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Newsletter- Newyddion

20th October (Hydref) 2022

Right of the Month: The Right to have an Opinion and to be Listened to

Value of the Month: Responsibility

Seal Theme: Getting On and Falling Out

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Annwyl Rhieni,

It's been so lovely to see so many of you this week as you have attended your **Parent Consultation** appointments. Every time we are able to invite you into school feels like a big occasion! I hope that you enjoyed being able to meet the class teachers in person, see some of your child's work and chat to other people you may not have seen for a while too. Thank you so much for attending. Working together, we can give the very best to your children.

The School Book Fair has caused some excitement this week. There is nothing nicer than seeing children excited about books and reading! Thanks, Mrs Willis for organising this and to staff for staying after school to help. Y6, you did a brilliant job of helping with the sales. You also helped the younger ones with their book choices so patiently. Parents, we are so amazed by your support and generosity. The commission will allow us to restock our class libraries very well. It makes a huge difference! Thank you.





All things Welsh were celebrated last Friday for **Shwmae Day**. Literacy activities music and dance were some of the activities that were seen and heard around the school. The importance of what it means to live in Wales or to be Welsh was also explored.



Yr 5 Playmaker Training

On Wednesday Year 5 spent an amazing day with Daisy from MonLife undertaking the Play Makers training. They spent the day learning new games to share with other pupils to keep everyone active and happy at playtimes. A brilliant day was had by all 😊



Bronze Ambassador

Aneira and Alexis have represented Cross Ash Primary School at the Bronze Ambassador training today. The programme seeks to develop young leaders by providing them with the responsibility and skills of being an Ambassador for school sport.



Along with Miss Phillips, the girls have taken part in workshops with Sports Disability Wales, Newport County Football Club and MonLife to develop skills to bring back to school to share with pupils.

We are very proud of them both.

The Pumpkin Trail will be the next event for us all to enjoy on **Thursday 27th October**. Please see the information later on in the newsletter. **Children with allergies** have been catered for very carefully by the PTFA, regarding treats to eat. We always say please liaise with us if you would prefer to provide a treat yourself or wish to discuss any concerns.



As you may be aware, we have a defibrillator situated outside the main doors which is for community use. If you are interested in taking part in some training with us, please fill in the online form using the link below. <https://forms.office.com/r/c4vCv5k8d4>



Have a lovely weekend all.
Kind regards /Cofion Cynnes,

Kathryn Presdee
Pennaeth /Prifathrawes



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.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 27th October	PTFA Pumpkin Trail
Monday 31st Oct – Friday 4th Nov	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 10th November	Motorpoint Choir Event – THIS HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO MONDAY 6TH FEB (Venue TBA)
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 19th December	Christingle Service at Grosmont – 6pm – more details to follow
Friday 23rd December	Training Day
Monday 9th January	Training Day
Wed 18th January	Choir Event
Mon 6th Feb	Choir Event – see above

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!

@CrossAshPrimary (whole school account)

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

School Holiday Requests

Application forms can be found on our website using the link below.

[Application for Term Time Absence](#)

HEAD LICE

Here is the most up-to-date NHS link discussing how to treat head lice effectively. The main points are included below too.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Please check your child's hair daily and take the appropriate action if needed.

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

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Phrase of the fortnight

Ga i'r fynd i'r ty bach?
Can I go to the toilet?

Ga i'r ...? **Diolch!**
Can I ...? Thank you!

os gwelwch yn dda
please



Scan with Seesaw to view this work!



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

Criw Cymraeg

PIC-COLLAGE

Criw Cymraeg helped to design a new way to display our Welsh national anthem on the hall.

Diolch to Shackleton's in Abergavenny for printing this for us. I'm sure you agree that it's bendigedig!



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

in receipt of any of the benefits listed above, your benefits team in the Local Authority can help you.

FINANCE

Foundation Phase Trip to Cantref Farm, Brecon on Thursday 1st December £20.60

Massed Choir Second Rehearsal on the amended date of Wed 18th January. £12.00

Please log onto Parentpay to make your contributions towards the costs of these trips.

