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Newsletter- Newyddion

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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,

I hope that you have had a good week. Monday, although a bank holiday, was a day that I know was spent reflecting on a large part of history that has now changed. The children have been telling me about their visits to London or their watching of the State Funeral on the television. We have discussed there being a new King and some of the changes ahead of us. Such thoughtful responses have been given by the children who have shown great empathy for The Royal Family.



Apologies we have had issues with IT networks this week. The **Pupil Voice Committees** will be sorted out as quickly as possible. Thank you for supporting your children with their applications! We will keep in touch with you regarding this.

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

Individual **school photographs** were taken on Tuesday. Please check bags tomorrow for them. All payments will be online but the details of this will be in with the photograph packs. It was a lovely day and we were able to take the photographs outside, which is always nice!



Last Wednesday the choir went to Cardiff for their first "**1000 Voices**" rehearsal. Just being able to get involved in a large, musical event this year is such a great feeling. Diolch Miss John and Miss Phillips for taking the children. Lots of hard work now to learn the songs and get ready for the final performance.

Please take notice of the **Harvest** letter going out today with details for everyone. **Cross Country** letters are also going out today with details for those selected.

School Clubs are starting next week for many. Again, please fill in appropriate letters and return to us as quickly as you can!



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. This will come into effect from Tuesday 27th September. 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

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26th September	Training Day
Thursday 29th September	Cross Country Event – Mon Comp
Thursday 6th October	Harvest Festival at Skenfrith Church – 10.30am
Monday 10th October	Open afternoon from 1.30pm
w/c Mon 10th Oct	Parent Consultations – details to follow
Monday 17th October	Scholastics Book Fair Delivery
Monday 24th October	Scholastics Book Fair Collection
Monday 31st Oct – Friday 4th Nov	Half Term Holiday
Friday 18th November	Children In Need
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.



Twitter

Follow us if you can!



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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
TUESDAY	DANCE EXPLORERS	PRIVATE – Dance Blast – Fran – Payment Required	Years 1 - 6	3.30 to 4.30pm
	DRAMA CLUB	SCHOOL – Mrs Bennett	Year 6	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
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
	WELSH COUNTRY DANCING	SCHOOL- Mrs Presdee	Years 2 - 6	3.30 to 4.30pm

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

Gwent Music

Reminder: Please contact 01633210800 if interested in lessons for your child

If anyone is interested in Percussion lessons please get in touch with them to arrange a tutor visit.

Monday – Martin Davies - Brass

Tuesday – Chris Davis – Vocal

Wednesday – Aimee Edmunds - Woodwind

Thursday – Siobhan Morgan - Piano

Friday – Selena Hamilton – Strings



We have erected a locked outside notice board. Please check periodically for any new information.



The Foundation Phase classes have taken delivery of 3 new very colourful rugs. The children are all very impressed!



1000 Voices Choir Rehearsal



On Wednesday, pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 attended a regional choir rehearsal in Cardiff. This was in preparation for the big concert on 10th November. The lady leading the session, Carolyn, was lively and exciting. We started with vocal warmups which were very enjoyable. We then got up on our feet and were raring to go! Across the period of 2 hours, we learned lots of songs for the show. Carolyn's teaching methods were great, making sure we were all on pitch and had fun!

Ramona and Alexis

Blwyddyn 6

In the Classes

Year 6



PIC•COLLAGE

We are looking forward to getting back to some old routines this year, starting with Cross Country try outs for the upcoming county event! 🏃‍♂️ 😊

Year 5



Year 5 have been busy hot seating the character of Hugo from our class book *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. We have plenty of budding directors and camera operators!

Year 4



PIC•COLLAGE

Blwyddyn pedwar has had a very busy week completing many different activities. However, we still found time to take part in a relaxing mindfulness activity where we focused on our feelings and our positive attitudes!

Year 3



This week we have been exploring the forest school by the KS2 playground. We have identified trees, plants and even identified and assessed some of the risks.

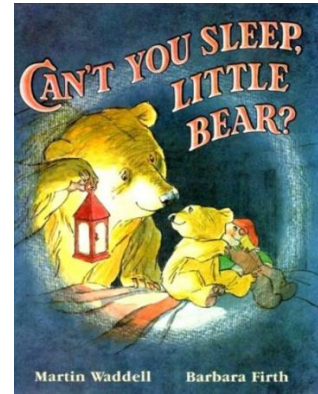
Year 2



Blwyddyn 2 have enjoyed playing some maths games this week in class and we loved going outside for our very first outdoor learning lesson this afternoon. Lots of happy faces in the forest!



Year 1



Year 1 have had a lovely afternoon in the forest!
We built our very own 'bear cave' after reading
"Can't you sleep Little Bear?"

This was the start of our science topic of Light and Dark.

We compared the difference in the cave using three different sized lanterns.



Reception



Inspired by the text 'Leaf Man' Dosbarth Derbyn used natural materials to create pictures of their faces. It was then time for fun in the forest.