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# Newsletter 7 - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Good afternoon to you all!

Well the festive season is now well and truly upon us and we are very much hoping that we can make it significantly more joyous than last year!

We are excited to invite you to our first outdoor 'Carols Around the Christmas Tree' service on Monday 20th December, at 2.30pm. It will be held in the playground and we will be socially distancing. The children will be in their 'bubbles' and staff will direct parents/carers where to stand. We would ask that you continue to wear a mask/face covering whilst attending. This is an attempt to share

the celebration of Christmas as a community, in the safest possible way that we can. If for any reason circumstances change, then we will let you know as soon as we are able to.

As you may have noticed, we are lucky enough to have a beautiful Christmas tree in our playground and we would like to thank Mrs Rowlands and 'The Christmas Cabin' for providing us with such a splendid specimen and organising its arrival last Sunday!

Thank you for adapting so well to only queuing along Ludlow Road towards Farrington Road, to avoid congestion around the zebra crossing and queuing across neighbouring driveways, to the right of the school gate. Please continue to take care and be aware of vehicles entering and exiting properties next to the school at these busy times of the day. As a staff we will continue to support and direct the flow of pedestrian traffic at these times. The one way system is flowing much faster at the beginning and end of the school day and we really do appreciate your co-operation.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the talented Jim Elliot for providing us with 8 fantastic music workshops for all of our classes. The children were able to learn about different instruments, musical vocabulary and even composed some tunes using boomwhackers! The children's well-being think tank had requested more music and through a grant we were able to provide this for them, we also had enough pennies left over to buy some boomwhackers of our very own!



## Hwyaid Bach & Eryr Parents Evening

This is now being arranged for Monday  $6^{th}$  & Tuesday  $7^{th}$  December via Teams. The booking link will be on our closed Facebook page and on an email to you sometime today.

#### After School Club

There will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

#### Friends of School Quiz

What can we say - a massive thank you to everyone who supported this event in any way. A total of £1100.75 was raised!!

#### Friends of School Class Fundraising Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards are back and have been sent home today. If you haven't received your order, please check your child's bag and then contact Sarah in the office if it still hasn't come to light.



For anyone who has ordered mugs - these will not be sent home with the children unless you contact Sarah. This is to avoid any breakages before they get home.

#### Children Walking Home

If you have requested that your child is allowed to walk out of school on their own at the end of the day, can we please ask that they do not come back into the playground with you to collect a younger sibling.

# Christmas Lunch Day

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December we will be having our Christmas lunch at school. Letters were sent home yesterday for you to say whether your child did or didn't want a lunch. There will be no jacket potato option on this day. The deadline for returning your child's slip is tomorrow, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This will allow the kitchen enough time to order enough supplies. Thank you.



## Animal Man

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December the "Animal Man" will be in school as a treat for the children (and staff!). Can we please ask that children in Aderyn Du are in school promptly as their session will start at 9am to allow time before they go on a visit to the John Beddoes Campus.



#### Christmas Jumper Day

This is a reminder that we have a "Christmas Jumper Day" on Friday  $10^{th}$  December in aid of the Wales Air Ambulance. Suggested donation of £1. Please do not feel any pressure to buy a jumper.

#### Year 5 & 6 Parents Only

Apologies for the change of plan but for those children in Y5/Y6 who are going up to the high school (John Beddoes campus) on Wednesday 8th December, to take part in Music and PE sessions, the children will now <u>need to bring a packed lunch</u> with them (no glass bottles please). If you are in receipt of free school meals and would like our kitchen to provide a packed lunch for your child/children please can you let Sarah know tomorrow, Friday 3rd December, thank you.

#### News from Aderyn Du (Mrs Rimmer) & Barcud Coch (Mrs Watts)

News direct from the children this week!

'We have done cross country in PE, we got very muddy but it was fun!'

'Maths- we have been working on fractions, word problems involving multiplication and practicing our rapid recall on TT Rockstars and Emile'

'In Science we have looked at explosions! This involved vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and a glove!'

'In Iaith we have started story writing about a child working in the mines during the Victorian times. We have to focus on handwriting, spelling, character description, punctuation (especially capitals!) and good vocabulary'.

# News from Cnoc-y-coed (Miss Jones)

For the last 2 weeks we have been story-writing; the pupils have used the story-boards and scripts from their stop-motion films as a basis for these stories. They have worked really hard to use adjectives to describe the setting of the stories and have practised using speech marks to find a balance of action, description and speech.



In Maths we have been multiplying and dividing by 10, as well as reinforcing the strategy of column addition.

For well-being day last week, the children enjoyed a music session with Jim, some gardening and playing parachute games.

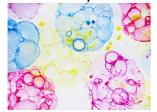
#### News from Jac-y-do (Mrs Drakeford)

We have started reading the book 'The Miracle on Ebenezer Street' which is a reimagining of A Christmas Carol... but including a purple reindeer and mischievous Elf on the Shelf that Dickens somehow forgot to include in the original... We have created the setting of Marley's Christmas Curiosities ready to write our own Christmas story.

We have also been busy drawing number lines and placing numbers in the correct place, not an easy task. In welsh we have written a diary entry for a holiday we have been on using all the language patterns we have learnt over the term.

## News from Hwyaid Bach (Mrs Evans) & Eryr (Mrs Blower)

This week in maths we are learning about money. We are learning about the value of coins and using the coins to make different amounts. We have used our measuring skills, measuring in non-standard and standard units, to help Mrs Giant measure her feet ready for some new boots!



Science Enrichment day was great fun and we loved making electrical circuits, volcanos, boats, rainbows and soap bubble prints.

## News from Gwennol (Mrs Fielding / Year 2)

Last week we attended a music workshop with Jim Elliott where we had the opportunity to listen to him play a variety of musical instruments. Jim let us use some of the instruments and we learnt a piece of music which we enjoyed performing to Mrs Fielding and Mrs Wood!

Children enjoyed a range of activities for our school well-being day. The day was described as 'the best day ever!'.

We are also busy learning our nativity which we will begin filming the week commencing 6th December.

# News from the Children's Centre (Pre-school)

We are being busy elves making Christmas surprises including working on a Christmas performance for our grown ups. We have been practising writing our names in Christmas cards and decorating the setting.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Rimmer (Acting Headteacher)

# End of Term - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December!