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Cross Ash Primary School

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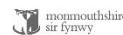
Newsletter- Newyddion

10th November (Tachwedd) 2022

Right of the Month: To Have an Opinion

Value of the Month: Peace

Seal Theme: Getting On and Falling Out



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Please can I remind parents of the importance of **NOT** driving onto the school site at pick-up and drop-off times. Buses need to move safely around the site and have reported that sometimes cars are driving past them. The safety of our children is of paramount importance. Those who have access agreed to the site with me must stay stationary until the final bus has left the site.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

Sadly, for us, **Miss Lisa Probert** will be leaving us this week. She has worked here since 2006 and is our longest serving Teaching Assistant. Miss Probert has been a like a ray of sunshine at Cross Ash. She is kind, caring, dedicated and always someone who goes above and beyond to make sure that the children get the very best. Her sense of fun and good humour will be very much missed too. I have had many parents saying how sorry they are that Miss Probert is leaving. Thank you for the cards and presents that you have given to her! Our Governing Body also recognises her contribution to all areas of school life here and very much appreciate everything that she has done.

Today we held a special assembly for her. The children recited poems and sang songs which they had written for her, which included their memories of her time with them. Of course, nearly every child has been in her class at some point! There were lots of memories of her falling in the pond and swinging on the rope tyre swing. Past pupils and staff also sent messages to her and video clips.



Thank you Miss Probert, you have been a star! Good luck for the future. We will miss you very much.



Today we took part in the **Jambori event** online, where schools across Wales were invite-d to sing songs in Welsh together. This is in preparation for the exciting Fifa World Cup 2022 event which Wales have of course qualified for this year! This sing-a-long was to show our support for the Welsh players taking part.

Poppies



Tomorrow is **Remembrance Day** and we will be marking this occasion with the placing of poppies they have made outside and a service of remembrance at 11am. Thank you for your support for The Royal British Legion this year. Thank you also to those children in school who have given up their playtimes to sell the poppy merchandise.

Next Friday is **Children in Need Day**. Please see the information later on in the newsletter regarding wearing pyjamas to school!



Remember, **if you want to learn Welsh** in a relaxed atmosphere, come and join us next Thursday afternoon! Email spencerg1@hwbcymru.net to register your interest.

Mrs Williams will be holding these sessions between 1.30pm and 3.15pm every other Thursday.

Please see the letter from Abergavenny Foodbank below. Your support has made a difference! Thank you so much.

Dear Mrs Presdee,

Thank you so much for the donation of food to the Foodbank from your Harvest Festival at Cross Ash Primary School, and for the financial donation. There was an amazing 92.2kg of food. We are so grateful to the churches, schools and other community groups that have supported us this Harvest. Everyone has been so generous this year and we have had a fantastic 2213.7kg of food from Harvest Festival Collections. That is more food than we had in our store cupboards in September! We have been able to fill our shelves, and put some tins away in storage for the time when the stock on our shelves gets low again.

Sadly, we have had a higher number of referrals for food parcels all this year, and, after a slightly quieter summer, the numbers are increasing again. So the food that you have donated will be put to good use, and the money will be used to buy anything that we run out of. With the increase in the cost of living, and Christmas, we think that the number of referrals will increase even further this winter. But we have an amazingly supportive community, and a fantastic group of volunteers, and I know we will all pull together to provide support to the people who are finding it difficult to buy food. We are also very fortunate to have workers from MIND and Citizens Advice at the sessions when people come in to collect their Food Parcels, so they are able to get advice and support there and then to make sure that they maximise their income and manage any debt as well as possible.

Thank you again for donating your Harvest Festival Food Collection to the Abergavenny Foodbank.

With very best wishes,

Kate Hooton.

Strategic Development Manager

Abergavenny Foodbank

VACANCIES

Please contact the head teacher/school office if you would be interested in the following positions at school – everyday or set days or on a casual basis.

Breakfast Club Supervisor

8am to 9am – Monday to Friday

Midday Supervisor

11.55 to 13.10 – Monday to Friday

These are salaried positions subject to the regulatory checks.

£9.79 per hour - starting salary band B SCP 3-5 pro rata

Our PTFA has arranged a collection of good quality, reusable clothes from our school in 5 weeks time on 25/11/2022 by **Rags 2 Riches**, so please start sorting your items over half term to raise monies for school.

