

Casnewydd Catchup



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Excellent

This year has been one incredibly successful for us as a school. The thanks for this is to the incredible team of staff, your tireless support as parents, supportive governors - and of course the best children in the whole world! I was so pleased to see that Estyn identified the strength of our teamwork, and certainly, I could not do my job without the support of all stakeholders at the school. A heartfelt thanks ! For those of you parents and children whose time has come to an end at Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd, I hope you will remember us here with a smile on your faces. Diolch, Mrs Parry.



We're all in
this
together!

Another successful Summer Fair was held on Thursday 30th of June. The pupils had been busy all week making things to sell at the Fair and the choir sang so beautifully. A grand total of £3000 was raised for our school! Fantastic! Thank you to Barclays Bank for their fabulous donation. Thank you to all who helped make this year's Fair such a huge success once again. A special thanks to Rachael Harmes for her superb effort and input in leading the PTA.

Meithrin

We have loved our 'Animals' project this term. We have learnt about the life cycle of a frog and butterfly, learnt about jungle animals and had a visit from Chris and his 'Nearly Wild Show'. He bought a range of animals, snakes, lizards, a hen, rabbit, tortoise, giant snail, for us to hold and taught us lots of interesting facts about them.



Derbyn Yo ho ho!!

The Reception class were attacked by pirates! They had a letter saying there was hidden treasure in the school, so they went on a treasure hunt following clues around the school, to the forest and finally they found a box full of chocolate coins in the sand. They had loads of tasks to complete like building a ship, writing a letter in a bottle, describe a pirate, paint a parrot, a phone call between the Captain of the ship and a pirate and decorate treasure. We also had a pirate party. Lots of fun!



Blwyddyn 1

The World of Work

What would you like to do in the future? Hairdresser? Business owner? Nurse? Police? These are just a few of the careers that year 1 had the chance to sample. They also discovered the many skills needed to do these jobs, such as team working, time management and communication.

Creating a business from scratch was a lot of fun; between brainstorming various products to sell, designing, advertising and then selling at the Summer Fair. We thoroughly enjoyed the whole process but the making and creating was by far everyone's favourite part.

We calculated that we'd made a profit of over £60 for our products and were really pleased. After some strict product evaluation we now know exactly how we will be improving next year to make even more profit for our business.



Lollypop Sticks Everywhere!

Blwyddyn 2

What will you be doing with your lollypop sticks this summer? Well, year 2 had the idea of making a variety of crafts with lollypop sticks as a base! Did you know it was possible to make photo frames, mug coasters and even magnets; from minions to cats?

The first step was to visit the school's teachers with a questionnaire to find out which items would sell in this year's Summer fair. After some hard work in year 2's factory, our work was still not over as it was time to design some posters and adverts to attract the customers to our stall.



Year 3

Water, water, water and more water.

This term we have been learning about pond life. We have been looking at different habitats around the school and pond dipping in our school pond. We have even read the book Bog Baby in our literacy lessons and created our own imaginative water creature. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to The Wetlands at Newport where we had a chance to participate in some pond dipping activities and mini beast activities.

To add to our water theme, we have also been swimming for 3 weeks this term. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and all pupils have grown in confidence with their swimming skills.



Year 4 - Mysteries of the Forest

The year 4 children had a day to remember when Natalie Waller, the Bio-diversity Officer for the Council, came into the school to do forestry activities on the school grounds. The children took part in a bug hunt and learnt how to recognise different trees by the shape of their leaves. They worked in groups, learning how to take part in team work. They enjoyed themselves very much and they gained invaluable knowledge.

The children have also studied bats - while reading Serenola, they found a bat had fallen into a bird's nest!



Year 5

Orange Thursdays

Year 5 would like to thank everyone who supported us during our Orange day. We managed to sell hundreds of cakes, cocktails, loom bands, pom poms and so much more. We also completed a 50 km sponsored cycle on an exercise bike. The money will be used to sponsor an orang-utan sanctuary in Borneo. The orang-utans are on the verge of extinction after huge forest fires have destroyed their habitats but we hope that this money can go towards ensuring their survival. The sanctuary works hard to rehabilitate the young orang-utans before returning them into the wild.



