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Newsletter- Newyddion

6th 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,

Thank you to all children who gave in applications for the various **Pupil Voice Councils** and congratulations to those chosen as representatives. The children will now have the responsibility of helping us to shape new initiatives throughout the school year and will add to our School Development Plan. All children in the school however will always get the chance to be part of this as their council members have to take their views and ideas to the meetings. I will look forward to meeting with you all to create our action plans for this year together!



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



Last Friday we celebrated **International Languages Day**. We focused on the German language and culture this time. It was nice to practise the language patterns Mrs Piber has been teaching us too.



Our **Annual PTFA Calendar photographs** were taken on Tuesday and it was great to have some new ideas for the themes this year. Lots of fun was had and I know that the PTFA members involved were so impressed with the costumes. Thank you all for supporting our PTFA fundraising events in this way. I will look forward to seeing the finished calendar. Thanks PTFA!

Today we held our first **Harvest Festival at Skenfrith Church** since 2019! I hope you enjoyed being able to join us. The children all took part, with each class adding their own individual parts to the service too. A special thank you to Reverend Gaynor for allowing us to celebrate and give thanks at Skenfrith with her. We appreciate all you do for us very much. PTFA members and parents, thank you for moving the chairs. Year 6 and Miss John, you did an amazing job with running the service. Diolch! Mrs Willis,

thank you for organising all of this in my absence. I was so sad not to be able to join you today but I knew it was all in very safe hands! Mrs Westoby and Mrs Mapp, the trip ran like clockwork due to everything you do behind the scenes! Thanks!



The children all enjoyed a harvest snack when back in school while reflecting on how grateful we need to be for everything we have to eat. How lovely to be able to join together as a whole school community to celebrate together at last! Year 5 enjoyed their bread and jam after the Harvest as you can see. It's always good to have some time to share food together. The other classes enjoyed this too.

Tomorrow **7th October**, there is a **PTFA meeting at 9.15am** Please come and join us. It was lovely to hold a "Meet and Greet" new parents last week. I hope new parents enjoyed

meeting our very welcoming team.

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!

Next week is a sad time for us here at Cross Ash Primary when **Mrs Powell** leaves us after ten years of working here. Mrs Powell has worked with so many children during her time here and has worked so hard to ensure that the children in her care always have the very best! She is going on to new adventures which will be lovely for her but will be a big loss to us. I will tell you more about her future move next week but I know you will want to wish her well when she leaves us on Thursday. I hope you enjoy your last week with us Mrs Powell!



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

Scholastics Book Fair

This will be open after school on Monday 17th October and then every day after school up to and including the Friday. It will also be open every morning break from the Tuesday through to the Friday.

Unfortunately, books won't be available to buy before school.

With a view to getting ahead for Christmas, please support school with this venture as this brings in much needed commission to purchase books for our school library.

Monday 10th October	Open afternoon from 1.30pm
w/c Monday 17th October	Parent Consultations – see details below
Monday 17th October	Scholastics Book Fair arrives
Wednesday 19th October	Choir Trip to Barry Arts Centre
Monday 31st Oct – Friday 4th Nov	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 10th November	Motorpoint Choir Event – more details to follow
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
Friday 23rd December	Training Day
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.



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Follow us if you can!

@CrossAshPrimary (whole school account)

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

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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
MONDAY	DRAMA CLUB	SCHOOL – Mrs Bennett	Year 6	3.30 to 4.30 pm
TUESDAY	DANCE EXPLORERS See last week's letter for further details	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

PLEASE NOTE – DUE TO THE PARENT CONSULTATIONS AND BOOK FAIR TAKING PLACE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THE WEEK COMMENCING 17TH OCTOBER.

PLEASE PREPARE YOUR CHILD MINDING ARRANGEMENTS IN ADVANCE

FINANCE

Choir Members – a reminder about the second rehearsal for the Massed Concert.

The rehearsal is being held in Barry on 19.10.22. Please log onto Parentpay.

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

PIC•COLLAGE

Phrase of the fortnight

Faint ydy d'oed di? (How old are you?)
Dw i'n oed (I am Years old)
Penblwydd Hapus (Happy Birthday)

Parent Consultations 17th to 19th October 2022

Parent Consultation bookings will open on Thursday 6th of October at 6pm and remain open until midday on Friday 14th of October. This year we are so pleased to be able to offer face to face meetings. Booking is very straightforward; please follow the link in the letter send out last Friday and the onscreen instructions will guide you through the process. Please see below for the days being offered by the Staff. Should you have any problems please contact the office and we will endeavour to resolve these quickly for you.