Please support the **Ground Works Day** on Saturday 12th November if you can.

Kind regards /Cofion Cynnes,

Kathryn Presdee

Pennaeth /Prifathrawes

New Ways November 2022

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| 1. Make a list of new things you want to do this month | 2. Respond to a difficult situation in a different way | 3. Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you | 4. Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community | 5. Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel | 6. Try out a new way of being physically active | |
| 7. Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire | 8. Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week | 9. When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet" | 10. Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea | 11. Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way | 12. Find out something new about someone you care about | 13. Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax |
| 14. Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about | 15. Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..." | 16. Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective | 17. Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself | 18. Connect with someone from a different generation | 19. Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site | 20. Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before |
| 21. Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them | 22. Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them | 23. Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love | 24. Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently | 25. Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way | 26. Try out a different radio station or new TV show | 27. Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it |
| 28. Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card | 29. Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen. | 30. Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times | | | | |



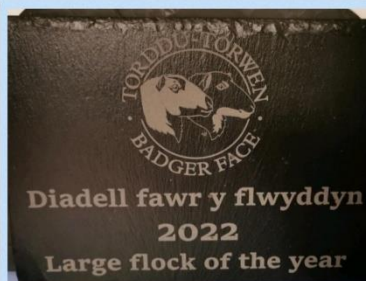
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AWARDS



Last week the Evans family attended the Badger Face Welsh Mountain Sheep Society AGM in Built. We are very pleased, and very proud, to report that Llewellyn in Year 5 won 3 separate awards! His awards were:



- 🏆 Glyn Hawker award for the young shepherd of the year 2022
- 🏆 The junior show point award 2022
- 🏆 1st in the large flock competition for his Torwen flock.



Well done, Llewellyn; you have every reason to be very proud of this fantastic achievement.

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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

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| Monday 14th November | Overmonnow Football Tournament – NO DRAMA CLUB |
| Friday 18th November | Children In Need – Come dressed in Pyjamas! |
| Wednesday 23rd November | Mon Schools Festival – Football – MCS – AM – More details to follow |
| Friday 25th November | PTFA - Rags 2 Riches Collection |
| 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 |

Twitter

Follow us if you can!

@CrossAshPrimary (whole school account)

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

School Leave of Absence Requests

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

Please complete and return to school.

[Application for Term Time Absence](#)

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.



Scholastic Book Catalogues

Browse in time for Christmas gifts!

Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/cross-ash/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online.

For every **£1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online** by **December 9th, 2022**.

Woodwind Lessons – Amy Edmunds – GMSS

Lessons will take place on a **Tuesday afternoon** in future due to pupils taking swimming lessons on a Wednesday morning. Please remember to bring in instruments on the correct day.



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Diolch PTFA for a wonderful pumpkin hunt today. The children loved your designs and enjoyed finding them around the grounds. We are so lucky to have you!

