

Clyro School News

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

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Welcome Back



A big welcome back to everyone and we all hope that you had a lovely Easter. We are all looking forward to the summer term, the warm weather and an easing of the Covid-19 restrictions hopefully!! A warm welcome back to Miss Lloyd, Learning Support Assistant in Class 1, who was shielding. Some of our music lessons are now resuming this term with drumming lessons on a Thursday with Mr. Gibbon. Mr. Sweeting, who teaches the keyboard and woodwind instruments, is planning on resuming these after the summer half-term holiday in June. If your child would like to have drumming lessons, please let us know and for more details email on: office@clyro.powys.sch.uk

Lovely news - Congratulations to Miss Long and her fiancé, Mr. Bartholomew, who are expecting a baby in September, we are thrilled and delighted for them both!



Diary Dates -

Don't forget these are

- ♦ **Tuesday 13th April** - Back to school;
- ♦ **Thursday 15th April** - Drumming lessons resume;
- ♦ **Monday 19th - 30th April** - The Big Pedal Challenge - get walking, cycling or scooting;
- ♦ **Wednesday 28th April** - KS2 Size of Wales workshops;
- ♦ **Monday 3rd May** - Bank Holiday - Day off;



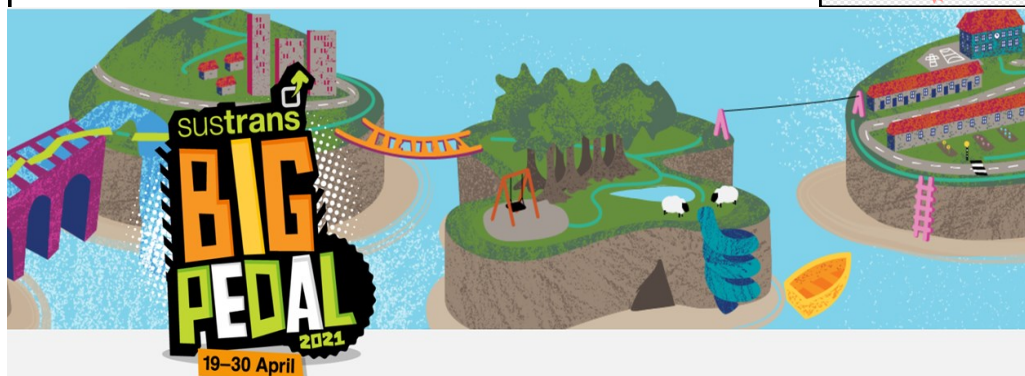
LIVING VALUES
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Our Values work for April is:

Forgiveness

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

Mahatma Gandhi



The Big Pedal Challenge 2021 starts on Monday 19th April and runs for 10 days until Friday 30th April. Once again we are taking part and are one of 1,872 schools who have registered. On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can record the greatest number and percentage of pupils, parents and staff cycling, walking or scooting to school. Each days results will be recorded and our school's best 5 days out of the 10 will determine our final position. Schools will be entered for daily prize draws for equipment and accessories, if over 15% of our school community take part. So, please for those 10 days, get on your bikes, scooters or walk to school and your child's teacher will register daily how many per class manage to meet this challenge, parents count too, so please get moving!! **Myself and Miss Long will be walking to school for the 10 days and so if you or your child would like to walk with us from Hay to Clyro, we will be outside the Three Tuns pub at 8am each morning if you would like to join us. If you or your child are interested, please let either myself or Miss Long know.**

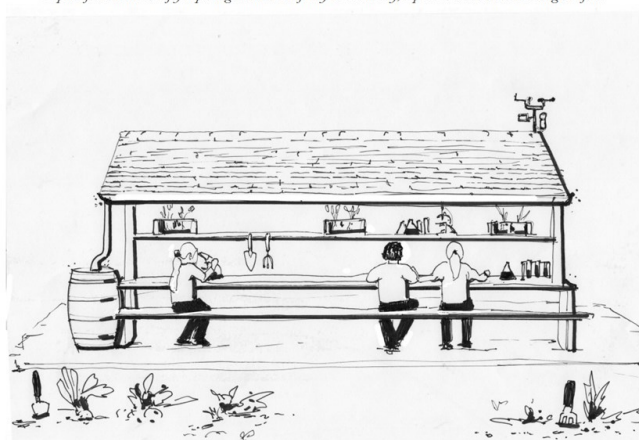
To err is human, to forgive, divine.



