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Newsletter- Newyddion

1st December (Rhagfyr) 2022

Right of the Month: To Have An Opinion

Value of the Month: Getting On and Falling Out

Seal Theme: Responsibility



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Last Friday we supported Wales during their **World Cup** journey. It is sad that it has come to an end, but we are still proud of the fact that we got there! We enjoyed singing the Welsh National Anthem together before watching the game. Our Sports Council have developed some activities for us to do to continue our involvement in the World Cup and we look forward to completing those next week.



Year 5 pupils have started their visits to **Penpergwm House** this week with Mrs Willis. Intergenerational links are so important and we are so pleased to be able to begin these visits again. Thank you to Georgie Llewellyn and her team for inviting us.



It's the first of December and we are now on the run up to Christmas! This week the Foundation Phase children have held their **Expressive Arts Week**, where they have made their resources in readiness for their nativity play. A trip to **Cantref Farm** to visit Santa today has also started the festivities. Such excitement this morning! Day one of our whole school **Advent Calendar**, which was provided by Reverend Gaynor has also been opened. The children love creating part of the Nativity Scene every day. **Gardening Club** made beautiful Christmas wreaths. See the photographs further on.



Next week we have **Piggy Bank Shopping** on **8th and 9th December**. See information further on in the newsletter. **Christmas jumper/own clothes** can be worn next Friday 9th December to support Save the Children. See details below. We also have a Christmas treat in school that day.



Rags 2 Riches. Thank you for your support with this initiative! The PTFA has raised.....**£140.48** 😊



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised a massive **£215.56** for vital welfare and benevolent work in school so thank you everyone for your support. 😊

Dates for your Diary

Friday 2nd December	PTFA tea towel orders close
Monday 5th December	Flu Immunisations Mon Schools Football Festival - rescheduled date – 10am to midday - MCS
Tuesday 6th December	PTFA Christmas Wreath Making event
Thursday 8th December	Piggy Bank Shopping
Friday 9th December	Piggy Bank Shopping Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children Christmas Event in school for the children
Wednesday 14th December	10am Foundation Phase Dress Rehearsal Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15th December	Foundation Phase Concert 2 pm
Friday 16th December	Foundation Phase Concert 2 pm
Monday 19th December	Christingle Service at Grosmont – 6pm -save the date!
Monday 19th December	Christmas Parties – Rec to Year 4
Tuesday 20th December	Christmas Parties – Yr5 & Yr6
Wednesday 21st December	CHOIR – Penpergwm Carol Concert
Friday 23rd December	Training Day
Monday 9th January	Training Day
Friday 13th January	PTFA Meeting – more details to follow



Congratulations to **Mr Williamson** on his engagement to his girlfriend Lizzy. We wish them every happiness in their lives together. Such lovely news!

Kind regards /Cofion Cynnes,

Kathryn Presdee

Pennaeth /Prifathrawes



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 9th December

Please bring in £1 to support NSPCC



If you do not have a Christmas jumper please wear home clothes, do not go out and buy one purely for the event.

CHRISTMAS PLAY ARRANGEMENTS – “Christmas Around The World”

The **Foundation Phase Play** will be held on the following days and times:

10 am Wednesday 14th December -Dress Rehearsal – can be attended by grandparents or for those with young siblings. **Please can you contact the office so that I know how many people will be attending the Dress Rehearsal?**

2.00 pm Thursday 15th December – concert for parents -2 people to attend per family

2.00 pm Friday 16th December – concert for parents – 2 people to attend per family

We would appreciate it if very young children do not attend the main performances if possible.

Parking will be available on the Junior Yard. Filming and photographs will not be allowed. We will post photographs for you of the children who are allowed to be included!



Concert Preparations



FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Details have been sent out by email.

Important! - FLU VACCINE E Consent

The school nursing service will be immunising at school on.....05.12.22

Please submit your child's e-consent **by 12 mid day on02.12.22 . That's TOMORROW!!**

In cases where consent forms are submitted after this time, **your child may not be immunised on the day** and the Fluenz nasal spray will be offered at a later date.

<https://abuhb.nhs.wales/healthcare-services/childrens-healthcare-services/school-nursing/help-keep-your-child-well-this-winter-make-sure-they-have-their-flu-vaccine/>

Should you have any difficulties accessing the above link, please contact your child's school nurse for further support.

Cofion cynnes/Kind Regards

Samantha Davies

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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 unfortunately on the rise 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.

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Twitter

Follow us if you can!

