



Clyro Church in Wales
Primary School

Clyro School News

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

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Busy, Busy, Busy!!

We always seem to have a busy summer term but this one seems to have hit the ground running and we haven't stopped since! We have been undertaking lots of exciting projects in school, involving charities, the local community and aspects of the Welsh New Curriculum and the pupils have been developing their creative and enterprising skills. These have involved visits to Cardiff Botanical Gardens, Island Moor (Painscastle Hill), a Spring Greens Eco Day, creating products to sell as entrepreneurs such as flower key rings, bird feeders, dream catchers, wind chimes, etc. and we are delighted that once again we have reached the Regional Finals of Welsh "The Enterprise Troopers" Competition and some of our pupils will be going to represent us in Newtown next week! A big well done to Seth Januszewski-Eveleigh, Tristan Platt and Johnny Williams who decided, after Mrs. Richardson's death, to do a sponsored silence in aid of Cancer Research UK and raised an incredible £209!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Recently the School Council have organised a Multi-Faith-Day for all of the school to enjoy. Each class member interviewed their class and after we did the survey we came up with four different religions which were: Sikhism, Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism. The day was a huge success and all of the school had a great time learning about the different religions. Miss Long came up with an idea about a worry wall where you put how you are feeling. The council also decided on the friendship award for May which was given to Rio Price of Year 6 for being really kind on the football pitch. Finally we have been preparing to decorate the values tree. **Tristan Platt, Press Secretary**



Criw Cymraeg - The phrase of the fortnight will now be displayed on our Cymraeg page of our website, with pronunciation for those needing it.



Our school grounds - Now that the sunnier weather has arrived, we have had the go-ahead and you will see that the children are enjoying being back on the school field once again. We are now waiting for Powys to install our climbing frame equipment and playground markings and we hope to begin some Forest School sessions before the term ends, once staffing is a little more settled. A very big thank you to everyone who has supported the fundraising for the Foundation Phase outdoor areas, our beautiful new equipment has now arrived and the children are excited to start using it.

Mrs. Laura Richardson - A very big thank you to everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers after the very sad loss of Mrs. Laura Richardson, our Class 1 teacher. Mrs. Richardson had taught at Clyro Primary School for the whole of her teaching career and had touched the lives of so many local children and people in our community. She will be very sorely missed. Our thoughts are with her family at this time. Once we have completed our Estyn Inspection, we will be thinking about how we can make a permanent memorial to Mrs. Richardson at school and will let you know further details shortly.



Diary Dates -

Don't forget these are available on the website

- ♦ **Tuesday 11th June** - Mixed Cricket Festival;
- ♦ **Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th & Friday 14th June** - Online Procedural National Tests for Years 2-6;
- ♦ **Thursday 13th June** - Year 6 Gwernyfed Transition Visit;
- ♦ **Monday 17th - Thursday 20th June** - Estyn Inspection;
- ♦ **Monday 17th June** - Estyn Parents meeting, 3.45pm in school hall;
- ♦ **Tuesday 18th June** - Year 6 Leavers Celebration Service at Brecon Cathedral
- ♦ **Friday 21st June** - Year 5 "Want to Canoe" morning;
- ♦ **Monday 24th, 25th & 27th June** - New Reception intake transition sessions;
- ♦ **Tuesday 25th June** - Yr. 6 Treat Day; Yr.1 & 2 Ball Skills at GHS;
- ♦ **Thursday 27th June** - Yr. 6 Canal Day;
- ♦ **Friday 28th June** - School Sleepover (details to follow)



LIVING VALUES
EDUCATION

Our Values work for June is:

HONESTY -

"No legacy is so rich as honesty"

William Shakespeare



Digital Leaders ICT Tip of the Month:

Don't play games online or talk to someone you don't know.



Friends of CLYROC SCHOOL

The Friends would like to say a big thanks to anyone who has helped or donated last half term. **Our next event will be The Buttermarket Sale, on Saturday 15th June in Hay, 10am - 3pm.** Lou Davies and I will be there all day, but we would love some help to man a stall and/tidy up and set up on the day. There are signup sheets on or in every classroom and we also desperately need any donations of wine, tombola prizes, etc. This is one of our last fundraising events before the summer holidays, so we really need to give it a big push. Please ask Lou or myself if you need more information.

