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Leighton Freed From Welshpool's School Transformation Policy

Earlier this month we were informed by *Head of School Service*, Mr Ian Roberts, that Leighton CP School was no longer to be included in Powys County Council's *Welshpool Area School Review Process*.

Leighton will continue as a school, in it's own right, seeking to promote all the best ideals of a small, rural, caring, community school.

Leighton CP School thanks all stakeholders and supporters who have petitioned for the school to stay as it is. Many notable representations have taken place which were discussed as part of the decision making process – Leighton parents, governors and teachers certainly made their voices heard to very positive effect!

Leighton CP School is no longer part of the review process.

Leighton CP School Governing Body receives Bronze Quality Award

The Welsh Government, in association with the *Directors of Education in Wales*, has also recently awarded the school governing body the **Governors Wales Bronze Award**, recognising the excellent and professional work carried out by the team.

Particular thanks goes to Mrs Linda Corfield who coordinated the attainment of the award.

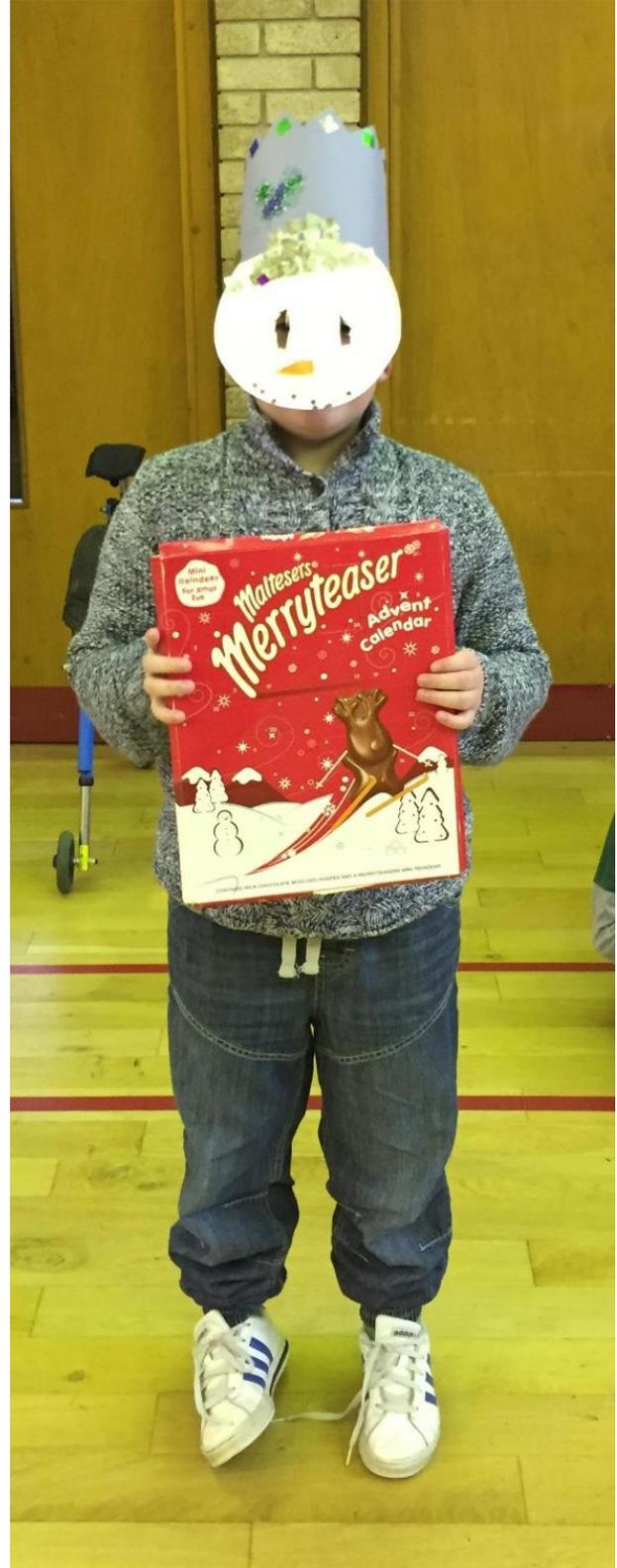




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Christmas Hat Competition Winners!





