



## Summer Term Newsletter 2023



Well, we've arrived at the end of another academic year, where did that time go! Is it me or does time pass more quickly as you get older!! Can I once again thank pupils, staff, parents, Governors, Councillors and friends of the School for your continued support and for making the year another successful one at Crwys. This term, we said goodbye to two members of staff with Mrs Burnell and Mr Collins taking up alternative posts within the Local Authority. We thank them for their professionalism and friendship and wish them well. As a result, we welcome Mrs Victoria Evans and Mr Darryl Griffiths to the Crwys family! Can I also take this opportunity to wish Miss Lanfear and Mrs Howells good luck, as they take a little time off to welcome new arrivals! There's nothing to it ladies, I've been through it five times!

### ***Young Entrepreneurs***

This term, Crwys were one of two schools within the cluster who took part in the Enterprise Swansea project held at Castle Square. The special market was part of the ongoing drive to inspire pupils to think imaginatively and ambitiously. The pupils set up a business called 'Coastal' selling coastal themed products and making over £200 in profit! The project helped develop pupils' entrepreneurial skills and has ensured that their endeavour was both motivating and fun, while providing a real life context to learning and helping prepare pupils for the world they will grow up in. It also helped develop pupils' skills and values that will ensure they grow up to become creative, ambitious and capable citizens of the future.



### ***Supporting Alopecia UK***



This term, the school raised money for Alopecia UK by holding a crazy hair day. Over £800 was raised in support of the charity, who has helped one of our Year 6 pupils Jesse, who developed the alopecia condition.

Having smashed our £250 target, Jesse then proceeded to shave both Mr Short's and my heads! Thank you for giving to this cause, in support of a special young man who has been an inspiration to us all.





### ***Residential Visits and School Trips***

At Crwys, we believe that 'out of class' activities and trips enrich pupils' experiences and add to learning, learning that can't be achieved in the classroom. Now that the problems surrounding covid are behind us, in order to deliver this we often have to go off the school site and what with increasing costs to transport in particular, this can only be achieved by relying on your financial support, For this, we sincerely thank you.



Earlier this term, Year 5 travelled to Pendine Outdoors Residential Centre for a two night stay. There were many activities including, climbing, abseiling, kayaking, zip line and body boarding which challenged pupils and put everyone outside their comfort zones, but once again the trip was a great success.

Younger pupils have visited the Grand Theatre and Plantasia to meet some 'mini beasts', by the look at some of the photographs, they were much braver than me! STF went off to a soft play centre, while Nursery visited Black Pill for a morning on the beach. The Juniors went off to Oxwich Bay for our annual beach clean, but unfortunately, the weather was a little mean and we were forced to cancel the Juniors' trip to Pembrey Ski.

### ***School Sport***

Sport and exercise plays an important role at Crwys. As well as ensuring our pupils are fit and healthy, pupils can take much, much more from competing and being part of a team.







One of our pupils once told an Estyn Inspector ‘*we might be a small school, but we punch above our weight!*’ This term the school cricket team once again won the regional tournament, while our athletics placed an excellent second with a few notable individual performances. We also, for the first time ever, competed as an orienteering team!

### ***School Dinners and Squid***

September will see Welsh Government’s initiative to provide free school meals to all pupils being rolled out to include all year 3 pupils (current year 2 pupils). Please note this will be automatic and there will be no requirement to apply for the meals.

You will also be aware that Swansea’s online payment system sQuid is to be replaced by a new system. Details of how to register for the new system, which is called Cunninghams, will be shared with you on our return.

In the meantime, families wanting to book breakfast club in September, can do so by emailing [crwys.primary@swansea-edunet.gov.uk](mailto:crwys.primary@swansea-edunet.gov.uk), payment should be made in cash. SQuid will cease to operate on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Parents who are in credit will need to contact sQuid directly via email, [customerservice@squidcard.com](mailto:customerservice@squidcard.com) to request a refund. I kindly also ask, that any parents with outstanding debts should clear them by the end of the month.

### ***PTA***



Fete Week means that the summer term is always a very busy one for the PTA. Blessed with great weather after a damp morning, the event was extremely well attended and a huge success.





The PTA have raised an amazing £6000 over the year! Monies which are invaluable during these times of challenging school budgets. The money has funded a new website which will be launched in September, 13 new chrome books, a new laminator, nursery equipment and an ongoing project to replace the shipping containers on the infant yard.

Thank you all for your support, but a special thanks goes to Lauren Rogers and Kirstie Williams, and can I give a particular mention to Jo Wheeler, the PTA Chair, who is sadly stepping down having chaired the PTA for three years, including the challenging covid period, raising over £18,000! Don't be a stranger!

The PTA will hold their AGM at the Poundffald in September and can be contacted on [crwyschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:crwyschoolpta@gmail.com).

### ***Leavers***

Finally, the time has come to say farewell and good luck to our 'leavers' as they move on to Bishopston Comp. On Wednesday morning we were treated to the annual leavers' assembly which had me laughing and crying in equal measure! I'm sure they leave with many, many happy memories; I know they've given me a few I will cherish! We also say goodbye and good luck to Skye, Rio and Jace from the STF; good luck in your new schools!



All that remains is to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer break!

### **Important Notice**

In-service training has been arranged for **Monday September 4<sup>th</sup>** therefore the school will be closed to pupils. Pupils return to School on **Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>**. For the latest news and information, follow us on Twitter @crwysprimary

**Enjoy the holidays!!**

