

# ARCHDEACON BEACON

WRITTEN BY THE PUPILS, FOR THE PUPILS  
AT ARCHDEACON GRIFFITHS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Ochestra

## South Powys Youth Orchestra Workshop for People who Play an Instrument.

Thomas Cheetham

On Wednesday the 3rd of April there was a workshop in the afternoon at Brecon Theatre where we played with different types of instruments like woodwind instruments and stringed and brass. There were two rehearsals one at Elim Church and another at Ysgol Y Bannau. The music that we played was Shepherd's Hay, Mattachins and Suo Gan. We played our instruments with many other people from different schools like Llanfaes School, Ysgol Y Bannau, Christ College, Builth Wells, and here with another school. Tim Cronin and Claudine Ludington were accompanists. Mrs Walker was the conductor. And Miss Munn was helping the violins because she plays the violin. Edward played Happy Places from the grade 2 cello book. Alice played the Wizard of Oz. The concert was one of the best experiences I had ever had because we were playing with different types of instruments. Earlier that day there was shake rattle and roll and then after the junior orchestra, there was the singing, percussion, string machine, brass band and the youth orchestra.



Various instruments



The much loved and much missed "Pizza Hut" will be making a return.

## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Maisie Davies

A few weeks ago School Council had a *Have Your Say* day to discuss playground equipment. We looked at booklets which had playground equipment inside. There were a lot of very different varieties and types. Everyone in School Council had different ideas of what they would have liked. We talked about different shapes and sizes and decided on wooden equipment. There were many pieces of wooden equipment and we talked about equipment that everyone in the school would play on and have a good time on. Everyone also thought about somewhere some of the older children could go. We had a look at playground markings as well and found a PE warm up where you jump pretend hurdles and it tells you how far you run. We decided on a few small things for our playground and here they are.



THE SCHOOL COUNCIL HAVE CHOSEN A WONDERFUL SELECTION OF PLAY APPARATUS.

# Topic Day

## Saving Our Oceans

**Ellimae Mills Brown**

Our topic is Saving Our Oceans. On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019, we had one of our topic days and we were able to design some clothes using plastic bags. Ruby and Ellimae made a bridal outfit. The top was made out of half of a plastic bag and Ellimae cut out an arm and attached it to the top. The skirt was Ellimae's favourite because they got a plastic bag and layed it out flat then they stuck poofy plastic bags to one side of the layed out bag as a poofed base after that they added the frills. They made the frills out of bubble wrap then they made a MASIVE bow out of even thicker bubble wrap then they attached it all together and made a LONG train and stuck plastic bags to it as frills. with the t-shirt ruby was being a bit overdramatic because she thought Ellimae was going to staple her but it ended up being amazing and on the cat walk Ruby was Gorgeous in her outfit she was the best partner ever to Ellimae.



# Topic Day

**Mason Howell**

We made clothes out of plastic. I made a dress for Kai and he looked hilarious so it was going great! I got to see a cat walk of the suits that people made, That made my day.

## Llyswen School Did a Very Good Job Dressing Up for World Book Day

**Evan Roberts**

Llyswen School held World Book day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, everyone did a very good job. I think they did a fantastic job.

"I enjoyed World book because everyone put a lot of effort in and they looked good", said Bronwen Roberts.

I loved everyone's Costume. Some people were dressed up as Harry Potter, some people dressed up as Horrid Henry.

The lessons were fun. Everyone's books were amazing and cool.

Please go and sign up and use your local library, so much great books to go and read!!

## School Council

**Millie Little**

On Wednesdays, it is *Have Your Say*, every child in the classes have chosen a group like school council or cymraeg and more... Many children enjoy have your say. In school council our chair is Ffion, our vice chair is Millie and our secretary and treasurer is Maisie.

In school council, we have recently been deciding on new school equipment to play on. There were a lot to decide from but some of them we could not have because some were too big and quite expensive. In school, council we have chosen for our new equipment one called the bird's nest which children can sit on and have a chat with their friends. There is also new equipment called the pizza hut were its shaped as a little hut were there's a table inside and you can chat with your friends like the birds nest. And there are more that lots of the children would like to play on. We showed the new school equipment in collective worship lots of the children liked them and some of them said they would have fun playing on them.

# TOPIC DAYS

**Ffion Jones**

Recently in the juniors/KS2, we decided to start doing topic days like we did previously with our other topic Scrumdiddlyumptious.

