



Summer Term Newsletter 2024

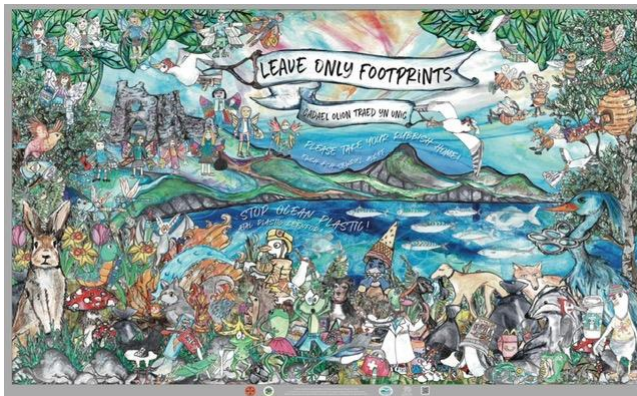
We've arrived at the end of another academic year! It may not have been the best summer to date with regards to weather, but we really have enjoyed another busy, successful and productive year at Crwys Primary! Can I once again thank pupils, staff, parents, Governors, Councillors and friends of the School for your continued support and for making the year such a memorable one!

As you are all by now aware, tomorrow, we say goodbye to Mr Simon Short, our Deputy Head! After 24 years in post, and 35 years in education, Mr Short has decided to retire! All in the Crwys Community, past and present, wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement and we sincerely thank him for his contribution to making Crwys Primary the special place it is!



We also say goodbye, or should I say Bon Voyage to Miss Lydia Short, who leaves us after her successful year at the school to venture on her travels. Safe journeys and thank you!

Residential Artists



This term, pupils have worked with two residential artists to produce two fantastic pieces of work which will hang proudly in the school. The piece on the left, titled 'Leave Only Footprints', was produced as part of a Gower AONB and Welsh Government Sustainable Development Fund project and saw pupils of Crwys Primary and Pennard Primary work with artist Katie Kneath to produce a very thought provoking mural, which will not only hang in the KS2 'Zen Zone', but also across the Gower.

The second piece, was designed and painted by our Year 5 pupils and members of the Criw Cymraeg, who worked with Welsh Artist Rhys Padarn. It will be hung in the





school hall and depicts some of the iconic images of the Gower and Three Crosses, as well as displaying our school motto 'Be All You Can Be' in Welsh; 'Byddwch yr hyn Gallwch Fod'.

School Sport and Exercise

This term, sport and exercise has once again played a very 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. That said, it's been a pretty successful term!



Year 5 pupils successfully climbed Pen y Fan in the Brecon Beacons, while our Year 6 girls relay team were crowned Swansea Schools 4X100m Champions, while there were also some other memorable and medal winning performances!

The cricket team were also successful! After winning at regional level down at Dunvant, they went on to be crowned West Glamorgan Champions, after winning at Ynysgerwn CC.

There have been other fantastic performances in various netball and cricket matches and festivals throughout the term, not bad for a small village school! Our thanks to Mr Short and Mrs Crombie-Davies for the giving of their time to support the pupils and





can I assure you that these opportunities will continue next year. We would also be grateful if anybody can sponsor some new kits for the various teams, a team that looks like a team, plays like a team! If you can support in anyway please contact the school office.

The Special Teaching Facility (STF)

You'll have been informed in the week of the Local Authority's plans to remodel the STF provision across Swansea and this morning, it was agreed by the Swansea Council Cabinet to proceed with a formal consultation on the future plans for STFs. You may have noticed that part of the plans involved the closure of 5 STFs with Crwys being one of those 5.

The decision to close the STF at Crwys is due to the fact that the LA wish to introduce facilities which provide continual provision from age 3-11. As you are aware, the STF at Crwys is for pupils of Foundation Phase only, age 3-7 and with the inability to extend to cater for older pupils too, it has been decided that the STF at Crwys was one of the STFs to close. This is planned to happen at the end of the 2026/27 Academic Tear.

Attendance



While we have seen a small improvement on last year's figures, we unfortunately still fall somewhat short of the high levels of attendance the school was achieving prior to Covid. Hopefully we can work together to continue on the upward trend next year.

Pictured are our winners of our special 'Golden Ticket' attendance prizes with two £25 and one £50 Amazon Voucher

PTA

It has been another amazing year for the ladies of the PTA. While I'm sure they will all stress that it's a team effort, special mention must go to Mrs Lauren Rogers and Mrs Kirsty Bevan (ne Williams) for their efforts.

Summer term saw the organising of some fantastic class photos, courtesy of the very talented Mr Graham Smith, I'm sure you'll agree they were very different to your traditional class photo.





Summer term also saw the Fete return to the Banc. Is it me or does the fete just seem to get bigger and better! Once again this year we were blessed with some good weather and the residents of Three Crosses came out in what seemed like their hundreds to support, raising a remarkable £2,728.83.

Following on from the 'Cwtsh Crwys'. The PTA have kindly agreed to fund further work over the summer break. In addition, another one of our talented parents Sam Gabriel is busy painting a 'Pupil Voice' mural for us.

New members are always welcome, so if you want to get involved, please email Kirsty at crwyschoolpta@gmail.com .

Leavers

Finally, the time has come to say farewell and good luck to our 'leavers' as they move on to their respective Comprehensive Schools to continue their education journeys. On Wednesday morning we were treated to the annual leavers' assembly which, once again amazed me with the level of confidence and talent our pupils have! We were treated to numerous musical items as well as the odd poem and dance and the choir even managed a fitting tribute to our other leaver and number one Swans fan Mr Short!



We also say goodbye and good luck to Tom in the STF; good luck in your new school!

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 2nd** therefore the school will be closed to pupils. Pupils return to School on **Tuesday September 3rd** . For the latest news and information, follow us on Twitter @crwysprimary or take a look at the school website www.crwysprimary.co.uk