@CrossAshPrimary (whole school account)

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

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School Leave of Absence Requests

Application forms can be found on our website or by using the link below.
Please complete and return to school.

[Application for Term Time Absence](#)

Scholastic Book Catalogues

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.



Tuesday - After School DanceBlast

Please be reminded that the Juniors have started

wef 22nd November up to 20th December.

If anyone else is interested please contact the office.

Welsh With Mrs Williams 😊



Pwy wyt ti?

Foundation Phase

Who are you?

Beth yw d'enw di?

What is your name?

KS2

... ydw i.



December Kindness 2022

MONDAY



5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

TUESDAY



6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

WEDNESDAY



7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

THURSDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

FRIDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

SATURDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

SUNDAY

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2023



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Whilst on her maternity leave, awaiting the arrival of her baby, Mrs Goddard spotted this in the Monmouthshire Property Drop! She sent it to me to include in our newsletter.

Well done to Pippa, Kenna and Ferne who are in this line up!



NEWS

Monmouth Very Own Lionesses

After the amazing success of the Lionesses in the recent European Championships there was an overwhelming desire for us to support our local girls at Monmouth Town FC. We wanted to join in with the wave of enthusiasm to encourage girls of all ages to become involved in football.

As a local business owner and grandfather of two young girls I believe that any physical activities or sports can only be a positive for both health and well-being. I feel very passionate that girls sometimes need that extra encouragement and support especially when being involved in a male orientated sport.

We would like to wish the girls every success in the future and hope that we can support their journey over the coming years.

A big thank you to all of the coaches and parents who we believe do a wonderful job. If you have a daughter or granddaughter who would like to join, then please contact Paul Perrella at Monmouth Town FC.

Phil Smith
Roscoe Rogers and Knight



Gardening Club



Yesterday in Gardening Club, the children made their willow Christmas wreaths.

They had good fun moulding the willow branches into shape and then decorating them with lots of natural dried plants, ivy etc to make beautiful displays to hang on front doors for the festive season.

Well done children, lovely artistic work.

Next week will be the last session before Christmas and Mrs Brunt and Mrs Jellard will be bringing in hot chocolate and treats for "The Club". We usually have this winter fun by the pond (weather permitting)it will be muddy, so wellies are essential, please.

Anne Brunt and Lynne Jellard.

PTFA UPDATE

A huge thank you to everyone who submitted their **World Cup Football Sweepstake** scoresheets. We have raised an amazing **£367.50**.

Over a third of the gorgeous infant and junior **tea towels** have been pre-ordered. Order yours via parent pay by 2nd December; these will make fantastic presents and keepsakes.

We have **only 2 Cross Ash Calendars left**. This is your only chance this year to get your hands on one! Order yours via parent pay .

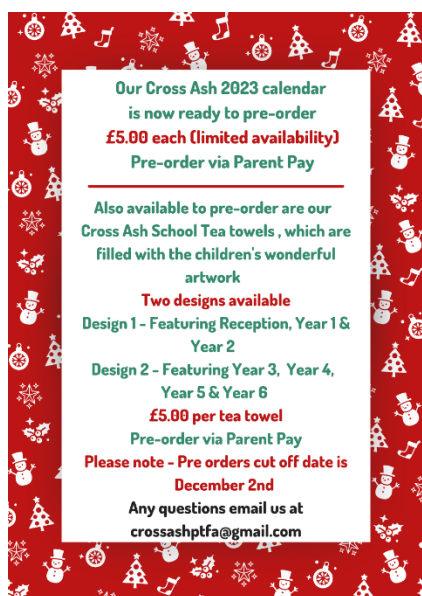
Only 8 spaces left to make your **Festive Wreath** on 6th December at 7pm in Cross Ash Village Hall. The evening will be led by a local florist with all materials supplied including wine and mince pies!

Please drop off your **Rags2Riches** donations by Friday 25th November.

Please sign up to easy fundraising via **www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crossashps**
The school will earn money by using this internet browser. It's easy to sign up and any new supporter who raises £10, easyfundraising will double it; with Black Friday and Christmas shopping coming up - now would be a great time to get involved!

Thank you so much for your support. Next meeting is 13th January - do come along!

Information From Your PTFA



Our Cross Ash 2023 calendar is now ready to pre-order **£5.00 each (limited availability)**
Pre-order via Parent Pay

Also available to pre-order are our Cross Ash School Tea towels, which are filled with the children's wonderful artwork

Two designs available
Design 1 - Featuring Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Design 2 - Featuring Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
£5.00 per tea towel
Pre-order via Parent Pay

Please note - Pre orders cut off date is December 2nd
Any questions email us at crossashptfa@gmail.com



Cross Ash PTFA
Festive Wreath Making

Make your very own Christmas wreath and get the festive season started with a glass of wine, a mince pie and a little sparkle.

