

Ysgol Gynradd yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Tref-y-Clawdd

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## Newsletter 8 - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021



Good afternoon everyone!

Well we are nearly at the end of what has been a very long and challenging term! However, thanks to the amazing team of staff, governors, children and parents/carers that we have here, we have managed to make it through - thank you all!

Next term is, I'm afraid, not looking as though it will be any easier, but we will continue to persevere, in what has become a somewhat relentless battle against Covid! As you will now be aware, the Spring Term for our children will start on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January**, with online learning for the majority of children, (school will only be open to vulnerable children and the children of **key/critical workers**). All children will then return to school on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January**.



We are looking forward to our Christmas Carols around the tree on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, at **2.30pm**, in the playground. It will be lovely to see you all if you can join us for some festive fun, however can I please ask that in order to keep everyone as safe as possible, you wear a face mask to the event (if you are medically exempt from wearing a mask, please wear a shield or display a 'medically exempt' lanyard).

All that remains is for me to wish you a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year, and to thank you, once again, for your continued support, it really does mean a great deal! Stay safe, enjoy some quality time with family and friends, and keep smiling!

### After School Club

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

### Christmas Lunch Day

Reminder: This is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Any child that is not having a Christmas lunch will need to bring their own packed lunch to school, there is **NO** jacket potato option.

### Foundation Phase Christmas Party

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, Hwyaidd Bach, Eryr & Gwennol will be having their Christmas Party in the morning. Therefore, there will be **NO PE** for Hwyaidd Bach & Eryr. Please can all children come into school in their Christmas party clothes (sensible footwear) for the celebrations.



## Animal Man

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December the "Animal Man" was in school. The children were given the opportunity to see a variety of animals which included snakes, spiders, a scorpion, white hedgehog and a chinchilla.

## Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £171.50 for the Wales Air Ambulance.



## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's poppy appeal. We raised a fantastic £244.32.



## ParentPay

Can we please remind everyone to ensure that their child's ParentPay account is up-to-date by the end of term.

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

During the last two weeks the children have been learning about reversible and irreversible changes, they enjoyed investigating fire and the fire triangle in science lessons. They learnt that fire needs oxygen, fuel and heat.

They enjoyed writing stories about a child living during the Victorian times who worked in a coal mine.

During their enjoyable visit to John Beddoes they learnt about Chinese music and learnt different ways to play dodge ball: all of which they thoroughly enjoyed.

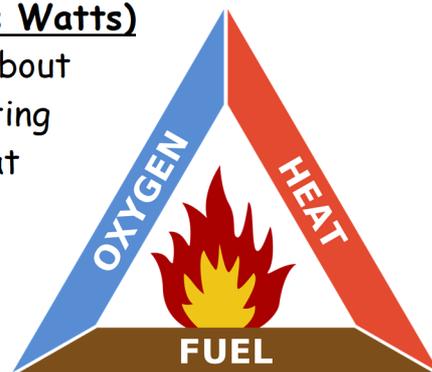
They have been planning a Christmas meal for five people, thinking about budgets and working with money and using symmetry in setting a Christmas table.

In Thema, they have been investigating the different names for Father Christmas from around the world. They have been reading a story in Welsh lessons - Stori Nadolig.

They have also enjoyed singing once again in preparing for the carols around the Christmas tree and their Christmas songs which can now be seen on FaceBook. They have had a fun filled two weeks!

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

The children have worked their way through the check-list they created for their museum exhibit. They rearranged the classroom and decided the layout for themselves. We invited Mrs Rimmer in as our special guest, who felt like she was in



a real museum! The children have worked so hard on this mantle, it was quite a difficult topic.....we are really proud of the efforts they have put in!

We have all really enjoyed practising some of the Christmas songs too!



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

We have been looking at different versions of A Christmas Carol. We have read The Miracle on Ebenezer Street, watched A Muppets Christmas Carol and the Aldi Christmas Advert. We looked at common characters, settings and themes and found that they all had an underlying message of being kind. We then took what we knew and created our own version of the story. We have also been learning about advent and have created an advent wreath.

The packs that will be coming home over Christmas are for the blended learning on the 7th January. These are activities for children to do at home.

Thank you for all the support this term and we wish you a Merry Christmas!

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

Last week the children enjoyed listening to the Christmas Story and sequencing the events in the story. We also used Jit Paint on Hwb to create some wonderful Christmas pictures. These are saved in our files on Hwb.

This week we are loving all the Christmas excitement, making decorations, cards and singing Christmas songs. We are continuing to practise our reading and spelling skills using Nessy and all our Nessy login details are in our home readers to be used at home.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and we wish you all a very happy new year!



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

Children in Dosbarth Gwennol have enjoyed a feast of festive activities recently! They were extremely brave when the 'animal man' visited us last week. They saw a range of creatures and 'the animal man' was very impressed with the children's knowledge of the animals.

The children enjoyed their 'sausage chippy' lunch on Monday. It was such a treat! Diolch, to Friends of the School and Knighton Plaice Fish & Chip Shop.

Each day the children have been making a different piece of Christmas Craft which they are very excited about taking home at the end of the



week. They have been cooking with Mrs Wood, Miss Love and Miss Davies which they have thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you ladies!

We have completed our filming of our class nativity 'The First Christmas' and I will let you know as soon as it has been edited! We have also filmed our class song 'I wish it could be Christmas everyday.' 🎄

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

We had a great Christmas party on Tuesday. We had a visit from the man in red and we also made it snow!

### News from the Specialist Centre

Christmas has arrived in class and the children have made wonderful ceramic bowls, reindeer Christmas cards, chocolate bark, reindeer food and we have decorated wooden tree ornaments.



Could parents please return any home reading books to school before the Christmas Holiday, so that we are able to prepare for next term. Pupils home reading books are changed on a Monday and Friday, so could all pupils please bring their book back on these days.



We wish you all a Merry Christmas!

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Rimmer (Acting Headteacher)



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

**Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda**