Information From Your PTFA



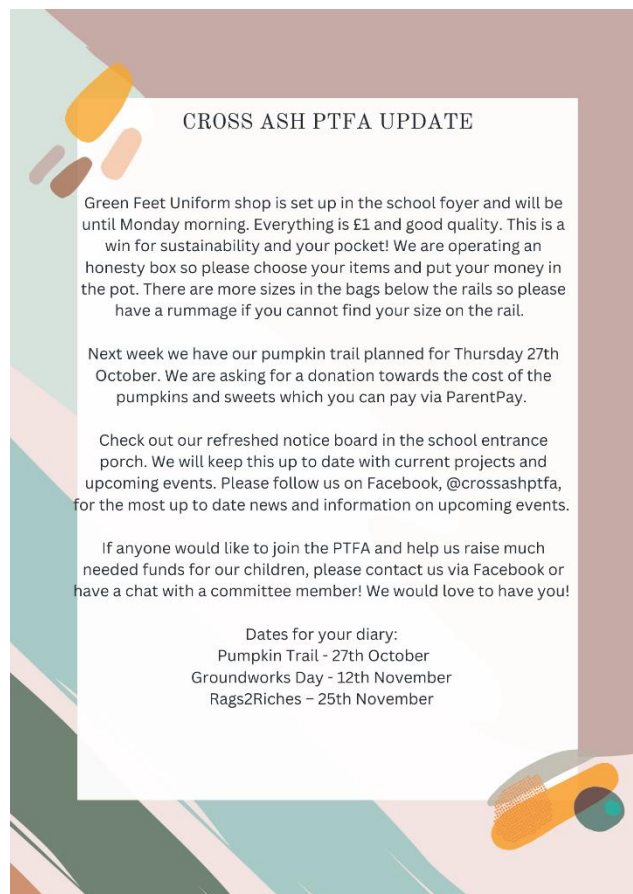
CROSS ASH PTFA

GROUNDWORKS DAY

JOIN US FOR TREE PLANTING, FOREST SCHOOL SITE CLEAN UP & WILLOW COPPICING ETC

Saturday 12 November || 10am || School Grounds

Everyone welcome, including little ones!



CROSS ASH PTFA UPDATE

Green Feet Uniform shop is set up in the school foyer and will be until Monday morning. Everything is £1 and good quality. This is a win for sustainability and your pocket! We are operating an honesty box so please choose your items and put your money in the pot. There are more sizes in the bags below the rails so please have a rummage if you cannot find your size on the rail.

Next week we have our pumpkin trail planned for Thursday 27th October. We are asking for a donation towards the cost of the pumpkins and sweets which you can pay via ParentPay.

Check out our refreshed notice board in the school entrance porch. We will keep this up to date with current projects and upcoming events. Please follow us on Facebook, @crossashptfa, for the most up to date news and information on upcoming events.

If anyone would like to join the PTFA and help us raise much needed funds for our children, please contact us via Facebook or have a chat with a committee member! We would love to have you!

Dates for your diary:
Pumpkin Trail - 27th October
Groundworks Day - 12th November
Rags2Riches - 25th November



Football Predictions for Football World Cup 2022



FIFA WORLD CUP Qatar2022

1st Prize: Pair of premier league tickets.
2nd Prize: £50 sports voucher.
3rd Prize: £30 sports voucher.

Plus football prize for the Cross Ash pupil who sells the most sheets.

The children will bring home today one copy of the predictor sheet. £2.50 per entry. Please photocopy or if you would like more copies please contact emmamfmorgan@hotmail.co.uk Please return in envelope your entries by 18/11/22.



FIFA FOOTBALL WORLD CUP 2022 GROUP STAGE SWEEPSTAKE!

COMPETITION

Cost to enter is £2.50 per sheet.

Photocopy the sheet and pay for more entries and/or sell them to your friends and family to win a prize!