Last term our topic was Saving Our Oceans which all of the juniors decided to choose in our EPIC, which means Everyone Plans in Class. We all gathered in the street with groups of different age ranges and discussed many ideas for our topic. Then after school, the teachers had a meeting about which ideas we can do. One of the activities was the topic days. The topic days are when all of the classes in the juniors swap around the different classes and do the activity that is set for the whole day. The activities were drawing fish to their real size, making clothes out of plastic, writing a non-chronological report and many more. We have it every Thursday for three weeks in a row. Everybody enjoys it and learns a lot.

## Awesome Plastic Fashion

**Rory Brimble**

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 topic day me and Freya made plastic clothes and we made these plastic clothes a plastic bat wing bely top and a plastic bracelet plastic ear rings and a skirt it was great fun. Freya was the model I measured her head her legs and her arms I measured her so the plastic cloths would fit her then we did a fashion show after the fashion show we played hang man or read a book then we tided. It was so fun making plastic clothes I think every one liked it then we went home.

## Have Your Say

**Lily Stuart**

On a Wednesday we will have 'Have Your Say'. Have your say is when classes split up and go to different comities, the comities are Eco, School council, Digital leaders, Worship group, Cru-Cymraeg, Healthy Schools.

Everybody in the school goes to a group to talk about internet safety-Digital leaders, Learn welsh and do welsh activities -Cru-Cymraeg, or look at the new playground equipment, Discuss thing about the school-School council. Every Group has a teacher that will teach the group about new thing to do with the comity or take them to places e.g People from Eco went to Talgarth to talk to some people. In the old school we had the same comities but we didn't have Worship group, we had First aid instead. Have your say if for all ages it is a day that everyone can look forward two.

**The Llyswen Hockey  
Tournament**

**The Danceathon  
Fun Fundraiser**

**Day of Hockey in  
Swansea**

**Sport**

**Llyswen Hockey Tournament**

**Ryan Lewis**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of March, some of the children from the school went to a hockey tournament at Christ College in Brecon on the AstroTurf next to the rugby pitch. We went on a huge buss, which had comfortable seats, and when we got off the bus and then the big hatch on the side opened up which looked very cool ad technical. When we got in the actual hockey playing field, we had to break up into three groups of seven or eight. I was with Tomas, Maisie, Millie, Kai and finally Louis. There must have been at least nine or eight other schools. I saw many of my Friends from my Football club I go to out of school. We went and put our bags down and did some stretches so our mussels will be nice and not stiff. In our first game, we did very well and the other school did very good as well but we got a little sneaky goal to win 1-0. We went back to our bags. For the next couple of games we did very well. By wining our first game we had enough confidence to keep on wining and that is what we did we went into another game and we beat them 1-0 again. Then we went into another one and beat them 1-0 again. But if you thought we won 1-0 again well think again because we won 2-0. But then we won 1-0 again. Sadly, we could not play our last game because our bus was here so we grabbed our bags and went back to school. On the way, back we ate our lunch but I did not have much left because off all the breaks we had and I had at least one thing to eat because of all the running we did. When we got back from the hockey we got a great welcome back and was asked how did we get on over at Christ Collage. It was a really fun day and I'd love to do another hockey tournament.

**Cross-country**

**Brandon Lee Satchell**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> march. The last cross-country was at Gwernyfed high school. Me, Kai, Daniel, Charlie and more took part in it. I was in the year 5 and 6 race. Edwin came 5<sup>th</sup>, I came 6<sup>th</sup>, kai came 7<sup>th</sup> and Daniel came 8th. I was very proud of myself and my friends. We had lots of fun and saw an old friend from my primary school. The hardest part was the last bit of the race. I enjoyed it so much I would do it again.



**Year 5 and 6 hockey team**



**Year 6 (left) Year 5 (right) hockey teams**

**BOYS AND GIRLS HOCKEY  
TOURAMENT**

**Kai Hammond**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of March some of Llyswen year 5 and 6 boys and girls went to a hockey tournament in Christ College. We were split into 3 Teams: Team A, Team B and Team C. Team A won all of their games. We did not get to play our last game against Llanfaes because our bus was there. I was a bit of a sore loser when we didn't get to play Llanfaes because they were my first ever school so I really wanted to beat them. The best game I played was Hay on Wye because some of my friends were on their team. At end of the day, we all had a perfect day. Thank you to Lisa and Mrs Vaughan for taking us to that wonderful event at Christ College.

