



Autumn Term Newsletter 2024

As 2024 comes to an end, where did that year go!? Here's a quick summary of the new academic year to date. As always, it's been a busy term!

In September, we welcomed back Miss Lanfear and Mrs Howells following their respective maternity leaves. We also welcomed Mrs Amy Williams to the staff as the school's new Deputy Head. Mrs Williams has quickly settled and is already, literally part of the furniture!

After over thirty years serving as a school Governor, including eight years as Chair, Mrs Lin Place stepped down. Mrs Laura Mason's time as a parent representative also came to an end. We thank them both for their support. Mr Tom Wolfe has been duly elected and appointed as a Parent Representative on the Governing Body. Mrs Belinda Hansford continues as Chair, with Mr Mike Clinch taking over as our new Vice Chair of Governors.

Educational Visits/Additional Learning Experiences



As always, the pupils have enjoyed a great variety of experiences which all add to and enrich the learning practice, all of this further enhances pupil learning and helps contribute to the high academic standards we enjoy here at Crwys. In addition to our regular visits to the woods, pupils have enjoyed residential visits, day trips and school visits. Many, if not most of these opportunities are only possible thanks to your support. Can I therefore thank you on

behalf of the staff and indeed the pupils. Without this support, they would not be able to plan





such interesting and exciting activities. These are all in addition to the various extra-curricular and lunchtime clubs which are always very well attended.

Crwys in the Community

In early December the School Choir attended Capel y Crwys' Carols by Candlelight evening. The choir was one of a number of contributors and without sounding biased, they were the best as well as the smartest! The choir then made a second appearance at the chapel later in the month, when they entertained some local older residents at the Crwys Community Cwch. Since their performances we have received a number of messages complimenting them on their performances and conduct. What great ambassadors for the school! My thanks also to Mrs Davies and Mrs Williams for preparing the girls.



Pupil Voice

The autumn term has also a busy one for our various Pupil Voice bodies. Following elections the various new committees have been established and the various 'Chairs' are regular visitors to my office! The School Council helped organise a collection in support of Children in Need, while the Eco Club arranged a very successful second hand Christmas Jumper sale raising over £80 for the Gower Bird Hospital. Our Rights Respecting/Wellbeing Warriors also organised a collection for a local foodbank, they had to make two collection trips!! Pupils also organised an 'Anti-Bullying' event where pupils were invited to wear odd socks to school. I do that all the time!





Christmas Concerts



December saw pupils returning to Capel y Crwys for our annual Christmas concerts.

After weeks of hard work and rehearsing, pupils performed in five concerts during what turned out to be a very busy, yet rewarding and successful week. The Junior pantomime, 'Aladdin

Trouble', was performed to a packed house and the pupils certainly didn't disappoint with some memorable performances.

The Foundation Phase's production of 'Donkey for Sale' was extremely well attended. It's safe to say that Crwys 'Panto' tradition is in safe hands! While the Nursery's performance was also performed in front of a large audience.



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!

Our thanks 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 wraparound service offered by Childsplay Swansea continues to prove to be an excellent addition to the school, with numbers in the After School Club and afternoon Nursery remaining healthy. The summer fun club was also well attended and I'm sure this relationship will continue to grow! 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



Once again, we say a big thank you to the PTA, in particular Mrs Lauren Rogers and Mrs Kirstie Bevan, who continue to work tirelessly to raise money for the school.

This term, they have organised such events as the Halloween Disco, and Rags2Riches clothes collection. You will also have noticed our fantastic new mural, completed by another of our talented mums; Sam Gabriel. Sam worked with the children to produce this fantastic design which certainly is a striking addition to our outdoor space.

After helping us fund the transformation of the Foundation Phase yard, the focus now turns to the Junior yard as well as helping us with some new Welsh Language signage, as we work towards the silver award of the Welsh Charter.

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 for pupils on Wednesday January 8th 2025.

Spring Half Term Break; February 22nd – March 2nd

Monday March 3rd – School INSET Day

Enjoy the holidays!!

