



Builth Wells County Primary School

November 2021 Newsletter

Dates for the Diary

Friday 19th - Children in Need / Odd Socks Day

December

Friday 10th - Christmas Parade for Busy Bees (£1 donation) We would like all children to dress up in Christmas costumes. We will hopefully be welcoming a special visitor!

Thursday 16th - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation to 'Save the Children')

Wednesday 22nd - End of Term

January 2022

Wednesday 5th - Return to school

Friday 7th - Primary School Admission Round closes.

Plans for Christmas Performances

All schools in Powys have been advised that we should not have live performances again this year and that all Christmas shows or concerts should be shared digitally. We are busy working on scripts and songs so that we have a Christmas show to present. We are awaiting guidance from Powys on how we might digitally share the performance whilst also abiding by safeguarding protocols. We will update you as soon as we can.

Staff News

Mrs Sian Protheroe has settled really well into her role as joint-teacher of Dosbarth Eryri and we are delighted to have her on board.

Miss Bowkett is starting to gradually return to Dosbarth Cadair Idris. Over the next few weeks she will be working an increasing number of days until she is back to her regular 4 days a week. Mrs Owens will continue to job-share with Miss Bowkett. Mrs Black will teach the other days until Miss Bowkett is fully up to speed. I am extremely grateful to Mrs Black and Mrs Owens for providing some consistency and continuity for Cadair Idris during Miss Bowkett's enforced absence.

Communication



Access to the School Office emails may be interrupted next week and your patience will be very much appreciated. If you need to contact the school as a matter of urgency, especially on Tuesday or Wednesday, please telephone the office on 01982 553600, where you can leave a message if we are unable to answer immediately.

Covid-19

Thank you for your cooperation and support over what has been an incredibly challenging term. We have been significantly impacted by autumn / winter illnesses, as well as the slow but steady stream of Covid-19 cases, and this has sometimes led to some significant disruption to normal teaching arrangements. However, we are doing all we can to avoid having to close classes. We very much appreciate that we have had a very supportive and understanding response from many parents over the last couple of months - diolch! We know it isn't easy for you either!

In the interests of everyone's continued safety, please remember:

- wear a face covering in the school foyer and remember, one person at a time.
- only one adult should come on to the playground to collect. Please wear a face covering and keep at least 2m apart from all other adults.
- do not hang around for a chat. Pick-up and go as soon as possible to create more space for others.
- Please help us to keep our school Covid secure. If someone in your household has symptoms or has tested positive for coronavirus and you are fully vaccinated or aged 5 to 17 you should self-isolate and take a PCR test. If your test is negative you can stop isolating.

Health and Safety

Please do not drop-off children on the road in front of the school. It is really important for everyone's safety that you take the time to park in the spaces provided. Please also be careful when crossing the road at the end of the day as traffic arrives and leaves.

Fruit Snacks & Drinks

Please remember to send a piece of fruit to school with your child for snack-time after morning break. It must be a piece of fruit and not a cereal bar or yoghurt.



All children must also bring a drink as there is currently no access to water-fountains.

Coats, Wellies & P.E. Kits

Please make sure your child has a coat and wears warm clothing on P.E. days, not just shorts and T-Shirts please! A pair of wellies or old shoes/trainers for outdoor learning would also be helpful.

Medication at School

If your child needs to take medication at school, such as using an asthma inhaler or completing a course of antibiotics, you must send us a formal request by email and hand-in the medication to the school office. Children must not bring any form of medication to school with them.

Clwb Bore Da



Clwb Bore Da is now open from 8.00 a.m. until the school gates open at 8.40 a.m. Please do not drop-off children before 8.00 a.m.

Children can come for a free breakfast, do puzzles, play games, draw pictures and chat to classmates before school starts. They sit in socially-distanced class groups. 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. Numbers are limited and places must be booked at least 24 hours in advance.

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.

Like Clwb Bore Da, we have to keep children seated in their class groups for much of the session as we cannot allow class groups to mix. It is not the same experience as we would normally provide at Busy Bees, nor is it the same as Holiday Club, but with school open as well it is the only safe way we can assist with childcare at the moment. That said, we are trying to provide some time outdoors if possible and we are also able to play movies. Numbers are generally low, and quite honestly unsustainable in the long term. If you want to keep Busy Bees for the future, even if you don't need it now, please do try to use it. The more children attending, the more there are to bubble-up and play with.

The Friends of Builth Primary School

Mrs Vicki Morris has once again been elected as Chair and we have some new faces on the committee. The Friends have helped us to purchase 4 listening centres for classrooms and some new equipment for the Foundation Phase as well as arranging an excellent range of activities and events, even with the constraints of Covid-19.

Another way to support the Friends is through

Easy Fundraising - for the things you are not able to buy



on our high street, we would like to encourage you to shop through the Easy Fundraising App while shopping online.

Just for simply accessing these shops via the app or website, a donation will be made to the Friends of the School at no cost to you whatsoever. So, there is potential for the Friends to raise some funds while you go about your shopping.

Visit: [Friends of Builth Wells C.P School - Powys have been paid!](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)
([easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk))

Dosbarth Eryri

Instead of a Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan, Dosbarth Eryri held a 'Guess the Weight' of the pumpkin competition. We grew the pumpkin in our school garden and it was enormous!



The winner was Toby C from Tryfan who guessed the weight of 15kg and 494g, the actual weight was 15kg and 500g. We presented him with a box of chocolates and he was very happy.

In all, we raised £82.50 for Macmillan. Thank you to everybody who supported the event.



The Wizard of Oz

All our classes really enjoyed M&M Theatre production of the Wizard of Oz last month. It was great to have the theatre back at school. A fantastic interactive experience!

Llongyfarchiadau i Staff y Cylch!

Congratulations to our Cylch staff on their success in the recent Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin awards. They were awarded 2nd place in the 'Best Cylch' category for the region and Carys was awarded the 'Best Assistant in Wales'.



We are very proud of their success and we're sure you all agree that the awards are very well-deserved. The quality of the care and education provided in the Cylch is very high and as a result it's becoming a very popular choice for pre-school provision in our area.

DA IAWN Estelle, Sonia and Carys!

Rhag i ni Anghofio - Lest we Forget

Foundation Phase children went to the Cenotaph to lay their painted poppy stones and remembered those, from our community, who died as a result of war. Poems and prayers were said, songs were sung and the laying of individual poppy pebbles was done.



KS2 children have produced some amazing 'Remembrance Art' as part of their Remembrance work.



Despite all the hardships this term, it has been absolutely worth it to see how much the children are enjoying being at school with their friends and engaging so well with learning. We are very proud of them!

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

G. Cornelius
Headteacher



Cymraeg Campus

Bronze Award



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Silver Award



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