



## NEWSLETTER

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### Achievement Awards



Mr Hopkins	Josh Davies - For his amazing art work. Well done.
Mrs Waghorn	Harrison - For showing great kindness. Vinnie - For being so helpful.
Mrs Davies/ Mrs Evans	Alice W - For fantastic 'on the spot' singing. Thank you and well done. Lester - Amazing reading of high frequency words. Keep it up.
Miss Thompson	Oliver - For outstanding thinking and communication skills.
Miss Matthews	Jude - For for amazing focus and interest in reading.
Miss Jones	Beatrice - For her excellent frog recount.
Miss Newell	Mason - For working hard all week.
Mrs Williams	Jesika - For her continuous hard work in class.
Mrs Price	Lola Walker-Brown for her morning maths activity. Da iawn Lola!
Mrs Rich	Lester - For working hard all week and producing some lovely neat work.
Mrs James	Prasna - For a fabulous recount of being a frog - excellent use of vocabulary.
Mrs Ferguson	Jemima - For always being respectful and kind.
Mrs Thomas	Isla - For consistent respectful listening and being on task.
Miss Dolan	Levi - For completing his writing task, well done!

Congratulations to you all.

We care about learning. We learn for life.

Our favourite parts of the School year so far - by Mrs Davies' Class.

I like being in Year 3 at the Junior School. It is fun. Amber.

**The Book Fair came to School. I brought a Horrid Henry book. It is fun to read. Myla.**

I go to Art Club on a Thursday after school. It is great fun and we are making something special for Christmas. I love art and painting. We have to be careful with the tiny paint brush to keep our work neat. Halle.

We went to the The Plough Chapel for a Remembrance Day Service. We all made a poppy to decorate the chapel and it looked very nice. The children led the service with songs, hymns and poems to remember the people who died in the war. Leo.

We went to Morrisons to buy squash and biscuits for Children In Need. The squash was heavy and we had to be careful not to break the biscuits on the way back to school! Tyler.

*I am in the School Council. We organised the Children In Need fundraising. We had fun games like Pudsey Hoopla, Pudsey Skittles and Pudsey Shy and raised lots of money for the charity. My friends and I performed a dance to the song 'This is Me' to each class as they had their squash and biscuits. It was great and I am very proud of myself. Nicole.*

We went on an Autumn walk and looked at the different colours of the leaves and trees. It was a cold day and the wind was blowing. We collected natural items and used them to make a collage. We also took photos on the I-pad and used them to help us write our acrostic poems when we were back in class. Marlee.

**On a Monday morning, we go swimming with our mainstream class. We walk up to the pool. I love lessons at the Leisure Centre because I am getting better at swimming. The pool is nice and blue and I can see to the bottom of it. Lester.**

The Upper Juniors went on a trip to Swansea Bay. We travelled on a bus and did different activities whilst we were there. We sketched the beach using pencils and looked for sea creatures. We had lunch at the seaside and went to the shop to buy an ice-cream. We also picked up litter from the beach, it is very important that we all put our litter in the bin. Jeshika.

We had a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in the hall. Our parents came to have tea and cake. Our class made lots of nice cakes to sell. We raised lots of money. Ioan.

We have had visitors into our school. Gareth Bowen has been coming in to teach us rugby skills. P.C Skyrme has also been in to talk to the Upper Juniors about 'Anti-Social Behaviour' and the Lower Juniors about 'Friend or Foes'. The police also came to speak to the Upper Juniors about firework safety and keeping safe at Halloween. Jamie

**I went to Staylittie with the year 6 children. We did lots of fun activities such as abseiling, zorbing and a night walk. We had hot chocolate and biscuits before bed. My room was very big and I shared with Ellie. I loved my time away with my friends. Awena.**

Can we ask that children bring a weather appropriate coat to  
School please.



The infant to Junior Admission Round for learner born between 01.09.11 - 31.08.12 is now open. The closing date for the admission round is **Friday, 07<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

To apply for a junior school place for a learner with a date of birth that does not fall within the above dates of birth, you will be required to complete an IN YEAR SCHOOL ADMISSION REQUEST FORM. You can also request a form by contacting [admissionsandtransport@powys.gov.uk](mailto:admissionsandtransport@powys.gov.uk) or by phoning 01597 826449/ 826477

Can we please remind parents to ring into school and inform us if your child is not going to be in.

Thank you



#### Diary Dates

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Non Uniform - Bring in Chocolate and Toiletries
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Non Uniform - Bring in Toys
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christingle at the Plough at 7pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Non Uniform - Bring in Cakes
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Fair 2.30pm - 4.30pm All Welcome
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - School Christmas Lunch
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dec - Break up for Christmas.



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**Give Blood**

One Blood donation could be lifesaving to babies in need of a blood transfusion.

Brecon - Elim Church Centre

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 11:00 - 13:30 and 15:00 - 17:00

Please contact us on 080025 2266

### Swimming on Monday

w/c 3/12/18 children need pyjamas

The following classes will be swimming up until Christmas.

3/4S      5/6CT      5/6G

Please ensure that your child has appropriate kit

Girls - one piece swimming costume

Boys - above the knee trunks.

Don't forget a towel.

### Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals you can also get a school uniform grant when they start High school at Year 7.

If you wish to apply for FSM please contact Powys County Council or if you need help applying please come into school and talk to the Headteacher.

Cricket Wales are setting up Girls only cricket sessions in the South Powys area. It is for girls aged between 8 and 12. They start on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 at Builth Wells. There will be a small charge per session but will depend on the amount of girls attending, however it will not exceed £5 per session.

Please contact Terry Dickson on [terry.dickson@cricketwales.org.uk](mailto:terry.dickson@cricketwales.org.uk)



Not Just A Boys Game

If your child is interested in Woodwind and Piano lessons please contact Susan Pryce by email for further details.  
Susan.pryce@yahoo.com

**Homework-** This is sent home with each pupil on a Friday afternoon and should be returned on the following Monday (Tuesday at the very latest). **Please encourage and support your child with this responsibility. Please ensure that your child comes to school with all of the correct materials. Pencil case, reading book, reading record, PE kit and all of the correct school uniform.** □

Support your child reading - All pupils have 10 minutes reading homework on a daily basis. Please sit with your child and ask questions about the text beginning with:

'Why do you think...?'

'Who ...?'

'How ...?'

'Can you find one word which means...?'

After listening to your child read please sign the yellow reading record. Reading books and reading records should be brought into school every day.

**Clothing-** Please ensure that your child wears school uniform and continue to clearly label all items of clothing. This avoids any confusion if items are lost. Children must have a weather appropriate coat this term.

**Parking-** We realise that parking is a problem for our parents. **For the safety of all pupils,** please observe parking restrictions around school. Parking around school is **not permitted** between the hours of 8:00am-9:00am and 3:00pm-4:00pm. If you require a parking permit for the council car park, this can be arranged via the school office.

## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

**Absences** - Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent, giving a reason for the absence.

**Lateness** - If your child's attendance drops below 90% due to unauthorised absence or persistent late arrival, you may receive a letter of concern.

### ERW Descriptors

95 -100%	Best chance of success attendance	Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
90 -95%	At least 2 weeks of attendance learning missed	Your child may have to spend time catching up with work.
85 - 90%	At least 4 weeks of attendance learning missed	Your child may be at risk of underachieving and may need extra support from you.
80- 85%	At least 5.5 weeks of attendance learning missed	Your child's poor attendance has a significant impact on your child's learning.
Below 80%	At least 7.5 weeks of attendance learning missed.	Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education. You are at risk of prosecution.