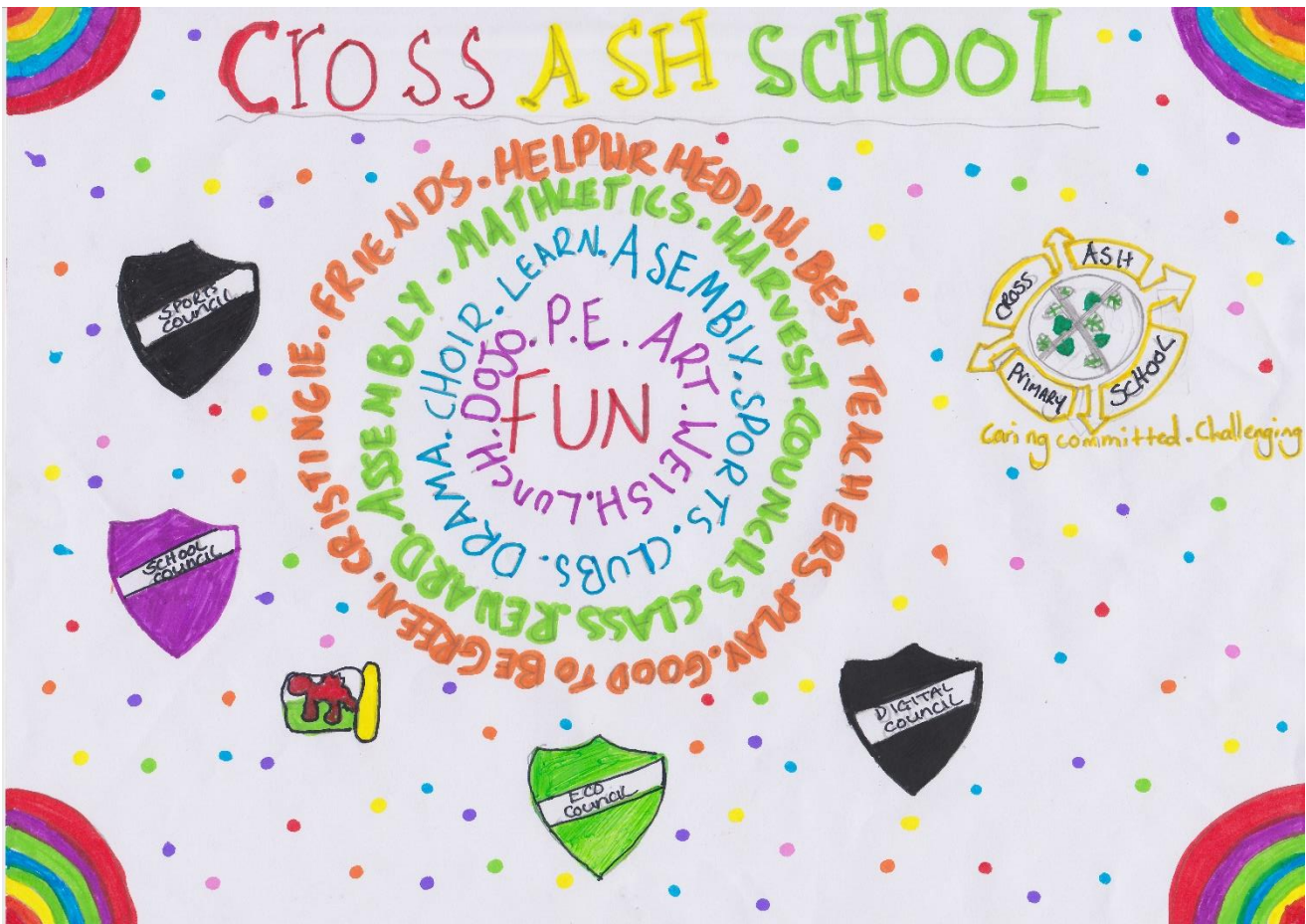
The child who sells the most predictor sheets will win a prize!

Deadline for entries is 18 November 2022

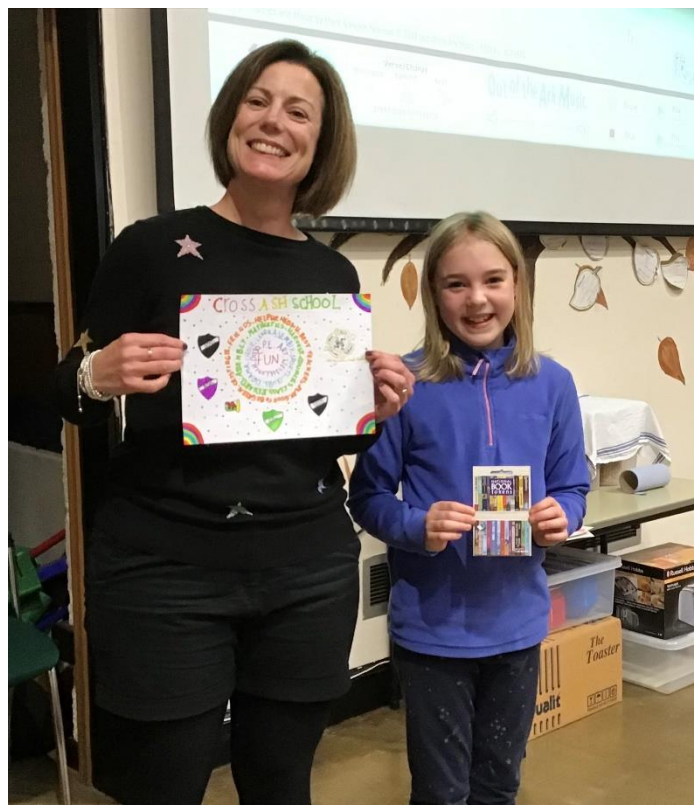
1st Prize: Pair of Premier League tickets
2nd Prize: £50 Sports Voucher
3rd Prize £30 Sports Voucher.