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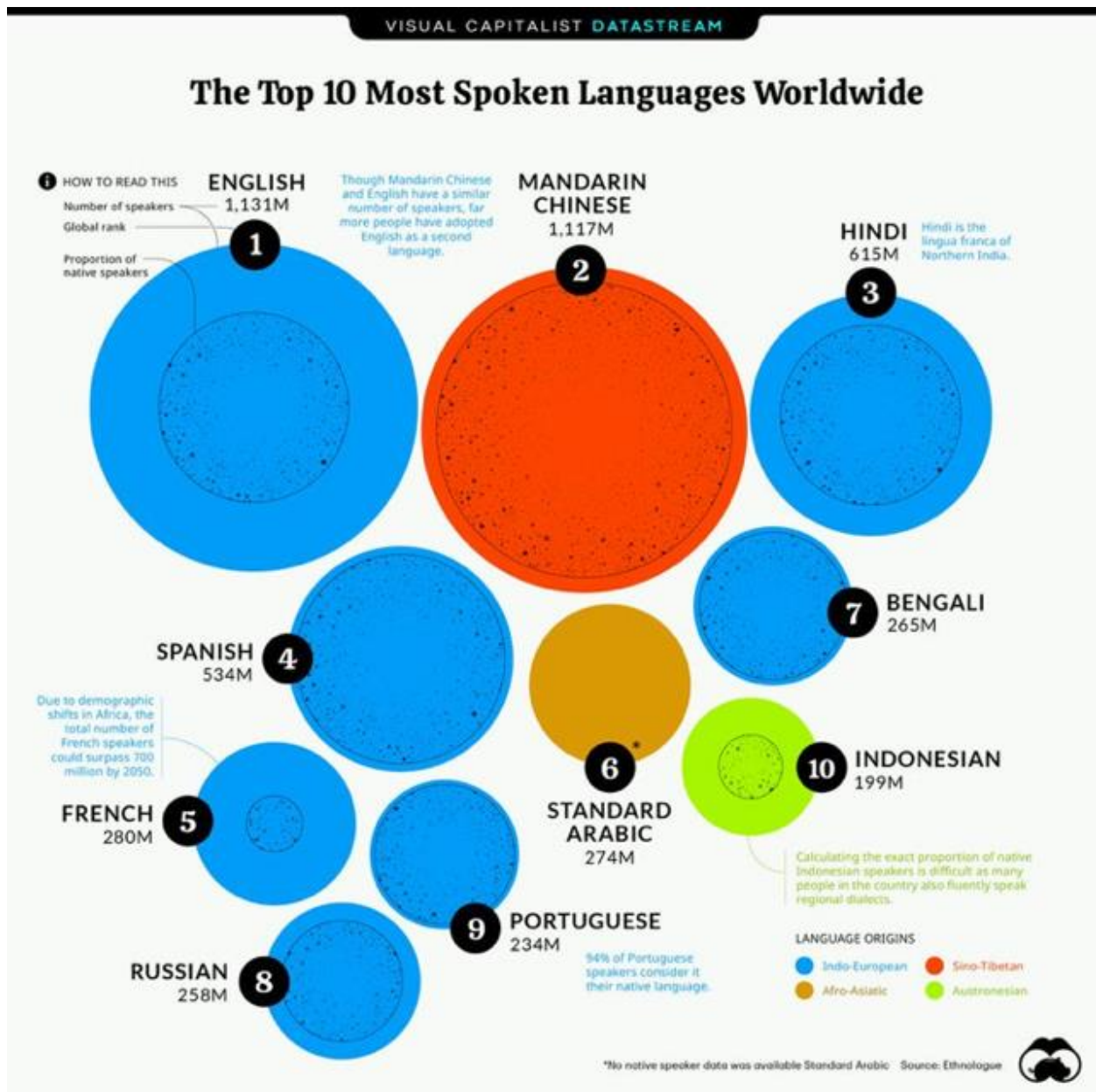


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Tuesday - After School DanceBlast

Please be reminded that the Juniors will be starting
wef 22nd November up to 20th December.

Years 1 & 2 have only 1 week left of their 5 week block allocation.



Welsh

Scan the QR code to help with the pronunciation



Phrase of the fortnight

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

Ga i'r ...?
Can I ...?

Diolch!
Thank you!

os gwelwch yn dda
please



Scan with Seesaw to view this work!



Children in Need

Just simply click on the link below to make donations please.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8129>



Children In Need 2022

Friday 18th November

The Rights Respecting School Council would like to invite everyone to come to school dressed in their pyjamas to raise awareness of the work undertaken by Children In Need on Friday 18th November. They felt this was easy to organise and lots of fun!

If you would like to wear your pyjamas to school for the day please come ready dressed. We suggest outdoor shoes to be worn and bring some slippers to wear in class if you would like to.

A voluntary donation of £1 per child would be most welcome and all money raised will be sent straight to the project. If you prefer you can also donate via Parent Pay and this has already been set up for you.

We look forward to posting lots of photographs of staff and pupils getting into the spirit of the day!

Diolch 😊



The Rights Respecting School Council & Pudsey!

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.

Year 5 swimming lessons £40.60

Eco Corner

Tree Delivery



Sheryl Westoby ❤️ @shezwes · 1d

Great news for our school! Thank you!

@CrossAshPrimary @MonmouthshireCC

@CrossAshY2 @CoedCadw

@RamblersCymru



Andrew Stumpf @finstumpf · 3d

Good news! The trees for
@CrossAshPrimary are on the way
from @CoedCadw as part of
#PathsToWellbeing @RamblersCymru



We have had some lovely trees donated to us, not the size of the one in the tweet above, I hasten to add, as a result of work Mrs Goddard has completed with Ramblers Cymru.

Volunteers from Ramblers Cymru will be joining us on Saturday 12th November.

