



Clyro Church in Wales
Primary School

Clyro School News

"Many hands build a house,
many hearts build a school"

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Welcome Back everyone!



Welcome Back! I apologise that this a little later than usual, as you can imagine organising the return to school has been busy! However, I hope, that like us, you feel that everything is working smoothly and it is lovely to be back. Thank you very much for your co-operation in our dropping off and collecting system, this is working very well. It has been so nice to see the smiling faces and hear the sound of children's voices around the school building. It seems a long time ago but I hope you all enjoyed a lovely summer break! We are delighted to welcome our new Reception children in Class 1 and their parents and also to Shemaya Walker-Owen and Romilly Elliott, both in Class 3. We hope that everyone enjoys a long and happy association with Clyro Church in Wales Primary school. Our classes for this year are as follows: Class 1 is taught by Miss. Morgan, supported by Miss Lloyd, Class 2 taught by Miss Griffiths from Monday - Thursday and Mrs. Groves on a Friday, supported by Miss Burnett-Thomas, Class 3 by Mrs. Kenchington, teaching from Monday to Wednesday and Miss Havard-Pratt on a Thursday and Friday supported by Mrs. Bouette and Class 4 by Miss Long. Mrs. Groves will be covering the teacher's non-contact time in each class, plus also teaching on a Friday in Class 2.

Some lovely news to share - Miss Long has got engaged! Congratulations to her and her fiancé, Mr. Bartholomew!!



Peer mentoring - All new children who come to Clyro School have their own "buddy" that they are paired with from Reception through to when they become a junior pupil. This child will be someone that they can talk to, apart from a teacher or teaching assistant, if they are unsure of something or need help, but also someone to keep an eye on them and help them if they are worried.

- Henry Allen & Ashley Ricketts (Yr.6)
- Oliver Bailey & Matthew Bowkett (Yr.6)
- Edwin Bowkett & Felix Rawle (Yr.6)
- Benjamin Drysdale & Stella Fforde (Yr.6)
- Seb Gill & Bobby Davies (Yr.6)
- Sophie Herdman & Poppy Brown (Yr.6)
- Harrison Kerner & Fleur Jones (Yr.5)
- Benjamin Kerner & Rupert Lewis (Yr.5)
- Molly & Morgan Clements (Yr.5)
- Ida Jones & Ella Taylor (Yr.5)
- Alys Lloyd & Finley Hassard (Yr.5)
- Luca Montejo-Gillespie & Johnny Price (Yr.5)
- Joseph Nicholls & Caleb Smith (Yr.5)
- Oscar Runciman & Mo Sheppard (Yr.5)
- Fynn Spittle & Ted Jenkins (Yr.5)
- Anna Thomas & Lowri Davies (Yr.5)
- Dougie Weaver & Cameron Kerner (Yr.5)



Diary Dates -

Don't forget these will be available on the website

- ◆ **Monday 12th October** - Piano lessons begin;
- ◆ **Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th October** - Virtual Parents Evenings via HwB;
- ◆ **Friday 16th October** - Break up for half-term;
- ◆ **Monday 19th - Friday 30th October** - 2 week half-term;
- ◆ **Monday 3rd November** - Back to school;



LIVING VALUES
EDUCATION

At Clyro, we follow Values Education, which seeks to develop the whole child by teaching, guiding and aiding them to understand and reflect on values that are important to us, how they affect ourselves and those around us. These values promote responsibility for our actions and teach the children respect for ourselves and each other, so that they grow socially, creatively, spiritually and mentally equipped for life with confidence, respect and purpose. Values work is carried out during Collective Worship and lessons.



Our Values work for October is based on:

Co-operation

Topics for the term - At Clyro, we teach cross-curricularly, allowing the children to see links in their learning. We aim to involve the children as much as possible in contributing ideas and suggestions as to what they would like to learn. This gives the children a sense of ownership and responsibility for their own learning. Here are our class topics:
Class 1 & 2 - "Remember, remember!";
Class 3 & 4 - "Who am I?" (Welsh and personal heritage)

Absence - Please remember, if your child is unwell and is not attending school to telephone the school by 10am to let us know why they are not in school. Many thanks.