FIFA WORLD CUP Qatar2022

School Calendar Front Page Winner



Mrs Glynn-Jones presented Molly from Year 5 with her book token for winning the calendar competition. We would like to thank Mrs Mapp and Mrs Westoby for judging the pictures. It was an incredibly hard task and there were many worthy entries. We look forward to seeing the calendar in the near future.



Tweets made This Week by the following Classes! 😊

Year 6



Blwyddyn 6 Cross Ash

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



We have enjoyed creating Welsh dragons and listening to some fantastic Welsh/ bilingual music!

[@BronwenLewis](https://twitter.com/BronwenLewis) [@ShwmaeSumae](https://twitter.com/ShwmaeSumae)

[@EAS_Cymraeg](https://twitter.com/EAS_Cymraeg) [@CrossAshLLC](https://twitter.com/CrossAshLLC)

[@CrossAshEIC](https://twitter.com/CrossAshEIC) 🇬🇧

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Year 5



Blwyddyn 5 Cross Ash
@CrossAshY5



@CrossAshY5 enjoyed #shwmaeday and celebrated by considering what it means to be Welsh

@CrossAshEIC

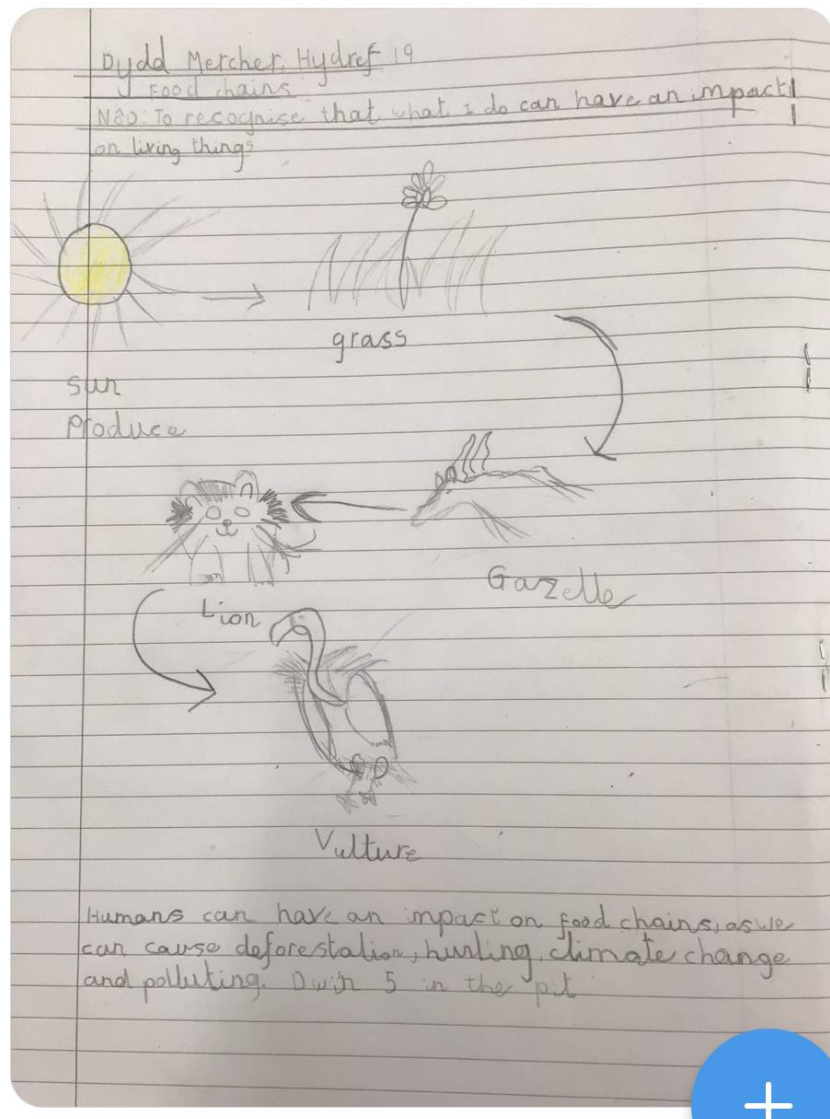


Year 4



Blwyddyn 4 Cross Ash @Cross... · 25m

Blwyddyn pedwar have investigated, researched and created their own food chains featuring an endangered animal. We discussed the impact that human actions can have on a food chain, for example, deforestation impacting on animal numbers. [#ethicalinformedcitizens](#) [#humanities](#)



Year 3



Blwyddyn 3 Cross Ash

[@CrossAshY3](https://twitter.com/CrossAshY3)



This week we have been learning all about camouflage. We looked at how animals become camouflaged and discussed different ways animals can camouflage themselves.