Thank you so much Mrs Goddard and Ramblers Cymru.

Have Yourself a Very Eco-Christmas

It may be the ultimate consumer holiday, but Christmas doesn't have to cost the earth – in either sense of the phrase.

The festive season is expensive and wasteful, and most of us will reference calming things down in the following year.

Yet that may not be totally necessary – not least if all the joy of Christmas can be experienced in a way that is good for the soul, the wallet, and the environment.

Here are five ways to go about achieving that.

1. Re-deck the halls

One of the best things about Christmas decorations is that they are reusable, though there are still ways to make them even more sustainable.

Choose wooden over plastic ones, purchase them from local craft fairs rather than supermarkets, and invest in baubles and ornaments that are of a decent quality so they can be reused for years afterwards. In time



you will have a sizeable collection of unique trinkets that tell your family's own Christmas tale.

2. Tree-t yourself

If you're planning on buying a new one for this Christmas, perhaps consider either a pre-loved fake one, or a potted real tree that's designed to last beyond the festive season. Even better, you can now rent trees that can be replanted in January, helping cut back on the seven million that are dumped each year.

3. Invent an advert

What if you provided your loved ones with advent calendars that were not only personalised, but also more environmentally friendly?

Online marketplace Etsy sells wooden calendars that are personalised and can be refilled every year. Or you can make your own out of old fabric, leftover cardboard boxes or even just envelopes with craft activities in.

4. Wrap resourcefully

In a world that is becoming wiser and more sustainable, it is easier than ever to buy wrapping paper that is either recycled, or easier to recycle – which means no glossy finish or glitter, I'm afraid.



Another option is using old newspapers, magazines or comics; or investing in cotton wrapping cloths, which are fast becoming a trend and will look stunning under the tree.

5. Feast mindfully

It's easy to go overboard when it comes to Christmas dinner, but why not save yourself the hassle and stick to the basics.

Firstly, only make enough food for the number of people you have coming (though Christmas leftovers can be sublime!). Secondly, buy produce as locally as possible to save on food air miles. And finally, avoid purchasing products that feel festive but are actually not very popular... cheese footballs. I'm looking at you.

GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Club and the children continue to be an absolute delight, enthusiastic and good fun.

We are looking very “ship-shape” outside with much dead-heading, weeding and tidying having been done over the last few sessions.



We have collected loads of acorns and have planted them in individual potsour vision being to have them germinate and to then plant them outside. A future Cross Ash School oak wood. Bulbs and violas have been planted in various pots and containers.

The Penstemon cuttings taken not long ago from our big Penstemon growing on the herbaceous garden, are looking very good and strong. Likewise, the Strawberry runner transplants, very healthy.

Halloween saw the herbaceous garden outside Year 6 classroom window, covered in cobwebs, spiders and bats. Very artistic Year 6.

This week, we did a quick, pre-lunch sprint up to have a look at the pond as in late September/early October it had totally dried up. Happily, today it was nice and full again. Thank you rain.!

Also today, we sowed early Sweet Peas and planted some Snowdrops. The school squirrels are showing great interest in what we plant and have been turning over the pots and emptying them so we spent some time today netting everything over.

The autumn leaves are falling quickly, so we will be able to bag them up soon for future mulch. So, quite a productive few weeks. Well done children.

Christmas is coming. Perhaps we can spray some of those leaves and use them to decorate the willow wreaths.

More fun for The Club!!

Mrs Jellard



Information From Your PTFA



This Saturday! 😊

Reminder that football sweepstake closes on the 18th November!

**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
Qatar 2022**



**Our Cross Ash 2023 calendar
is now ready to pre-order
£5.00 each (limited availability)
Pre-order via Parent Pay**

**Also available to pre-order are our
Cross Ash School Tea towels , which are
filled with the children's wonderful
artwork**

Two designs available
**Design 1 - Featuring Reception, Year 1 &
Year 2**
**Design 2 - Featuring Year 3, Year 4,
Year 5 & Year 6**

£5.00 per tea towel
Pre-order via Parent Pay

**Please note - Pre orders cut off date is
December 2nd**

**Any questions email us at
crossashptfa@gmail.com**



*Cross Ash PTFA
Festive Wreath Making*

*Make your very own Christmas wreath
and get the festive season started with a
glass of wine, a mince pie and a little
sparkle.*

*Cross Ash Village Hall On 6th December at 6pm
Tickets are £40 and are limited.
Email crossashptfa@gmail.co.uk to book your place.*

Tweets the following Classes have made! 😊

Year 6



Blwyddyn 6 Cross Ash

[@CrossAshY6](#)



We've had a lot of fun this week playing Welsh games to help develop our use of past tense verbs!

