

This term we have created our own school choir. Vicky Sullivan (teacher) has worked very hard to develop the choir and we had the opportunity to sing in St Asaph Cathedral with other special schools. We also sang at Theatre Hafren. We are very proud of what we have achieved and would like to say a BIG thank you to Vicky for all her hard work!

Cedewain Choir



Hello Everyone,

Thank you for all of your support for the school throughout this term. As ever it has been hectic with Forest projects in the nursery and upper school, Powys Dance workshops, hospital opening ceremonies, concerts and many fantastic experiences and achievements amongst our pupils. There have been happy occasions too many to mention and of course the very sad news about Chris last weekend. The newly established choir and pianist have performed marvellously at four special functions and have done themselves and the school proud. At this time of celebration please remember Chris and his family in your thought and prayers. We hope you enjoy a relaxing Christmas and have a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. Nadolig Llawen a blwyddyn newydd dda.

Pippa

6th Form trip to Derwen College and Telford Hospital



On Friday 21st November the 6th form visited the brand new campus for Derwen college in Wrexham. We had a wonderful day. We created Christmas cards and we got the opportunity to plant Daffodil bulbs that we got to take home. We had a chance to see what college life would be like and we all really enjoyed it! On 12th November 6-3 revisited the Shropshire Women and Children's Centre in Telford to unveil a large golden bolt in the main entrance of the building. The bolt symbolises a golden bolt that was inserted into a steel column by 18 year old Joseph Dowle, when the centre was being built in May 2013. We enjoyed a



talk on healthy eating and took part in a tour of the children's services.

Forest School

Over the term Tom has taken various groups to Gregynog to take part in exciting Forest School activities. We have been den building, cooking on the fire (we built ourselves), designing and making boats to sail on the lake and creating woodland art.



We recently enjoyed our Christmas Nativity Service in church. We all thought this was amazing!

In loving memory of Chris Thorpe



As you know, the Welsh Government has been making some quite important changes to the education system in Wales. The first of these changes was the new reading and numeracy tests which every pupil from Year 2 to Year 9 sat during the summer term. The second major change is the new Literacy and Numeracy Framework which you may have heard about in the press.

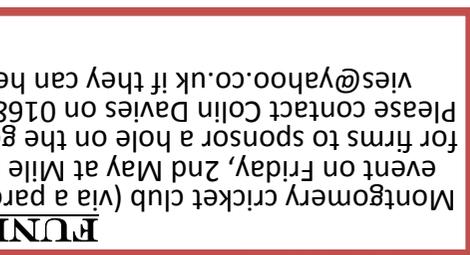
The Framework is a planning tool that builds on the work we have been doing in recent years to raise standards in literacy and numeracy and states the standards we as teachers should be striving for our pupils to achieve. The Framework has been a statutory part of the curriculum since September this year, and the school is currently working to revise our curriculum to meet the new expectations of the Framework.

We will be using the expectations in the Framework to set work which improves each pupil's literacy and numeracy skills. The Framework makes raising standards in these essential skills a priority, but it does not replace the National Curriculum, so there will not be a big change in the content of lessons or in what your child learns.

We will also be using the Framework to assess pupil progress in these skills. By comparing a pupil's work against the expectations set out in the Framework, we will be able to set targets to support them in improving their literacy and numeracy skills. From the academic year 2014/15 there will be a statutory duty for us to report to you annually on your child's progress in literacy and numeracy as measured against the Framework.

There will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress during our usual Annual review, where you will also be able to ask any questions you may have about the Literacy and Numeracy Framework and the school's plans for its implementation. In the meantime it is possible to see the Framework by visiting:

<http://learning.wales.gov.uk/resources/nlfr/?skip=1&lang=en>



On Friday the 24th January we went Bowling! As part of our ASDAN Personal and Social Development qualification we are completing a unit called "Community Activities".

For this we could choose a community leisure activity that we would all like to take part in.

We chose Bowling.

We priced up the cost of the bowling and how much food would cost plus how much money it would cost to get there in the school bus.

We had a fantastic time! All of us really enjoyed this activity and can't wait to go again.

FUNDRAISING

Montgomery cricket club (via a parent in school) are running a fundraising golf event on Friday, 2nd May at Mile End Golf Club in Oswestry and are looking for firms to sponsor a hole on the golf course for £50 or to donate raffle prizes. Please contact Colin Davies on 01686 628 000 (07969206502) or bryncollinda-vies@yahoo.co.uk if they can help or would like to enter a team of 4 for £120.00

S3 Forest Schools

The purpose of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire individuals through positive outdoor experiences... well, it has certainly done that! Class S3 had great fun making shelters, exploring, building boats using string and twigs, going on a bug hunt and making a camp fire. Getting muddy was optional but achieved by everyone! Great fun. When can we do it again?!

