

Catchup

Tinsel and Timelords!



This year's Christmas shows were all about celebrating Christmas throughout history and around the world. The Nursery and Reception children took us back to the original Nativity and the story of Christmas and Jesus; Year 1 and 2 took us on a trip on the TARDIS with Doctor Who and Clara to see the world's traditions; Key Stage Two held an assembly that gave us Charles Dickens and a Victorian Christmas from Year 3; Around the world for Christmas from

Year 4 ; The Nativity from Year 5 and the story of Silent Night, the First World War Trenches of 1914 and a Christmas tree story from Year 6. Further to this there were poems in Welsh and English, singing, dancing, carol singing and a brass duet. We are now all ready for a festive holiday!

Welcome back!

Welcome to the end of the first term.

It has been an exceptionally busy term. Not only have our Year 5 and 6 children been to Gilwern and Llangrannog, we have also held a multi-cultural week as well as being full-steam ahead with the preparations for THAT time of year!

To begin with, let us welcome our new members of staff. Mr Zak Williams in Year 5, Miss Nicole Williams in Year 1 as well as new classroom assistants Miss Fiona Tapp in Year 2, Miss Ann Sneddon in Reception and Miss Angharad Davies in Key Stage Two. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Multi-cultural week

In the week before half term, to celebrate the fact that we live in a multi-cultural society, each year looked at a different country and culture. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 looked at countries from Africa; Year 2 and 3 looked at countries from Asia and Years 4, 5 and 6 looked at countries from the Caribbean. There were fantastic smells wafting down the corridors and marvellous artwork being produced throughout the school.



Children in Need!

This year our school was covered in spots and stripes as well as the usual Pudsey ears! We managed to raise £291.26. 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! In all we made well over £2000!! Thank you to the PTA and all who came to support it!



Menter Casnewydd

Our school choir were invited to perform in the annual meeting of Menter Casnewydd - a Welsh language enterprise for Newport. The speaker of the evening was non-other than Christine James, the Arch-druid. The choir performed magnificently. Thanks to Mrs Parry and Miss Lotwick for all the lunch time practice sessions.



Amazing Autumn!

Meithrin

This term we have been very busy in the Meithrin learning about Autumn. We went for a walk around the school to find different colour and sized leaves. We then made a collage of a hedgehog, using colourful leaves and made bark rubbings. We love learning outside!



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 and use 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, we gave them 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 and stuffing their very own Guy Fawkes! They also had the opportunity to sample the feasts of bonfire night such as marshmallow kebabs, hot dogs and hot chocolate. To end this magical day we all gathered to watch the fantastic fireworks whilst ensuring all important rules of bonfire night were followed by all.



A Magical Mystery!

Blwyddyn 2

On Monday 18th of November something happened that shook the pupils in year 2 to the core. The pupils learned that **SOMETHING** or **SOMEBODY** had been in the school. The brave pupils in year 2 immediately set about gathering clues about the incident. After finding a ribbon, a magic wand, a broomstick, purple slime and footprints from various animals, the children set about writing interesting and exciting articles that could explain what happened leading up to the incident!!



Diva Divas!

Year 3

During multi-cultural week, Year 3 enjoyed learning about India. They learnt about some of the Hindu culture and celebrated the Diwali Festival by creating their own colourful Divas and Rangoli patterns.



Also, this week the children had the opportunity to plant their own leek in our Roman Garden.



Saviours of the World!

Year 4

While studying our project 'Respecting our World', Year 4 have had many exciting experiences! We have been on an Eco Day in Tredegar Park by learning about (and touching) wild animals; we went to Wastesavers to see what happens to our green and blue bins after the lorries have picked them up; we have studied how important and fragile the Earth is in our Science lessons by collecting data about rubbish around the school and looking at how long materials take to degrade; we have been on a balloon race around the world, have written a letter to Mother Earth and a diary from the Paperbag Prince and we have even gone back in time to the Stewarts to learn about the Great Plague and Guy Fawkes. Wow! We've been busy!



Mathemagic!

Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed our Mathemagic lessons so far this year! I wonder if you can discover how to create a circle that fits 13 children by only using one sheet of A4 paper and a scissors.... Well, Year 5 do, and here is the evidence!



