



Clyro Church in Wales Primary School

Clyro School News "Many hands build a house, many hearts build a school"

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You are amazing!

Diary Dates -

Don't forget these are available on the website



Over the past few weeks of the spring term we had some great days where the pupils were outstanding, making us feel very proud to have them in our

school and I felt that we should share and celebrate this with you! We held a great rescheduled **World Book Day** where everyone, including the staff, dressed up as book characters and entered into the spirit of the day! We had Mr. Strong, Harry Potter, Batman, Mrs. Pepperpot, The Artful Dodger, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Where's Wally and an Oompah Loompah seemed to be in charge of the school that day!!! Several of our governors came into read a story to different classes and we raised £70 for Book Aid International. Thank you very much. The following day we held our rescheduled **St. David's Day Eisteddfod** where the pupils came in Welsh themed costumes and entered different classes to win house points. The

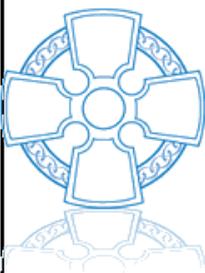
- ◆ **Friday 13th April** - Powys Schools Cross Country finals at Royal Welsh Showground;
- ◆ **Tuesday 17th April** - Class 4 at Netball at Brecon Leisure Centre;
- ◆ **Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th April** - Class 4 Residential Visit to Llangrannog;
- ◆ **Monday 23rd April - 4th May** - Big Pedal;
- ◆ **Wednesday 25th April** - Poet Catherine Barr into work with pupils;
- ◆ **Thursday 26th April** - Entrepreneurial Day in school - more details to follow



pupils in the Foundation Phase made Welsh themed peg dolls and baked Bara Brith biscuits and pupils in Key Stage 2 baked Welsh cakes, either traditional or with

a twist and sent in photographs depicting "The Wonders of Wales". A fabulous effort was made by everyone again and many thanks to all of the parents who helped the pupils to look so good - you too are amazing! Then, Class 3 performed on stage in the theatre production of "The Lost Box of Stories" in Brecon as part of the Mid Wales Music Trust's project, Joined up Music. They composed their own song in a music workshop in school, which they performed on stage and also designed and painted the backdrops in an art workshop. Well done to all of Class 3!

And then to top all of that off, we had a monitoring visit from the new Diocesan Director of Education, Mr. John Meredith, who came to look at the pupil's RE work and talk to them about their RE lessons, Collective Worship, Values and their ideas about God and why we learn about him. Mr. Meredith was so impressed with the work the pupils have been doing and how eloquently and passionately they spoke about RE, that he will be coming back into school to video and record some of the pupils reading examples of their work and talking about God and Jesus to go on the Diocese website. I was so proud of all of the pupils who spoke to Mr. Meredith, some of the things they said made my heart melt! **YOU ARE AMAZING!**

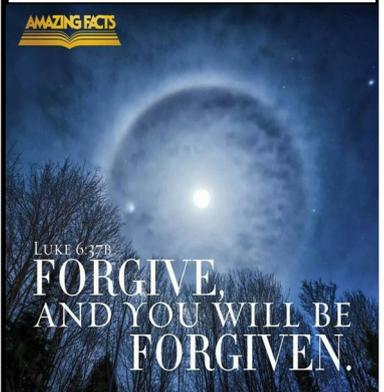


Our Values work for April is:

Forgiveness



"Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much." - **Oscar Wilde**



Topics for this term:

Foundation Phase - "Land Ahoy!"

Key Stage 2 - Timbuktu



Friends of CLYROC SCHOOL

Many thanks to all who supported the Easter Squares and congratulations to all who won the eggs. We raised just under £380 for the new gym equipment. For those of you who remember... Matchbox Challenge will be back later this term, so start thinking!
Eileen Williams-Sweet

Update on our new school - Exciting times! Carpets are currently being laid and everything looks amazing. Please tell all of your friends and come along to the Community Open Evening on Thursday 17th May from 5-8pm and have a nose!



National Testing - We shall be carrying out testing of all children in Year's 2-6 on the following dates:

Wednesday 2nd - Procedural Tests

Thursday 3rd May - Reading & Reasoning Tests

Friday 4th May - Reasoning & Reading Tests

It is vital that children are present in school on these dates. Also, it would be appreciated if the children could have early nights in those weeks too! Many thanks. All staff will endeavour to make this as painless and low key as possible, we appreciate your support with this also.

Scarlet Fever increase - Please be aware that we have been informed of a recent increase in notifications of scarlet fever. The characteristic symptom is a widespread, fine pink-red rash that feels like sandpaper to the touch. Any parents of unwell children should be advised to seek medical advice for diagnosis and treatment, if they are uncertain. Good hand hygiene and avoiding the spread of respiratory secretions (as per flu - "catch it, bin it, kill it") can help to prevent the spread of infection.

Orienteering - Congratulations to those pupils who were chosen to represent the school at the South Powys School Orienteering finals on 16th March, they did us proud! Esme Williams-Sweet and Ted Bird came 11th out of 32 and Johnny Williams and Josie Price came 12th. Well done!

Co-op St. David's Day competition - The Co-op held a colouring competition as part of their St. David's Day celebrations. Well done to Freddie Price who was first, Bobby Davies who was second and Amelie Murphy who came third. They received some lovely Easter gifts.

Deputy Headteacher - Mrs. Phillips resigned as our Deputy Headteacher when she returned to work in January and is now teaching in class 3 for 2 days. We thank her very much for all of her hard work and dedication in this role over the past 5 years. Myself and the governors are delighted to announce that Miss Griffiths has been appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher. Many Congratulations!

GOVERNOR NEWS

Governors Monitoring

In February, Mrs. Groves and I undertook a work scrutiny and reviewed pupils maths books covering problem solving and numeracy, covering all abilities across each year group. Generally speaking there was clear evidence of pupil progression throughout the school with excellent levels of differentiation so that all pupils were being appropriately challenged. The standard and level of marking was at least good in most cases and it was encouraging to see a "conversation" developing between pupils and teachers about what was going well or not so well in terms of the pupil's personal learning. The levels of teacher and self-assessment were high across the school and peer assessment of work will now be a focus to improve upon in the term ahead. Overall the books we saw were neat and well-presented and it was a real pleasure to be able to review what our children are involved in.

Damian Murphy, Parent Governor

Date for your diary: Sports Day - Tuesday 15th May, 1.15pm on the field behind the school

Friendship Award for February and March:

The February School Council Friendship Award went to **Tabby Fforde** for being such a good friend and also so complimentary to her friends and everyone in school. The March award goes to **Lydia Glasspool** for always being so kind as a friend and setting a great example of how a friend should behave.



APP OF THE MONTH FOR

APRIL: Bee-Bot - Based on the award-winning Bee-Bot floor robot, the app makes use of Bee-Bot's keypad functionality and enables pupils to improve their skills in directional language and programming through sequences of forwards, backwards, left and right 90° turns.

