



Achievement For All * Llwyddiant I Bawb

Events

The Nursery held an open day for current parents and carers. They were able to catch up with what their children have been learning and were given a guided tour of the school by members of Y6. There was also a chance for the children starting in January to spend some time in their new school.

Pupils in 5D/O'C and 3B put on highly entertaining and informative class assemblies enjoyed by fellow pupils and families.

Class 2G/H have been involved in the Lead Creative Schools project and have written their very own book! "The Pet Stampede" was launched to great acclaim in a special event for pupils and families.

Artist and illustrator Jay Young "popped in" to work with pupils in Y3 to inspire them to make their own pop up books in an exciting workshop.

Y6 pupils worked with the team from "Show Racism the Red Card" to improve their knowledge and understanding about ensuring equality for all.

Both Infant and Junior pupils have recently enjoyed visits to the theatre. Pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 watched a great production of "Pinocchio" at the Gate Theatre, while Y3, 4, 5 and 6 made the journey to Bridgend College to see "Little Red Riding Hood" What a treat - perfect for getting into the Christmas mood!

Dates For Your Diary

Fri 16th Dec - Term Ends
Tues 3rd Jan - INSET Day
Weds 4th Jan - Term Starts
Mon 20th Feb - Half Term
Weds 1st March - Eisteddfod
Tues/Weds 14th/15th March -
 Parents' Evenings
Friday 7th April - Term Ends
Mon 24th April - INSET Day
Tues 25th April - Term Starts

Parking

We have been asked to remind parents/carers not to park in the library car park when visiting the school. The car park is strictly for library patrons only. Thank you.

Attendance

Currently our whole school attendance rate is 96.5% which is a great improvement on this time last year. As you know, one of the school's targets is to improve attendance so this is really good news. If your child is ill, please make sure you ring us on the first day of absence so we can enter the correct code in the register. Thank you for your support with this important issue.

Children In Need

Staff and pupils enjoyed another fun-filled day this year. Teachers and School Council members took part in a fiendishly difficult quiz with some truly horrible forfeits. We managed to raise a massive £1220. Many thanks to the School Council for organising the event and to you for your generous donations. We have also been able to make a donation of £1800 to the "Price on a Life" appeal following our fundraising activities and the donation of 50% from each class' mini-enterprise profits.



Class 2G/H are authors!

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Christmas

Pupils from all classes were involved in a mini-enterprise project, designing and making products to sell in the Christmas Fair. Each class will use their profit to buy resources for their classroom or for a special treat. Many thanks to all those of you who attended and donated raffle prizes and cakes.

Reception classes put on a super Christmas concert - *The Very Bossy Fairy*. All those who attended were very impressed by the pupils' confident performances.

Pupils from the Nursery made the trip to St Peter's Church to perform their Nativity concerts and what a splendid job they did! Congratulations also to the cast of the Y1-Y6 concert "*The Lion King*". The concert played to packed houses with audiences calling it "a triumph!". Huge thanks to everyone involved.



Some of Y5's budding entrepreneurs

FORP News

The Friends of Rhws Primary organised enjoyable "Spooks and Sparks" discos for both Infants and Juniors.

Many thanks to FORP members for their help during the Christmas Fair. More than £1000 was raised in addition to the profits made by each class for their mini enterprise. Thanks to everyone for making the fair such a great success.

The sale of our pupil designed Christmas cards raised an additional £546.

The next FORP meeting will be at the Fontygary Inn on Monday 9th January at 8 pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Free School Meals

Is your child entitled to free school meals? Families who receive any of the following benefits can claim:

***Income Support**

***Job Seekers Allowance**

***Employment Support Allowance**

***Child Tax Credit (income under £16,190) and not entitled to Working Tax Credit**

Even if your child prefers to have a packed lunch, it is still worth applying for free meals because this will attract extra funding for your child/the school. For further information, please contact the office.

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Your Views

Please let us know if you have any comments regarding the contents of this newsletter or any other matter relating to Rhws Primary School. All issues will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. If you would prefer to make a personal appointment, please do not hesitate to contact us on 710258.

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