursday 29th September	Cross Country Event – Mon Comp
Tuesday 4th October	PTFA Calendar Photograph Shoot – details below
Thursday 6th October	Harvest Festival at Skenfrith Church – 10.30am
Monday 10th October	Open afternoon from 1.30pm
w/c Monday 17th October	Parent Consultations – details to follow: Date Amendment!
Monday 17th October	Scholastics Book Fair arrives
Wednesday 19th October	Choir Trip to Barry Arts Centre – more details to follow
Monday 31st Oct – Friday 4th Nov	Half Term Holiday
Friday 18th November	Children In Need
Thursday 1st December	Infant Visit to Cantref Farm Brecon – more details to follow
Monday 5th December	Flu Immunisations – more details to follow
Monday 9th January	Training Day

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.



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Follow us if you can!

@CrossAshPrimary (whole school account)

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

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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 CARE! - New Day	DRAMA CLUB	SCHOOL – Mrs Bennett	Year 6	3.30 to 4.30 pm
TUESDAY	DANCE EXPLORERS See today's letter for further details	PRIVATE – Dance Blast – Fran – Payment Required	Years 1 - 6	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 THE WEEK COMMENCING 17TH OCTOBER.

PLEASE PREPARE YOUR CHILD MINDING ARRANGEMENTS IN ADVANCE

Finance

Cross Country - If your child took part in the Cross Country Festival today, and you have not yet made your contribution to the transport costs, please can you log onto Parentpay

Harvest Festival – transport cost – This is now on Parentpay for children in all years. Cost £2.10

Welsh Phrase of the Fortnight

Bore Da (Good Morning)

Shwmae? (How are you?)

Prynhawn Da (Good Afternoon)

Noswaith Dda (Good evening)

Nôs da (Goodnight)



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

Cross Country Event at Monmouth Comprehensive





OPEN AFTERNOON AT



CROSS ASH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MONDAY 10th OCTOBER 2022

FROM 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Please come and visit! Come and see the exciting learning opportunities we provide for our pupils, meet the staff and see our amazing grounds! Come any time during the afternoon. New Reception pupils for 2023 we would love to see you! We also have a few places available in some other year groups.

Everyone is welcome.

More information: email crossashprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk

website www.crossashprimary.co.uk or telephone 01873 821427



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 17th October to Friday 21st 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!

PTFA



CROSS ASH PTFA

Welcome back!

The PTFA are up and running, busy planning another brilliant year of events! Our fundraising is all geared towards improving provision for all our children.

We have exciting news. we have been awarded **£11,000** from the Community Green Energy Fund. This will be used to replenish the school sports equipment!

Dates for Your Diary

- New Parent Coffee Morning **tomorrow**. Everyone is welcome!
- Next **Tuesday** is our Calendar photoshoot. Please remember to wear your themed outfit/bring your props.

Lastly the next PTFA Meeting: **Thursday 7th October**. Everyone is welcome, we would appreciate any help and ideas you can offer!

Cross Ash Calendar 2023 is back!!!

The Cross Ash Calendar photos will take place on

Tuesday 4th October 2022!!

We can't wait to see you all dressed up!

If you would like to sponsor the calendar and advertise your business across Monmouthshire (£50 per advert) we would love to hear from you!

Email: crossashcalendar@yahoo.com



Cross Ash 2023 Calendar

Calendar Photographs

It's that time of year again when we will be creating the fantastic
Cross Ash Calendar!

Photographs for the calendar will be taken on **Tuesday 4th October 2022**

Please come to school dressed in the theme of your birthday month:

January Space (To infinity and beyond.....)	February Superheroes	March Wales (All things Welsh)
April Endangered animals	May Lights, camera, action (Think Hollywood!)	June Sports
July People who help us	August Tropical Beaches (buckets/spades/sunglasses/ hats)	September Farming (Woolly jumpers/boiler suits/wellies/hats/sheep!)
October Shades of Autumn /Harvest	November Remembrance Day (Poppies)	December Christmas (Christmas jumpers/tinsel!)

