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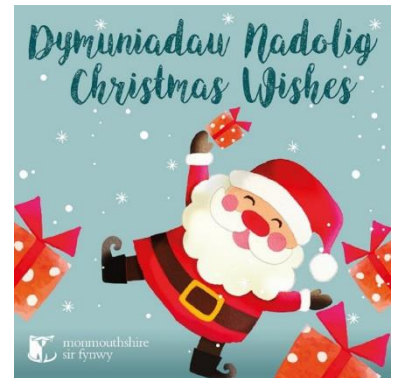
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Newsletter- Newyddion

CAN WE REMIND EVERYONE THAT AS AN ECO SCHOOL WE DON'T BRING INDIVIDUAL CARDS INTO SCHOOL. WE ALL CREATE WISHING STARS FOR ALL OF OUR FRIENDS IN SCHOOL TO DISPLAY IN THE CLASSROOM. THESE HAVE CHRISTMAS WISHES ON THEM SO THE SENTIMENT OF CHRISTMAS IS SHARED WITH ALL AND THERE IS LESS RECYCLING/LANDFILL AFTER CHRISTMAS. THANK YOU.

8th 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,

As you are no doubt aware there has been an increase in **scarlet fever and invasive streptococcal disease. Here are the symptoms for you to be aware of as shared with schools by NHS Wales.**

Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever, sometimes called scarlatina, is an infectious disease caused by group A streptococcus (GAS) bacteria (also known as Streptococcus pyogenes).

It is highly infectious and can be caught through direct contact with an infected person or through the air via droplets from coughs or sneezes.

The characteristic symptom of scarlet fever is a widespread, fine pink-red rash that feels like sandpaper to touch. Other symptoms include a high temperature, a flushed face and a red, swollen tongue.

Treatment is straightforward and usually involves a course of penicillin antibiotics. Children should NOT attend school until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has begun.

Complications of scarlet fever and streptococcal infection

Most cases of scarlet fever cause no complications, especially if the condition is properly treated. However, complications in the early stages of the disease can include ear infection, throat abscess, sinusitis, pneumonia and meningitis. Very rare complications include rheumatic fever, kidney damage, liver damage, bone infection, blood poisoning and toxic shock syndrome which can be life-threatening.

There has been an increase in severe disease caused by this bacterium (invasive group A streptococcal infections) in late 2022, including some fatal cases in children. Invasive disease may occur without a person having had scarlet fever or sore throat first. Early signs of invasive disease include: high fever, severe muscle aches, local muscle tenderness, or redness at the site of a wound. Scarlet fever circulating at the same time as chickenpox or influenza can increase the risk of invasive disease. If there are any concerns about invasive disease, then urgent medical advice must be sought.

Schools will work closely with Public Health Wales and parents to follow guidelines and to communicate any issues.



On a much more joyful note, as you know from my email, **Mrs Goddard has had her beautiful baby girl, Isabelle Josephine**. Here is a gorgeous photograph of her wearing something given to her from Elodie and Ada. Mrs Westoby and Mrs Goddard have really appreciated all of the good wishes, cards and presents that they have received from you all. It's been a very special week! We can't wait to meet her.

Football Tournament

Thank you to Mr Williamson and Mr Collins for taking the footballers to their tournament this week. There will be a write-up and photos next week! Well done all. We are so proud of the way you represent the school, try your very best and have an amazing attitude too.



We are very excited to say that **The Platinum Eco Award** has been granted again this week. The Eco Committee met with Bryony Bromley from Eco-Schools Wales and discussed everything that the school is doing to make sure that we are keeping up the very high standards that are needed to



retain this. We are so proud of the work Mrs Goddard, The Eco Committee, the whole school, PTFA and the community are doing to enable us to make sure we hit the eco targets we set. Thank you everyone and thank you Mrs Goddard in particular for being such a driving force behind these initiatives. It is lovely to know that Bryony shares our work with all schools across Wales. We will take a picture with our flag next week.



Reverend Gaynor visited to take an Advent Assembly with her little friend Millie. Thank you Reverend Gaynor for explaining the symbolism behind many of the traditions we follow.



A **Be Bright, Be Seen** assembly took place this week too. The Foundation Phase children listened carefully to the important messages being given regarding road safety and being seen in the dark nights.



Piggy Bank Shopping has started today. A highlight of the Christmas activities! The children had the chance, and will again tomorrow, to spend their money to buy presents for their friends and family. Thanks PTFA. The elves have been busy organising, wrapping and selling the presents and I know that it is a lot of work!



