



Spring Term Newsletter 2017

It's hard to believe that we are two thirds the way through the academic year already! But with the days getting longer and the bulbs we planted around the Banc last year now in full bloom, spirits are high at Crwys Primary!

St Valentine's Concert

One of the highlights of the term has to have been the School Choir's performance in the 'Paradwys' concert held at Capel y Crwys on Valentine's Day. The school were invited to take part in the concert and in my opinion stole the show!

Headlining the concert was Shân Cothi. Shân is a classical singer, presenter and actress. She is a former winner of the Blue Riband at the National Eisteddfod. This led to her securing the role of Carlotta in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera in the West End.

She was accompanied by two thirds of the Welsh Three Tenors namely; Rhys Meirion and Aled Wyn-Davies as well as the extremely talented Nidum Ensemble and the Duvant Male Voice Choir.



The School Choir sang two songs before being accompanied by the other artists to perform 'Anfonaf Angel' in front of a packed Capel y Crwys, and by the end of the song, there wasn't a dry eye in the house!



It was with great pride I received huge praise, on behalf of the school, from other concert goers, who were quick to congratulate the school on their behaviour and contribution to what was, a fantastic evening of entertainment. Can I thank every single member of the choir for not only representing the school with such distinction, but also for their commitment during rehearsals. A big thank you must also go to Mrs Davies and Mrs Deslandes for preparing the

children, and to Mrs Stevens, who 'came out of retirement' to lend a helping hand. Diolch o galon.





Eco Club

This term, we have once again received the fantastic news that our Platinum Eco-Schools Award has been renewed. The Platinum award is the highest award an Eco school can achieve and we are all very proud of this accomplishment, which was recognition for the Eco Club's hard work during the year. This year, pupils have worked to teach their fellow pupils about the importance



of water; how they can reduce its wastage and how it can be recycled. We've also worked with the charity Water Aid to learn about their work and how they help people who cannot always access clean water. Not ones to rest on their laurels, the club are already working hard to ensure that the award will again be renewed next year, through their work on sustainability in our local area. As a special surprise, the Welsh outside half Dan Biggar popped into school to present the flag!

Eco Club have also been working on a project, along with the Gardening Club, to use recycled bottle tops to create wall murals to make our outdoor space look more colourful. Can't wait for you to see them!



Dydd Gwyl Dewi

On March the 1st, the whole school went across to the Chapel to celebrate St David's Day together. All pupils took part in a wonderful, patriotic celebration with the Celebrations continued after school with the now annual Crwys Cawl a Chân and once again we were treated to a Welsh feast in the Vestry! Once again we would like to thank parents and carers for supporting, as well as the Capel y Crwys officials and the Community Council for sponsoring the event. Diolch!





Additional Learning Opportunities

As you are by now, I'm sure, aware, I am a big believer in the fact that there is so much more, to a child's education, than what is taught in the classroom. As I mentioned in the autumn newsletter, opportunities outside the classroom offer so much and I am determined to continue to offer these opportunities to our pupils. Thank you to the pupils, parents and staff for the enthusiasm and willingness shown, as we continue to develop outdoor learning at Crwys. It is an area I passionately believe in and the images of smiling faces I see weekly, is proof, in itself, that the children are enjoying the experiences. Happy children learn!

Learning this term has also been greatly enhanced and enriched by both visits and visitors. The Foundation Phase's 'People who help us' theme has been made so much more relevant by visitors from the RNLI, the local police, the fire brigade, paramedics, doctors and physiotherapists, as well as visits to the Sketty Fire Station and the Mumbles Lifeboat Station. Some of the juniors have completed a river walk and visited the Glynn Vivian Art Gallery. Pupils have also worked with the Swan-Linx and HAPPEN Swansea, a network of health, education and research professionals based in Swansea University, aimed at improving child health, wellbeing and educational outcomes.

Sport, once again, has been an important part of school life, with pupils representing the school in athletics, cross country, hockey, football, netball and rugby. After school and lunch time clubs, have been very well attended, with the focus moving to rounders, hockey and cricket after Easter.





Cariad Defibrillator

As you may be aware, we will soon have our own defibrillator at the school. It will be one of 5 defibrillators installed around the village; the others will be located at the Changing Rooms at Dukefield, the County Stores, the Coed Lan Senior Centre and finally the BT box on the Banc. It is the Community County we have to thank for this project which has been partly funded by a Lottery grant. We at the school plan to hold our own fund raising 'family walk up Penyfan' during the Summer Term.



PTA

The PTA have once again had a busy term! In addition to the Valentine's discos, they have also arranged Easter egg hunts and Bunny Bingo. They have also been busy planning this Summer's Fete Week. The week will run from the 18th to the 24th of June, with a new 'Big Village Breakfast and Baking' event planned in addition to the traditional Rounders and Football tournaments, with the Fete itself rounding of the week on the Saturday. If you can contribute in any way, please speak to Mrs Laura Brannigan or Mrs Zoe Neve.

Attendance

If ever evidence was needed to prove that the pupils of Crwys enjoy coming to school; the school is currently one of the, if not the highest performing schools in Swansea when it comes to attendance with the school currently at 96.9%. A wonderful achievement! It must be all the fun things the teachers do with them! We thank you for your continued support

All that remains, is for me, on behalf of the staff and pupils of Crwys Primary, to wish you all a happy and healthy Easter break. Don't eat too much chocolate!

Important Notice

The final Inset of the year has now been arranged for Friday July 21st. Therefore the last day of the academic year will be on Thursday July 20th.

In addition, all pupils from Years 2-6 will be completing National Tests between Wednesday May 3rd and Tuesday May 9th. Attendance at school at this time is extremely important.