

Casnewydd Catchup



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This year's Christmas shows were full of fabulous singers and colourful costumes. The Nursery and Reception children started the week off with their show where they had to dress Father Christmas as he had no clothes! Year 1 and 2 took us to the toy workshop where there were lots of princesses, robots, soldiers and busy elves. Key Stage Two started off their show with Year 3 acting the Nativity story followed by

Year 4 with the Snowman. We heard The Christmas Carol from Year 5 and Year 6 performed A Child's Christmas in Wales. We also had a visit from Honey G! Wern't we lucky! Thank you for all your support with the costumes. They all looked fantastic!

We are now all ready for a festive holiday!

Dahl Day

The school was full of Willy Wonka's and witches back in September to celebrate Roald Dahl's 100th birthday. Each year took part in different activities such as making a dream catcher to designing their own sweet.



Our Community week

During Our Community week, Yr 2's Grandparents came into school to see their Grandchildren at work. Every class had the opportunity to play adapted games to show Empathy towards people with disabilities.



Children in Need!

This year our school was covered in spots as well as the usual Pudsey ears! We managed to raise £295.82. Thank you for your support!



Christmas Fair

What a feast for all the senses! The choir provided Christmas atmosphere, there were numerous activities and stalls and plenty of sweets, food and drinks! Thank you to the PTA and all who came to support it! We made £1906!



Bonfire Night!

Meithrin

We had a very creative week building up to Bonfire night. We made a sparkler, made rockets on the whiteboard, learnt the firework safety rules, made a bonfire by painting our hands, and watched a firework display in class. We loved the hot dogs!



Top Turnips!

Derbyn

The reception class were very busy during the autumn term learning the story The Enormous Turnip. Working together to pull, and pull and pull the turnip out of the ground! We had loads of fun acting out the story, making funny faces out of vegetables, making masks, growing and observing water cress, making the turnip 'POP', draw and paint pictures of the animals, created shapes and animals in the forest and we used saws and wood to make huts for the animals.



Fantastic Fireworks!

Blwyddyn 1

Remember, remember the 5th of November! Year 1 pupils will not forget that date in a hurry after their colourful and exciting experience. In order to inspire the children and prepare them for the week ahead, they were given the opportunity to experience a fireworks celebration like no other. During the day they were able to participate in various activities such as creating a fireworks display out of glitter, chalk and paint, designing their own sparkler using tinsel and straw, as well as stuffing their very own Guy Fawkes! They had the opportunity to sample the feasts of bonfire night with marshmallow kebabs, hot dogs and hot chocolate. To end this explosive and spectacular day we all gathered to watch some fantastic fireworks and learned how to keep ourselves safe.



Groovy Grandparents!

Blwyddyn 2

During 'Our Community' week the children thoroughly enjoyed reading a book all about Grandma's treasures. After suggesting where Grandma could have collected her treasures from, we decided to create our own with the help of our Grandparent's of course. Before the hustle and bustle the Grandparents visited the cwtch for some lovely tea, biscuits and an informal chat with the teachers. We had a fun filled afternoon which included bracelet making, memory box decorating (exactly like the one from Grandma's book) and the children taught their grandparents how to use the ipads!



Respecting ourselves

Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about how to look after their teeth. We investigated the harmful effects that sugar has on our teeth (an egg shell is the best way!) and they learnt the importance of a balanced diet and brushing their teeth on a regular basis.



As part of our healthy living scheme of work, the children thoroughly enjoyed designing, creating and eating their healthy pizzas!!



Respecting our world!

Year 4

In the past term, year 4 have been very busy learning how to respect our world. We have learned about the various landscapes and have been around the world in a hot air balloon in the best balloon race in the world! As well as this we have learned many interesting facts about the Earth, and have learned the story about the "Paper bag Prince" But, the most important thing that we have learned is how we can save our planet through reusing and recycling. The highlight of our term however was our trip to wastesavers. We learned what happens to our rubbish after it is collected and the kind of things to be recycled. Did you know that if you bury a glass bottle in the ground, a million years later it will still be a glass bottle. Glass isn't biodegradable. Therefore, remember to RECYCLE!



The Vile Victorians

Year 5

We have been very busy in Year 5 learning all about the relentless lives of The Victorians. Do you think our school rules are strict? Well, in the Victorian Era young children received the cane for speaking Welsh; poor children! Thank goodness O. M Edwards persevered to save our heavenly language. Year 5 had a feast of new experiences at Llangrannog. Erin Thomas said "I challenged myself on the climbing wall!". In addition to this, we have visited Big Pit in Blaenavon. Olivia Saunders added "I felt afraid in the depths of the coal pit. I can't believe that young children like Susan Rees had to work in the darkness for up to 12 hours a day". Also, we have created an interesting pamphlet about life in the wicked workhouse and a Victorian toy for children. Life in 2016 is certainly better!



Amazing Architecture

Year 6

Do you know how an earthquake is created? This term we have been comparing mountains such as Everest and Snowden, and also learning about some of most recent natural disaster such as the earthquake in Italy. As a part of our project we have designed a building that could withstand an earthquake. We used marshmallows and toothpicks to create our building that had to stand tall for at least 10 seconds in the vibrating jelly!! We had great fun creating and proving our designs. Many of the buildings were successful, but some needed a little more work!!! The best designs were those that used diagonal patterns to strengthen their buildings.



Gilwern

During mid October, Year 6 enjoyed the gentle activities of Gorge walking, kayaking and rock climbing!!! Year 6 did us proud by taking part in the challenges and helping each other as a team!



Llangrannog

During the weekend of the 7-9 th October, Year 5 (and many teachers) went to the Urdd camp at Llangrannog. What a whale of a time they had! The children went horse riding, quad biking and rope climbing as well as many other exciting activities!



Shakespeare for Schools

Pupils from year 5 and 6 had the exciting opportunity to be part of The Shakespeare for Schools project where they performed Twelfth Night at the Riverfront Arts Centre on the 15th of November. It was a wonderful evening. Many thanks to the pupils and to Miss Davies for such a professional performance. It was a night to remember and one that the pupils will treasure forever.



Once again thank you to the PTA for organising the Christmas Fair and the many activities throughout the term, as well as financing the printing of this paper. If anybody would like to become a member of the PTA, registration forms are available in the office.. Please remember that all money raised goes back to support your children and their education!

The Spring term begins for pupils on the 4th of January 2017. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Sport Spot

Strength to Strength



The rugby team has made an excellent start to the rugby season. As of yet, the team are unbeaten. The boys and girls managed to win 2nd place in the Newport Schools Rugby Tournament by winning 4 games and drawing 1 game.

Since the tournament has been played, we have won games against Marshfield, Glasllwch and Eveswell. I'd like to give a big thank you to all the mums and dads who have supported the team during the term especially Mr Huw Jones for coaching the boys on a Wednesday.

There has been a significant increase in the number of children taking part in the school after school clubs. The school now offers rugby, football, netball, tennis and gymnastics to the children in Years 3,4,5 and 6.

It's extremely encouraging to know that our children are getting fitter and healthier.



The children took part in some disability sport during our community week. They raced in a wheelchair and played various games such as Seated Volleyball, Bell-ball and Botcha.

These activities were aimed for the children to develop an understanding of how to adapt different sport so that they were able to include able and disabled participants.

If your child who is in KS2 and would like to take part in rugby, netball, tennis, football or gymnastics, please register your children in the new year.