



Clyro Church in Wales
Primary School

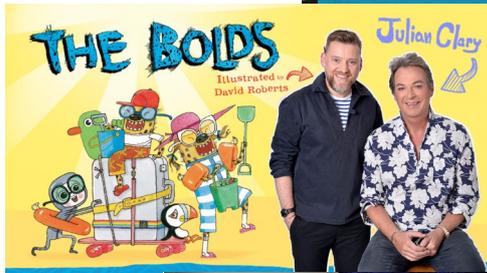
Clyro School News

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Hay Literary Festival time!

We are once again going to the Hay Literary Festival Key Stage 2 event on Thursday 24th May. All of the Key Stage 2 (Classes 3 and 4) will be spending the first part of the morning with authors Alex Frith, Alice James and Jerome Martin of "100 Things to Know about Space" book, as they take a fascinating journey to outer space, followed by a big space quiz. Did you know that snow on Mars is square? Or that there's a cloud in outer space that tastes like raspberries? Then we shall listen to comedian Julian Clary, talking about his best selling series of adventures about a family of hyenas living in an ordinary suburban street, "The Bolds", plus live drawing from the illustrator David Roberts. Later on in the afternoon we are listening to Cressida Cowell, who returns to the festival to launch her paperback edition of her brand new book, "The Wizards of Once". She will also be talking about her series of "How to Train Your Dragon". The children need to wear their usual school uniform and everyone will need to bring a drink and a packed lunch. We shall be leaving by bus at 9.15am and returning for the end of the school day, so usual collection applies. ***Our choir will also be singing at one of the ticketed events at 6.30pm that same day. Tickets are £5 and free for all parents of children performing. If you would like to go, please visit the Hay Festival website for tickets.***



Diary Dates -

- ◆ **Monday 30th April - 14th May** - "Usborne Books Sponsored Read"
- ◆ **Wednesday 2nd - 9th May** - National Testing week;
- ◆ **Monday 7th May** - Bank Holiday Monday;
- ◆ **Thursday 10th May** - Ascension Day, school to visit the church;
- ◆ **Tuesday 15th May** - Sports Day, 1.15pm;
- ◆ **Thursday 17th May** - New School Open Evening, 5-8pm;
- ◆ **Friday 18th May** - Non-Uniform Day for Christian Aid, £1;
- ◆ Sleepover in school, 7pm, collect by 8am the following morning;
- ◆ **Wednesday 23rd May** - KS2 Rugby at GHS; KS2 at Dementia Café at Clyro Village Hall;
- ◆ **Thursday 24th May** - Key Stage 2 at Hay Festival;
- ◆ **Thursday 24th May** - Choir event at the Hay Festival, 6.30pm;
- ◆ **Friday 25th May** - Break up; **Monday 11th June** - 1st day back in new school!

New school - We are currently sorting and packing up our resources, ready to move to our new school. Everything is now complete inside and the building will be handed over to myself and Powys this Thursday 3rd May! We are holding our **Open Community Evening** on Thursday 17th May from 5-8pm, where you, and everyone you know, are more than welcome to come along and see our amazing new school! We will also be inviting pupils with their parents to come into school on the morning of **Friday 8th June** at



staggered times to see where their new classrooms are and how the morning routine will work, ready for their first day on Monday 11th. We have lots of exciting events planned for our first day on Monday 11th June and we will let you know about them all nearer the time.



LIVING VALUES
EDUCATION

Our Values work for
May is:

Respect



"Respect is for those who deserve it, not for those who demand it"

GOVERNOR NEWS

CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS

Governors are very excited about the upcoming move into the new school. Everything is going incredibly well and several of us have enjoyed sneak peeks of the site which is looking fantastic. We have also been continuing with our calendar of learning walks and governor responsibilities including pupil discussions and the governors' questionnaire. Governors meetings take place every half term and once we move into the new school we will have a board up with our details and photos so that everyone knows who we are. Here's to a warm and sunny May. **Mari Fforde**

GOVERNORS "LISTENING TO LEARNERS"

- Extra Curricular and Community Involvement

This exercise was prepared for governors and involved meeting with 12 pupils in 2 different sessions. Our findings are based on those sessions which very enjoyable, productive and useful. It goes without saying that we are grateful to those children who participated for their views and time! Here is a summary of the key points to emerge:

- * The wide range of activities and clubs that the children are involved in
- * Their enthusiasm for belonging to clubs inside and outside school
- * Their thoughtfulness in thinking about what they like doing, what they don't like and how current activities could be improved
- * Their wish to try new activities and to participate more in those involving the outdoors and "dressing up"
- * The high level of involvement of all year groups
- * Their willingness to get involved in community activities and fundraising.

Overall, both Governors who facilitated this exercise were most impressed with the ease in which some pupils stated their point of view and how all pupils were willing to engage in the exercise. Such was the enthusiasm from everyone involved that it was agreed with them that we would repeat the exercise in about 6 months time when we have moved to the new school and existing clubs can begin again and others started. **Trish Richardson & Jenny Lloyd**

APP OF THE MONTH FOR MAY: J2 Launch

The children all have a HWB username and password. Click on the red HWB button to log in and easily access all of the great programs on J2E.



HEALTHY SNACKS AND LUNCHBOXES -

Please can we remind you to only send in "Healthy snacks" for break time such as a piece of fruit or some vegetable sticks, for example. Please remember that chocolate and crisps are not considered "healthy snacks". Also, if your child has a packed lunch please would you try to send them in with a balanced box and remember that we do not allow fizzy drinks or highly coloured squash drinks. Many thanks.

Friends of CLYRO SCHOOL

A massive "thank you" to Mr. Jaspar Fforde for his very kind

donation of £200 to The Friends. His generous gesture is very much appreciated. **Some dates for the diary:**
Friday 15th June - Father's Day cake stall after school;
Friday 13th July - School fete, straight after school. Any help that you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Please see Abi Jenkins or any member of the Friends.
Friday June 29th - Rags2Riches clothing collection - look out and save up all of your good quality old clothes, belts, shoes, bags, hats, scarves, etc. Many thanks.

Entrepreneurial Day - Many thanks to everyone who came and supported the pupils in their Entrepreneurial Day, either by helping to bake, make, buy or hold a stall themselves, it was much appreciated. The pupils had a great time and raised £252.54 after expenses.

Powys Cross Country Challenge -

Well done to everyone who took part in the Cross Country Challenge at The Royal Welsh Show Ground in Builth Wells.

Particular mention goes to Charlotte Lewis who came 2nd overall in the Year 4 Girls race and also to our Year 4 Girls team A, who came 2nd. Superb results all round!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Rags2Riches clothing collection - 29th June;

School Fete - Friday 13th July, straight after school;

Yr.6 Leavers Service at Brecon Cathedral - Thursday 19th July;

Leavers Celebration Evening - Thursday 19th July at 6pm;

Leavers Service - Friday 20th July at 2pm at St. Michael's Church, Clyro;

Break up - Friday 20th July;



Please remember to label all of your child's uniform, particularly sweatshirts with the warm weather now approaching.

POLITE REMINDER - Please could we gently remind you that school **does not** start until 9.15am. There is no obligation to bring your child any earlier, as long as they are here for 9.15am please. We cannot have children on the premises until 9am, unless they are booked in for Breakfast Club, as we are not legally responsible for them and also this is a vital time first thing in the morning when staff need the time to prepare for lessons. Thank you.