

# Builth Wells C.P. School

## November 2019 Newsletter



### Dates for the Diary

#### November

- 20<sup>th</sup> – ‘Beep Beep’ Day – Road Safety Awareness for Foundation Phase
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – School Choir singing at Builth Fest Christmas Fair (choir sing at 2pm)
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Panto Cymraeg – The Story of Branwen (Bl1 – Bl6, Ffrwd Gymraeg)

#### December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – ‘Prince Llewelyn’ drama workshop (English Stream KS2)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – New date for Urdd Swimming Gala
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Christmas theatre visit ‘Tom Gates’ at Hafren, Newtown.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – Foundation Phase visit to Theatr Brycheiniog to see ‘The Scarecrow’s Wedding’ based on the book by Julia Donaldson.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – PC Viv Ainsworth visiting all classes to present workshops
  - 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner and ‘Save the Children’ Christmas Jumper Day (£1 per family please)
  - 16<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Concert (English Stream, Reception - Y6) 6.30 p.m. at Alpha Chapel
  - 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Concert (Ffrwd Gymraeg, Derbyn – Bl.6) 6.30 p.m. at Alpha Chapel
  - 18<sup>th</sup> – Cylch yn yr Ysgol Christmas Party / Ed Holden, Welsh Beatboxer, visiting school
  - 19<sup>th</sup> – Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 Parties (non-uniform / party clothes day)
  - 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Singalong and break for Christmas
- Children return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

## Christmas Performances

At the kind invitation of Rev. Brian Reardon, we will be holding our Christmas performances at Alpha Chapel this year. Although we have had a couple of very successful performances at The Strand Hall in the last couple of years, we were unable to arrange sufficient rehearsal time with them this year as they have so many other events. Nonetheless, we think it will be very special to have a fairly traditional 'Nativity' for both streams in Alpha Chapel:

Ffrwd Gymraeg – Newyddion Da!

English Stream – Breaking News!

As usual, we are working hard to ensure all Year 6 and Year 2 pupils have a big speaking part. Please look out for letters about costumes, etc. and please help your children to learn their spoken words and song lyrics.

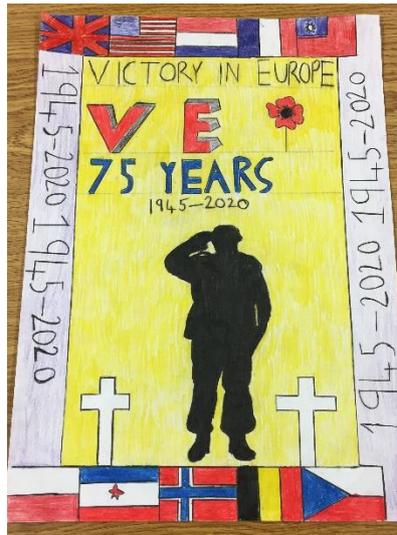
## Recent Events

The Friends of Builth Primary School organised a wonderful **Halloween Disco** just before we broke for half term. The Friends are aiming to raise money to help improve play facilities, sports facilities and support our efforts to upgrade ICT equipment. Our thanks to DJ Lee Jarvis for running the disco and also to our own **School Council** for organising a brilliant 'pumpkin competition'. We had 65 entries!



We took three football teams to the cluster football festival at Llandrindod on 24<sup>th</sup> October. We were very pleased to be able to make use of the latest new set of sports-kit provided through the 'Premier League Primary Stars' scheme.

Mrs Helen Davies, Mrs Westlake and Mrs Sullivan accompanied our school choir to the **Remembrance Concert** at The Strand Hall. The children joined other schools in the area to sing a rendition of 'We'll Meet Again' and then performed their own song 'We Will Remember Them'. Many of our children took part in the British Legion poster competition; the theme this year was V.E. Day and the winner from our school, and the overall winner for the cluster, was **Lily James** (Dosbarth Pen y Fan). Da iawn ti Lily!



Lily's winning poster design

Mr Cornelius and Mrs Michelle Davies were joined at **The Service of Remembrance** and at the town's war memorial by Isla Rawbone and Kathryn Pope who presented a wreath on behalf of the school. Megan and Sian Williams, Livvy Bujok and Tia Griffiths represented Bulth Wells Cubs and Scouts and Jasmin Rollinson presented a wreath on behalf of Bulth Wells Show and Carnival Committee. Many other families and children were also in attendance at the war memorial for a very moving act of remembrance.

We were treated to a wonderful retelling of the story of 'Daniel in the Lion's Den' in their '**Open the Book Assembly**'.

**The School Council** planned and organised a wonderful **Children in Need Day** this year. Events included dressing-up as heroes, heroines and villains and 'sweetie treatie' break-time. Our school was full of superheroes and supervillains, monsters, scary clowns, princesses, Wonder-Women, rugby and football heroes, doctors and nurses, 'Harry Potters and Hermiones', fire fighters and police officers and the highly topical young climate change activist 'Greta Thunberg' - complete with protest sign in Swedish - also came along!

And, of course, the School Council organised and ran an **AMAZING TALENT SHOW!**

Jasmin Rollinson, Finn Bevan, Eleri Price and Zack Palmer did a fantastic job recruiting participants, promoting the event and organising the running order. They even made score cards to hold up for each act!



DJ Minnie Owen set the tempo mixing top tunes for everyone to dance to and then acted as a brilliant compere for the afternoon. We were treated to performances by pianists and guitarists, song & dance acts, soloists, performance poets, karate kids, joke-tellers and gymnasts. Proof, if we ever needed it, that we have some very talented children at Builth Wells Primary School. We all had a load of fun and raised £xxxxx for Children in Need.