**Day of Hockey in  
Swansea**

**Louis Davies**

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March five of us from our school went to Swansea to play hockey for Gwyrnefed hockey club it was our first tournament and we came 4<sup>th</sup> out of seven teams. Altogether we played six games and we won three of them we had so much fun. From our school there were five people Alfie, Dylan, Louis, Max and Tomas we had a couple from other schools as well. We all had positions that we enjoyed then we swapped positions and we all thought these were the best positions for us. We had a couple of breaks, we had two subs until two people from the other school left early so there was no subs. Some of us left before we found out what place we came so some people had to bring home other people's certificates and give them to them the next day.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

**Charlie Mitchell**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of march years 3,4,5 and 6 went to Gwernyfed for cross country. The first race was year 3, 4 girls the second race was year 3, 4 boys the third race Were year 5 6 girls and the 4<sup>th</sup> race was 5, 6 boys. The track was the biggest track I've been to and year 5 and 6 had make a loop so it made the track longer. it was really hard every one pushed themselves to the limit

**Girl's Rugby Tournament**

**Anna**

On Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March most of the key stage two girls went to a tag rugby tournament at Gwernyfed high school. We did it with our rugby trainer Bronnie. We spent all morning there, we left just after assembly and got back in the after-noon. We played about 4 matches which were about 10-15 minutes long. we played some rugby based games such as chicken and hero in-between matches. We played against Christ College, clyro, Cradock and a few others, we did very well in all of them and it was great fun. My team won 3 matches and it was a draw when we played Christ College. My team was me, Freya, Masie, Lucy, Megan, Gracie, and a few others.

Charity

***Walking Up Pen Y Fan with Des***

**Freya Roberts**

On the 23rd March 2019, Des walked up Pen Y Fan (Brecon Beacons) for the 356th time in a year and many people had joined him including Ellie and Bronnie(my sister) and my mum. At the start of the walk, Des mum had given us a pink balloon, a badge, a sticker, and a wristband. Des was doing this for Help the Heroes and Cancer Research UK and he raised £58070.01. WOW, that is a lot! Before we went up, we wrote on a huge bandanna before we set off. When we, where walking up me and Bronnie where running up, our mum told us to stop because she was worried that we, where going to fall over or hurt something. We saw 2 horses they where really cute one was grey and the other was brown.

I wanted to go and get them I was really sad when mum said NO you can't have one. When we stopped a quarter to the top of the first peak, my step uncle had past us. I asked mum, could I walk to the first peak with him, both said yes. He was carrying a package I asked him what was in there and he said that it was a something for Des and it was a cool picture of Des at the top of Pen Y Fan. When we got to the first peak, we could see Des and his dad and the reason you could see Des was from his huge red, heart shaped, balloon, in the distance. At last, my mum and Bronnie finally reached the first peak.

We started to walk up to Pen y Fan where the stone was me, mum and Bronnie, found a huge stone and it looked like a bed. Me, and Bronnie lay on the rock bed and my mum took a photo of us. After 5 minutes, we got to the top and we had to line up to take a photo mum said that she never had to line up to take a photo by the stone. At the top, we saw Ellie and I gave her a packet of sweets because I brought a lot, of sweets up, I brought a huge pack of mamoom and a huge pack of jelly beans they, where yummy I had eaten all of them. We had to rush down because Evan (my brother) was at a birthday party. I enjoyed walking up Pen Y Fan I really want to go up again!



Des Lally on one of his 365 climbs up Pen-y-Fan in 365 days.



**National Autistic Day**

**Lucy Field**

On Tuesday the 2nd of April me and Jodie made a PowerPoint presentation. It was telling people all about Autism and telling people all about National Autistic Day, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. I presented it to Dosbarth Fioled and everybody in collective worship. I asked Miss Simms if we could wear light blue to school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, to raise awareness of Autism because it was National Autistic week. Then Miss Simms posted it in the newsletter so everyone could remember. On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, I got a certificate for it and I was very happy and proud of it.

**DANCE**



**RUBY BEVAN**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019, there was a Danceathon, a danceathon is when you dance for 24hours but we did it in the school hall for 24minutes because we are not in school for 24hours. The year six made a playlist and some of the songs were, played at the Danceathon. It was really fun the whole school was there at the Dancathon, the few of the songs were like baby shark, jump Start jonnie and agadoo, and we didn't have to wear uniform so we wore none-uniform like some of us wore red. Freya, Finley and Kai the bronze embasatars did jump start jonnie and "I like to move it move it" the bronze embasatars were really good at dancing to the songs, the Danceathon was for comic relief the comic relief made some money for the red noses we made £264.10 ,we all danced and had a great time for 24 Minutes.



