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# Cross Ash Primary School

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## Newsletter- Newyddion

**9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (Chwefror)**

*Right of the Month: To be included*

*Value of the Month: Friendship*

*Seal Theme: Going For Goals*



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Annwyl Rhieni,

**I said in my email earlier today that strike action can change. This afternoon the National Executive of the NEU have agreed to postpone a planned day of action in Wales, which was scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023. This has now been postponed until March 2<sup>nd</sup>. School will be open for all children next week.**

On **Tuesday** we held our **Choir Concert** in the school hall. We enjoyed a range of songs that they have worked so hard to learn. The performance was delightful with smiles and beautiful voices making us feel very happy! Thank you choir, Miss John and Miss Phillips for preparing this event for us to enjoy. To our family members who attended, we hope you enjoyed the event. We also hope you enjoyed a catch up over coffee, tea or hot chocolate with one another. As I said on the night, this was a perfect event to be held during **Children's Mental Health Week** where the theme for this year was about making connections with others and doing things which make you happy! Thank you Mrs Hoggins and Mrs Williams for serving the refreshments for us and to the staff for supporting our choir too.

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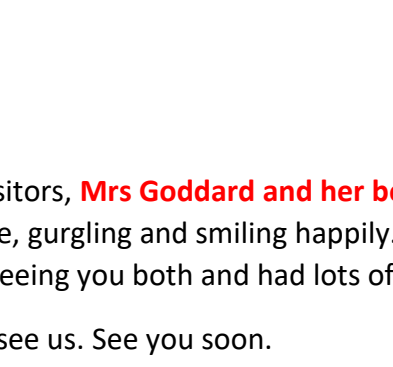
Please remember that **tomorrow we have a non-uniform day** to raise awareness of the importance of looking after our mental health and to complete our work based around this topic this week. The theme is **“Dress to Express”**. Children can wear whatever they want to wear on that day. It is all about being happy to be ourselves. *Please DO NOT BUY anything to wear. We are not raising money, we are just raising awareness of how we feel happy to be us*

**Tuesday** was also **Safer Internet Day**. The children had an informative assembly from Mr Williamson and all classes have carried out tasks relating to keeping safe online. I saw some fantastic work relating to this in Year 5 and 6 this week who have made informative videos, some of which we will add to our website! I will share those links with you when we have them.



### Smiles Better Dental Talks

The classes had a visit from Smiles Better dental team today. They all found out a lot about the role of a dentist and how we can look after our teeth. The children will all be bringing home a pack of resources with them this afternoon. Thank you, Smiles Better, for the very informative sessions. The children loved them!



On Tuesday we had two special visitors, **Mrs Goddard and her beautiful baby Isabelle**. Isabelle was a complete angel when she was here, gurgling and smiling happily. I can't believe she keeps you awake at night Mrs Goddard! Year 2 loved seeing you both and had lots of interesting things to say to you!

Thank you so much for coming to see us. See you soon.

## Dates for your Diary



### Eisteddfod

This will be on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** for the children. The children can dress up in Welsh costumes on this day and enjoy music and recitals in the hall. Competitions will be shared with the children next week and most will be completed in school time. We love this time of year!

You are invited to spend an afternoon at Cross Ash Primary School

Friday 3rd March  
@ 1.30



Everyone is invited to come in and look at the hard work our children have put into their entries for the Eisteddfod.

**Foundation Phase** parents can arrive at 1.30pm for a celebration in the hall before a look at the work throughout the school. **KS2** parents can arrive at 2.00pm for their celebration in the hall, before looking at the exhibits throughout the school. We hope you can make it!



Come and celebrate our Eisteddfod winners and look at the hard work the children have created during Eisteddfod week.

All welcome to attend.  
The more the merrier.



Foundation Phase  
performance 1.30pm  
KS2 performance 2pm

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### St David's Day Menu



### Marie Curie "Great Daffodil Appeal"



Daffodil pins have been received from this Charity to help raise funds for their appeal. With St David's Day and Eisteddfod celebrations approaching, please feel free to make a donation and collect a daffodil from the school foyer where there is a collection box on display. You may want to buy one to wear on St. David's Day!



## World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. As there is possible strike action on that day we will celebrate it the week after on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**. Pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite book character if they wish to or come in wearing whatever they would like to wear and just bring in their favourite story if they prefer. Again, I ask that no-one buys anything specifically for this day.

## Class Assemblies

Every year each class prepares an assembly which their parents are invited to attend. The children will give you a glimpse of what they have been learning! They will start at 9.15am and last approximately 20 to 30 minutes. You are welcome to stay for coffee so that your children can chat to you and share some of their work with you before they go out to play.

Reception Class - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Year 1 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Year 2 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3 – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Year 4 – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Year 5 - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Year 6 will of course have their Leavers Assembly at the end of the Summer Term.

