



Summer Term Newsletter 2017



As the summer term draws to a close, it's time once again to thank pupils, staff, parents, Governors, Councillors and friends of the School for your continued support and for making the year such an exceptional one. This really is a special place.

Followers of our twitter account will know it's been an extremely busy, eventful and successful year with successes both inside and outside the classroom. Our various pupil councils have been industrious, securing both our Platinum Eco Schools status, as well as achieving Phase 4 of the Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes award, my thanks to Mrs Harris and the Rights Respecting Team and Mrs Davies and the Eco Club, without of course forgetting all other staff and pupils!



As you are by now aware, I greatly value experiences outside the classroom, which significantly add to the pupils' learning experiences. From Pendine to Borfa, Stouthall to Gower Play they all enrich a child's education, but without your financial support many of these opportunities would not be possible! So on behalf of the pupils and the staff, I sincerely thank you.

At the start of July, Year 6 went to The Championships Wimbledon, before visiting The House of Commons as guests of Tonia Antoniazzi, the new MP for the Gower. Here's what Rowan and Maisie had to say about the experience:

At 6am in early July the year six class set off on a four hour journey to Wimbledon. We arrived at 11am to watch our first live tennis match, between Alex Ward, and Kyle Edmund, a battle between two British stars on Court 3. Then it was off to Murray Mound to watch the giant screen and have some lunch before heading back to see the men's 10th seed Alexander Zverev play Evengy Donskoy. The tennis was excellent.

The next day, it was up early for breakfast and back into the London traffic to head to The Houses of Parliament. There we met our local MP





Tonia Antoniazzi and our tour guide Chris who took us all around the houses of Commons and the House of Lords. We learnt lots of interesting facts and saw lots of historical rooms inside this great building.

Our driver then took us on a short tour of central London and our guide gave us a commentary about the important buildings we saw such as Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square and Harrods before heading home.

We had an incredible and unforgettable trip.



Another award came our way this term, when Crwys were recognised as one of Swansea's very first 'Swansea Outdoor Schools', an acknowledgment of the fantastic work the school has done to develop outdoor learning.

I have been extremely pleased with how staff, pupils and parents have supported our increased focus on outdoor learning. Outdoor learning has so much to offer; greater awareness of the environment, development of pupils' inter-personal and social skills, development of pupils' physical skills and abilities, it stimulates children's curiosity and their inquiring minds, creates a focus or stimuli for classroom work and possibly, and most importantly it helps develop and improve a child's physical and emotional wellbeing and we all know that happy





children learn! Happy children also want to come to school! Crwys, I'm proud to say, has the highest pupil attendance in Swansea! It must be all the fun things they do with their teachers!

SPORT

Sport is a Crwys tradition we continue to strive to uphold. The importance of sport to help develop the 'whole' child cannot be over emphasized and we have worked with Swansea University this year to prove that healthy children are happier and perform better at school.



Once again our various extra-curricular clubs have been both varied and very well attended and can I thank staff for giving up their time to run these. Can I also thank Mrs Helen Cadogan for running the Monday evening hockey club, which has proved to be a popular addition this year. We have had various successes this term in athletics, tennis and swimming, but special mention must go to the cricket team who were crowned West Glamorgan champions. It's the third time the school has won this title in the last four years, a remarkable achievement for a school of our size.

PTA



It's been a busy term for the PTA, with Fete Week and the Shorts and Shades disco. In addition to the rounders, football and Saturday Fete which were all very well supported, the week's celebrations began with a new event, the Breakfast Bake Off held at the Community Centre, which proved to be a great success

A huge thank you to all who helped, but special mention must go to Mrs Brannigan, Mrs Blatchford and Mrs Neve for all their hard work throughout the year. As school we are extremely grateful for the all your efforts which help fund many important projects. Diolch!





Leavers



The time has come to say farewell and wish good luck to our 'leavers' as they move on to comprehensive school. I hope they leave with many happy memories, I know they've given me a few I will cherish!

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a wonderful and emotional Leavers' Assembly at the Chapel Vestry. As well as items from the orchestra and school choir, we were treated to items from Year 6, lots of laughs as well as a few tears!

While all pupils received a commemorative pen to remind them of their time at Crwys, there were some individual prizes. Emily Sutton and Jack Jones received the sport cups, Olivia Basher the academic prize and Nia Thomas was the recipient of the prize for attitude and effort. In addition, Sanjey Pradeepan was awarded the Mark Withey Memorial Award for Music.

We say goodbye to Lunchtime Supervisor Mrs Betsan Morgan and our caretaker Mr Doug Salter who both retire at the end of term. Can I thank them for their hard work and friendship and wish them good health and happiness in their retirement! I'd also like to say goodbye to Josh, Zak and Donald, who leave the STF today, good luck boys in your new schools!

That's all remains is to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer break!

Important Notice

In-service training has been arranged for **Monday September 4th**, therefore the school will be closed to pupils. Pupils return to School on **Tuesday September 5th**. For the latest news and information, follow us on Twitter @crwysprimary or visit our website www.crwysprimary.co.uk

Enjoy the holidays!!