**Comic Relief Danceathon**

**Finley Davies**

The bronze ambassadors {Me Kai and Freya} did the warm up we did jump start Johnny we did a lot of training to know what to do It was a lot of fun Now that we have done jump start Johnny to hole school we hope we can go round the classes and preform it o to every class and it's a good warmup for PE. We listened to a lot of good songs like shotgun baby shark Macarena and Agadoo. We had to dance for 25 minutes it was quiet hard but we did not stop. There was many people dancing and it was loud. We raised £264 and 10 pence with the red noses and with the danceathon money. The red noses were a lot different ones. The rare one if turned it upside down it would still make a face.



## Travel

# France

**William Griffiths**

On Saturday ..... Me and my family, including my Grandad and Gran as well as another family who are really good friends with my mum, all went to France Skiing in the Alps. We stayed at a chalet called Chalet Olla. It was very posh and the Food was like it was off master chef!!! We had to go to this ski school and on the first day we had to go to this place where there was this tiny ski park for four year olds and I was put with four year olds. But at least we learned how to ski and that was an achievement. On the second day my sister Charlotte got to move up a group and I didn't, I was really annoyed. After that I didn't bother going to ski school because we learned after that was how to pick up four year old girls after they have fallen over. On the third day we got to go on the big slopes and I fell over a lot. On the fourth day we got to ski and we could go out for a posh dinner at a posh restaurant I had chicken nuggets some of my dad's steak and ice cream.

On the fifth day we could ski for the very last time so I went on a red which is the second biggest slope coming before blacks which are very steep and we went on a green and a blue as well which was very fun. On Saturday we had our last cooked breakfast and then we packed our suit cases and went to the airport we had dinner at the airport and after that we headed off home to Bristol airport. At Bristol airport there was a man and he was shouting at the people who worked there because he had lost his bags and was very angry he said he put his bags down and thought they had been taken but they were just taken to lost and found which he didn't understand.

When we got of the plane we got something to eat. I had orange juice and bacon rashers when we got out side we had to wait 30 minutes for the bus to arrive to take us home. When we got home we stayed up and watched TV for half an hour and then we went to bed.



## Sport

# Further Sporting News

## Hockey Tournament at Swansea

**Tomas Jones**

On Sunday 30th March, five of us from our school named Tomas, Louis, Max, Dylan and Alfie Went to Swansea for a hockey tournament for Gwernyfed. We did very well at the tournament even though it was our first ever tournament we have played for Gwernyfed. We played lots of teams such as Swansea and Whitchurch A and B and a lot more teams. At the end, we stayed for the presentation to see what place we came. We even got a special mention because this was the first time ever had entered this tournament. There were about seven teams there and in the end we came 4th so we did very well. I was the oldest what stayed there I was allowed to go up and shake the man's hand and I got a certificates for everybody. When we were playing our matches my mum and dad and all the over mums and dads were shouting and cheering us on. At the end of the day we were going back home and we went to Mc Donald's. Then we went home I fell asleep straight away and the next morning I did not wake up until about 10 o'clock. Sadly our hockey teacher who does everything for Gwernyfed hockey club is now leaving and she is going to stop doing hockey so at the end of the hockey tournament we all gave her a hug and said bye and her name is Liz. Therefore, now in September I am going to start playing for the juniors I hope we do a lot more matches when I go there. All of our matches were 5 minutes long but then our last match of the day was 10 minutes long it was hard because it was very sunny on that day.

## Hockey Tournament Event

**Daniel Smart**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, most of ks2 went to the hockey tournament at Crest collage. Team A one all of their games and they did really well the people who stood out the most were Maisie and Louis. There were other teams and they were team B and team C they were mostly year 5s we went with Lisa and Mrs Vaughan they were the best support and they were really impressed with how we did in the hockey tournament when we got back some of us went to eat our packed lunch to finish off the others staid and we had our playtime everyone was asking us about how we did and did we win it was super fun.



## Breaking News Llyswen School Ruled World Book Day!!

**Bronwen Roberts**

Llyswen school hosted world book day, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of March. Everyone put a lot of effort in to designing their costume and everyone looked lovely. We do world book day to share our favourite author, books and characters.

### Costumes

There were lots of different costumes like Harry Potter and Hermione Granger costumes, princess costumes, horse riders, football and rugby players, I could go on for ever. I dressed up as Humbert the hungry baby from World's worst children 2.

### Interview

Now I am going to interview Freya she is 10 years old she dressed up as Mackenzie Hollister. Freya's favourite book is Dork Dairy. Freya really enjoyed world book day but did she like everyone else and their costumes .....? Yes, she does like everyone else and their costumes. Did you like everyone costumes.

### What did you think about world book day?

I have two pupils from Llyswen I still have Freya and I have Evan, Evan is six years old. He dressed up as Horrid Henry. I am going to ask them a few questions.