## Dates for your Diary - overview

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Dress to Express non-uniform day
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Eisteddfod
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Eisteddfod Celebration - pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Road Safety for 6 weeks – more details to follow
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Ground Works Day PTFA
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 5 Port Eynon Residential Trip
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day Mothers Day Flowers PTFA
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Yr 4 Gilwern Residential Trip
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Spring Term School Easter Egg Roll Easter Eggstravaganza PTFA
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to School
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA Rags to Riches Collection
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bala Residential Trip
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day – leaves time to re-plan if necessary due to weather conditions
w/c Mon3rd July	Mon Comp Taster Week Yr 6
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Gilwern Day & Overnight Camp
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 evening musical performance - “Annie”
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Graig Walk

As you will be aware from media coverage, the **National Education Union voted in favour of strike action** this term. This has and will affect all schools across Wales. Further dates for planned Industrial Action are currently as follows:

- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - postponed - school is open to all**
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March -alternative date**
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Separate information will be sent out regarding the impact of this closer to the dates.

## **Finance**

### Y4 Gilwern residential trip

A reminder that deposits were due by 1<sup>st</sup> February, please.

### Y5 Gower residential trip

A reminder that the second installments for this trip will be due by the 10<sup>th</sup> February, please.

### Y3 Swimming Lessons

These start after half term. A letter will be sent home with your child today requesting a contribution of £21.75 towards the cost of transport for these lessons.

### Yr 6 Bala Trip

Deposit to be made by 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please see letter for amounts.

## **Year 5 & 6 Afterschool Football Club**

There will be no After School Football Club for the foreseeable future as Mr Collins will not be available on a Thursday. We are trying to arrange a suitable alternative training session going forward and will advise in due course.

Kind regards /Cofion Cynnes,

**Kathryn Presdee**

**Pennaeth /Prifathrawes**

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.



Let us start the new year positively and remove **persistent lateness** to school. 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.



## Twitter

Follow us if you can!



@CrossAshPrimary (whole school account)

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

**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 with Mrs Williams

There are still vacancies if any adults would like to join Clwb Cwtsh (Welsh Club) on a Thursday afternoon fortnightly in the school hall.

There is a session next Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February from 1.30 pm to 3pm

**MIRI MYNWY**

Beth sydd yn yr wyl? / What's in the festival?:

- Stodinau: noddau Cymraeg / Stalls: Welsh goods.
- Plant ysgolion lleol yn perfformio / Performances by local school children
- Gweithgareddau / Activities
- Perfformiad gan Martyn Geraint / Performance by Martyn Geraint

Gŵyl Cymraeg / Welsh language festival

11 / 02 / 2023

9.30 yb/am - 1.30 yh/pm

Gŵyl Mynwy yn Neuadd Sir Fynwy / Monmouth Festival at Monmouthshire Hall (NP25 3EA)

Am fwy o wybodeth ebostiwch [post@menterbgtm.cymru](mailto:post@menterbgtm.cymru)

The poster features a man in a patterned shirt pointing towards the text. Below the text are four colorful stalls (blue, pink, blue, pink) with various logos and text on them.

Or this may interest you!

# PTFA

Please note that there some dates have changed from previous announcements.



## **PTFA UPDATE**

One more week to go before our first half term of 2023!

If you have any feedback or ideas for future fundraising please send an email to [crossashptfa@gmail.com](mailto:crossashptfa@gmail.com) or via Facebook.

We do still have the beautiful tea towels available for sale via parentpay which make lovely birthday and Mother's Day gifts as well as keepsakes for the children.

Our second hand uniform shop has been busy processing orders this week. Can payments please be made via ParentPay as a donation. All items are £1.

If you have any high quality logo polo shirts or jumpers can you please put them in the donations box by the school entrance. We are desperately in need of ages 6-9.

**\*\* Date Changes! \*\***

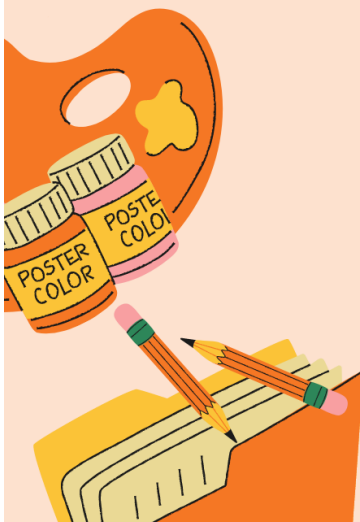
Dates for your Diary

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Mother's Day Flowers - 17th March

