



Newsletter

Builth Wells CP School

Ysgol Gynradd Llanfair Ym Muallt

November 2016

Dear Parents / Carers / Friends

Annwyl Rieni/Warchodwyr/Ffrindiau

I'm sure you would join me in congratulating Miss Carpenter on the occasion of her marriage. We are trying to get used to calling her Mrs Williams!



Diary Dates/Dyddiadau i'r Dyddiadur

November

Wednesday 9th - Busy Bees Committee Meeting, 5.30pm

Thursday 10th - Scholastic Book Fair arriving

Friday 11th - Concert for Remembrance, 7pm at Alpha Chapel

Saturday 12th - The Friends of Builth Primary School Race Night at Neuadd Henllan, Royal Welsh Showground.

Wednesday 16th - Urdd Swimming Gala

Thursday 17th and Friday 18th - Y5/6 attending Builth Wells High School's production of 'Into the Woods'

Friday 18th - Children In Need - Dressing up in spots and stripes

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th - Parent consultation meetings

December

Thursday 1st - KS2 trip to see Gangsta Granny at Theatr Hafren, Newtown

Friday 2nd - School Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 6th - Foundation Phase English stream concerts, afternoon and evening

Thursday 8th - Foundation Phase Welsh stream concerts, afternoon and evening

Friday 9th - Foundation Phase trip to Theatr Brycheiniog to see 'George's Marvellous Medicine'

Tuesday 13th - KS2 Christmas Concert at Alpha Chapel (afternoon and evening)

Wednesday 14th Infant Christmas Party

Thursday 15th - Pantomeim Cymraeg

Friday 16th - Junior party (afternoon)

- Break for Christmas

We return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2017.



Christmas Plays / Concerts/ Sioeau Nadolig

The Foundation Phase classes will be performing their Christmas plays in the school hall. Key Stage 2 pupils will be presenting a Christmas concert at Alpha Chapel. The Year 6 pupils will take a lead role in this production and, all being well, we are also intending for them to put on a play in the summer term when all the end of year assessments have been completed.

Keep Updated Via Social Media/Cyfryngau Cymdeithasol

We have relaunched our Twitter account. Find us at @BuilthCP. We will use this as an additional means to update you with the latest news.

Harvest Festival / Gwasanaeth Diolchgarwch

Thank you for attending and/or supporting our recent harvest festival and appeal on behalf of Oxfam. We raised a total of £228.71. The children sang and performed extremely well and together we made a fantastic rainbow of colours. Thanks also to Rev. Reardon for hosting our harvest festival at Alpha Chapel.



Make a rainbow for Haiti

Cross-Country/Traws-wlad

Congratulations to all our cross-country runners who represented the school at the recent competitions at Llanelwedd. All the children did extremely well; special congratulations to Jac Price, Gruff Fletcher, Aelwen Davies, Hannah Powell, Seren Cook, Kiera Owen, Ella Lewis, Erin Lois Coyle, Matilda Heatlie, Thomas Hughes, Logan Pugh, Tanwen Bradley, Isabel Shufflebotham, Siwan Davies, Lydia Webb and Fenella Price who were all in the top six of the boys' and girls' races for their respective age groups at the October and November events.

Cystadleuaeth pêl-droed yr Urdd

Yn Ystradgynlais

Ar y 19^{eg} o Hydref, aethon ni, dosbarth Pen Y Fan a rhai o blant dosbarth Tryfan i gystadleuaeth pêl-droed yr Urdd yn Ystradgynlais. Roedd tîm o ferched a thîm o fechgyn. Roedd pawb wedi chwarae'n dda ac wedi cael bore llawn hwyl yn cystadlu.

On the 19th of October, we went as a class; Dosbarth Pen Y Fan and a few children from Dosbarth Tryfan went to the Urdd football tournament in Ystradgynlais. There was one team for the girls and one team for the boys. Unfortunately we did not make it to the next round everybody did an amazing job representing our school.

Llinos a Lydia



Regimental Museum Visits

Our class, Dosbarth Tryfan, went to visit the Regimental Museum in Brecon this is what two of the children had to say about it.

Ymweliad Pen y Fan ag

Amgueddfa Gatrodol y Cymry Brenhinol

Ar Ddydd Mawrth, 11^{eg} Hydref 2016 aeth dosbarth Pen-y-fan i Amgueddfa Gartrhodol y Cymry Brenhinol i ddysgu am yr Ail Ryfel Byd. Daeth Mrs Williams a Mr Mason efo ni. Gwnaethon ni lawer o chwarae rôl yn dysgu sut oedd bywyd yn ystod yr Ail Ryfel Byd. Hefyd cawson ni tro mewn cysgod Anderson, gyda chwaraewr CD a chwaraeodd Mrs Holcroft darn o sain y cyrch awyr. Roeddwn i wedi mwynhau'r ymweliad oherwydd roedd yno llawer o chwarae rôl yno.

gan Maisy

Dosbarth Tryfan's trip to the regimental World War museum

On Wednesday 12th October 2016, Dosbarth Tryfan went on an educational field trip to the World War regimental museum in Brecon. When we got there, we were greeted by Mrs Holcroft, our guide for the day.