Cross Ash Village Hall On 6th December at 6pm
Tickets are £40 and are limited.
Email crossashptfa@gmail.com to book your place.



8th & 9th
December
2022

GET READY FOR...

Piggy Bank SHOPPING

The children will have the opportunity to complete their Christmas shopping for their friends and family from the fantastic selection of pre-wrapped gifts on offer from the PTFA.

Please bring in a list of who your child would like to buy for in an envelope labelled with your child's name and class.
Gifts will be £2.50 each

Cross Ash Primary School PTFA

Easy Fundraising

GET STARTED

How to support Cross Ash Primary School Monmouthshire

- 1** Sign up
Provide us with a few details to set up your profile with easyfundraising.
- 2** Download our browser extension
Our Donation Reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.
- 3** Track your donations
You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and we'll send updates on when Cross Ash Primary School Monmouthshire gets paid.

Plus, for a limited time, for every new supporter who raises £10, we'll double it*!

We've paid out over **£1 million** in donations to our good causes this quarter, including Cross Ash Primary School Monmouthshire. It's not magic, it's easyfundraising!

Thank you for helping Cross Ash Primary School Monmouthshire get paid this quarter! You can continue to help by raising donations when doing your **Black Friday and Christmas shopping!**

Plus, we'll give Cross Ash Primary School Monmouthshire a **£10 bonus donation*** for each new supporter you invite who signs up by 30th November and goes on to raise £10.

Tweets the following Classes have made! 😊

Year 6



Blwyddyn 6 Cross Ash

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



We've had another fantastic morning with Mark from 47 Studios and Productions, who is working with us on our Film and Television topic. We spent the morning applying what we have learnt about different camera angles and methods of lighting a scene. 🎬📷

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Year 5



Blwyddyn 5 Cross Ash



[@CrossAshY5](https://twitter.com/CrossAshY5)

Today [@CrossAshY5](https://twitter.com/CrossAshY5) have been visiting residents at Penpergwm House to undertake Christmas craft activities. Adults and pupils all thoroughly enjoyed themselves

[@CrossAshEIC](https://twitter.com/CrossAshEIC) [@CrossAshHW](https://twitter.com/CrossAshHW)
[@MonHealthySch](https://twitter.com/MonHealthySch) [@EAS_Equity](https://twitter.com/EAS_Equity)

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Year 3

Ben Cadengo



Age	22
Height	1.82
Goals for Wales	0
caps	5

Harry Wilson



Age	25
Height	1.73
Goals for Wales	5
caps	41

Danny Ward



Age	29
Height	1.91
Goals for Wales	0
caps	28

This week we have been investigating and collecting data on Welsh players to create our own set of Top Trump cards.