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Days offered</u>
Mrs Stirling:	Monday and Wednesday
Miss Phillips:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Mrs Goddard:	Monday, Tuesday
Mr Williamson:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Miss Morris:	Monday, Tuesday
Mrs Willis:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Miss John:	Monday, Tuesday



OPEN AFTERNOON AT



CROSS ASH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MONDAY 10th OCTOBER 2022

FROM 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Please come and visit! Come and see the exciting learning opportunities we provide for our pupils, meet the staff and see our amazing grounds! Come any time during the afternoon. New Reception pupils for 2023 we would love to see you! We also have a few places available in some other year groups.

Everyone is welcome.

More information: email crossashprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk

website www.crossashprimary.co.uk or telephone 01873 821427



Scholastics Book Fair



The Cross Ash Book Fair is Back!!

After a long wait, we are thrilled to announce that the Book Fair will be with us from Monday 17th October to Friday 21st October. The Book Fair will contain over 200 titles from as little as £2.99. Children will be able to browse the Fair with their class teacher and let you know what they might like to buy. Every book purchased earns money for the school, which we then use to buy brand new books for the classrooms and libraries. Past Book Fairs have seen us raise over £600 per event for new books and we have really missed this wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading and replenish our book corners.

The Book Fair will be open every day at morning break time (10.30am) and after school. Books and stationery will be available to purchase from our fantastic Year 6 Book Fair team. If you are sending money in with your child please ensure it is in a clearly labelled envelope that can be given to the class teacher for safe keeping.

If you wish to browse the Book Fair after school with your child please wait at the Breakfast Club entrance and a member of staff will let you in once bus lines and walkers have been organised. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times when visiting the Book Fair. The Book Fair will also be open each evening during Parent Consultations and this is a wonderful opportunity for some Christmas shopping!

We are able to accept cash and cheques at the Book Fair. There is also an option to pay using a QR code, but we do need to keep in mind that our phone signal at Cross Ash is rather intermittent and not always reliable.

Unfortunately we are unable to reserve books as they sell so quickly, but we can order extra copies in for you once payment has been made.

We very much hope to see you at the Book Fair! Diolch!

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

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

PTFA

The next meeting is:-

Friday 7th October

Everyone is welcome

We would appreciate any help and ideas you can offer!

9:15 am

Calendar Sponsorship



Cross Ash Primary School



2023 Calendar Sponsorship

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Email: _____

Signature: _____

Preferred Sponsored Month(s) _____

Sponsorship Amount: (donation of min. £50 per advert) _____

Please make cheques payable to Cross Ash School PTFA or Bank Transfer (contact us for the details).

Every effort will be made to allocate your advert to your preferred month, however allocation is on a first come first served basis.

Advert information

The images should be TIFFs or JPEGs and ideally 300dpi.

The advert area is 267mm wide x 25mm deep.

Please email any adverts, logos or images to: crossashcalendar@yahoo.com

If you have any queries regarding sponsorship or your advert, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Please return sponsorship form and payment in a sealed envelope marked "PTFA Calendar 2023" to:
Cross Ash Primary School, Cross Ash, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire NP7 8PL
Alternatively, you can email us this information at the above address.

Deadline for sponsorship is **Friday 21st October 2022**.

Thank you very much for supporting our school!





Cross Ash Primary School 2023 Calendar Sponsorship



Our school calendar is very popular and an ideal way to advertise your business to several hundred local families in the local community and further afield.

Every year Cross Ash Primary School PTFA produce a calendar with all profits directly invested into the school and the children at Cross Ash.

To help cover production costs of the calendar, Cross Ash Primary School PTFA offer parents and local businesses the opportunity to place an advert in the calendar.

If you would like to advertise in the 2023 calendar, please contact us at crossashcalendar@yahoo.com

Don't worry if you haven't already got a suitable advert, we will produce one for you free of charge!

Deadline for sponsorship is

Friday 21st October 2022.



