

Builth Wells County Primary School

January 2020 Newsletter

Happy New Year / Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

Dates for the Diary

January

Wednesday 15th - Urdd Gymnastics Competition

Saturday 25th - Urdd Swimming Gala National Finals in Cardiff

Friday 31st - Wear Red for Wales and Velindre, the National Cancer Centre for Wales

February

Tuesday 11th - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th - Urdd Football Competition

17th-21st Half Term

March

Tuesday 3rd - Dosbarth Tryfan involved in musical performance of 'Fidelio' at The Wyeside.

Wednesday 4th March - Hockey Tournament

Friday 6th - School Eisteddfod

Saturday 14th - Cylch Eisteddfod at YCC Llandrindod Wells campus

Monday 16th- Wednesday 18th D. Tryfan (Y5) residential visit to Llangrannog

Tuesday 24th / Thursday 26th - Parents Evenings

Saturday 28th - Rhanbarth Eisteddfod at the Albert Hall, Llandrindod Wells

April

Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd D. Pen y Fan (Y5) residential visit to Llangrannog.

Please note that Welsh Government has announced an extra inset day for schools to prepare for the introduction of the new 'Curriculum for Wales'. In this part of Powys schools will be closed to pupils on Friday 26th June, although this won't affect Year 6 pupils on their residential visit to Brenin Adventure.

Music Activities

Dosbarth Cadair Idris (Y3/4 English Stream) are working with Tim Conin of South Powys Music to learn some pieces on the violin, viola and other stringed instruments. They will be presenting their work to the school on 12th February.

Meanwhile, Dosbarth Tryfan (Y5/6 English Stream) will be working with the Mid Wales Music Trust to create scenery for their staging of Beethoven's opera 'Fidelio', which will be performed at The Wyeside on 3rd March.

Swimming

Swimming lessons for Y3/4 English Stream and Welsh Stream (Dosbarth Cadair Idris and Dosbarth Elan) will commence on Monday 3rd February and continue to Monday 30th March, excluding half term of course.

Gymnastics

On January the 15th, Ella, Hollie, Eadie, Kellan, Gwennie and Freya represented the school in the Urdd Gymnastics competition.

Congratulations to them all on their performances and thank you to Sarah and Estelle for their help in preparing the children.

Individual Girls Yr3-6-

1st Freya Probert

2nd Gwennie Davies

3rd Eadie Sims

Individual Boys Yr 3-6-

1st- Kellan Heatlie

Best wishes to Freya and Kellan who will represent the school in the finals in Aberystwyth in February

Clwb Bore Da



Please be reminded that Clwb Bore Da is open from 8.00 a.m. until the school gates open at 8.40 a.m. Children can come for a free breakfast, play games, draw pictures and chat to friends before school starts. We have actually just ordered a whole load of new resources and games for children to use. We ask for £1.50 per child per session to help towards



the costs of staffing the club as we open before 8.15 a.m. We know this kind of facility can be a huge help to parents especially if you need to get off to work early in the morning. Governors are keen to encourage to use the facility otherwise we could lose it if there is insufficient demand.

Busy Bees



Busy Bees is open from 3.25-5.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

£6.50 / child & £5.50 for siblings per session

As we operate on a very tight budget we have to plan staffing arrangements very carefully for each session, keeping strictly to a 1:8 ratio. Please help us to plan by giving us plenty of notice if you want your child to attend or if you need to cancel. We don't like to refuse anyone a place at Busy Bees but if we don't have sufficient notice we can't always find additional staff at very short notice.

Uniform

We believe our uniform helps to encourage pupils to feel a sense of identity and pride in our school. Just lately we have seen standards start to slip with a number of pupils wearing items which are not part of our uniform. Please use the table below as a reminder of our expectations:

Yes Please	No Thank You
	



In addition, we ask that pupils wear an emerald green school jumper or cardigan with the school badge and a white or navy polo shirt or blouse. In the colder months, children should wear long trousers or navy / black /grey tights with a skirt. We know some of the boys insist on wearing shorts but I can assure you that many often have goose pimples and are clearly cold.

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears. These must be removed for PE and swimming lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

A full copy of our uniform policy is attached to this newsletter.

Christmas Events



Thank you for supporting all the Christmas events. It is an expensive time of year and we really do appreciate the support we receive for the theatre visits and Christmas concerts. The money raised will help us to cover the cost of transport to the many and varied local events that take place throughout the year, and will also help us to acquire resources such as sports and play equipment.

The children performed extremely well at Alpha Chapel and it was a lovely way to end the term. Again, thank you for helping them to learn their words and provide costumes or props.

Special thanks to The Friends Committee for assisting Father Christmas again this year. There were some very busy little elves leading up to Christmas!



School Website

Our website has been tidied-up a little bit and simplified so that, hopefully, it is easier to navigate. Up to date information is being added all the time so if you need to know something, it is probably worth checking the website first. All newsletters are posted on the website too so you don't have to worry if you lose this one!

Attendance

Our Overall School Attendance for the autumn term was 95.4%

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

Ffrwd Gymraeg

Dosbarth Irfon (Rec) 96.6%

Dosbarth Gwy (Y1/2) 97.4%

Dosbarth Elan (Y3/4) 95.7%

Dosbarth Pen y Fan (Y5/6) 96.5%

English Stream

Dosbarth Llyn y Fan (Rec) 93.0%

Dosbarth Llyn Tegid (Y1/2) 95.1%

Dosbarth Cadair Idris (Y3/4) 95.0%

Dosbarth Tryfan (Y5/6) 96.5%

Dosbarth Eryri (ALSC) 88.9%

Please help us to reach our target by avoiding booking holidays during term time.