Year 2



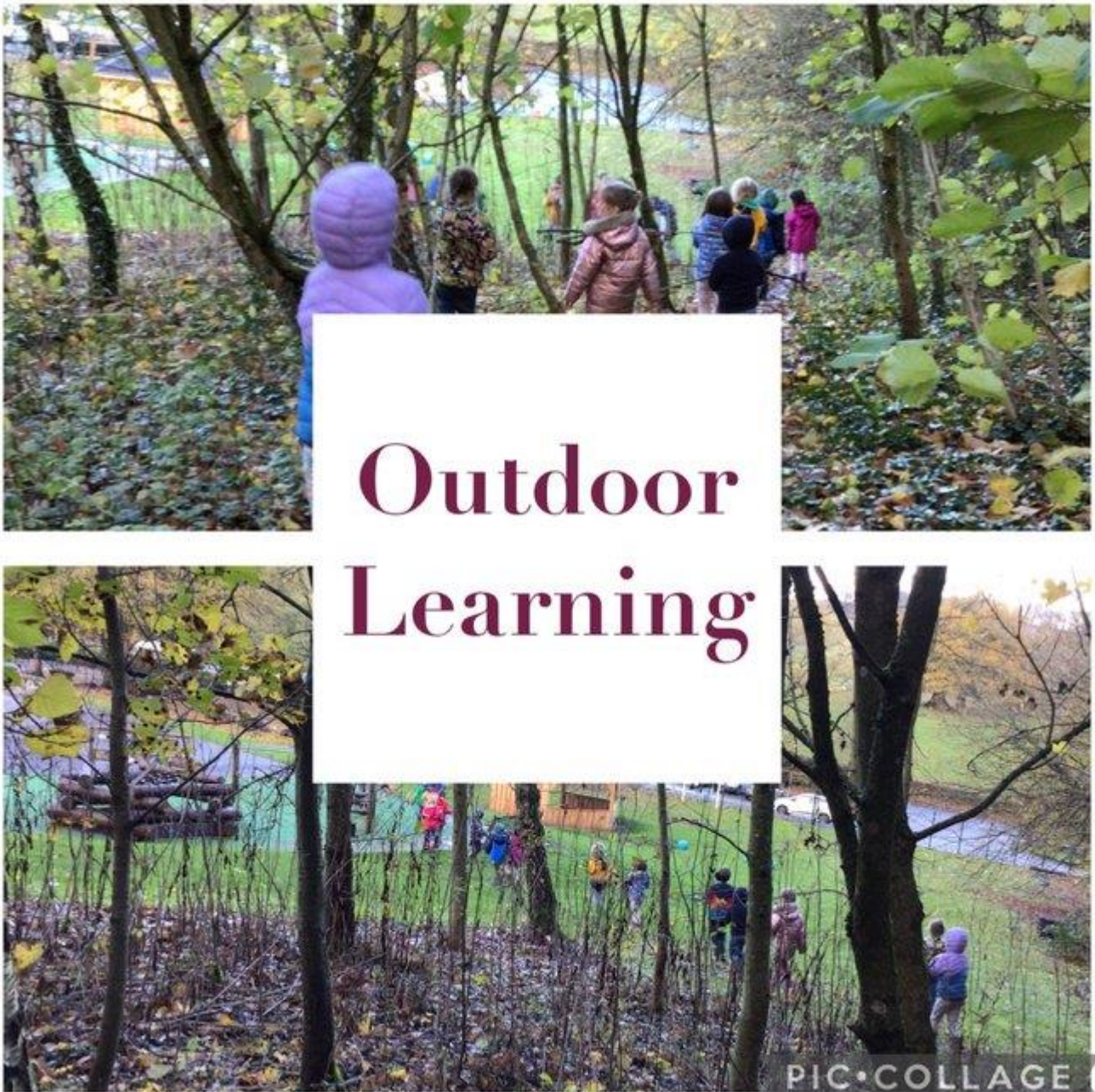
Blwyddyn 2 Cross Ash



[@CrossAshY2](#)

This week [@CrossAshY2](#) spent their outdoor learning time gathering sticks of all sizes in preparation for next weeks expressive arts focus. pic.twitter.com/rQPb2XHRZ6

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Year 1

Blwyddyn 1 have had a very festive and fun Expressive Arts week! We have enjoyed creating props and scenery for our concert "Children around the World".

We have also enjoyed learning about Christmas traditions in Italy and learning about the characters of the Nativity Story.

We have been busy decorating our own T-shirts to wear for our concert!

We are looking forward to next week when we will learn more about La Befana - another Italian Christmas tradition!



Reception



Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash



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[@CrossAshRec](#) enjoyed investigating which objects would float or sink. [@CrossAshPrimary](#) #Stem pic.twitter.com/yNyCFMZGZ7

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Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash



[@CrossAshRec](#)

[@CrossAshRec](#) used their own choice of colour to draw nocturnal animals. [@CrossAshPrimary](#) #STEM #Arts pic.twitter.com/zPABrZ69Ba

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Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash



[@CrossAshRec](#)

A fantastic start to [#ExpressiveArtsWeek](#) in [@CrossAshRec](#) today. We have been learning all about Christmas traditions in China [@CrossAshPrimary](#) pic.twitter.com/6KdXGVMUJb

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Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash



[@CrossAshRec](#)

After listening to the story 'Stick Man' [@CrossAshRec](#) made their own Stick Man in the forest.

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Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash



[@CrossAshRec](#)

[#ExpressiveArtsWeek](#) continues in [@CrossAshRec](#).

Today the children have been creating their own t-shirts for our Christmas Performance. [@CrossAshPrimary](#)

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*Father Christmas is
coming to Cross Ash Hall*

for the 1st time since the 60's!

*Christmas Shopping and Grotto
Event*

Saturday 10th December

10 am - 5 pm

Cross Ash Village Hall

NP7 8PL

- *Over 20 stalls with local businesses showcasing their products*
- *Visits to Father Christmas in his magical Grotto*
- *Festive Food and Drink*
- *The smells and sounds of Christmas to get everyone in the spirit!*