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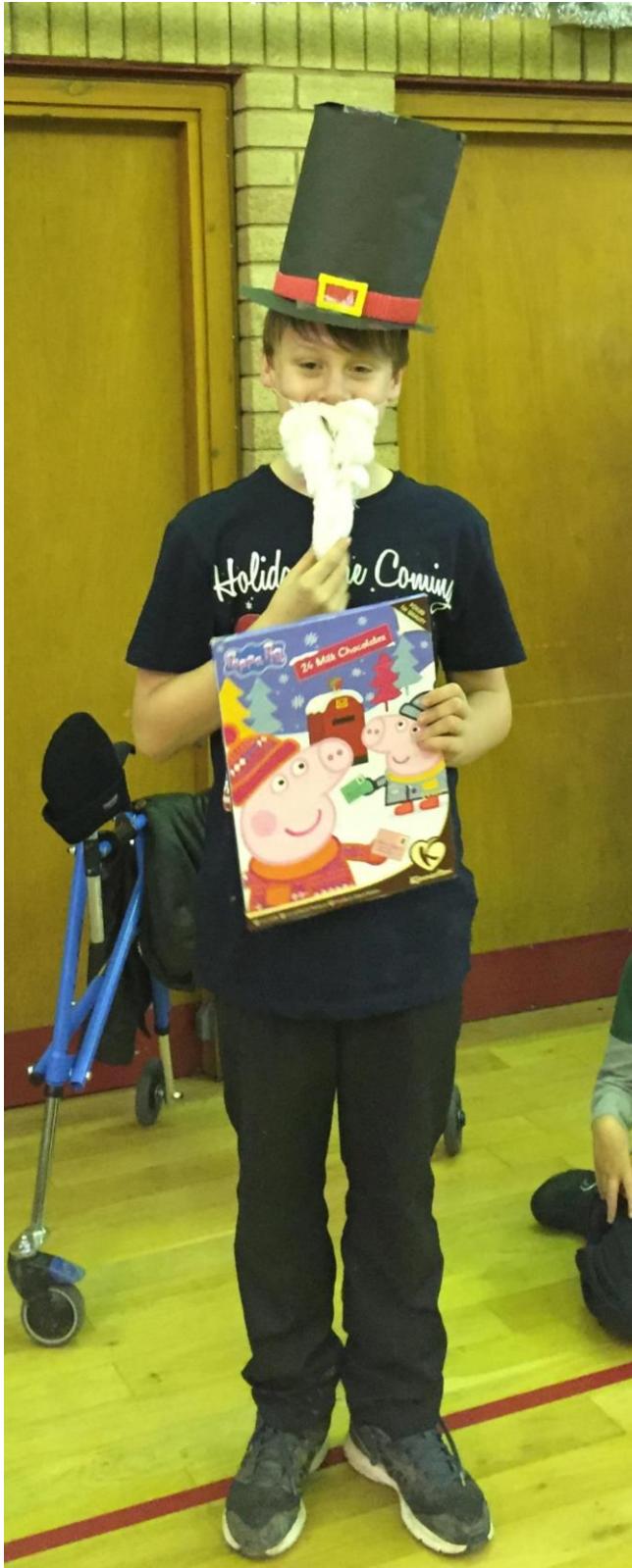
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The Winners:

Nursery/Reception:
Bella!

Year 1: **Skye!**

Year 2: **Maddie!**

Year 3: **Jack!**

Year 4: **Charlie!**

Year 5: **Sam!**

Year 6: **Scott!**



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Key Stage 2 Update

- *Elystan Class Newsletter Spring 2016*

Happy New Year to you all!

Here we are again at the beginning of a new (and shorter) term!!

Elystan class had such a busy Autumn term Mrs Senior 'forgot' to write our last newsletter so we will update you on last term!

Firstly, we were very happy to welcome a valuable new member, Sarah Richards, TA, into our class for the first time. She seems to have settled in well so far (though we are having to keep a close eye on her...!)

Elystan class were fortunate enough to be the first Year 5/6 from the local schools to have a visit from PCSO Sally-Ann Neville and her colleague, who gave some excellent first aid training to the children about how to deal with certain situations which was not only very interesting but also lots of fun too.

Mr Lees, guitar and drum peripatetic teacher, came in and gave a great percussion demonstration which almost blew the roof off, and the children wrote and performed a fantastic assembly for the rest of the school based on healthy eating.

We had a very sporty term in the Autumn, with Urdd children attending the Urdd swim gala, tag rugby and football competitions. As a class we attended a morning of athletics at the Flash where the children received gold, silver or bronze for all the activities ranging from soft javelin to speed bounce.

We have enjoyed two super sessions of netball training down at the Flash, where high school P.E pupils have taught us lots of netball warm ups, skills, and positions, which then led on to games played on their full sized course.



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We cannot thank Matt Humphreys, our Community Sports Development Officer based at the high school, and the GCSE pupils enough for the time, commitment and help they have given us, and what is more, we have three further sessions still to look forward, PLUS, Matt has found some funding for us so that the bus down to the WHS will be FREE for these sessions!

It also means that we can now take part in a cluster netball festival which is due to take place at the Flash in the next few weeks.

During all this, we also produced some fantastic work, including travelling around the world as a Tudor, carrying out tooth decay investigations, writing stories, and making musical instruments..