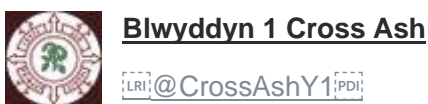
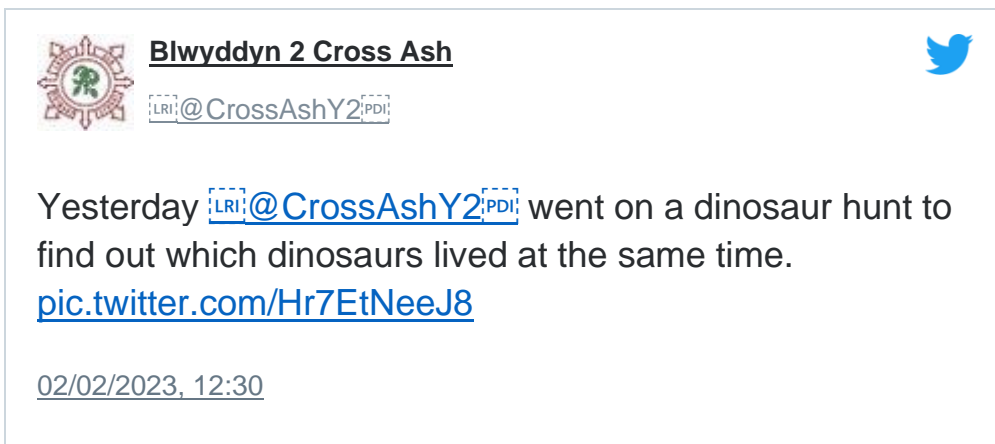
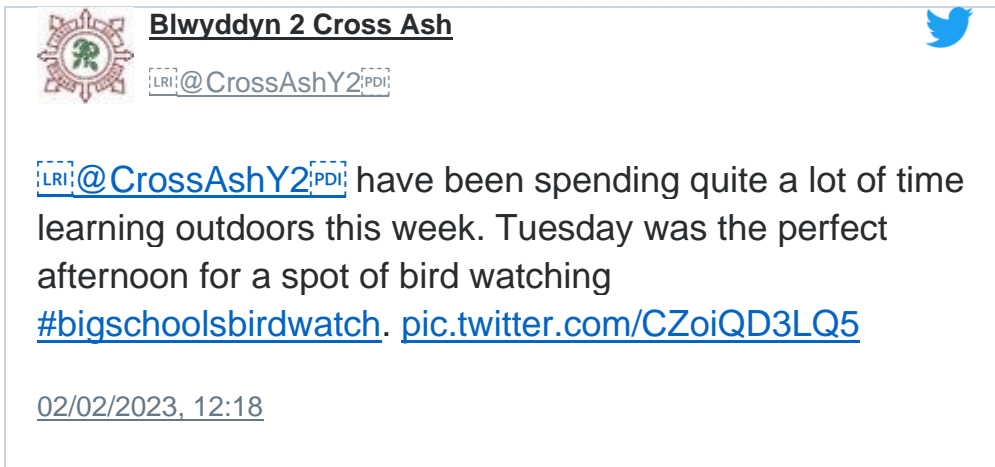
Easter Eggstravaganza - 31st March

Three Castles Walk - 21st May





## Tweets From The Classes – click on the links!



After our wonderful #CrywCymraeg organised a Welsh themed afternoon to celebrate #StDwynwensDay , @CrossAshY1 have been inspired to use the story of St. Dwynwen for our Eisteddfod stories!

@CrossAshPrimary @EAS\_Cymraeg ♡ ♡  
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**Blwyddyn 1 Cross Ash**

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We have been learning about the role of CSI in [@CrossAshY1](#) this week, exploring how Police Officers solve crimes. We looked closely at our fingerprints and footprints! Are your fingerprints an arch, loop or whorl pattern? [@CrossAshPrimary](#), [@CrossAshEIC](#), [@heddlugwent](#) [pic.twitter.com/8AAuYkx7ZR](https://pic.twitter.com/8AAuYkx7ZR)

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Our children enjoyed a visit from Smiles Better Dental Surgery today. A huge diolch yn fawr for our goodie bags! We enjoyed exploring the sugar in different foods! Did you know that we should have a maximum of 24g of sugar a day?



### **Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash**



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After our visit from [@sarahneville71](#) we challenged our learning further by looking at the work of Florence Nightingale. We sorted pictures of what hospitals were like before and after and sketched our own lanterns.

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### **Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash**



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A huge diolch yn fawr to [@sarahneville71](#) for coming to talk to [@CrossAshRec](#) about her role as a doctor.

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### **Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash**



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Great number activities in [@CrossAshRec](#) today for [#NumberDay](#) in support of [@NSPCC\\_Cymru](#)

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## Hay Days Baby/Toddler/Pre-School Group

Hay Days Baby/Toddler/Pre-School Group will be running tomorrow morning, from 9:45-11:45, and each term-time Friday at Cross Ash Hall.

Our lovely group is suitable for children from birth to five years of age, with their parent or carer.

Come and enjoy the final session of our Winter/Frozen theme - we'd love to see you!

Please contact Sarah on 07702023005 for more information or come and see us at the hall in the morning.

Thank you!

We would be very grateful if you would forward information about this exciting event to the parents / guardians of your pupils.

Many Thanks

Amgueddfa Cymru – Wales