I've ironed and hung all school uniform and will be posting items on the Friends Facebook page for sale. They are in excellent condition, so it's a great way to donate money which goes back to our children, it hopefully saves some pennies for yourself and saves these clothes going straight to the bin. After all, we can only use logo items in our own school.

Thanks all who donated a bottle of fizz, had a glass with us and also those who remembered in their own way, lovely Laura. Lovely memories have been shared. **Ceri Price**

GOVERNOR NEWS

ATTENDANCE MONITORING:

In May, as Attendance Governor, I met with Mrs Groves for the annual review of attendance. Every year an attendance target is set by Powys, in consultation with the school and this is usually set slightly higher than the previous years levels. For 2018-19, the target is 96.5%, whilst actual attendance recorded to the start of May was 95.7%. This is a positive result, close to the target, and is hoped that with just a slight improvement over the summer term we will hit our target. Analysis of trends tell us that there are no gender differences, attendance across different age-groups tends to be fairly consistent, albeit with a drop in attendance at the younger end of the school. Authorised term-time absences can be seen to have a measurable effect on our attendance figures; the school policy is to consider individual requests within certain limits where there is an exceptional circumstance and where a child's attendance is excellent. However, parents are actively encouraged to consider this only when absolutely necessary, as the evidence linking regular or prolonged absence with under-performance is clear. It is pleasing though to report overall that the school is achieving good attendance levels and has a pro-active approach to monitoring and managing attendance. **David Jones**

ECO SCHOOLS – The Eco School Committee were busy last half-term working on and submitting their re-application for our Eco School Green Flag and are now awaiting a date for their assessment.



Peer Mediation - Years 4, 5 & 6 undertook Peer Mediation training last week with Wye Valley Mediation. New Pupil Peer Mediators will now help to resolve any issues in school.

Forthcoming dates:

Monday 5th July - Sports Day, 1.30pm;
Thursday 11th July - KS2 "Bugsy Malone" performance, 2pm and 6pm;
Saturday 13th June - Co-Op Bag packing;
Thursday 18th July - Year 6 Leavers Presentation Evening, 6pm - all welcome.
Friday 19th July - Leavers Church Service, St. Michael's Church, Clyro, 2pm; Break up;

Class 1 Teacher - We are delighted and thrilled to announce that Miss Eleri Morgan has been appointed as our permanent Class 1 teacher.

Class 2 presentations - Thank you to those parents who came to see their child's presentations on Tuesday 14th May in Class 2. It was, as in previous years, an excellent and extremely worthwhile exercise. Not only are the children expected to make presentations to a variety of audiences as part of the English oracy and ICT strand of the National Curriculum, but these are excellent life skills to have and encourage self-confidence and self-esteem. Thank you to Miss Griffiths for organising another excellent afternoon.

POWYS CATERING SCHOOL MEALS -

We have been asked by Powys Catering to remind parents to top up their children's school meal accounts on a regular basis please, as accounts should not be in debt. If you have any queries please email: cashless.catering@powys.gov.uk Thank you.

Schoop and ParentPay consent -

As of this week, if any parent has not sent back via Schoop or ParentPay a completed a permission/consent for their child to go swimming, attend a trip, etc. their child will not be able to go. Unfortunately, staff are spending an inordinate amount of time chasing missing permissions, re-sending schoops, etc. and just don't have the time outside of the classroom at present. Many thanks.

SCHOOP - As a result of parents feedback we have spoken to Schoop administration who have assured us that it is all working correctly. They have advised that if you are having issues to delete the app and re-install. If you are still experience difficulties, please see Mrs. Lewis.

Sunny Weather - With the lovely sunny weather we're enjoying, it is advisable for your child to bring in a sunhat to wear and sun cream, if you wish. However, for obvious Health and Safety reasons, the children must not share their cream and they **must** be able to apply it themselves. Whilst the children may wear sunglasses at break times, if necessary, the important thing is to make sure they actually protect the children's eyes, rather than just looking good! However, we cannot take responsibility for these in school. Don't forget, if the girls would like to wear their summer blue and white gingham uniform dresses and the boys shorts, this is perfectly acceptable. A reminder - sandals are acceptable footwear in the summer, however, they must be suitable for school and worn with socks. **ONCE MORE** - please can all uniform be clearly labelled.