Friends of CLYRO SCHOOL

You may have seen recently in the news about all of the Welsh Government grants that have been given to schools for certain items and expenditure during this pandemic. Although we have not received a huge amount, we do have some money which we have put towards part funding the cost of a Garden Lab. This will be a fabulous addition to our outdoor areas as once built it will be used by the children in our gardening area. Although we don't have the total cost, the "Friends" are hoping to fundraise throughout the year for the remaining money. Below is an artists impression of what this could possible look like.

A place for children to enjoy exploring nature scientifically and creatively, a place to watch seasonal changes unfold.

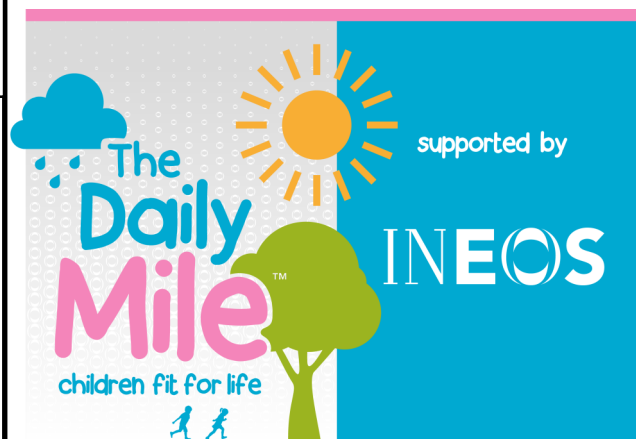


Future Dates for your diary:

- ◆ **Parents Evening** - virtually via Microsoft TEAMS - **Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th May**. Mrs. Williams, our secretary on a Monday, will be telephoning all parents on Monday 26th April to book their 10 minute time slots;
- ◆ **National Testing weeks** - Monday 10th - Friday 28th May.
- ◆ **End of term** - Friday 16th July

A big thank you - All of the staff and myself wanted to say a very big thank you to all of you parents, for the help and support and lovely messages you have sent and shown for the school over the past few months. We have been so impressed with parents enthusiasm and passion for our school through the parents campaign, letter writing, the hay bales, the Flowers 4 Clyro and the meetings that have been held to make your voices heard. This has united the school community and shown that altogether we can achieve great things. All of your hard work, efforts and support have been greatly appreciated by everyone of us, so a massive **THANK YOU!**

The Daily Mile - coming soon!!!



Topics for this

term - This summer term, children in the **Foundation Phase** (Classes 1 & 2) are learning about **"Wriggle and Crawl"** - a science based topic looking at bugs and plants.



The children in **Key Stage 2** (Classes 3 & 4) are learning about **"Trees, Bees and**

Seas" in Class 3 and **"How has the world changed?"** in Class 4, an Eco project looking at climate change and the environment.



National testing - Welsh National Testing will go ahead this year. This takes the form of 3 tests - 2 for Maths - Procedural and Reasoning, and a Reading test, for all of those pupils in Years 2-6 in school, therefore older pupils in Miss Griffiths class and upwards. All tests will be carried out in school and online. Schools have the flexibility of deciding when they administer these tests and so we have decided that they will be carried out over three weeks. These weeks are: Monday 10th May - Friday 28th May.

We always try and make the whole process as normal and painless for the children as possible, they may not even be aware that they are doing them. We do ask that pupils get plenty of sleep during those weeks and eat some brain food - maybe fish!!

We are currently updating our school website so keep your eyes peeled!

Comic Relief raised £75.00, thank you to everyone for your support!