GOVERNOR NEWS – CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Hello and I hope everyone has settled into the new academic year at Clyro School. Thank you to everyone that has helped to make drop off and pick up run smoothly and calmly in these strange times. As well as all the pressures that the pupils, school staff and parents have dealt with as a result of Covid-19, we also have the usual financial stresses of running a rural school in times of budget cuts and uncertainty. As you may know, due to a revised funding formula we receive money for every group of 30 pupils, rather than per head. As we dropped below the magic figure of 91 pupils we have received £57,000 less money than if we had 92 or more pupils. (although on the date of counting we were 89 pupils) This means that our budget is incredibly tight and as governors we are doing all that we can to ensure that we continue to provide the best for the children of Clyro school. We have been meeting with Powys to discuss our finances and to work out the minimal impact on our children and our staff. We all know that birthrates fluctuate and year groups vary in size - the current Year 6 is a tiny year with only 6 pupils - my daughter being one of them. Other years have up to 20 and the figures look good with projections of 94+ pupils for future years. So what I would like to ask is if anyone has any brilliant fundraising ideas that are Covid-safe, then please do let us know, either through the Friends or through school or governors.

Mari Fforde

Battery Recycling and Ink Cartridges - We collect old batteries as we are taking part in a Powys battery recycling competition where we could win up to £500 worth of Amazon vouchers. The aim is to help the county meet recycling targets, cut landfill and carbon emissions, support Eco-schools work and inspire the next generation to recycle more. The collection box is in the school entrance. We also collect ink cartridges. If you have any, please put them in a bag and give them to a member of staff when you drop off your child. Thank you.



PE - Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school and leaves it in school for this half-term, unless your child is in Class 4 who will wear theirs home. It is even more important now to ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled. Thank you.

Water Bottles - We ask all children to please bring in a labelled water bottle so that they can have plenty of water to drink throughout the day. This makes life much easier for staff than having cups in the classroom. Thank you.



Pupil voice is very important to us and a strength of our school. We have lots of different committees and groups where our pupil's vote for their representatives on these groups:

Healthy Schools Committee members - Our Healthy School monitors for this year are Reggie Evans & Annie Lewis in Year 2; Ffion Davies in Year 3; Caleb Watkins, Alice Allen and Lily Weaver in Year 4; Lowri Davies & Mo Sheppard in Year 5; Poppy Brown & Matthew Bowkett in Year 6;

Foundation Phase classes (Class 1 & 2)

Please remember that only fruit & vegetables can be sent in as a healthy break time snack. Many thanks.

ECO SCHOOL Our new representatives are Felix Rawle in Year 6; Ted Jenkins & Johnny Price in Year 5; Chloe Frost & George Goddard in Year 4; Ethan Hassard & Ava Gough in Year 3; and Mia Colcombe & Annie Lewis in Year 2.



School Council - Our new reps for this year are: Bobby Davies, Poppy Brown, Stella Fforde and Matthew Bowkett from Year 6; Fleur Morgan & Morgan Clements from Year 5; Lizzie Williams & Orlagh Murphy from Year 4; Louis Van Straaten & Molly Williams from Year 3; Ollie Price & Holly Allen from Year 2; Ruby Hindmarsh & Lacey Morgan from Year 1. They will be deciding on their focus for the year shortly.

Criw Cymraeg

Our new Criw Cymraeg members for this academic year are: Year 1 - Harri Meredith & Isla Morris; Year 2 - Evie Bowkett & Brynn Ellis; Year 3 - Freya Jones & Adam Gill; Year 4 - Clara Price & Shemaya Walker-Owen; Year 5 - Cameron Kerner & Fleur Jones; Year 6 - Ashley Ricketts & Stella Fforde. They will be meeting soon to complete targets towards our Silver Award.



DIGITAL LEADERS - Our new

representatives are for Year 6 - Stella Fforde & Matthew Bowkett; Year 5 - Cameron Kerner & Ted Jenkins; Year 4 - Afon Milward, Jack Abberley & Lewys Davies; Year 3 - Connie Davies & Morgan Meredith; Year 2 - Abbie Lloyd & Arthur Thomas;



Please can we remind parents to read the schoop letters sent out. Many thanks.