The Christmas Wreath evening with the PTFA was such a lovely evening with Kelly and Dawn from Hedgerows in Bloom. We all managed to make some beautiful wreaths, had lovely food and wine and lots of laughs. Thank you so much to those members of the PTFA who put so much into setting this up. As you will see from the photographs, it really was beautiful. Thanks also to those who donated food and champagne. It was very much appreciated. It also made us feel that Christmas isn't far away.



Immunisations

There will be a mop up day for those who were off sick on Monday. Date to be advised.

Christingle Details

All are welcome for our Christingle Service at Grosmont Church on **Monday 19th December** at 6pm. We are currently liaising with Reverend Gaynor regarding the arrangements. If anyone is available to help with parking/organisation before the service I would be very grateful if you could let me know.

Christmas jumper/own clothes can be worn **tomorrow**, Friday 9th December to support Save the Children. We also have a Christmas treat tomorrow.



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



Please bring in £1 to support Save the Children if you can.



Dates for your Diary

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| 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 |
| Monday 19th December | Christmas Parties – Rec to Year 4 |
| Tuesday 20th December | Christmas Parties – Yr 5 & Yr 6 |
| 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 |

Kind regards /Cofion Cynnes,

Kathryn Presdee

Pennaeth /Prifathrawes

Finance / Parent pay

Choir trip to Penpergwm House for choir members in Y3,Y4 and the children of Y5 and Y6 £2.35

Y5 Swimming for next term £36.60

Please log onto Parentpay to give consents and make your contributions.

Thank you

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!



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.

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.



Dance Blast

There are spaces at the moment for some more juniors on a Tuesday evening if any other pupils are interested.

Looking forward, the club will be open to Years 2 – 6 in the Spring Term. Further details to follow.

Welsh With Mrs Williams 😊



Pwy wyt ti? Foundation Phase

Who are you?

KS2

Beth yw d'enw di?

What is your name?

... ydw i.

A cartoon illustration of a red dragon with yellow wings, standing on a wooden log. The dragon has a small 'CC' logo on its chest.

SCHOOL CARDIGANS

We are pleased to inform you that MyClothing, the school uniform supplier, has now added the option of school cardigans. They are burgundy which is the nearest option to the claret colour of our school jumpers.

The cardigans are priced at £10.30 each for sizes up to 12 years and £11.50 for bigger sizes.

Please click on the link below if you would like to order.

<https://myclothing.com/collections/cross-ash-c-p-school-cross-ash-uniform-19632>

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Save brown packing paper and potato print a festive design for your wrapping paper.

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Keep checking for daily tips on the MCC website!



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The ReUse Shop and charity shops are a great place to find pre-loved gifts.

Head to our Llanfoist and Five Lanes shops this festive season: monmouthshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-...

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Try and buy locally grown food from your local farm shop or visit traders at a local market 🍇🥕

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PTFA

It's all systems go on the shopping front today and tomorrow! 😊



PTFA Update

Dates for your diary
Thursday 8th & Friday 9th
December - Piggy Bank
Shopping
Monday 19th - Rec-Yr 4
Christmas Party
Tuesday Christmas Party for
years 5&6.
Next meeting - 13th Jan 9am

The PTFA were busy last Friday wrapping all of the presents ahead of Piggy Bank Shopping on Thursday and Friday. The children really enjoy buying their presents for friends and family as well as developing their budgeting skills. Please bring in money, a list of who your child would like to buy for in an envelope, and a bag as this will make it so much easier for children.



Every present is £2.50 and there are presents suitable for all of the family (including fluffy members) and friends.

We would like to say a big thank you to Lizzie Milne for hosting this year's wrapping party and to Chrissie Hoggins for organising.



Anyone who has pre-ordered a tea towel or calendar - they have been given to your children's class teachers to bring home. A huge thank you to Julie Glyn-Jones for organising both projects and to Richard Glyn-Jones for being our photographer. We know you will love them!



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!

