



## Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

As 2018 draws to a close, here's a quick overview of what's gone on over the term, and once again, the biggest challenge has been choosing the highlights! It's been quite busy!

### European School Links - Erasmus

As you are I'm sure aware, this term, we have received EU funding to lead an international project called 'Erasmus + KA2 School Exchange Partnership'. 6 schools will be working together; two from Wales (Crwys and Gowerton Primary), along with schools from Ireland, Italy, Sweden and Finland will work together on a project Crwys has developed in order to continue our outdoor learning journey. We are proud to be the lead school and are grateful for the opportunity to work on an international level. Particular thanks must go to Mrs Howells for her hard work.

The project; 'Outdoor Learning: Happy Children Make Happy Learners!' is based on seven outdoor learning topic areas, which we will explore over the next 2 years. This term, all schools explored the topic 'Observing changes in nature' and children participated in woodland and other outdoor activities linked with this theme. The schools have work closely together as a Professional Learning Network to share good practice, evaluate topics, and gain new insights into teaching and learning methods.



In September, we played host to our international partners. During the visit, pupils were not only able to showcase Crwys, but they also took great pride in sharing some of the lovely traditions we have here in Wales. Teachers undertook training activities and participated in



first hand outdoor learning experiences. As a school, we were able to share all the wonderful outdoor learning activities we enjoy on both our school grounds, and in our local woodland areas (Dukefield and Priors Meadow). Delegates were also able to sample what pupils experience on residential visits, when they joined our Y6 pupils, on a day in Rhossili and Worm's Head. What a great way for our partners to not only see outdoor learning in action, but also see the Gower in all its glory with blue, sunny skies all week long!





## Christmas Concerts

This newsletter arrives with you on the back of what has been a very busy, yet rewarding and successful fortnight, which saw the pupils perform in a total of six concerts. The Junior pantomime, 'Aladdin Trouble', was performed three times, with the dress rehearsal having to be turned into a third performance, such was the demand for tickets!



Pupils certainly didn't disappoint with some wonderful performances.

The Foundation Phase's

production of 'Lights, Camel, Action' was also extremely well attended. The memory of those 'funky camels' will stay with me for a long, long time! While the Nursery's performance 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity' was also performed in front of a packed School Hall. All pupils performed exceptionally well and more importantly, they all enjoyed! They really are a talented bunch! Sincere thanks to the pupils and staff for their hard work!



A big thank you must also go to the Officials of Capel y Crwys, in particular Mr Leighton



Evans for their support. We are very fortunate to have this wonderful facility on our doorstep and we are extremely grateful for their continued support, without which, such performances and memories would not be possible. Diolch.





## Additional Learning Opportunities

At Crwys, we strongly believe that a child's learning should not be confined to the classroom. Opportunities outside the classroom offer so much and I have no doubt in my mind, that this in turn, translates into improved standards in the class in addition to improving no end of other qualities; self-esteem, self-confidence and wellbeing to name but a few. These opportunities are, at times, only possible with your help, be it through helping with transport or indeed through financial support. Often without this, these visits would not be possible. Thank you.





### Attendance

As you are aware, we hold the importance of good attendance in the highest regard at Crwys. There is no doubt that a child's education is greatly compromised if their attendance is poor. Once again, I am proud and pleased to inform you that Crwys, with a year to date attendance of an impressive 97.1%, one of, if not the highest performing of all Swansea schools, with a remarkable 59 pupils on 100%. Thank you for your continued support.

### Crwys Afterschool Club

At the end of October, after over 10 years of running the club, Mrs Sally McGregor stood down. We sincerely thank her for the invaluable and important service she has provided for so many families and wish her every success in the future. We are delighted that Childs Play Swansea have joined the Crwys family and have been running the club since the beginning of November. For further information, or to register your child, please contact them on 07759045136 or by email on [hello@childsplayswansea.co.uk](mailto:hello@childsplayswansea.co.uk)

### PTA

Once again, our sincere thanks goes to the PTA. In addition to arranging the Halloween and Christmas Discos as well as the Christmas cards and raffle, early December saw the PTA returning to the farm for their wreath making event.

A special thank you must go to the outgoing committee members Mrs Laura Brannigan and Mrs Zoe Neve for their hard work, and to Mrs Nicola Jones and Mrs Linsey Hill we have taken up the reigns. Thanks also to Mr Rob Morgan from Poundffald Farm for his continued and unconditional support. Our sincere thanks!



***All that remains is for me, on behalf of the staff and pupils of Crwys Primary, to wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and to thank you for your continued support. Nadolig Llawen!***

### **Important Notice**

***The spring term will begin on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019.***

**Enjoy the holidays!!**

