

Casnewydd

Catchup



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Fun at the Fair



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 £1942.50 was raised for our school! Fantastic! Thank you to Barclays Bank for donating a £1 for £1. Thank you to all who helped make this year's Fair such a huge success once again.

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. Lots of fun!



Blwyddyn 1 Wonderful Wolves!

During our traditional tales project we read the story of the 'Three little pigs'. As the pigs built themselves a home in the story, we decided to make new homes ourselves. Everyone enjoyed cutting, joining and painting the houses, whilst working together as a group. In addition, we completed many other activities such as a puppet show, a sound story to convey the various feelings of the characters and hot-seating. We also learnt that not all wolves are nasty when we read the story of 'The three nasty pigs and the kind wolf'.



Blwyddyn 2 Living Things

Did you know that flowers hated vinegar and salty water? Did you know that food colouring could change the colour of petals? That's what year 2 discovered during our experiment to see the effect that different liquid had on flowers. It was a shock to find out that flowers liked lemonade! We went to observe birds and investigate owl pellets. Following this, we designed a menu that was suitable for an owl. Mouse cake and custard was one of our favourite. Also the children were inspired by Vincent Van Gogh and we created our own 'sunflowers' artwork.



Year 3

Water, water, 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 also made our own miniature ponds. We have even read the book Bog Baby in our literacy lessons and created our own imaginative water creature. We are looking forward to our trip to the Wetlands at the end of term where we will be pond dipping and will be taking part in a number of nature 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

Field trip to Cilfynydd Water Works

During the summer term, year 5 enjoyed their trip to Cilfynydd Water Treatment Works. We investigated the pollution levels of the River Taff by finding various mini beasts that live in the river. Secondly, we used our numeracy skills to measure the speed in which the river. We enjoyed learning about how the Earth's climate is changing and what we can do as a community to change this and make the world a better place. We splashed a lot of liquid while we cooperated to move water as a team.



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) had been busy all morning preparing food from the 1940's for the party. Various sandwiches, carrot cakes, corned beef hash and even a rhubarb crumble (made using rhubarb from our allotment). The children enjoyed various activities including sack races, egg and spoon races as well as having fun in the photo booth. Parents and friends of the school came to enjoy the fun. 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 both children and adults were experts at finding shelter (many in our very own Anderson shelter!)



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 Iscoed, Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw and Ysgol Dyffryn. Some pupils have prepared some memories of their time in Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd especially for this final issue of the newspaper.

I can remember Miss Thomas using Berocca in the Science lesson and she put it safely on the shelf! Or so she thought! Unfortunately, it fell all over her and she was soaked! (Amelia Fettis)

I remember the same thing! It was hilarious!!! (Laura Atwell)

I remember when Mr Taylor dressed up as Banana Man in Year 5. (Rebecca O'Hara)



I remember going to Llangrannog and having fun with my mates. (Ethan Clarke)

I remember trying to speak Welsh for the first time (Kyle Gould)

I remember Kiahren's last day in school. I remember me and Carys were crying loads! (Lauren Evans)



I remember when Elin Gray timed me to see how long it would take to put something in the bin. I was in such a rush I fell over and Elin was laughing! (Rhianwen Lewis)

I remember playing the drums in the Meithrin and someone was hitting them really hard! (Declan Moses)

I was eating and Mr Taylor started talking to me. I didn't know what to do so I started dribbling and Mr Taylor said "Jiw Elin Gray, dribbling everywhere!!" (Elin Gray)

I remember being in a pretend band with Callum, Jon and Euan. I was the Singer and the only words of any pop song I knew were "We will rock you!" Euan was on the drums, Callum on guitar and Jon on the piano! (Lola Harmes)



I remember teaching Mrs Parry how to use Excel!!!! (William Symonds)



I remember going to Martin Geraint's Jambori in Year 2. I liked the songs and it was fun. But, they didn't have enough drinks for everyone!!

I remember when William beat Miss Leyshon in Maths and she was on a calculator!!!! (Elijah Spring)



Euro Day

The school was bursting with excitement when Wales played against England in the Euros. We designed our own T-shirts and there were prizes for winners in each class. Football activities were held during the day and the pupils enjoyed the opportunity to support Wales during the afternoon. Thank you for your contributions and all money raised will go to the Serennu Centre in Newport.



Welsh Water

Representatives from Welsh Water came to school to talk in assembly about different ways to save water. Year 5 then had the opportunity to take part in activities in class.



1940s and 1980s

Over the last term Year 6 have been studying the 1940's and the 1980's. As part of the 1940's work they have been learning about the history of Anne Frank, the Swansea Blitz, children being evacuated and the Morrison and Anderson shelters. Everyone enjoyed dressing up on our 1940's day wearing clothes that evacuees, land girls and soldiers in the army used to wear. It was a day full of fun.

For our 1980's day everyone dressed in luminous colours and listened to music from the era. Pupils enjoyed learning about the Berlin Wall and even got to experience life in Berlin on both sides of the wall. We showed empathy towards the life of people in Berlin during the era and celebrated when the wall came down!

Fun filled days for all.



Ysgol Gwent Iscoed

Another successful Ysgol Gwent Iscoed transition day was held this term for Yr 6 children from Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd, Ysgol Ifor Hael and Ysgol y Ffin. The children took part in a Games session on the school field.



Career Days

We had lots of visitors in school on the 23rd and 24th of June who talked about their occupations. The pupils enjoyed learning about the work of a Fireman, RSPCA worker, a hairdresser, Gwent College, Timber Merchant, sports coach and chef. Thank you to all who gave up their time to come into school to talk and helped make these days a success.



Sport Spot

Thank you to Mr Rhys Jones from Newport Sports Development for visiting us in the Dragon Sports club to play some tennis games with us. We had a fantastic afternoon in the sun and we were all able to work on our forehand and backhand. There were some amazing shots from the Burrows brothers. Mr Jones is an ex pupil of Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd and it was brilliant to see him come back to the school even though he said 'It seems smaller than I remember'.



Congratulations to the Cricket team on their success in the Newport Cricket Festival last June. This is the first year that we have had a cricket team in the school and all of the boys made us proud. They managed to win one game and lost three. We witnessed some outstanding batting performances from Declan, Morgan and Callum with Damari Hamblin and Johan Jones making some impressive catches.



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.