Tweets the following Classes have made! 😊

Year 6



Blwyddyn 6 Cross Ash
@CrossAshY6

This morning we have enjoyed testing our reaction times to find out what it takes to be a successful goalkeeper like Wayne Hennessey. We measured our catches and found the average. We have some ambitious and talented goalkeepers in the making! [#walesworldcup](https://twitter.com/walesworldcup) [@FAWales](https://twitter.com/FAWales)



Year 5



Blwyddyn 5 Cross Ash
@CrossAshY5

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@CrossAshY5 are learning German as part of our LLC provision. Here we are singing "Oh Tannenbaum" 🎄



@EAS_LLCEnglish



Blwyddyn 5 Cross Ash @CrossAshY5 · 3d

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@CrossAshY5 are learning about persistence of vision and how this creates a moving image. Flip books have been made and now we are turning our hands to animation. @EAS_ExpressArts @CrossAshECC @aardman





Blwyddyn 5 Cross Ash

124 Tweets

70 Following 61 Followers

Tweets

Tweets & replies

Media

Likes




Blwyddyn 5 Cross Ash @CrossAshY5 · 33s


Today @CrossAshY5 have been visiting residents at Penpergwm House again. To sit and watch the interaction between residents and pupils is a joy 😊 @CrossAshEIC @CrossAshHW @MonHealthySch @EAS_Equity



Year 4

 **Blwyddyn 4 Cross Ash**
@CrossAshY4
Joined March 2018
1 Following 62 Followers

Tweets Tweets & replies Media Likes


 **Blwyddyn 4 Cross Ash** @CrossAshY4 · 11s

Blwyddyn pedwar have been learning how to write and send an email. We linked it to our topic about endangered animals and sent it to our local MP. @CrossAshPrimary

Dear Mr Davies,

I am a year 4 pupil at Cross Ash Primary School are class project is endangered animals and the information I have found out makes me want to cry . did you know that if deforestation continues there will be no trees on the world in 100 years And I don't think you want that. Lots of plants and animals will go extinct and lots of indigenes people will lose their homes.

every time other people cut down a tree bit by bit more and more oxygen decreases. WE MUST ACT NOW !! urge you to go to parliament and be my voice - demand that changes are made so that we can stop this from happening!



I think we could:

- 1.Plant more trees in the rainforest and all over the world.
- 2.Make sure the UN climate change committee is well attended and they do wat they say they will do.
- 3.Harsher punishments for dropping litter.

Please help!

yours sincerely,

Year 3

 **Blwyddyn 3 Cross Ash** @CrossAshY3 · 3s

This week we have been learning how to write a match report. The children have really enjoyed finding all the data and information they need to do this. 😄

@CrossAshPrimary #LLC



Year 1



Blwyddyn 1 Cross Ash @CrossAshY1 · 4s

@CrossAshY1 have had a very busy #ExpressiveArts week! We have been busy making props and painting scenery for our Christmas concert 'Christmas Around The World' @singoutoftheark.



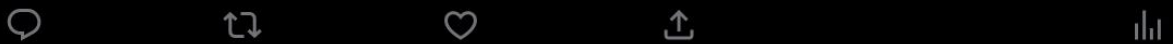
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Blwyddyn 1 Cross Ash @CrossAshY1 · 0s

@CrossAshY1 had a magical day at @Cantref. We loved dancing in the snow and were so happy to have a special visit from Santa.

@CrossAshPrimary



Blwyddyn 1 Cross Ash @CrossAshY1 · 3s

@CrossAshPrimary enjoyed their visit from Rev. Gaynor and her puppet Mille. She taught us about Advent and shared the meaning behind her Advent wreath. We have loved opening our advent boxes to discover characters and sentiments from the Nativity Story.



PIC-COLLAGE



Blwyddyn 1 Cross Ash @CrossAshY1 · 4s

The Foundation Phase enjoyed their Assembly “Be Bright, Be Seen” today. We learnt about the importance of reflectors to help us be seen on the pavements and when crossing the road. Diolch yn fawr @Mon_RoadSafety @CrossAshPrimary



Be Bright, Be Seen



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Reception Class



Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash
@CrossAshRec



What a wonderful way to start the magic of Christmas @Cantref. @CrossAshRec enjoyed a packed programme of Christmas activities and shows. 🎄👶
Diolch yn fawr! @CrossAshPrimary





The magic of Christmas started on Thursday 1st December when the Reception class visited Cantref Adventure Farm. The children had the opportunity to visit Santa, make reindeer food, watch an elf show and lots more. The children were exceptionally behaved, and an enjoyable day was had by all. 🧑🏻‍🎅 🎄





It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas in the Reception classroom. The children have been busy creating a Santa's workshop and designing their own decorations for our Christmas tree. 🎄 🧑‍🎅

Community Notices

*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!*