Evan what costume did you like the most?

"I loved everyone's costumes because everyone put a lot of effort in to their costume"

Freya what costume did you like the most?

"I loved everyone's costumes but my favourite one was the person who dressed up as gangster granny"

Evan did you like world book day?

"Yes, I did"

Why?

"Because we got to dress up and share our favourite book"

Freya you said you enjoyed world book day but why?

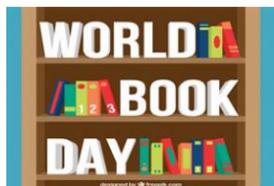
"I enjoyed seeing everyone's costumes and asking what book they were from"

Do you know if everyone enjoyed world book day? Because I do.



### £1 Book Voucher

At the end of the day of world book day everyone is given a £1 book voucher. You can get a free BOOK if you give in you book voucher or you can get £1 OFF THE PRICE OF YOUR BOOK. Wow it's amazing, don't you agree? And you might get a world book day sticker.



## World Book Day

**Ffion Jones**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March the nation celebrated World Book Day. An annual event that celebrates books in many parts of the world.

Everybody came to school dressed in costumes of their favourite book characters, such as gangsters from David Walliams books, witches and monsters from Julia Donaldson books, fairy tale princesses and many more. Everyone arrived at school with great excitement and took great delight in working out what everyone had dressed up as.

The day started with collective worship. Miss Simms talked about our favourite books and together we were able to describe what an illustrator and an author is. Instead of the assembly hall being awash with green jumpers there was a sea of multi-coloured book characters.

Throughout the day, all of the classes completed various activities connected to books. For example, some children decorated book marks, others read stories to each other and some made bunting about their chosen character.

At the end of the day everyone was given a £1 book voucher and a 'I took part in World Book Day' sticker.

It was an exciting day and one that everyone will look forward to again next year.

# World Book Day

**Thomas Jones**

On Thursday 7th March the nation celebrated World Book Day. I went to school dressed as Ben from Gangster Granny. Everyone in the school worked really hard on their costumes. There were a variety of sports characters such as rugby players and football players. There were some Roald Dahl characters such as Mr Stink, Matilda and Charlie from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Someone even dressed up as The Titanic!

During the day some World Book Day activities took place. Such as decorating book marks, answering questions about a piece of text and drawing or painting book characters. During wet play we were allowed to watch some video clips of well known story books as a special treat.

At the end of the day we were given a sticker and a £1 book voucher to take home. I enjoyed the day very much.

# Llyswen School Smashed World Book Day!

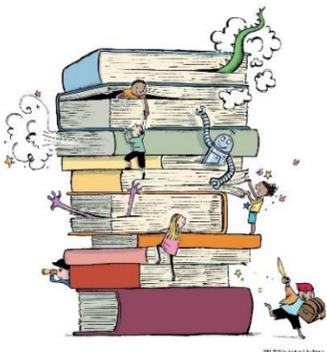
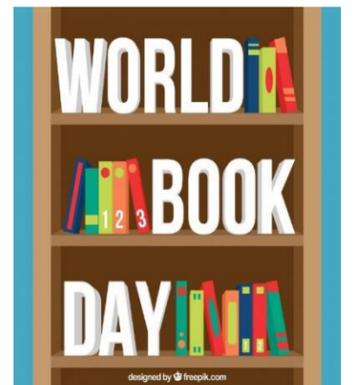
## **Freya Roberts**

Archdeacon Griffiths primary school in Llyswen hosted a world book day on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019. They held world book day in Llyswen school, and everyone dressed in excellent costumes, made a very good effort.

The purpose of this article is to tell you about the world book day that Archdeacon Griffiths primary school had, and everyone dressed up.

## £1 book voucher

At the end of world book day all the pupils got a £1 book voucher to spend on a book of their choice, they will get £1 off a BOOK. IS THAT AMAZING! The children also got a free sticker each.



## Costumes

Everyone did their best effort to make their selves look exactly like their character from their choice of book. There where children dressed like dinosaurs, girls dressed as characters from dork diaries, girls and boys from world's worst children.

## Quote from pupils

“Everyone tried their best to dress up and have fun.” Freya Roberts age 10

“Everyone’s effort was incredible.” Bronwen Roberts age 9

“I really liked everyone’s outfit.” Evan Roberts age 6



## Interview

I have met up with one of the pupils to ask a bit about what they dressed up as, what book they are from and what they did throughout the day. Bronwen Roberts who is 9 years old, dressed up as Humbert the hungry baby from world's worst children. She really liked world book day, thought that everyone's costume was amazing.