



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.

Members of the Fire Service visited pupils in Y2 and Y6 to tell them about the important job they do and to remind them about the importance of fire safety. Thank you!

Pupils in 4D/O'C put on a highly entertaining and informative class assembly all about their favourite books.

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.

Pupils from Y5 and Y6 performed as part of our school choir in the recent Lifeguards' Annual Christmas Community Concert.

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

Many thanks to Rev. Melanie Prince for attending and contributing to our Carol Service earlier this week.

Children In Need

Staff and pupils enjoyed another fun-filled day this year. Staff took part in a variety of challenges - most of which proved too tricky to complete! The School Council took great pleasure in making them pay for their failure with a face full of custard!. We managed to raise a massive £1106.78. Many thanks to the School Council for organising the event and to you for your generous donations.

Dates For Your Diary

Fri 22nd Dec - Term Ends
Mon 8th Jan - INSET Day
Tues 9th Jan - Term Starts
Mon 19th Feb - Half Term
Thurs 1st March - Eisteddfod
Tues/Weds 13th/14th March -
 Parents/Carers' Evenings
Thursday 29th March - Term Ends
Mon 16th Apr - Term Starts
May 2nd - 9th - Y2-Y6 National
 Tests - please avoid booking
 holidays at this time

Staff News

We are delighted that Miss Jessica Pugsley has joined the staff team as our new Reception teacher. Croeso! We're also thrilled to announce that Mrs Pine has given birth to a beautiful baby girl - congratulations!

Attendance

Currently our whole school attendance rate is 95.4% which is down on this time last year. Improving our attendance rate continues to be a target for the school. Please help us to achieve our goal by ensuring your child attends school regularly. **Success starts by being in school**



Y3 enjoyed "Camelot"

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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. Everyone who attended was very impressed by the pupils' confident and entertaining 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 "Dazzling Disney". As usual, the concert played to packed houses with audiences calling it "spectacular". Huge thanks to everyone involved.



Y1 ready to take the stage!

FORP News

The Friends of Rhws Primary (FORP) have been very busy! They arranged enjoyable and well-attended "Spooks and Sparks" discos for both Infants and Juniors.

Many thanks to FORP members for their help during the Christmas Fair - running the raffle and the cafe. Thanks to all who made the fair such a great success. The team have also worked very hard organising the sale of pupil designed Christmas cards and gifts. This year, funds raised by FORP will be put towards buying additional laptop computers for the school.

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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