



## Spring Term Newsletter 2024

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

### 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 is recognition of the Eco

Club's hard work during the year. This year, members have worked to teach their fellow pupils about the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling. To follow up the fantastic response they received to the second hand Christmas Jumper swop/sale, pupils organised a similar event for 'World Book Day' outfits. The 'Top Tip Tuesday' we post on our Twitter/X feed, is also proving to be extremely informative and popular! Not ones to rest on their laurels, the club are already working hard to ensure that the award will again be renewed next year.



### Dydd Gwyl Dewi

On March the 1<sup>st</sup>, pupils went across to Capel y Crwys to celebrate St David's Day together. All classes as well as the School Choir took part in a wonderful, patriotic celebration. We were treated to a feast of song, drama and humour which had me laughing and crying in equal measure! Once again we would like to thank the Capel y Crwys officials for supporting the event. Diolch!





### **Additional Learning Opportunities**



As you are I'm sure by now 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. Seat based learning is not the norm at Crwys! Our outdoor schools programme continues to go from strength to strength as opportunities outside the classroom offer so much and I am determined to continue to offer these opportunities to our pupils.

Learning this term has also been greatly enhanced and enriched by both visits and visitors. The 'Rainforest' theme, lent itself to some very interesting visitors in the shape of the 'Size of Wales' and Rainforest Animal Experience Workshops, who brought along armadillos, binturongs, iguanas and blue-tongued skinks! We also received visits from PC Craig to talk about such things as internet safety, and Years 2 and 5 received a visit from the fire service to talk about fire safety.



Year 3 and 4 worked with officers from Swansea Sport, while Years 5 and 6 experienced a number of visits to the fabulous Swansea University indoor athletics facility.



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







## Attendance

Good attendance is held in very high regard at Crwys! Its importance is regularly discussed in Friday assembly and I'm sure your children will be able to tell you all about our Golden Ticket incentive.

While attendance levels post pandemic are slowly starting to improve, we are still falling short of our pre covid high standards.

Tomorrow, individual attendance reports will be shared with all pupils as we continue to work together to achieve the school target of 95%

Currently, pupils have 175 days off school, this includes school holidays and weekends, therefore, as per school policy, family holidays during term time will not be authorised.

## PTA

The PTA have once again had a busy term! In addition to the Valentine's discos, they have also arranged the Easter Bonnet competition and parade as well as the Smarties Challenge. You will have seen that we have managed to get rid of the two old shipping containers from the Foundation Phase yard and thanks to the PTA the



## Missing school adds up!

### LEARNING MISSED IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

100% attendance	0 days of learning missed	Best chance of success!
95% attendance	2 weeks of learning missed	Poor attendance will impact on learning.
90% attendance	4 weeks of learning missed	
85% attendance	5 1/2 weeks of learning missed	Very poor attendance. You are at risk of prosecution!
80% attendance	At least 7 1/2 weeks of learning missed	



space is looking much smarter with the new 'Cwtsh Crwys'!

Plans are also well underway for the Annual Summer Fete on the Banc on Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>. If you can help or contribute in anyway please speak to Lauren Rogers, Kirstie Williams, Kelly Besley or Kate Osborn. Hopefully we'll have a repeat of last year's fantastic weather!





### **And Finally!**

Thursday will see Miss Magg's final day at the school! As you may or may not be aware, Miss Maggs has been teaching the Year 1/2 class this term while Mrs Davies attended a sabbatical training course at Trinity St Davids.

Miss Maggs has also worked hard to support our Criw Cymraeg and the School Choir and evidence of her hard work was clear to all during the St David's day concert! So it's a big Crwys thank you Miss Maggs for all your hard work and good luck for the future, you will be missed.



I'd also like to inform you, that this will be Mr Short, our Deputy Head's, final year at Crwys before he embarks on a well-earned and well deserved retirement.

Mr Short has worked in education for over 35 years! He doesn't look old enough!! After periods in London, Bath and three other Swansea schools, he was appointed Deputy Head at Crwys, where he has spent the last 24 years.

As well as a passion for learning, Mr Short has also managed to share his love of all things active and has single-handedly managed to double the Swansea City FC fan base!



We are busy trying to find Mr Short's replacement in readiness for next September and I plan to keep you well informed of any developments as they arise.

So, diolch Mr Short for being such a fantastic teacher, colleague and dare I say it friend to us all. We hope you enjoy a long, happy and healthy retirement. Sports day will never be the same again without those tanned legs and broad smile of yours!

Salud y felicidad!

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

### **Reminder**

The first day back after the Easter break, Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> is a staff Inset therefore the summer term for pupils will start on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup>. Therefore the last day of the academic year will be on Friday July 19<sup>th</sup>.