This term in Maths Year 6 will be using skills learnt last term to produce moderation tasks, whilst the Year 5 children will be using their skills to complete investigations.

In literacy we will be writing a recount text, discussing wind farms, and writing a book review.

In Science we will be very hands on again, designing and carrying out lots of investigations, and we will be studying the History and Geography of Wales and the U.K.

Our topic work is based on 'Power me up', where we will be looking at Cam Mechanisms, metal art, junk orchestras, and our heroes!!!

We will be continuing our netball sessions, and will also be doing some gymnastics, as well as any other Urdd/Cluster sport events that will be running (none yet confirmed). Please ensure PE kit is at school at all times!

We still have the lovely Mrs Cheryl Andrew, our peripatetic Welsh teacher, visiting us every fortnight to deliver our Welsh scheme, and Holly Dyer very kindly listens to readers every Wednesday morning.



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Homework will, again, be given out on a Friday, to be handed in the following Wednesday unless otherwise stated. Thank you for your support with this - homework I set is always an extension to work currently being carried out in class to consolidate learning, or is used in class to produce written pieces from. We still have Homework club every Tuesday which is very well attended and allows access to the internet and library for any research needed.

As always, please come and see me with any issues, concerns or questions you may have - I like to ensure matters are dealt with as fairly, thoroughly and quickly as I can to ensure a happy learning environment.

Mrs Senior & Years 5/6 (Elystan class)

- *Coed Coch News – Spring Term 2016*

Happy New Year and welcome back to class, Coed Coch. We would like to welcome Mr Harte who will be teaching on a Monday and Tuesday and also Katherine Evans and Carys Roberts our new Teaching and Learning Assistants.

We have many fun things lined up for this term so please keep an eye out on the notice boards.

Literacy: We will continue with guided reading sessions and phonic work which will link to weekly spellings and handwriting practise. We will be looking at non-fiction writing, information and explanation which links into our history and Science investigations we will also be looking at fiction: recounts and book reviews.

Maths: We have lots of exciting new resources, the children will be issued with log in details so they can access maths games/homework



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activities online (www.activelearn.co.uk) which will complement the *Abacus* scheme of work.

Science: In Science we will be exploring material changes where we will be doing lots of investigations which links into our explanation that we will be carrying out in Literacy and DT.

History/Geography: Our main topic for this term will be studying the Romans; who they were, where they came from, what they did, their mighty Empire – and the rebellions against it. I am sure that all pupils will really enjoy learning about this fascinating time.

Physical Development: This term we will be developing a range of team and exploring gymnastics. So remember to bring in your PE kit at the beginning of term and leave it on your peg for any impromptu sessions that the weather may demand!

Music/R.E: We will be looking at journeys and pilgrimages that have been made through different faiths.

Art: We shall be looking at futuristic buildings; exploring materials and making 3D structures.

Design Technology: We shall we designing our own games which will link into explanations in literacy as well as making our own historical village using natural materials; that links into our history topic.

Welsh: We will continue to consolidate our knowledge of personal descriptions.



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Homework: Children are to continue to read at home and homework will be given either by paper format or on the active learning website each week. Homework will be given out on a Friday and returned to the class teacher by the following Wednesday.

- Mrs Leach / Coed Coch Class Teacher



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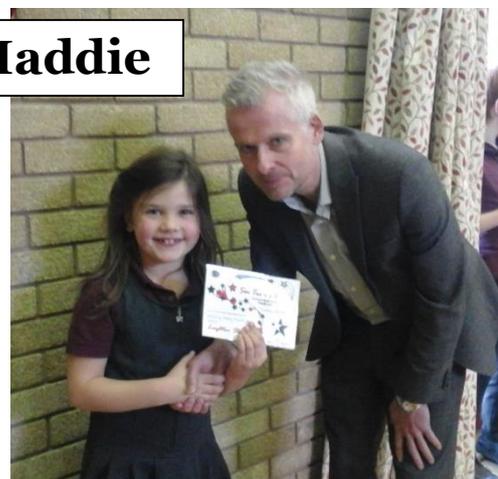
Lucy



Finnley



Anaya



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Rubie



Skye



Coed Coch



Tess



Robert



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Mason & Jack

Siaradwr yr Wythnos



Owain

James





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Notices

Congratulations to Miss Jones!!



Some special school news – Miss Jones is due to have a baby in late July.

We all wish her and baby all the very best ☺.

Diary Dates

- **Spring Term (2016)**

Half Term – Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

Term Ends: Friday 18th March

- **Summer Term (2016)**

Non Pupil Day: Monday 4th April

Term Starts: Tuesday 5th April

Half Term – Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Term Ends: Friday 15th July

Non Pupil Days: Monday 18th July, Tuesday 19th July