



Clyro Church in Wales  
Primary School

# Clyro School News

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

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## The Big Draw Art Project -

This project celebrates drawing as a universal language of communication, as well as a tool for learning, expression and creativity. This year's focus was entitled 'A Climate of Change' and focused on the relationship between humankind and nature's ecosystems. The project highlighted to children and staff how humans can harmonise with nature, but can also work against nature too. Before half-term we chose to focus on endangered species. The children became more aware of the different endangered species across the globe and what we can do as individuals to help preserve their life. We split the school into a Foundation phase project and a KS2 project; Foundation Phase used mark-making techniques to decorate pebbles in blues and greens to represent the earth's land and water, thus creating a backdrop; KS2 used toilet rolls and papier mache techniques to create a partially 3D version of different endangered animals, which were displayed in and around the FP project. Together, the various artworks culminated in a world which focused on endangered animals. The children worked extremely hard throughout the project and a video showing the process and final result can be found here:



[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n5\\_HrK\\_bPoL7V4IS9m9zNuA-JNyVK2hH/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n5_HrK_bPoL7V4IS9m9zNuA-JNyVK2hH/view?usp=sharing)

**Covid-19 reminders** - It is important for all of us to remember that the Coronavirus is still a very real threat to public health and the best way to stop the chain of infection is to come into contact with fewer people. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature: this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough: this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss/change to your sense of smell or taste: this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. Please remember to keep 2 metres apart from any parent you meet at the school gates, it is appreciated for your child's safety and that of the staff. If your child or anyone in your household displays any of these symptoms, please DO NOT send them to school and contact Public Health Wales for advice. Many thanks for your co-operation with all of this and together we can keep Corona Virus at bay at Clyro School.

## Diary Dates -

Don't forget these are available on the website

- ◆ **Friday 13th November - Children in Need Day**, £1 non-uniform day and a £1 for our Pudsey and Blush raffle;
- ◆ **Monday 16th November** - Welsh themed afternoon in school;
- ◆ **Thursday 18th November** - Nasal Flu vaccinations for all pupils;
- ◆ **Week beginning 30th November** - Topic based Numeracy week;



LIVING VALUES  
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**Our Values work for November is: PEACE**

**"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love."**

**St. Francis of Assisi**

**Christmas in school** - This year Christmas in school is going to be slightly different to the usual. Because we cannot have mass gatherings, we can't hold our lovely Christmas end of term service in church and we also can't invite parents in for our Foundation Phase Nativity production. Therefore, this year, Class 1 will be doing their own play called "Our First Nativity" and Class 2 will be doing their own play of "Robin's Christmas Sing-a-long". These will be videoed and then sent out to parents to view on their child's HwB TEAMS page in the last week of term.



**Christmas Christingle Service** - Friday 18th December - We are going to have our own Christingle Christmas Service in our individual classrooms on the last day of term, joining each other virtually via a video link in the classrooms. The children will be able to take their orange Christingles home with them afterwards.

**Christmas lunch and Christmas parties** - Tuesday 15th December - we will be having our usual Christmas parties and Christmas lunch in the hall in our separate bubbles this year, but sadly with no presents from Father Christmas, however, he may make a "virtual" appearance! Children can wear their party clothes that day.

**Wear your Christmas Jumper to School Day** - Non-uniform day wearing our Christmas jumpers for £1, in aid of Save the Children - Friday 18th December;



**Return to school** - Monday 4th January (please note there is NO training day and so children are straight back to school)



## GOVERNOR NEWS CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Hello everyone and welcome to Autumn Term, Part II - I hope you all had a good extended half term despite the limitations of lockdown. This continues to be a very strange and stressful time for us all and I would like to thank everyone for working hard to make everything run as smoothly as possible. Also special thanks to the teachers and staff at this time for their good spirits and continued work to keep our children safe and learning. I am working on a report to parents from the Governing Body which should be with you shortly. It will, of course be a little different this year as our attendance figures obviously can't be scrutinised and the normal analysis of data cannot be undertaken in this pandemic situation. However it will be an opportunity to report back on what has happened in the past year - a year like no other. The report will be available as a PDF through Schoop within the coming weeks so keep an eye out for a notification. **Mari Fforde**

**Healthy snacks, lunch boxes & water bottles** - Please can you ensure that your child's snack at break time is healthy. Also, there are a lot of sweets and crisps creeping into lunchboxes and we would encourage you to send in a healthy lunchbox in line with our Healthy School status. Also, we encourage the children to drink plenty of water throughout the day as we fill them up our water fountains. Please ensure your child brings in their own water bottle. Thank you.

**A message from the Brecon Foodbank** - "A very big thank you to everyone at Clyro Church in Wales Primary School from Brecon Foodbank for food given as part of your Harvest Celebrations. We are extremely grateful for all donations of food."



**Children in Need Day** - This year on Friday 13th November we are holding a non-uniform day for £1 for everyone to raise money! We shall also be holding a raffle for two lovely hand knitted Pudsey and Blush toys, kindly donated by Matthew Bowkett's Nan. If your child would like to buy some tickets, they can be bought from now onwards for £1 each.



Friends of  
**CLYRO SCHOOL**

Thank you to everyone who donated bags of clothing for the Rags2Riches collection. There were 292 kilograms collected and we earned £116.80 for this, so thank you to everyone who donated, great work!

Don't forget, as "The Friends" can't hold fundraising events, you can still do your bit by buying a school bonus ball for the Lottery. Set up a weekly direct debit for £1 a week by using the Friends sort code of 53-50-31 and the account number: 52512401. Once you have set this up, text Jill Williams, who runs this, on: 07805899964 and she'll be happy to let you know what numbers are available and give you further details. Many thanks.