Punctuality is also important and we want to ensure children get into good habits. Pupils arriving after the gates have closed are recorded in our 'late' register. If this occurs on a frequent basis we will contact you to ascertain the reasons and try to bring about an improvement.

Sêr yr Wythnos / Stars of the Week

Tachwedd / Rhagfyr

November / December 2019

Ffrwd Gymraeg

Dosbarth Irfon (Miss B. Williams)

Hugo - for excellent contribution to lessons this week

Roman - great mathematics

Nia - a positive attitude and getting along well with others

Erin D. - for using a knife and fork so wonderfully

Dosbarth Gwy (Mrs. M. Davies)

Magi-Gwen - for speaking so well about the story *Guto Ffowc a Chynllun y Powdwr Gwn*

Ffion - for being so willing to help in class

Imogen - for working hard to improve her handwriting

Kobe - for practising reading consistently at home

Jacob - for very good independent writing

Zachary - for very hard work to improve his handwriting

Rudy - for writing very good instructions on how to be a bad pirate!

Freddie - for writing a very good set of instructions

Peter - for completing his art work so well

Owain - for writing two sets of instructions very well

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

Teifi - for his hard work in ordering and comparing money

Sian - for giving 100% in every aspect of school life

Ben - for excellent independent work when writing a letter

Esme - for always working very hard in class

Carter - for independent and confident work with money

Kellan - for lovely reading with expression

Elis - for good reading in Welsh

Ryan J. - for good work and solving money problems

Lefi - for good language work

Harri - for making a good start to his Welsh diary

Dosbarth Pen y Fan (Mrs. H. Davies)

Tommy - for good, independent work in Maths

Alys - for always giving 100%

Lily - for always trying her best, all of the time

Gruff F. - writing an excellent English report about James Cook

William - for confidently working with co-ordinates in Maths

Eleri - for confident reading work

Rhys - for excellent Maths works

Megan - for working confidently whilst solving problems

Ollie - for creating an attractive fire safety poster full of information

Max H. - for his excellent performance in the Christmas show

English Stream

Dosbarth Llyn y Fan (Mrs. N. Davies)

India - super effort with all activities

Marlo - being kind and helpful

Louis - a super answer to a question in guided reading

Molly - lots of lovely writing

Finn - super answers to questions about the topic

Dosbarth Llyn Tegid (Mrs. R. Jones)

Oscar - trying really hard and writing a lovely poem

Harvey - contributing well to class discussions

Matilda - a fantastic story and always doing her best

Phoebe B. - writing a fantastic news story about 'Yr Afanc'

Alfie - excellent piece of work on what you need to be a pirate

Max - good questions about Barti Ddu.

Finley - independent writing

Jack B. - trying different pizzas in our rich task

Jesse - excellent independent writing of instructions

Noah - learning his lines well and clear speaking in Alpha Chapel

Dosbarth Cadair Idris (Mrs. Owens and Miss Bowkett)

Nia - trying hard to improve the presentation of her writing

Toby - always striving to do his best

Harry - working hard at his reading / a great diary

Stacey - an excellent diary / dedication towards all tasks

Jackson - lovely singing in concert rehearsals

Phoebe J. - concentrating well and completing tasks to the best of her ability

Oscar - great singing and performance in concert rehearsals

Dosbarth Tryfan (Miss Ives)

Lawrence - polite and hardworking

Tyler - a fantastic scientist working on reversible changes

Rory - lovely language work

Poppy - writing an amazing diary entry

Harvey - a positive attitude and very good independent project work

Bella - taking a lead with the Christmas play rehearsals

Kohan - taking the lead with Christmas play rehearsals

Ashton - taking the lead with Christmas play rehearsals

Livvy - a very good Big Write diary entry
Macy - polite, cheerful and hardworking.

Dosbarth Eryri (Mrs. Evans / Mrs. Goode)

Sophie - independent work
Ellen - brilliant maths work with money
Tyler - learning his words for the play
Marley - designing, making and decorating a lovely Christmas bag
Leon - making a fantastic Christmas card

Regards,
G. Cornelius
Headteacher



Cymraeg Campus

Bronze Award



Starter Iaith

Silver Award



Builth Wells Primary School Uniform Policy

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims & Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- provides a sense of pride in the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- can support positive behaviour & school discipline;
- can remove peer pressure to dress in 'designer' fashions;
- makes all pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- can support and promote the ethos of the school;
- is neat and practical wear for school.

Our uniform is:

- Green sweatshirt or cardigan embroidered with the school logo.
- White or navy polo shirt/blouse
- Grey, navy or black trousers or skirt
- Grey, black or navy tights

Optional summer uniform is:

- Grey, navy or black shorts (no brands or logos on the shorts)
- Green or navy Gingham summer dress

Footwear

We require all children to wear black footwear.

Availability of uniform

Sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts, with the school logo, are available to purchase at the School. The School also keeps a stock of second-hand clothing which parents may purchase with a donation.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. These must be removed for PE and swimming lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the School Uniform Policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly

dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents are asked to clearly label all items of school uniform.

School Uniform Policy

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance to the Headteacher.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body implements the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and sensitively.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The Governors will review the School Uniform Policy annual. They will consider any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

Non-compliance

The Headteacher will deal with all incidents of non-compliance with the uniform policy.