**Pandemonium Theatre Company** visited once again to perform the second instalment of their 'Tales from Wales'. The children were treated to stories about Robin Ddu, Rowli Pugh, Yr Afanc, Rebecca's Daughters.



Pandemonium Theatre Company

**Tudur Rees** brought a very entertaining and interesting drama workshop retelling the '**Story of Llewelyn**' to children in Ffrwd Gymraeg. He will soon be presenting the same performance in English to the English stream.

Unfortunately, **The Urdd Swimming Gala** which was scheduled to be held at Brecon on 14<sup>th</sup> November had to be postponed due to adverse weather. It will now be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### Attendance

Our Overall School Attendance for October was 95.3% (September 92.7%)

Our target for every pupil for 2019-20 is 95.8%.

#### **Ffrwd Gymraeg**

Dosbarth Irfon (Rec) 95.2%

Dosbarth Gwy (Y1/2) 97.5%

Dosbarth Elan (Y3/4) 98.0%

Dosbarth Pen y Fan (Y5/6) 96.5%

#### **English Stream**

Dosbarth Llyn y Fan (Rec) 92.5%

Dosbarth Llyn Tegid (Y1/2) 94.0%

Dosbarth Cadair Idris (Y3/4) 95.2%

Dosbarth Tryfan (Y5/6) 94.6%

Dosbarth Eryri (ALSC) 85.9%

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Get Microsoft Office and Minecraft:EE for FREE!

**Microsoft 365 is FREE to learners and teachers in maintained schools in Wales**

Save money this Christmas!

Simply log in to Hwb and download Microsoft Office on up to 15 of your personal devices.

Office includes: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Access, OneNote, Outlook and Skype for Business.

How learners can download Microsoft Office:

- Visit the Hwb learning portal
- Log into your Hwb account (schools will have provided this)
- Launch Office 365
- Install Office

Further information can be found at [hwb.gov.wales](http://hwb.gov.wales) if you search 'microsoft365'  
There is a 'how to' video as well.

It can be installed on most PCs, tablets and phones.

Important: You should uninstall any other version of Microsoft Office you have on your device before you begin installation. Pupils please make sure you have permission before you begin!



You can also access **Minecraft: Education Edition** for free too!

Minecraft: Education Edition is an open-world game that promotes creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving in an immersive environment.

How learners can download Minecraft:

- Visit [education.minecraft.net](http://education.minecraft.net)
- Choose 'support' and 'download'
- Once installed, sign in with your username@hwbcymru.net

**Sêr yr Wythos / Stars of the Week**

**Mis Hydref / October**

**Ffrwd Gymraeg**

Dosbarth Irfon (Miss B. Williams)

Whole Class – for singing so well at Harvest Festival

Whole Class – for doing really well in P.E. and following instructions carefully

Dosbarth Gwy (Mrs. M. Davies)

Oustin – concentrating so well in reading, writing and maths

Imogen – for being such a hard little worker / group reading work 'Ar y Traeth'

Henry – asking excellent questions in his reading group

Eleri – reading and writing really well

Madoc – excellent writing about the 'Treasure Island' show

Harvey – always trying hard and making good progress in his work

Isla R – independent writing

Dosbarth Elan (Mrs. N. Coyle and Mrs G. Williams)

Esme L. – settling down to work very well and trying hard

Osian – writing an excellent letter to the 'Environment Minister'.

Sioned – excellent independent work

Max – being brave with his recent injury

Meggie – being very organised in all that she does

Evie – excellent maths problem-solving work

Teleri – giving 100% to everything she does

Edward – excellent art work and personal letter

Dosbarth Pen y Fan (Mrs. H. Davies)

Nansi – writing a very good formal letter about plastic pollution

Theo – confident work solving maths problems

Freya – creating excellent pieces of work in her independent project book

Charlie – working independently solving shape problems

Sydney – solving challenging maths problems

Eryn – using advanced adverbs in our English lesson

### **English Stream**

#### Dosbarth Llyn y Fan (Mrs. N. Davies)

Whole Class – for singing so well at Harvest Festival

Whole Class – getting ready for P.E. independently and following instructions well

#### Dosbarth Llyn Tegid (Mrs. R. Jones)

Alfie – always giving of his best and displaying a positive attitude to activities

Phoebe B. – excellent language work and a very positive attitude

Phoebe J. – fantastic effort in phonics, writing and maths

Henley – always working hard and trying to work independently

Sophia – working well on number bonds

Isla B. – excellent partitioning in maths addition

William – using fantastic descriptive words in his writing

Jack O. – trying his best to work independently and being so thoughtful to others

#### Dosbarth Cadair Idris (Mrs. Owens and Miss Bowkett)

Amelia – enthusiasm for reading and working hard to achieve her targets

Leslie – a sensible attitude and producing work of a high standard

Violet – concentrating hard and making great progress telling the time

Owyn – being more focused and trying hard to achieve all targets

Cian – for a lovely poem on plastic pollution

Ryan – being a great digital leader

Dosbarth Tryfan (Miss Ives)

Eadie – trying hard with problem-solving in maths

Zack – lovely art and persevering to complete his ‘whale’.

Corey – very good problem-solving in Maths

Elizabeth – writing an amazing formal letter

Tia – completing her Science work to a good standard and for her enthusiasm

Connor B. – trying hard with Welsh and getting on independently

Lexie – acting on advice to produce a lovely poster

Connor W. – super answers in ‘hot-seating’ role-play session

Dosbarth Eryri (Mrs. Evans / Mrs. Goode)

Leon – fantastic effort with phonics / asking and answering questions about the human body

Ethan – fantastic writing about ‘doctors’

Jacob – fantastic questions for the paramedics who visited

Da iawn i bawb!

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*G. Cornelius*



Cymraeg Campus

Bronze Award



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Bronze Award

