



Powys County Council
Headteacher: Mrs H Nixon



NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2023



VALUE OF THE MONTH - GENEROSITY

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS			
Monday	Hockey	Years 3,4,5 & 6	3.30 - 4.30p.m. Mrs Baynham/Mrs T Samuel
Tuesday	Netball	Years 3,4,5 & 6	3.30 - 4.30p.m. Mrs S Jones/Mrs S Rees

'WIND IN THE WILLOWS' THEATRE

Our school has been fortunate to secure funding from the Arts Council of Wales's 'Go and See' grant. We have used the funds available to book a production of 'The Wind in the Willows' for next Tuesday 17th October. The production will take place in school for all our pupils, who will be involved in the acting and singing throughout the performance. The remaining grant allocation will be used to take our Key Stage 2 pupils to see 'Horrible Histories Christmas' at the Theatre Hafren in December.

SCHOOL CHICKS

We have had some exciting new arrivals in our Dosbarth Ceiriosen this week! Our pupils have been enjoying watching our chicks hatch and held them for the first time this week. Thank you to Helen Watling, Phil and Rhiannon Williams and Paddy O'Kennedy for all of your help, donation of eggs and use of equipment. Our children have loved this experience!



THANK YOU TO NEWBRIDGE SPEED SHEAR!

We would like to give a huge thank you to Newbridge Speed Shear for their generous donation to the school, which will be used towards the purchase of our outdoor play equipment for the top yard. The new fitness trail will be installed next week!



Supported by
The National Lottery
through the Arts Council of Wales
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"

LLANWRTYD EISTEDDFOD

Our school choir represented the school admirably at the Llanwrtyd Eisteddfod, performing exceptionally against some tough competition. Well done to all those children who took part and thank you to our parents/carers for supporting them.

READING WORKSHOPS

Mrs Baynham organised a Reading Workshop for parents/carers of pupils in the Foundation Phase. This provided an opportunity for parents/carers to learn about how best to support their child with phonics and reading and ask any relevant questions. Thank you to all those who attended and made this event a success! There will be a Reading Café available for parents/carers of Dosbarth Ceiriosen pupils to attend on Friday 13th October.

CYCLING PROFICIENCY

In November, pupils in year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in the National Standard's Cycle training run by Powys County Council as part of their road safety education. In order for your child to participate, please complete and return the letter sent home with your child.

HARVEST FESTIVAL MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT

On Friday, 29th September, the school had the Harvest Festival service at All Saints Church, followed by the Macmillan Coffee Event at the school. Both events were very well attended. Thank you to all those parents/carers who kindly donated such a large selection of wonderful cakes!

A total of £184.56 was collected for Macmillan Cancer Support.

WELLBEING OPEN DAY

On Tuesday 10th October, the school held a Wellbeing Open Evening in honour of World Mental Health Day. Our parents/carers and pupils were able to come into the school and take part in a range of well-being activities, including roasting marshmallows in our woodland area, as well as looking around our classrooms. Thank you to all those who contributed to our wellbeing suggestions posters, which will be using for our future planning.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Leader: Miss Ashleigh Tanner

Assistants: Miss Maude Chance

Miss Jessica Atterbury

Tuesday to Thursday from 3.30pm to 5.15pm

Charge £6 per session

A snack will be provided during the sessions. Please make payments in advance via ParentPay. Failure to pay will result in your child's place being rescinded. If you would like to book a place for your child, please contact the school office. **Please note late cancellations will be charged.**

CODING CLUB

There are still a few places left in our Coding Club, which will be running after half term. To book a place for your child, please contact the school office.

KINGTON SMALL BREEDS FARM

Our Dosbarth Ceiriosen pupils will be enjoying the exciting opportunity to visit Kington Small Breeds farm on Monday 23rd October, as part of their topic on farming. Payment for the trip will be on your child's ParentPay account and permission slips should be returned to school by Wednesday 18th October.

THE URDD

Our school will be joining in activities and competitions organised by the Urdd this year. Your child could have the opportunity to get involved in cooking, art, music, sports or stage competitions. In the spring term the school will be running a Dance Club instead of a Board Games Club to help prepare pupils for the Urdd competitions. In order to participate, you will need to pay the £10 joining fee for your child.

Please use the link below if you are interested

[The Urdd membership website](#)

FIRST AID AND SIGN LANGUAGE

Our Dosbarth Bedwen pupils were given the opportunity to take part in a first aid course and an introduction to sign language workshop this week. Our pupils really appreciated these sessions and hopefully learned some useful life skills.



Birthday Shout Outs

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to all those who have October birthdays. A very happy birthday to Isabelle Beattie, Bella Beehan, Eriyn Griffiths, Indiana Hounsome, Caitlyn Jones, Oliver Laurie, Amelia Lewis, Jayden Morris, Aria Samuel and Ashley Woodward.

HALF TERM

The school breaks up for half term on Friday 27th October and pupils return to school on Monday 6th November.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

We are pleased to announce that Mr Phillip Hobbs has been re-elected as the school's Chair of Governors and Miss Jennie Rees has been re-elected as the Vice Chair. There is a vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent governor and letters will shortly be sent to parents/ carers for nominations. This is an opportunity for you to be involved in the decision making process regarding your child's school. If you have any questions about being a school governor, please contact the school office.

STAFFING CHANGES

Miss Jennie Rees will be leaving us at the October half term to pursue pastures new. We will greatly miss her in the school, but will continue to work with her in her capacity as a parent governor. We will be delighted to welcome back Miss Williams to our Dosbarth Helygen after the half term!