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Cross Ash Primary School

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Newsletter- Newyddion

15th December (Rhagfyr) 2022

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.



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,

Last Friday we were sent into chaos by the arrival of some very disruptive elves, **Elf Sprouts and Elf Jolly**. They took over our assembly and then played games with every class. It was so much fun and has been spoken about all week since by the children. Thank you PTFA for organising and paying for this treat as a Christmas gift experience for all of the children.

Foundation Phase Concerts

Christmas Around the World



Yesterday we were lucky enough to welcome grandparents, local nursery children and residents of Penpergwm House to our **Dress Rehearsal**. After years of not being able to do this, we were delighted to welcome everyone to our school! The children performed beautifully and

are eager to perform again today and tomorrow!





The scene is set



Today's performance – Mrs Wiltshire and Mr Glyn Jones kindly represented our PTFA, manning the front foyer, selling raffle tickets and tea towels. Ms Latto was excited to be supervising the lighting whilst the children put on a brilliant performance for the mums and dads. More photos to follow next week 😊

Christmas Dinner yesterday was a lovely occasion.

The food was beautiful. Thank you to our wonderful canteen staff for a fantastic feast!



Christingle Details



Christingle Service

Grosmont Church

Service will start at 6pm.

Reception pupils will dress up as a tableau of the nativity. Mrs Stirling will allocate the costumes she has prepared for those who have responded to her dojo.

The PTFA provide Christingle oranges for all pupils and the service will conclude with the lighting of the candles and singing in the nave.

In the interest of safety please tie all long hair back.

Parking near the church is limited so please park safely.

Christmas Parties take place on **Monday and Tuesday**. Reception to Y4 on Monday and Y5 and Y6 on Tuesday. Please wear party clothes on those days.

Cross Ash Super News


We're excited to tell you that a new **Cross Ash Primary School Newspaper** has been set up this term. Run by Mrs Willis and Jude Rogers (mum of Evan in Year 4), it's been written and designed by children from years 6, 5 and 4 – or as we call them, our News Crew! They have also picked a fab name for it: Cross Ash Super News.

The first issue was made in less than two months, in weekly after-school classes of only an hour, and the children have done a brilliant job of setting up something completely from scratch – and now you can buy your own copy.

Copies will be on sale at the Foundation Phase school play on Thursday and Friday (new printers permitting!) this week for only £1 each, and around Junior school classes next week (pop £1 in an envelope and mark it for the attention of Mrs Willis, News Crew). Bringing together exciting news, school council updates, comics and illustrations, a Chill Zone and Christmas Corner, Issue 1 is a lovely memento of the Autumn term.



Understanding the symptoms of iGAS and Scarlet Fever



Treat at home

If your child has any of the following:


- Sore throat
- Headache

Cold and flu like symptoms are very common at this time of year, especially in children.



[Read more](#)

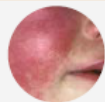
Most will have a common seasonal virus, which can be treated at home by keeping the child hydrated, and with paracetamol.




Contact NHS 111 Wales

If your child also develops any of the following:

- Fever
- Nausea or vomiting
- A fine red rash, which typically first appears on the chest and stomach. Older children may not have the rash.



Contact NHS 111 Wales or your GP for advice.



Contact GP straight away

If your child has any of the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (a high temperature above 38°C) • Severe muscle aches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Localised muscle tenderness • Redness at the site of a wound
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Contact your GP or get medical advice straight away.



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Football Tournament

Due to the bad weather we have decided to cancel Football Club after school this week as well as next week. It will recommence our first week back to school in January for Years 3 & 4 afterschool on Wednesdays. Years 5 & 6 will be in school time on 12th and 19th at 2pm and not after school.

Piggy Bank Shopping

This was a lovely activity and so well supported. Thank you very much for sending in money with your children. They had a lovely time shopping and hopefully you will like the Christmas surprises that have been chosen for you!

Head Lice

We have had reports of an outbreak of head lice in Reception and Year 2. Please be vigilant and check your child's hair every day and treat if necessary, to stem the spread in school. A letter has gone out today with further information.



Christmas jumper/own clothes were worn last Friday 9th December to support Save the Children. We raised £47.91 for Save the Children, but this is being match funded by the UK government this year, so the charity will actually receive **£95.82**

Thank you to those who contributed.