We hid lollypop sticks in the forest and camouflaged them from our partners.

[@CrossAshSTEM](https://twitter.com/CrossAshSTEM), [@CrossAshEIC](https://twitter.com/CrossAshEIC)

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Year 2



Blwyddyn 2 Cross Ash



[@CrossAshY2](#)

We were busy discussing and ordering the planets in our Solar System this afternoon. We are looking forward to researching further about the planets this week!

[@CrossAshSTEM](#) [@CrossAshACL](#) #STEM
[#Planets pic.twitter.com/tBvyjWV8Zx](https://pic.twitter.com/tBvyjWV8Zx)

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Blwyddyn 2 Cross Ash



[@CrossAshY2](#)

One of our highlights of the week is exploring our wonderful school grounds during our outdoor learning!

[@CrossAshPrimary](#) [@CrossAshHW](#)

[@CrossAshHC](#) [#Outdoorlearning](#) [#Autumn](#)

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Year 1



Blwyddyn 1 Cross Ash

@CrossAshY1



Block play fun for @CrossAshY1 this week! We chose our own two digit numbers to build using ten towers and unit cubes. We are enjoying developing our understanding of place value practically. We can read it, make it, build it, place it.

[@CrossAshACL](#) [#Numeracy](#)

[@CrossAshMaths](#)





Blwyddyn 1 Cross Ash @CrossAs... · 12h ...

@CrossAshY1 have been enjoying watching 'Baboon on the moon' this week. It is Baboon's job to light the moon every evening. We looked carefully at the shape and colour in his face and drew pictures of him #ExpressiveArts @CrossAshArts



Reception



Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash



[@CrossAshRec](#)

[@CrossAshRec](#) have been exploring the school grounds looking for signs of autumn [#seizetheseason](#)

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Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash



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

[@CrossAshRec](https://twitter.com/CrossAshRec) had lots of fun looking for signs of autumn. 🍁🍂🍃 pic.twitter.com/hVyfKKTbFQ

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Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash



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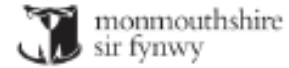
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[@CrossAshLLC](https://twitter.com/CrossAshLLC) 🇬🇧

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Local Community



Chwarae Clai Anifeiliaid yr Hydref

Mae'r dail yn troi eu lliw ac mae ein bywyd gwylt bendigedig yn paratōi ar gyfer y dyddiau oerach sydd o'n blaenau. Galwch heibio ac ymunwch â ni am hwyl hanner tymor am ddim gyda'n dyddiau chwarae clai anifeiliaid yn yr hydref.

Dydd Iau 27ain Hydref

Dydd Llun 31^{ain} Hydref

Dydd Mawrth 1^{af} Tachwedd

Dydd Iau 3^{ydd} Tachwedd

Neuadd Dril Cas-gwent

Neuadd y Sir, Trefynwy

Amgueddfa a Chastell y Fenni

Neuadd Dril Cas-gwent

Mae pob sesiwn yn rhedeg 11.00 – 3.00 Nid oes angen archebu

Rhaid i blant fod yng nghwmni oedolyn

Autumn Animal Clay Play

The leaves are turning and our wonderful wildlife is getting ready for the colder days ahead. Drop in and join us for free half term fun with our autumn animal clay play days.

Thursday 27th October

Monday 31st October

Tuesday 1st November

Thursday 3rd November

Chepstow Drill Hall

Shire Hall, Monmouth

Abergavenny Museum and Castle

Chepstow Drill Hall

Each session runs 11.00 – 3.00 No booking required

Children must be accompanied by an adult

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

AT OLD STATION TINTERN



MonLife

Community Hub



MONDAY 31st OCTOBER,
THURSDAY 3rd & SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER

11:00am - 3:00pm | FREE ACTIVITIES

- Halloween craft activities will include your own broom stick making, pinecone spiders and spiderwebs.
- Halloween themed cakes and treats in the Tearooms



*Father Christmas is
coming to Cross Ash Hall*

for the 1st time since the 60's!

Saturday 10th December

10 am - 5 pm

Cross Ash Village Hall

*Watch this space for further info.
on how to book your children a
slot at the fully immersive Grotto
experience at The Cross Ash
Christmas Shopping Event.*