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[@EAS_Cymraeg](#) pic.twitter.com/LpLkEyUOx8

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Blwyddyn 6 Cross Ash @CrossAshY6 · 9 Nov

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Yesterday we enjoyed developing our throwing and catching skills by playing some fun games in PE. We worked together well as a team to support and encourage each other to be successful.



Year 5



Blwyddyn 5 Cross Ash @CrossAshY5 · 9 Nov

@GALWAD22 @EAS_LLCEnglish @EAS_ExpressArts

@CrossAshY5 created our own news broadcast for the future. We scripted, filmed & edited using iMovie, a green screen & presenting app.

#CrossAshACL #CrossAshEIC

Part 1



Year 3



Blwyddyn 3 Cross Ash



[@CrossAshY3](#)

This week we have been experimenting with [@just2easy_com](#) and creating short animations about endangered animals.

[#STEM](#) [#LLC](#) [#Ethicalinformedcitizens](#)

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Year 2



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[@CrossAshY2](https://twitter.com/CrossAshY2)



[@CrossAshY2](https://twitter.com/CrossAshY2) had lots of superb ideas in our discussions today when predicting what could be happening in a picture from our new class text. We are looking forward to finding out if our predictions are correct!

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[@CrossAshACL](https://twitter.com/CrossAshACL) pic.twitter.com/NDluoGdbQs

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Reception



Dosbarth Derbyn Cross Ash



[@CrossAshRec](#)

What a wonderful time [@CrossAshRec](#) had today following a Pumpkin Trail organised by our wonderful PTFA. Diolch yn fawr! [#PTFA](#)
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MCC Notices

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

As we all know the cost of living has been going up and many people are experiencing money worries. Monmouthshire County Council's Money Matters campaign has been running throughout the year and we're trying to make as many families aware of support available to them, whether they are in immediate financial crisis or they are currently ok but want to find ways to save money. The campaign seeks to sign post available support and how families can claim all the support they're entitled to but might not be aware of. The message is that anyone can find themselves struggling but the sooner you seek support the better.

The website with all the information on is <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters/>

Please see flyer below for more information. If you'd like to find out more you can also call 01633 644644 and ask about Money Matters, or pop into one of the Community Hubs/Libraries in Abergavenny, Caldicot (TogetherWorks), Chepstow, Monmouth and Usk.



Worrying about money?

You are not alone. Money worries are more common than most of us realise. It might be an unexpected drop in income, bills starting to pile up, or finding it harder to cover the basics - these issues can affect anyone.

Remember, there's more help available than you might think. There are people and organisations who can help with some of the most common financial problems. These might include:

- Checking to see if you're entitled to more money in benefits or small grants.
- Help with reducing essential costs and connecting with local support.
- Advice on managing debts and ways to reduce your repayments.
- Help getting back into work or into more secure employment.
- Support to help you stay in your home.

If you are struggling it is always better to seek help and advice sooner rather than later - but it is also never too late to ask for help. You may be surprised at how much can be done to help you get back on your feet.

We have a short guide to help you see the types of help and support that are available, with details of national organisations as well as local links and connections. Help may be available in places you might not expect.
Visit: [monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters/](https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters/)

If you're not sure where to start, places like Citizens Advice or your landlord (if you are a social housing tenant) are a great place to find all the help and support that is right for you.

You can also phone Monmouthshire County Council's contact centre or walk into any of the council's Community Hubs in Abergavenny, Caldicot, Chepstow or Monmouth or Usk, where staff will be happy to have a conversation with you about some of the help you could access.

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[monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters](https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters)

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Caldicot: 01291 422119
Chepstow - 01291 622185
Monmouth - 01600 773297
[citizensadvice.org.uk/wales](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/wales)

 citizens
advice

Local Community

Cross Ash Village Hall
invites you to a

Quiz night

Friday 11th November
7:30pm

Teams of
up to
6



Bar available all evening!

£4 entry pp, including nibbles

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.