Remember . . . the more fun and colourful the better!!

We don't want you to buy outfits or new clothes for this, if you don't have anything at home, let us know and will do our best to help. We will bring as many props/spare outfits as we can for the photoshoot.

We will also need a lovely picture showing life at Cross Ash Primary School for the front of the 2022 school calendar.

This will be done at school for those who wish to participate and the winning picture will be chosen by Mrs Presdee-Salathiel.

If you have any props that we can use for the photo sessions please bring them along (in a bag with your child's name clearly labelled)

Diolch!

Every month also needs a sponsor – if you or your business would like to sponsor the 2022 calendar, please see attached sponsorship form.





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

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!



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

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.



In the Classes

Year 6

This week we have been very busy with our Harvest Service rehearsals. We have also enjoyed our rugby sessions in PE and our swimming session on Wednesday.



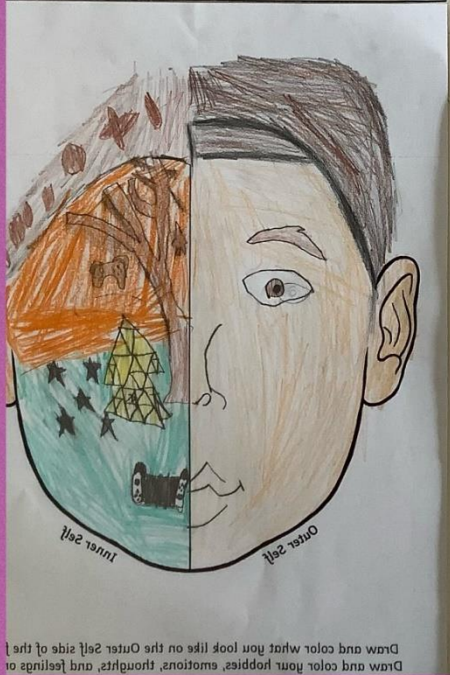
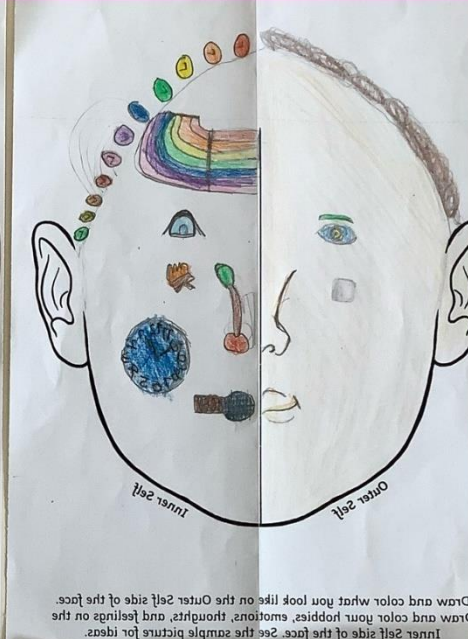
Year 5



Year 5 have been busy getting to grips with rounding decimal numbers, air resistance and understanding the power of Not Yet with Betti our class Yeti 😊

Year 4

Blwyddyn pedwar have focused on our feelings, thoughts, interests and emotions this week. We drew what we look like on the outside and thought about who we were on the inside.



Year 3

This week we have been using the chromebooks to research information to help us write our fact files. We found lots of amazing facts and learnt lots about a variety of countries.



Year 2

Blwyddyn 2 have been spelling super stars this week as we started our new spellings in class! We have also been busy preparing for our Harvest festival in church next week with some excellent singing.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a lovely week. We have been exploring our mud kitchen by making moon cakes and space biscuits! We also enjoyed DEAR time by reading int classroom. It was so peaceful!



Reception

Dosbarth Derbyn made 2D shapes using natural materials.



Community



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Join us on
Tuesday 11th October
from 10am - 12 noon
in St Nicholas Church
for the biggest coffee morning of the year!