Firstly, we were taken upstairs, and pretended to be Evacuees at a small party, and had squash and biscuits while we were being chosen by our "new family". Mrs Holcroft then showed us what an Evacuee would've carried; a box with a string to put round their necks, which contained a gas mask, a clean pair of underwear, a change of clothes, some chocolates for their hosts, something to drink, a game to play and a book to read or to be read to them, all contained in a brown case.

After that we were put into groups and sent to different corners of the room, which were set up as different scenes of a normal day in WW2. There was a scene at home, a

ration shop and a warden office/battlefield with a stretcher and some bandages. There were outfits and uniforms to dress up in to play the part of the people who used to really be in that position. You also went out of the room to play some WW2 based games on an Interactive Board. My favourite scene was the household and the battlefield because we all got to play together and we got to learn a lot and I had the most fun. In the household corner, there was a scrapbook on the table which was made by a man during World War 2, with pictures of all the different planes and what was happening each day. In the ration shop, there was a table of all the things you would've found in a shop like that. There was also olden day weighing scales to work out how much it would cost and if you could use ration tickets. In the Wardens office/ Battlefield, there was a stretcher to carry the injured soldiers on. There were the different soldier uniforms and equipment that you would've used. There was also a medical bag with slings and bandages inside.

When we had eaten our lunch we had to look all around the museum to find the answers to some questions; it was really fun. When we had finished the trail, we were allowed to go to the shop. I bought a replica of a medal which had a thick rainbow string and a gold coloured medal with an angel on it. We then went into an Anderson shelter and heard recordings of the Air-raid sirens and the sounds of the bombing that you would've heard. Mrs Holcroft lit a candle inside a flowerpot and put another pot on top. It surprisingly warmed up the shelter a lot. There was a bed, a toilet, a few shelves, a medical box and a small bench.

I learnt a lot and enjoyed the trip very much. My favourite part of the whole day was the workshop upstairs and the trail, including the Anderson shelter. I really would like to visit the museum again sometime.

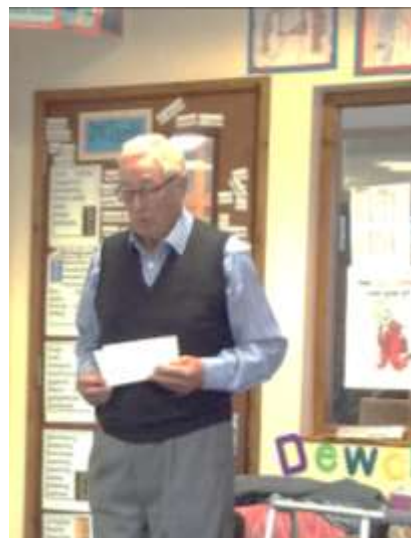
By Neve Davies Dosbarth Tryfan



Reflections of a World War Two Evacuee

On Thursday 20th October, Mr Bob Clarke and his wife (Megan Daniel's Grandfather and Grandmother) visited the school to share his memories with the children in Dosbarth Epynt and Elan about being an evacuee in World War 2.

He covered many topics in his presentation. He discussed the air raid warnings and the all clear sirens. He then went on to discuss the first panic evacuation and then his own experiences of being evacuated to Devon and then to Somerset.



He also shared with us a variety of other topics including food rationing and prices, gas masks and air raid shelters at home and at school.

The boys especially enjoyed hearing about bombing, Doodle Bugs, (V1) in 1944 and Rockets (V2).

He summed up this very interesting and informative presentation by discussing the preparations for "D" Day.

We all, (staff and children) learnt a lot about life during World War Two and are very grateful to both Mr and Mrs Clarke for taking the time to visit us

Dosbarth Epynt and Elan

Digital Leaders Appeal/Apêl Arweinwyr Digidol



During this half term we are learning about the Swinging Sixties. As we have never done this topic before in school we don't have many resources. We thought that some families may have some resources from during that time. You could bring in anything from the sixties eg photos, books, clothes, toys, newspapers/ magazines. Maybe you would be willing to come and talk to us about your time during the sixties? We will also be recording you as we would like to share the information with other pupils. Thank you for your cooperation.



Our winners corner/Cornel Enillwyr. Two of the children from school have been taking part in Cycling competitions regularly out of school. They are both National Cycling Champions for their age group for this year. Brilliant work! Showing hours of dedication.

Design a Cycling Jersey- Tour of Britain competition/Cystadleuaeth Taith Brydain



Two pupils from school have won prizes in the competition held when the Tour of Britain arrived with a fanfare in the Royal Welsh Showground. They had to design a Cycling Jersey- lots of children entered this competition and the two successful children, one winning first and the other winning second, can be seen here! They also ensured that the school won a prize too!



