



Spring Term Newsletter 2019

It's hard to believe that we are more than two thirds the way through the academic year already! Followers of our twitter account will be well aware of how busy a term we've had, but here are just a few of the highlights!

Plastic Free School

Key Stage 2 pupils and our Eco Club have been working hard this term to raise awareness of single use plastic and reducing plastic pollution. As well



as studying the subject as part of the 'Drowning in Plastic' theme, pupils also looked at how we were currently using plastic and decided on a number of steps:

- They emailed Swansea Council to ask if we could have glass milk bottles in Foundation Phase instead of the small plastic ones.
- They insisted I change our water dispenser from one which had large plastic bottles to one which filters water from the mains supply.
- They are busy making Eco Bricks.
- Pupils completed a litter pick around the village.
- They delivered assemblies and created green screen presentations.
- Eco Club arranged new school ties made out of recycled plastic bottles.
- They arranged a beach clean at Caswell Bay and invited MP Tonia Antoniazzi and Chair of Governors Mrs Hansford along to help.

All this hard work has ensured that the school has once again retained our Platinum Eco Award status and we are well on the way to achieving the Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free Schools award.



Tonia Antoniazzi MP @ToniaAntoniazzi · Feb 22

Absolutely great team work picking up plastic on #Caswell with @crwysprimary today - lovely to see how engaged the pupils are about @sascampaigns #PlasticFreeSchools





Goodman Primary, Gambia

This year, the School Council have decided to support The Goodman Primary School in Gambia [#Article27](#) every child has the right to learn. The goal is to raise £1000 to install a borehole in the school grounds to allow a constant flow of clean water to allow the school to become self-sufficient for future generations.

[#Article24](#) every child has the right to clean water.

Fundraising is underway with over £200 already collected. The School Council are now in the process of planning a sponsored family trek to the top of Penylan during the summer term.



Dydd Gŵyl Dewi

With March the 1st falling during the half term break, the school celebrated 'Welsh Week' between the 4th and 8th of March with our St David's Day celebrations having to wait until the 7th when the whole school went across to the Chapel to celebrate together. All pupils took part in a wonderful, patriotic celebration. It was a morning which had me laughing and crying and one which will stay long in my memory. Celebrations continued after school with the now annual Crwys 'Cawl a Chân' with a concert in the Chapel; followed by a traditional Welsh feast of cawl, Welsh cakes and bara brith in the Vestry! Once again we would like to thank parents and carers for supporting, as well as the Capel y Crwys officials for the use of the Chapel and the Community Council for sponsoring the event. Diolch!



School Sport

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

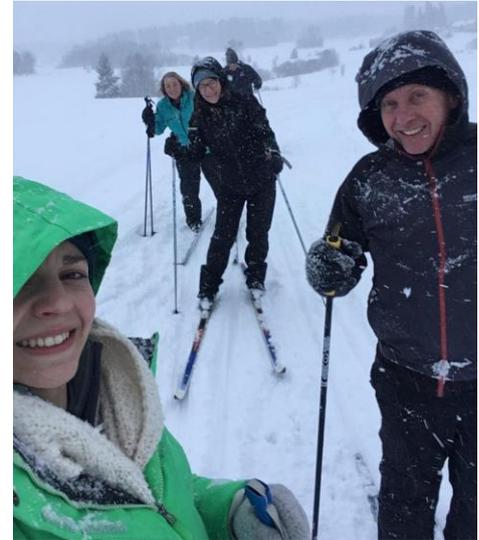




There were some fantastic team and individual performances, but special mention must go to both the boys and girls' cross country teams who both won through to the West Glamorgan finals, with the boys snatching silver medal. A fantastic achievement for a school of Crwys' size.

International Schools

As you may be aware, in February, Mr Short and Mrs Howells had the opportunity to visit our partner school in Finland. During the visit they were fully submerged in outdoor learning activities and were able to gain an insight into the Finnish culture and curriculum. It was particularly interesting to see so many comparisons with that of the new Welsh curriculum 'Successful futures'. It was also interesting to see how the status of outdoor learning was highly regarded by children and staff at Kerkkoon Koulu and how they share similar values to our school. Regardless of weather conditions, everyone was prepared for the day ahead and it was fantastic to see how the school had clearly fostered a love for the outdoors! More details about the project were shared with you via sQuid last week, if you didn't receive a copy and would like to find out more, please contact the school office.



School Categorisation

At the end of January, I was delighted to receive the news that Crwys has been given a 'Green' categorisation. The colour code system shows the performance of all schools across Wales. Schools are put into one of four colour-coded support categories - green, yellow, amber and red - to demonstrate the level of support they need. The colour shows the level of support the Welsh Government and the four school improvement consortia think each school needs. The most effective schools are ranked green. Thank you to staff, pupils, governors and parents! This is indeed deserved recognition of all our hard work.



Childsplay Swansea

By now, Julia and Lauren, together with our very own Mrs Harvey and Mrs Holt have been successfully running the after school club for a term and a half. We are delighted to announce that there are plans to further develop this partnership. Childsplay have submitted an application to provide private nursery care at the school every afternoon from 11:30, ensuring that the school can offer full wrap around care





to all its pupils. In addition, Childsplay are also looking to run a number of holiday clubs throughout the year. If all goes to plan, the Childsplay Swansea nursery will be available from September, but if you'd like more details please contact the school.

Tesco Vouchers

Between May 1st and June 30th there will be an opportunity to support the school through the Tesco Bags for Help scheme. We will be competing with two other local causes with the winning cause receiving as much as £5000! Please inform family and friends and keep an eye out for those little blue tokens in local Tesco stores. Please

note; this will only apply to Tesco stores in the Swansea area, so if you shop in Tesco Llanelli, be sure to collect the tokens and bring them into school. Many thanks in advance!



PTA

The PTA have once again had a busy few months with a number of fund raising events. Preparations are now well underway for this Summer's Fete Week and if you can contribute in any way, please speak to Mrs Nicola Jones or Mrs Linsey Hill. We are extremely grateful to the PTA for their hard work and in these times of reduced budgets, the monies raised are invaluable. This year alone, the PTA have funded the 'My Maths' online programme for KS2, the new artwork in the library, some new iPads as well as contributing to the ongoing development of the Foundation Phase yard. Diolch!

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

Pupils return to school on Monday April 29th.

The school will be closed to all pupils on Thursday May 16th with a further Inset day arranged for Monday July 22nd. Therefore, the last day of the academic year will be on Friday July 19th.

In addition, all pupils from Years 2-6 will be completing National Tests between Tuesday May 7th and Tuesday May 14th. Attendance at school at this time is extremely important.