ROALD DAHL ROCKS!

Year 6

Have you ever heard of the gobblefunktastic author known as Roald Dahl? His fabulous books are known for entertaining children all over the universe. As part of year six's English project we have been studying the weird and wonderful style of Roald Dahl's writing. Everyone seemed to enjoy the fact that we could misspell words and create gobblefunk sentences that didn't entirely make sense like the BFG. These are some examples-

"I is fleeping in bed when I Ake up and find my self in space. I float over to mars bar and take a big chomp with me trogger chompers, mmmm very ice DELICIOUS! I bounce over to milky way and slirp me way through to a whole different galaxy and zis galaxy is scrumfizzabombom.i enjoyen very mutch. "

"I is waiting for me Friend to come to mr birthday party but then i realized that i sent adresto the zoo and my party is fancy dress.the zoo keeper thought they were animals so he pyt them in the zoo."

We hope that you understood all that! Who knows ? Maybe you will want to start reading the Roald Dahl advetures.



Gilwern

During the 21st - 25th 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 22 - 24th November, 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!



Our Garden Successes!

This year we had success in two separate gardening awards. We were the winner of the schools category for the Gwent Best Kept Village Competition which was run by the Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations. We also came second in the Newport in Bloom Wildlife Garden for schools competition and four of our pupils won awards in their art categories: Morgana Davies (Year 6), Isobel Lewis (Year 2), Fergus Fulton (Year 2) and Leah Dunn (Year 4). In addition to this, our superb gardening volunteer and supervisor of the Year 6 Vegetable allotment, Mr Ron Comfort, won the President's Shield for all the work he does for us! **THANK YOU SO MUCH MR COMFORT!**



Adoption Update

Back in July, Year 5 (our current Year 6) became entrepreneurs. Having learned about the plight of the Borneo rainforest and the Orang-utans that live there, they were put into numerous marketing or creative teams in order to produce goods to sell to the school on their 'Orange Day'. Well, the children really did amazingly because they managed to raise well over £300!!! We have been able to adopt Gellison, Chiquitta and Bella the Orang-utangs for the year!



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!

Sport Spot

Urdd Success!



What a variety of sports achievements we have to celebrate this term! To begin with the Gymnastics team, who have been practising during their lunch breaks as well as after school. They took the winning award at the Urdd Competitions in Ysgol Cwm Rhymni on the 6th of December. They will go on to compete in the national tournament in Aberystwyth in February. Good luck, team!

The rugby team took part in the Urdd tournament on the 28th November, losing to Ysgol Gymraeg Caerphilly in the semi finals. They did, however, beat Ysgol Trelyn in the play off for 3rd position. The Urdd Netball tournament was held at the same time and although the team thoroughly enjoyed their day, they did not get through to the final stages.



Congratulations to George Ovey, Ieuan Hancock, Owain Jones, Rocky-Jay and Thomas Rist for being chosen to play for the Newport District rugby team. Also congratulations go to Amy Rose becoming U11 Novice Welsh Schools Trampoline Champion. There are new inclusions to our sports clubs this term: Year 2 have a ball skills club and Year 5 and 6 have begun a lunchtime Zumba class. We certainly are an active school!

This Term's After School and lunchtime Clubs

Thank you to Mr Mark Taylor for co-ordinating the sports activities and for organising tournaments and competitions. Thanks also goes to Miss Sioned Williams - Disco Dancing Club, Miss Catrin Davies - netball team (Juniors), Miss Nicole Williams - netball (Infants), Mr Zak Williams - football Club, Miss Catrin Leyshon - Zumba. Mrs Ceri Parry, Miss Iona Lotwick, Miss Rhiannon Pugh, Miss Beth Thomas, Miss Catrin Leyshon and Mrs Rhian Evans - Choir. Year 1 + 2 teachers - Running Club. Mrs Rhian Evans for co-ordinating the school newspaper. Also, thank you to all the teachers and Miss Bethan Lloyd and Miss Sophie Harding for giving of their time to Dragon Sports.

Cofiwch bod yna ysgol i'ch plant ar y 6ed o Ionawr.