Tweets This Week Made by the following Classes! 😊

Year 6



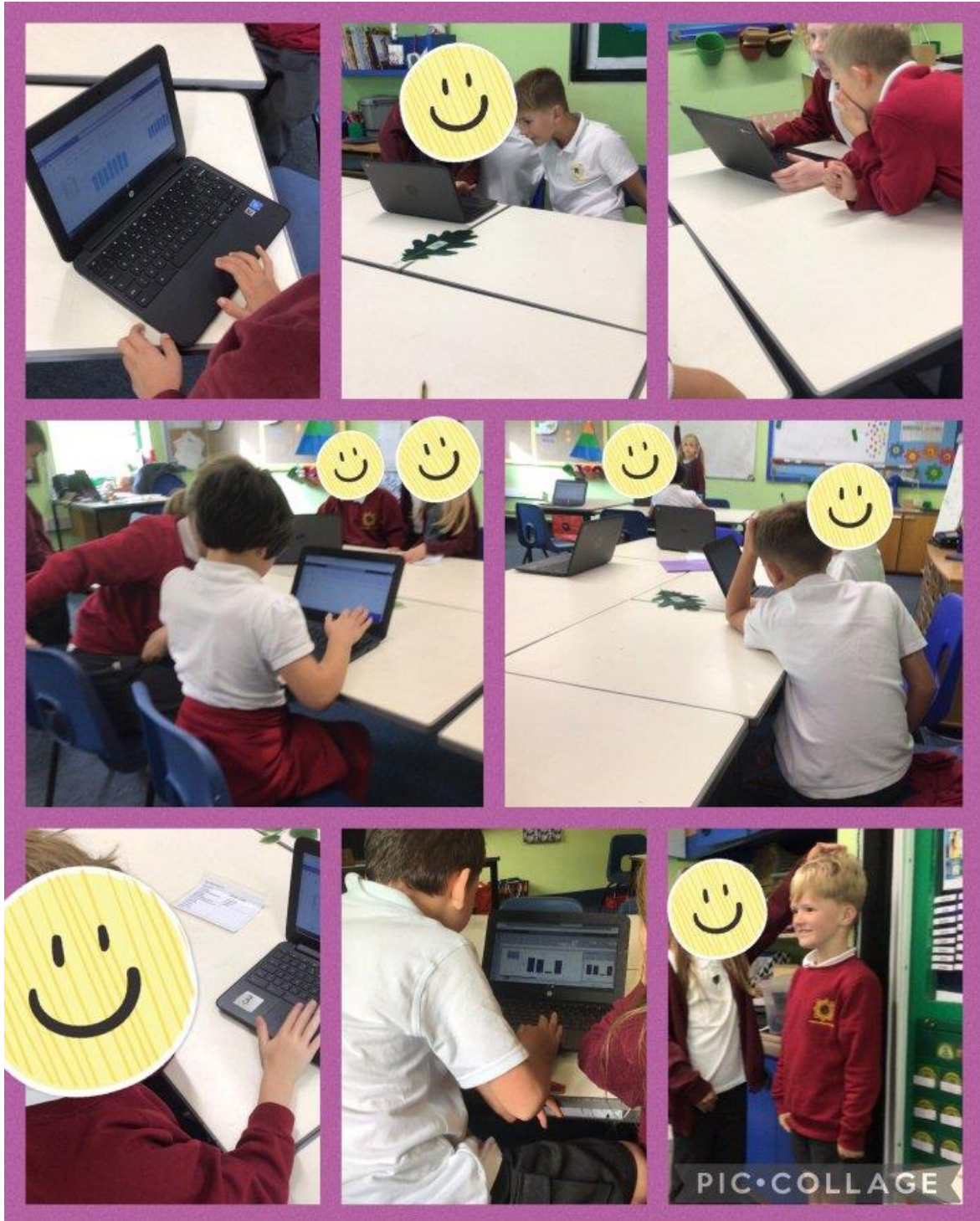
Year 5

This week Blwyddyn 5 have really enjoyed taking part in the #Galwad22 sessions being provided by Eco Schools Wales. This has encouraged us to think how we can rewrite the future, and we will be embarking on an exciting news broadcast project this week and next to try and imagine the future and write a future we want to see!



Year 3

Today we have been creating graphs and adding numerical data to a prepared spreadsheet. We used our shoe sizes and measured our height to create two sheets.



Year 2



Blwyddyn 2 Cross Ash @CrossAshY2 · 30 Sep

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@CrossAshY2 enjoyed celebrating our special German day at @CrossAshPrimary today! @CrossAshLLC @CrossAshACL #German #Languages



Reception



Outdoor Learning

Long and short



We put ourselves in line starting with the tallest.



We found big and little sticks.



We ordered the sticks.



Shortest

Tallest

Numeracy



Big and small



Community



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Join us on
Tuesday 11th October
from 10am - 12 noon
in St Nicholas Church
for the biggest coffee morning of the year!



Cake donations very welcome. Please call Gill on 01981 241662 if you are able to donate a cake.

***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.*

Cross Ash Village Hall

invites you to a



Pub & Skittles Night!

Friday 7th October
7:30pm for 8pm start



Bar available
all evening!

£2 entry pp

*Chilli Con Carne
With rice or jacket
potato £5
Veggie option available*

