



Clyro Church in Wales Primary School

# Clyro School News

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**The Big Draw Art Project** - Over last half term, we took part in the Big Draw Project, where we designed clay tiles based around the theme of "Play". The School Council came up with the initial idea of having some huge chalk blackboards mounted onto the end of our school building for everyone to use at play time and to use the clay tiles as a picture frame around the outside of the boards. Kindly funded by "The

Friends", we all visited Cardiff National Museum's art galleries for "inspiration" for our designs and with the help of Mr. Stewart Roberts, a retired art teacher, every class drew several designs on paper first. Through a very generous donation from the estate of and in memory of Mr. Lesley Newton, we were able to fund Mr. John Williams from Eastnor Pottery, to come in and work with every child in school to create their final clay tile, painted with coloured slip. John is now in the process of firing these tiles and once finished they will be mounted onto 2 huge blackboards which will be fixed onto the end of the school building for everyone to draw on. We have had an amazing experience!



## Diary Dates -

Don't forget these are available on the website

- ◆ **Monday 12th November** - Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due in;
- ◆ **Tuesday 13th November** - Class 3 visit to Brecon Military Museum;
- ◆ **Wednesday 14th November** - Class 2 visit to Brecon Military Museum;
- ◆ **Thursday 15th November** - Class 4 visit to Brecon Military Museum;
- ◆ **Friday 16th November** - Children in Need Day - Wear spots for £1;
- ◆ **Tuesday 20th November** - Parents Giglets Evening;
- ◆ **Thursday 29th November** - Choir singing at Hereford Cathedral Carol Service, 5.30pm;
- ◆ **Friday 30th November** - "Friends" Movie Night, 5.45, £5 incl. drink & refreshments;

**Forest Schools** - We are very excited that Mrs. Groves and Miss Griffiths have recently undertaken Forest Schools training in order for us to eventually become a "Forest School", so we thought we would let you know a little bit more about what being a Forest School means. Forest Schools is not a requirement that the school provide but something that we have chosen and decided we would like to offer to our children. It is totally different to the Outdoor Education and Play which we already provide within the school. It is a holistic approach that focuses on the whole child, building up their resilience and sense of self, including self confidence and self esteem over a series of sessions, as opposed to learning a specific adult-initiated outcome outdoors as a one-off. To run Forest School sessions you must be a qualified Forest Schools leader and the process of becoming a Forest School is not a quick one, taking 9 months approximately and involving a lot of commitment and work from both teachers, as well as a considerable cost to the school. Mrs. Groves and Miss Griffiths are hoping to begin some sessions for pupils in the New Year once policies, procedures, site, risk assessments and equipment, etc. have been organised.



Rooted Forest School

**A message from the Brecon Foodbank** - "A very big thank you to everyone at Clyro Church in Wales Primary School from Brecon Foodbank for food given at your Harvest Festival Celebration. We are extremely grateful for all donations of food."



**Poppy Appeal** - Our Value for this month is Peace and as Remembrance Sunday is this month we have been thinking about those that gave their lives during wartime. Poppies are now on sale in from the school office. If you would like to purchase one, as well as some other British Legion merchandise, including wristbands, etc. some of the older children will taking them around during the day if your child would like to buy one too and bring in some money.



**Our Values work for November is:**

**PEACE**

**"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love."**

St. Francis of Assisi

### Christmas diary dates:

Foundation Phase Play - "Baubles" on Thursday 20th December at 2pm.

Christmas Parties - Monday 14th December - afternoon - Foundation Phase;  
3.30pm - Key Stage 2;

School Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 18th December;

Wear your Christmas Jumper to School Day for £1 in aid of various children's charities - Friday 21st December;

School Christmas Christingle Service and Break Up fro Christmas - Friday 21st December, 2pm at St. Michaels and All Angels Church, Clyro. Children can be collected directly from the church, after the service;

Return to school - Tuesday 8th January (Please note, Monday is a Training Day)



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**SHOEBOX APPEAL** - Please don't forget, if you haven't already done a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child yet, there is still time! The deadline for shoeboxes is Monday 12th November. More labels are available from the entrance of school, if you need them. It would be brilliant if we could exceed our total from last year!

### GOVERNOR NEWS

**Safeguarding** - 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 - The meeting was to check and ensure that all safeguarding processes and procedures are in place throughout the school. We checked:-

- Visitors are signing in and asked to wear a red lanyard to denote they are an approved visitor.
- DBS checks are current and records of names kept.
- Safeguarding policies have been read by staff and are being adhered to.
- Advisory and information posters are appropriately positioned throughout school.
- Emergency procedures are in place.
- Parents are encouraged to advise school if their child/children are using the school bus to and from home.
- Parents are notifying school of any absences.

We can all be reassured that everything is being done to keep the children safe, which obviously leads to a secure, caring and happy environment in which to learn and peace of mind for parents, staff and governors.

Lynette Gallagher

**Healthy Snacks & Water Bottles** - Please could you ensure that your child's snack at break time is healthy. There are a lot of sweets and crisps creeping in and we would encourage you to send in "healthy snacks" in line with our Healthy School status. Also, we encourage the children to drink plenty of water throughout the day as there are water fountains where they can fill up their bottles. Please can you ensure that you send your child in with a water bottle. Thank you.

**The Digital Leaders have come up with some useful ICT monthly tips. Tip for November - Never give your personal information out to strangers.**

**Cross Country News** - Well done to Ashley Ricketts for coming 9th in the Year 3/4 boys race, Fleur Jones came 5th in Year 3/4 girls race, Charlotte Lewis came 3rd and Clemmie Davies came 4th in the girls Year 5/6 race and well done to Ted Bird for coming 2nd in the Boys Year 5/6 race. A superb effort from everyone part, including some who ran for the first time!



Please can I remind everyone not to climb over the locked gate from the school side into Tommy's Pirate Playground at the end of the school day. This gate is locked during the day to ensure that members of the public cannot access our school grounds, so to keep your children safe. Therefore, once you have you have collected your child and left the school premises, please use the gate at the front. Many thanks.

**Lowri's hair** - Lowri grew her hair and had it cut short to donate to the Princess Trust where wigs are made out of human hair for children who are severely ill. Well done Lowri!



**Schoop** - Please remember to read your Schoop alerts! We are spending a considerable amount of time chasing replies or reminding parents of events already sent out on Schoop. If you are experiencing difficulties, please let us know and we will happily try and help. Many thanks.

### Friends of CLYRO SCHOOL

# MOVIE NIGHT

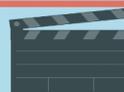
FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER  
at Clyro Primary School

£5 PER CHILD  
Entry

Featured Movie



**THE INCREDIBLES 2**



More Information

5.45 - 8:00pm

Admission includes:

- Pop Corn
- Pic 'n' Mix
- Drink

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE  
NON - CLYRO SCHOOL SIBLINGS WELCOME  
ALL PROCEEDS TO THE FRIENDS

PosterMyWall.com

**Children in Need Day** - Friday 13th November we are holding a non-uniform day for £1 for everyone to wear spots! We shall also be having a "Clyro's Got Talent" Show. If your child would like to take part, entry is £1 and can be given to Miss Lloyd, so please see her if your child is interested.