

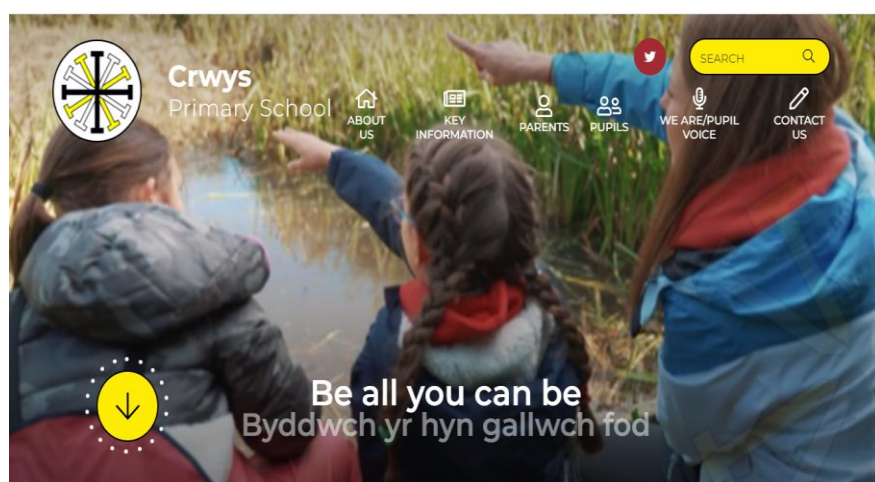


Autumn Term Newsletter 2023

As another year 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!

First of all I'd like to congratulate Miss Lanfear and Mrs Howells on the births of their daughter and son. As a result, we welcome Mrs Coleman and Miss Short to the team for a little while. We also welcome a number of new Governors to the Governing Body. Local residents Mrs Sue Dennis and Mr Mike Clinch join us as Co-opted and Local Authority Representatives respectively, while Mrs Kate Osborn and Mr Adam Davis join as Parent Representatives. Our thanks go to Mrs Rachel Smith and Mr Khan Prince whose terms as Parent Governors came to an end. We thank them for their support.

School Website



I am delighted to share with you that the new school website is now up and running. It's a piece of work we are really quite proud of and it's packed full of information about school life, whether you are a parent or prospective parent, it answers all the questions for you about what we do at Crwys. Take a look at www.crwysprimary.co.uk

Erasmus

After 5 years our Erasmus European experience has finally come to an end due to funding. Over the last five years we have built up relationships with our friends in Italy, Sweden, Finland and Ireland. As well as learning about other countries and their cultures, we've been given the opportunity to learn about other countries practices and attitudes to teaching and learning.

As part of the journey, the group have produced two activity booklets packed full of over 120 activity ideas which take learning outdoors. For more information about the project and to view the booklets, visit the school website.



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Educational Visits/Additional Learning Experiences

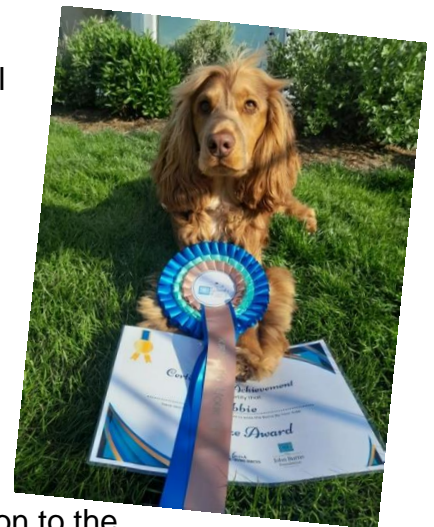
Once again pupils from Nursery to Year 6 have enjoyed a huge variety of experiences both in and out of the classroom this term, and I'm proud to say that seat bound learning is not the norm at Crwys! In addition to the regular visits to



the woods, pupils have enjoyed the annual residential visit to Borfa House in Port Eynon, as well as visits to museums, theatres and farms amongst other places. These are in addition to the variety of visitors we welcome to the school, all of whom



give real context to learning and we firmly believe that all of these additional experiences further enhance pupil learning and contribute to the high academic standards we enjoy at Crwys. This term, we've also welcomed Bobbie the Burns Reading Dog through the Burns By Your Side Scheme. It's not quite what it says on the tin! The tried and tested method helps children gain confidence in building their vocabulary and fluency by reading to the dog. This is of course, in addition to the



numerous sports experiences pupils enjoy. Many, if not most of these opportunities are only made possible through your support. Can I therefore thank you on behalf of the staff. Without this support, they would not be able to plan such interesting and exciting activities.

Pupil Voice

The autumn term was also a busy one for our various Pupil Voice bodies. The School Council organised a cake sale for Children in Need, while the Eco Club arranged a second hand Christmas Jumper sale. Our Rights Respecting/Wellbeing Warriors organised a collection for a local foodbank, while the Criw Cymraeg arranged a highly successful event with the Welsh Whisperer which saw pupils compose a song and perform it to the local community.





Christmas Concerts



the pupils certainly didn't disappoint with some wonderful performances. I'm sure we broke some Health and Safety rules during the evening performance!

The Foundation Phase's production of 'Prickly Hay' was also extremely well attended. Some of those tunes will stay in my head for a long time!

This newsletter arrives with you on the back of what was a very busy, yet rewarding and successful week, which saw the pupils perform in a total of five concerts. The Junior pantomime, 'Cinderella Rockerfella', was performed to a packed house and



While the Nursery's performance was also performed in front of a large audience. There are definitely some stars of the future in that class!

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 Mrs Janet Wright 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.

Childsplay Swansea

The school's relationship with Childsplay Swansea continues to grow from strength to strength! It's always a good sign when the staff's children start attending the school!! For more details of what they offer in the form of Wrap Around, visit the school website; <https://www.crwysprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Wrap+Around&pid=29> or contact Childsplay directly on 07759045136 or admin@childsplayswansea.co.uk.

PTA



Our thanks, once again, goes to the PTA, who continue to work tirelessly to raise money for the school. This term, they have organised such events as the Halloween Disco, Rags2Riches clothes collection, a raffle and refreshments to support the Criw Cymraeg's Welsh Whisperer event as well as the Willy Wonker Golden Ticket Raffle.

You will have possibly noticed that we have managed to get rid of two shipping containers from the Foundation Phase yard, and the PTA will be funding a refurb! Exciting times!!

A big thank you to all who have supported but a very special mention must go to our very own 'dynamic duo', Lauren Rogers and Kirstie Williams!

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 8th 2024.

School will be closed to pupils on February 9th 2024 for staff training, pupils will therefore break up for half term on Thursday February 8th.

Enjoy the holidays!!