Year 6

A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

Year 6 took a trip back in time to the 1940's and to the time of the Second World War. We had a party on the school grounds. Everyone had a fantastic time and the sun even shone all afternoon. The children (and the teachers) prepared carrot cakes in the morning. The children enjoyed various activities including egg and spoon races, wheelbarrow races as well as having fun in the photo booth. The only thing that cut across the peace of the afternoon was the pesky air-raid siren! It kept going off! Although, by the end of the day the children were experts at finding shelter (many in our very own Anderson shelter!) Some even managed to find shelter in the bushes!



Goodbye Year 6!

We will be very sad to say goodbye to Year 6 and we wish them luck as they move on to Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed, St Joseph's and Caerleon. Some pupils have prepared some memories of their time in Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd especially for this final issue of the newspaper. Enjoy.

I can remember Allisha and me dressing up as princesses when we were in Bili Bom Bom. (Freya)

When we were canoeing in Gilwern and Lillie, Shkayla and I almost fell in the water. (Amelia)



I remember being an angel in the Christmas show when I was in Year 2. I loved being an angel. (Shanay)

In Gilwern when we were gorge walking Mrs Davies said "If you go under that log then I will too." Mrs Davies went first and then I refused to do it. (Eva)

On the 40s day Gracie, Ruby Evelyn, Ffion and I were dancing and twirling around and we kept falling to the ground. It was fun. (Cerys)



When we were in Reception Mrs Phillips dressed me in a duck outfit. It was miles too big for me and I could hardly move. (Max)

I enjoyed the trial of the Three Pigs. I was father pig to those naughty little pigs (Finley)



I remember being sick all over poor Miss Cutts. (Alfie)

When I was eating dinner in Year 5 Eva went passed and she had a water bottle. I accidently fell back and banged into her. The water went all over her. (Erin)

On the 1940's day when the siren blasted everyone ran for cover and we all hid under the blankets. (Damari)



In Year 1 I couldn't stop talking about Spiderman. (Livvy)

In Year 3 I fell off my chair and landed in the shape of a star (Katy)



During the careers week Allisha, Freya, Ruby Alpin and I made an amazing bridge out of paper. (Hannah)



Urdd Success

Huge congratulations to Evelyn O'Hara and Celyn Marshall Year 6 for coming 1st throughout the whole of Wales in the Urdd Eisteddfod that was held in Bridgend in May. Artists of the future!



Elin Fflur visit

On Friday the 7th of July we had a special visit from welsh singer Elin Fflur. She sang a few of her most popular songs and signed autographs for the children. The children and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the visit- especially Miss Davies!! We hope to welcome her back very soon!



School of the week

We were school of the week in the South Wales Argus in June. We still have a few copies in the office if you would like a copy.



Career Week

We had lots of visitors in school from the 19th to the 23rd of June who talked about their occupations. The pupils enjoyed learning about the work of the police, a nurse, hairdresser, Gwent College, Timber Merchant, sports coach and . Thank you to all who gave up their time to come into school to talk and helped make these days a success.



Sport Spot

The rugby team finished on a high note with an excellent 7 a side tournament at Newport Saracens. After a slow start the team started to pull together and play some attractive rugby by linking effectively with an excellent display of passing and running. Their defence became stronger with Morgan Jones and Callum Ford making some telling tackles.

They managed to win several matches against Lliswerry, Marshfield and finally Charles Williams. It was an extremely exciting game with Damari Hamblin scoring a 50m try. The final score was a draw but the boys played extremely well. I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the mums, dads and grandparents who pulled together to make sure that the children got to every match and tournament during the season and a special thank you to Huw Jones for coaching the boys superbly during the season.



Congratulations to the athletics team on their success in the Newport Athletics Festival last June. The girls scored the most point of all the girls teams and the boys were second. Both relay teams had second place and consequently won the relay trophy.

Congratulations to Katy French who was the 200m girls champion and to Damari Hamblin and Hannah Sully who were 2nd in the 100m races. Here are some other successes. Zia Blanks - 3rd Long jumps
Alfie Harmes - 6th discus
Erin James - 5th triple jump
Shanay Sansome - 6th triple jump.

The effort that some of the children was demonstrated was outstanding. Some of the children collapsed after crossing the finish line. The school was extremely proud of the way that the children supported each other and cheered their successes. Thank you all.



Once again thank you to the PTA for enabling us to produce this newspaper and for organising the many activities throughout the term. If anybody would like to become a member of the PTA, registration forms are available in the office.