

Clyro School News

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

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Llongyfarchiadau! Congratulations! We have been awarded the Bronze award!

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the Bronze Award of the Cymraeg Campus Language Charter. After a thorough assessment on Monday 27th January, the assessors who spent the morning with us were very pleased and impressed with all of the evidence that they saw. They said "Ysgol Cleirwy has succeeded in establishing a strong visual Welsh ethos and showing a contemporary vision of Wales. The targets set for the bronze award have been met successfully and that pride has been taken in ensuring good quality evidence to support the criteria. The evidence shows that there has been significant improvement in all areas which needed to be developed. I'm very happy to announce that the school has been successful in achieving the bronze award."



Diary Dates -

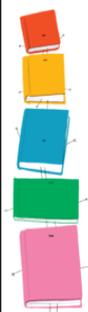
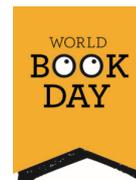
- ♦ Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th February - Class 4 Residential visit to Rock UK;
- ♦ Friday 14th February - Love Laura Bingo night, School hall, 6-8pm;
- ♦ Break up for half term.
- ♦ Monday 24th February - Return to school;
- ♦ Wednesday 26th February - Foundation Phase (Classes 1 & 2) visit to Cardiff Castle;
- ♦ Friends Quiz Night at Conservative Club in Hay on Wye, 7.30pm;

Massive congratulations to our Year 6 Netball team who went to Cluster Tournament on 29th January and won!! They now go through to the South Powys finals at Gwenryfed High School. Superb effort and result!

Go Green! - We are delighted once again to confirm that we have been judged as a "Green" school. This means that we are judged to be highly effective. The school has a track record of raising standards and has the capacity to support other schools to do better. Well done once again to all of the staff, governors and pupils.



Diary dates - Our **St. David's Day Eisteddfod** will take place on Monday 2nd March in school. We are once again asking all of the children to come in Welsh themed dress and there will be a variety of classes for the children in the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 to take part in. For the Foundation Phase, we are asking the children to make Welsh pancakes (Crepog) and a Welsh head dress and for those in Key Stage 2, to bake Amber pudding (recipe to follow) and "Wales in a jar". Some of these will be homework tasks for half-term so a letter from Miss Morgan with more information will follow soon. This is a great opportunity for the children to earn more points for their house as every entry earns a house point.



On Thursday 5th March, we are celebrating **World Book Day**. We are asking the children and staff to dress up as book characters for £1 in aid of BookAid International and there will be activities throughout the day. All of the children will receive their £1 "World Book Day" voucher and these can be used at any bookshop to exchange for either a £1 World Book Day book or use it towards the cost of a book.



Our Values work for February is:

Love

Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

1 Corinthians 13:4-5



Time to dust off the little grey cells or just use this as an excuse for a night out! Get a team together or just come along and join one. Quiz Night Wednesday 26th February at the Conservative Club in Hay. £2 a person to enter and up to 6 in a team, prize for the winning team, plus a raffle.

Also if you're thinking of booking a holiday (or anything else) online, remember to try and go through the easyfundraising app. This can raise significant funds very simply for the school. If anyone would like more information stop me in the playground or ask anyone else who uses it. *Lou Davies*

GOVERNOR NEWS

Literacy Work scrutiny - 2nd December 2019 Mrs. Lynette Gallagher and Miss Griffiths

I carried out a joint work scrutiny with Miss Griffiths as the Literacy leader. Based on the Estyn recommendations, we focussed on the School Development Plan action points which were:

- To ensure that the standard of pupils' spelling is consistently good across Key Stage 2;
- To ensure the standard of pupils' punctuation is consistently good across Key Stage 2;
- To ensure the standard of pupils' handwriting is consistently good across Key stage 2;

General comments: All classes have begun to meet the recommendations from Estyn; Key Stage 2 (Classes 3 & 4) need to be evidencing more work over the next couple of terms as more is needed to fully address the recommendations currently, tasks must be done weekly and a higher emphasis placed on handwriting and presentation; high standards were seen in the Foundation Phase (Classes 1 & 2), these need now to be raised in Key Stage 2 to ensure there is weekly evidence of tasks. *Mrs. Lynette Gallagher*

Work scrutiny focusing on numeracy across the curriculum - Tuesday 5th November 2019.

Mrs. Philips as Numeracy leader carried out a work scrutiny looking at the use of numeracy skills across the curriculum. The strengths included: many examples were seen of tasks allowing for the application of numeracy skills across the curriculum over the first 8 weeks of term in topic, science and mission books. There were examples of using numeracy statements from the year above to extend/differentiate. There was consistent indication of Learning Objectives and the use of the marking policy. There were a few areas for development, including using more opportunities arising from rich tasks, such as tuck shop sales. Also, ensure that numeracy tasks allow to tease out as many skills as possible to evidence, even if one skill is the main focus. Extend the numeracy possibilities by asking questions in marking and ensure that the numeracy skills required for tasks are in the Literacy and Numeracy Framework. In a few cases, further differentiation is required.

Black Mountain Lions Quiz -

Well done to Daniel Montejo-Gillespie, Clemmie Davies, Iwan Evans and Eden Brown, who represented our school at the Black Lions Annual Quiz at the Black Lions Annual Quiz at Gwernyfed High School on Friday 31st January. They worked really hard as a team and came 3rd! Everyone who took part received a £10 book token. Well done to them all.

Term-time absence - Please bear in mind that all term-time absence is actively discouraged as your child can miss crucial teaching time and it will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. All requests must be made at least 28 days in advance of the date on a Powys absence form.

Love Laura Prize Bingo

Come along for a Love Laura Bingo Night at school on Friday 14th February, 6-8pm. Prizes for a line and a full house. All money raised will go to fund a new playground area in memory of our much loved Mrs. Laura Richardson.



School Meal Debt - Please be aware that the Governors have received a letter from Mr. Jason Rawbone, Head of Powys Catering, regarding the amount of debt that has been accrued by parents of primary school children on their ParentPay accounts. Currently, the debt for Powys primary schools stands at £87,000! and we are listed as one of the schools who is contributing to this debt. Powys send out regular reminders to those parents whose ParentPay accounts are in debt, however, because this has made very little difference, they are now considering refusing to serve a primary school child with a lunch, until their parents have credited their accounts. We do not want to be faced with this situation, so we please urge you to ensure that your ParentPay accounts are in credit. If you haven't, you can also set up alerts to be sent to your email or mobile phone account via the ParentPay website when your account is in arrears. Many thanks for your understanding.