



Achievement For All * Llwyddiant I Bawb

Events

It has been a very busy term with lots of trips and events. Many year groups started their topics with a trip and this really helps to immerse pupils in the topic, developing enthusiasm and supports pupils' ability to ask questions and make decisions about what they would like to learn. The nursery visited the local café to support their learning around the book 'The Tiger came to Tea', Y2 visited St Fagans, Y3 went to Cardiff Bay, Y4 went to Cardiff Castle, Y5 to 'We the Curious' and Y6 were evacuated to the War Museum in Barry. These trips are really important to pupils learning, providing experiences which help pupils to understand. Thank you for your continued support regarding this.

Y6 have taken part in the 'Show Racism the red card' workshop which addresses issues and understanding around racism and promotes the development of cultural understanding both in sport and in a wider context.

We have also had visits from the Fire Service in Y2 and Y6 to talk about their role as a service and discuss with pupils the importance of Fire Safety. PC Nick Williams (School Liaison Officer) will be coming in next term to work with pupils on a variety of workshops that support pupils' understanding of staying safe.

All pupils from reception to Y6 have recently enjoyed a visit from 'Chaplins Pantos' who put on a fantastic version of 'Cinderella' with plenty of singing, dancing and audience participation.

Children In Need

Staff and pupils enjoyed another fun-filled day this year. Pupils and staff took part in a variety of challenges including 'Welly Wanging' and we entered into the spirit of the 'spotacular' theme this year by dressing up in spots. Thank you for your contributions, we raised £800.35 and great fun was had by all. Thank you to Mr Baker for coordinating the events.

Dates For Your Diary

- Fri 21st Dec** - Term Ends
- Mon 7th January**—Term starts
- Mon 25th Feb** - Half Term
- Wed 6th March** - Eisteddfod
- Tues/Weds 12th/13th March** - Parents/Carers' Evenings
- Fri 12th April** - Term Ends
- Mon 16th Apr** - Term Starts
- May 7th - 14th** - Y2-Y6 National Tests - please avoid booking holidays at this time

Staff News

Our new Headteacher, Mr Matthew Worth will be starting on Monday 7th January. We are looking forward to welcoming him to our school community. He has been in to school and has spent some time with staff and pupils but is very much looking forward to being with us full time.

Punctuality

Punctuality is important to your child's learning. We have a growing number of pupils who are arriving late for school. Please ensure your child is in on time to avoid queuing to sign in. The new electronic sign in system is necessary to comply with GDPR legislation.

Attendance

Attendance currently sits at 95.0% this is down on this time last year
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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, Y1 and Y2 classes performed fantastic Christmas concerts. We were incredibly proud of the hard work and effort staff and pupils put in to putting on such fantastic performances. Everyone who attended were 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! Our KS2 pupils rounded off the festivities with a carol concert on the playground. We would like to thank Rev. Melanie Prince for her support with the Nursery nativity and for contributing to our 'Carols on the yard' event.



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 and most recently the Community Cinema event run in conjunction with Rhoose Community Cinema. A lovely way for pupils and families to enjoy a Christmas film together.

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.

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**

For further information, please contact the office.

The school would also like to pass on our deepest condolences to the family of Catherine Watkins. All of Catherine's children came to Rhws and her support over the years has been second to none. We would also like to acknowledge the support she has given numerous pupils since she set up the homework club in Rhoose. She will be sadly missed.

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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