



Powys County Council  
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# NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2024



## VALUE OF THE MONTH - LOVE

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS			
Monday	Urdd Dance	Years 3,4,5 & 6	3.30 - 4.30p.m. Mrs Butters
Monday	Urdd Art	Years 1 & 2	3.30 - 4.30p.m. Miss Unsworth

**FROBSCOTTLE & WHIZZPOPPERS**  
Parents/carers joined Mrs Butters and the children in Dosbarth Derwen on Friday 2nd February to explore their next chapter in 'The BFG - Frobscottle and Whizzpoppers'. Everyone read the chapter together and then took part in making their own Frobscottle to try. The children produced their own recipes to try at home! Thank you to everyone who attended.



**ECO CLOWN FISH**  
This is Coral, our Eco Clown Fish and a part of our school's latest project to help save the environment. The school will have The British Ironwork Centre Eco Clown Fish for the month of February. We are filling her full of empty crisp packets to help reduce waste entering our environment and eventually our oceans. With fish and ocean mammals living in increasingly deteriorating habitats, it is our duty to step in and prioritise the reduction of plastics entering our natural world. We have already reached over 1000 packets, but we need more! Please bring in your crisp packets to put in Coral, who is located on our front yard.



Cefnogwyd gan  
**Y Loteri Genedlaethol**  
trwy Gyngor Celfyddydau Cymru

“Smile together, Play together, Learn together”  
“Gwenu gyda’n gilydd, Chwarae gyda’n gilydd, Dysgu gyda’n gilydd”

### BBC'S BECOME A VOICE FOR NATURE

Some of our older pupils have been selected to take part in a 'Wonders of Nature' episode on the BBC. Our school is one of only a few schools selected for this opportunity. The children will provide a voice over for the episode, which will be available to watch on BBC iPlayer on Earth Day on 22nd April 2024.

### SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD

Off stage competition details for the school Eisteddfod are attached to the email with this newsletter. The instrumentalist Eisteddfod will be taking place on Thursday 29th February at 10.00am. The main school Eisteddfod will be taking place on Friday 1st March, starting at 9.45am. Parents/carers are welcome to attend both events and refreshments will kindly be provided by the Friends of the School for the main Eisteddfod.

### ROAD SAFETY

There have been concerns raised over parents/carers driving straight over the zebra crossing when exiting the school premises at the end of the school day, when families are in the process of crossing. Please remember to check before driving over the zebra crossing to ensure the safety of our pupils. Thank you.

### AFRICAN DRUMMING

The school is very fortunate to have secured a grant to have 'Upbeat Dave' in to deliver African drumming sessions with our pupils. Dave has already visited the school, working with our Dosbarth Derwen class, who really enjoyed the PBuzzes sessions with him and delivered a musical performance at the end of the sessions.

### LLANGRANNOG RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Pupils from years 5 and 6 will be taking part in a residential trip to Llangrannog from 26th to 28th February. Pupils are getting very excited looking forward to all the fun outdoor activities they will take part in. Mrs Butters will be supervising children during their stay. Please note, all balance payments for the trip should be paid by 9th February.

### EARLY NOTICE WORLD BOOK DAY Friday 7th March

Children are invited to make and wear a hat using recycled materials to depict their favourite book or character from a book. It could be a simple head band made from recycled card with characters drawn on recycled paper or something as elaborate as a hat made from recycled plastics, fabric, etc.



## NEWBRIDGE ON WYE C I N W SCHOOL Wellbeing Cafe

### PARENT DROP-IN SESSIONS SPRING 2024

MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2:45-3:30  
MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2:45-3:30  
MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2:45-3:30  
MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2:45-3:30



JOIN MISS WILLIAMS AND MRS BUTTERS IN THE THREE YEAR SETTING ROOM FOR A CUPPA AND A CHAT. WE WILL BE INVITING AGENCIES SUCH AS FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICES IN TO SHARE USEFUL INFORMATION. MEET IN THE SCHOOL FOYER

### TESCO BLUE TOKENS SCHEME

Please support the Friends of the School by entering your blue tokens in the Friends of Newbridge-on-Wye section of the Tesco blue tokens stand in Llandrindod Wells. Your support could aid in providing wonderful new outdoor play equipment for your child!

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILDREN'S LEARNING?

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE SCHOOL IS DOING  
IN REGARDS TO LEARNING AND THE NEW  
CURRICULUM?

We are looking for parents or members of the community who would like to join us on our Area Learning Team meetings to help us make decisions for your children on all aspects of the New Curriculum!



**EACH AREA LEARNING TEAM HAS  
A MEETING ONCE A TERM!**

OUR 4 AREA LEARNING TEAMS AND THE NEXT  
DATES OF MEETINGS ARE:

CREATIVE TEAM - THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY  
TECHNOLOGY TEAM - THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY  
ENVIRONMENT TEAM - THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY  
WELLBEING TEAM - THURSDAY 14TH MARCH

Volunteers  
needed

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED,  
PLEASE USE THE LINK OR QR  
CODE BELOW TO FILL OUT A  
SHORT FORM



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## BATTERIES COLLECTION

The school's Eco Committee are collecting batteries to recycle. Please put your used batteries in our recycle box in the school foyer. Batteries included are button, AA, AAA, B and C types. Thank you.



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Powys County Council aims to roll out Free School Meals to all primary school aged children by September 2024. It is important that you check your eligibility to receive Free School Meals regardless of this universal roll out. If you are eligible, you and the school could also receive extra funding. Additional support for parents can help pay for things like school uniform, footwear, stationery, sports kit and other equipment. For the school, the extra funding is essential for the provision of valuable resources and staffing. Parents/carers will need to apply separately to the Local Authority for School Essentials to access all of the funding available. For further information regarding Free School Meals, please [click here](#).



## Birthday Shout Outs

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to all those who have February birthdays. A very happy birthday to Theodore Harris, Oliver Jones, Elsie Nicholson, Beth Nixon-Hall, Finn Samuel, Blake Samuel, Poppy Savage-Samuel, Caitlyn Watling and Llinos Watling.

## HALF TERM

School breaks up for half term on Friday 9th February and pupils return to school on Monday 19th February.