Story-Writing Competition/Cystadleuaeth Stori

Congratulations to a Year 5 pupil who won a runner-up prize in the Kathleen George story-writing competition.

Mewn Cymeriad 'Glenys y Siop- Byw trwy'r Blits'



Cystadleuaeth Gymnasteg yr Urdd

Ar y 8^{fed} o Dachwedd, 2016 es i i gystadleuaeth gymnasteg yn Ystradgynlais a oedd yn gael ei gynnal gan yr Urdd. Roedd yna 15 o blant yna yn cystadlu. Gwenes i fy mherfformiad gymnasteg i gyda'r cerddoriaeth `Thoroughly Modern Millie`.Dydw i

ddim yn siwr pa safle gefais i, dim ond cyhoeddi'r enillydd wnaethon nhw. Cefais llawer o hwyl yno a rwy'n edrych ymlaen i wneud hyn blwyddyn nesaf. Y peth a oedd wedi gwneud hyn yn yr un gorau oedd, roeddwn i wedi gwneud fy 'round off flic' gyntaf fi ar matiau caled mewn cystadleuaeth!

Urdd Gymnastics competition

On the 8th of November, 2016 I went to the Urdd gymnastics competition in Ystradgynlais. There were about 15 children competing. I did my gymnastics to Thoroughly Modern Millie. I have no idea what place I came as they only announced the winner that would be going through to the next round. I had lots of fun performing my routine and I hope to do it next year as well. The thing that made this competition the best was that I did my first round off flic on hard mats in a competition!!

By Maisy

Visit to Tesco

This term Dosbarth Irfon, Dosbarth Preseli, Dosbarth Llyn y Fan and Dosbarth Gwy have been on enjoyable visits to Tesco, Llandrindod Wells. Jayne Griffiths welcomed the children and they had a guided tour around the store. The children took part in fruit tasting, scanned items on the tills and experienced the icy cold freezer. Many thanks to Jayne and Tesco for providing the funding for these visits.

Cymraeg Campus

Schools across Wales are being challenged to work harder to develop the bilingual skills of all pupils. Cymraeg Campus is a new initiative aimed at supporting schools to achieve higher standards.

Sports Kit Sponsor/Noddwr Dillad Chwaraeon

Mrs Gill Daniel of 'Headcases' hair salon has kindly offered to sponsor our new rugby kit. We are now looking for a sponsor for a new football / hockey kit. We expect the kit to cost around £300. If you think you might be able to help us, please contact the school office.

The Friends of Builth Primary School/Ffrindiau'r Ysgol

We would like to invite you to attend a 'Race Night' at Neuadd Henllan at The Royal Welsh Showground. Come along and choose your horses! All proceeds will go towards our efforts to improve ICT and outdoor learning through play facilities. We have had some quotes for adventurous play equipment which the Friends Committee and School Council are considering. During half term we had some new playground markings completed and we are planning some more before Christmas.

Scholastic Book Fair/Ffair Lyfrau Scholastic

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair in school from Thursday 10th November to 17th November. It will be in the school hall everyday between 3.30 and 4.30pm.

Our school receives a very good commission from this fair which we use to buy books for each class. So please support if you are able to - it's a good opportunity to start your Christmas shopping!

Reminders

Attendance and Punctuality/ Presenoldeb a Phrydlondeb

We cannot over-emphasise the importance of high levels of attendance and punctual arrival at school. There is a great deal of evidence that links progress in learning to regular attendance. We hope you will do everything you can to help us to achieve our attendance target of 96%. Last year our attendance was just under 96% but this figure was still amongst the lowest of similar schools in our 'family'. Our overall attendance for the autumn term is currently 94%, so you can see we are not yet on track to achieve our target.

Despite reminders that the school day starts at 8.50a.m we are still experiencing a significant number of late arrivals each morning which can lead to disruption for staff and children at the start of the day. If you arrive after 8.50 please use the front entrance so that we can lock the gates on time. Regular late arrivals are being closely monitored.

Non-prescription medication/Meddyginiaethau

We are unable to give children non-prescription medicines unless we have the written request of parents / carers. We do not have a supply of 'Calpol' to administer to those who appear 'under the weather'.

Car Parking / Bus Bays/ Parcio Ceir

Please be reminded that parents should not park in the bus bays at the beginning and end of the school day. This is to enable the buses to access the bays but also to ensure people crossing the road can do so safely. Disabled parking bays should also be left for those that need them. These have recently been remarked so they are clearly visible for all.

Reading Buddies/Ffrindiau Darllen

We are currently looking for parents/carers who would be willing to come into school and listen to pupils reading. We would like to say a very big thank you to those who currently volunteer. Your help is greatly appreciated. Should you be interested please contact Sarah James in the school office or Mrs Michelle Davies. We also take this opportunity to thank parents who have helped supervise pupils who have taken part in recent cross country events and to those who help with walking to the swimming pool each week.