A huge thank you from the children for the brilliant interactive whiteboards which PTFA will be helping to fund throughout the school. We have had 4 fitted in the junior classes, with the expertise of **Mr Williamson and Mr Roberts-Jones** fitting them every evening until late. Thank you both. These were obtained through a Welsh Government grant. The PTFA will be helping to fund the purchase of 3 more for the Foundation Phase classes.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th December	Christingle Service at Grosmont – 6pm – all welcome
Monday 19th December	Christmas Parties – Rec to Year 4
Tuesday 20th December	Christmas Parties – Yr 5 & Yr 6
Tuesday 20th December	CHOIR – Penpergwm Carol Concert
Friday 23rd December	Training Day
Monday 9th January	Training Day
Wednesday 11th January	Swimming starts again for Year 5
Friday 13th January	PTFA Meeting – more details to follow
Tuesday 17th January	Dance Blast for years 2 to 6 to recommence
Mon 13th – Thurs 16th March	Yr 5 Port Eynon Residential Trip
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 31st March	End of Spring Term
Monday 17th April	Return to School

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



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.



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>

Welsh with Mrs Williams 😊



Scan with Seesaw to view this work!



ECO CORNER

Have you continued to look up the Eco tips on the Monmouthshire Twitter account?



PTFA



Mrs Glynn-Jones demonstrating our lovely T Towels which are for sale at £5 each!

We really are in the festive swing of things this week! Thanks to Jo Chadwick who arranged Louby Lou's cheeky elves to visit the children on Friday. The children had a blast!!

The PTFA will be selling refreshments at the Christmas concerts, so please enjoy a hot drink and a sweet treat whilst you wait for your children to be brought to you.

We will also be selling our beautiful tea towels for £5. These will make lovely gifts or a wonderful keepsake.

Piggy Bank shopping was a huge success! The children absolutely loved it and were so excited to spend their money and choose the perfect present for those on their list.

Thank you all for your support!

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 19th December - Reception to yr 4 - Christmas Party

Tuesday 20th December - Yr 5 and 6 Christmas Party

Next meeting: Friday 13th January 2023 at the School 9am.

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 From The Classes 😊

Click on the links to view

Year 6



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@CrossAshY6

We've had a fantastic couple of days celebrating the [#WorldCup2022](#) We are very lucky to have such an enthusiastic and ambitious Sports Council who have organised a range of fun events. Diolch yn fawr!
[@CrossAshPrimary](#)





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Year 5



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[@CrossAshY5](#)

[@CrossAshY5](#) have been enjoying football related activities organised by our Sports Council this week. So great to see Pupil Voice well and truly guiding our school activities.

[@EAS_Equity](#) #WorldCup2022
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[@CrossAshY5](#)

[@CrossAshY5](#) and the whole school were thoroughly entertained this morning by [@loubyloustories](#) Elf Jolly and Elf Sprouts! Chaos, festive fun and games all led to a very enjoyable morning! Diolch yn fawr iawn

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[@CrossAshY5](#)

[@CrossAshY5](#) getting to grips with digital art and illusion photography. It's a work in progress but that's what makes us [#CrossAshACL](#) [#CrossAshECC](#)
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The final visit this year for [@CrossAshY5](#) to Penpergwm House. The atmosphere was delightful again today, with everyone benefitting from the time spent together 😊

[@CrossAshHW](#) [@CrossAshEIC](#)

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Year 4



We've made a Christmas star instead of sending each other cards.



Year 3



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This week we have been learning about electricity and making our own circuits to test conductors and insulators ⚡️

@CrossAshPrimary



Year 1

Year 1 had great fun at our World Cup Celebration, a huge diolch yn fawr to everybody in the Sports Council - you worked so hard to give everybody a very fun afternoon!



On Friday, we were visited by 'Elf Sprout', Santa's mischievous elf! Thank you to the PTFA for organising such a wonderful treat for us all, we loved every minute!



Reception Class



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[@CrossAshRec](#) enjoyed celebrating a range of activities led by our fantastic Sports Council.

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[@CrossAshRec](#) were thoroughly entertained by [@loubyloustories](#) Elf Jolly and Elf Sprouts certainly brought the Christmas magic to [@CrossAshPrimary](#). Nadolig Llawnen! 🎄👤 pic.twitter.com/PjoJe5GKrY

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Another successful Christmas Piggy Bank Shopping organised by our fantastic PTFA! Diolch yn Fawr!

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So proud of the fantastic recount writing that has been happening in [@CrossAshRec](#) after our trip to

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Community

Hay Days Baby/Toddler group
with parents/carers will be at Cross Ash Hall
tomorrow (Friday 16th)
from 9:45 - 11:45

If parents are dropping off and need to come in before the start time, that can be accommodated.

It will be a Christmas Special, with plenty of Christmas magic!

Hay Days will be running each term-time Friday morning from the hall in January.

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