

Casnewydd

Catchup

Easter Party



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Another successful Foundation Phase Easter Party was held on the first Monday back after the holidays. The children had lots of fun decorating Easter eggs, biscuits and cakes. The children and parents had obviously worked extremely hard to make such colourful Easter bonnets. Thank you so much for all your hard work!

Traditional Tales

Nursery

This term the Nursery class have been learning traditional tales, Pie Corbett style. We loved learning about Hansel and Gretel, Little Red Riding Hood and The Gingerbread Man. We started off the term by making our own Gingerbread house for our reading corner. We made our own story maps and had fun designing and making our own Gingerbread man. We loved our role play area, acting out all the tales was so much fun!



Brave bears!

Reception

What a busy term the reception class had learning about Goldilocks and the three bears and then going on an exciting bear hunt in the forest. We made Wanted posters looking for Goldilocks, compared different bear sizes, built Baby bear a new chair, and found lots of facts out about bears! On the bear hunt we travelled through long grass, swam in the river, trampled on mud, through a snow storm, and into a dark cave..... "Aaaaaah bear!"



Our local environment

Year 1

How many bridges are there are in Newport? Where's the transporter bridge? What's the name of the new shopping centre? Year 1 have the answers.

We had lots of fun learning about our local area; our school, Newport and Wales. We learnt how to read coordinates on a map, how to use a key in order to create a plan of the classroom and we even designed our own maps from the school to our homes using various art materials. We also went for a walk to the RSPCA and noted all of the features that we had seen along the way.

In addition to this, we learnt various facts about the school today and the school in the past and described many features of Newport including The Transporter Bridge and The Wave.



Daring Detectives

Year 2



The children of 2a and 2b were shocked to hear that something had happened in the school overnight!!! What was it we wondered?

The only things that were left were sparkling footprints, burnt toast, hard boiled eggs and spilt yogurt everywhere.

There was only one thing for it...this was a job for our year 2 detectives.

Had a little green goblin come to steal the money in the school? Had a crocodile left his footprints while stamping through the corridor?

After collecting all the evidence, the detectives wrote their findings in a newspaper article for all to see.



Romans Rule the School

Year 3

How much do you know about the Romans?

In year 3 we have been learning about The Romans. We had a Roman day in school where we dressed up, did some gardening and also had the chance to cook Roman bread with Mr Marshall which was so much fun! We also went on a trip to Caerleon to learn and see even more! We have learnt lots of new facts about the Romans for example where they lived, what they ate, where they went to school and what they built! We also did our class assembly on the Romans. Here are pictures of 3A and 3B dressed as Romans.



The Slimy Stuarts

Blwyddyn 4

We have been learning about a very icky part of history - The Stuart Era. We've learned about the Great Plague of London and created herb bags to keep the plague away. We learned about the life of Tirion the maid in Llancaiach Fawr. We read about Black Bart - Bartholomew Roberts - the most successful pirate ever and he was from Wales! We also read about Sir Henry Morgan. William Shakespeare was an intriguing subject - we studied the witches of Macbeth and got the chance to become a witch 'Double Double Toil and Trouble!'. The Great Fire of London was full of horror.



Going under ground

Year 5

This term we have been learning about the hardship that children endured during the 19th century. We visited Big Pit in Blaenavon to find out for ourselves what it was like to go underground.



We learnt about how children as young as four would have to sit in the dark for twelve hours a day to ensure that the mines were ventilated. We also learnt that a build up of methane gas usually lead to huge explosions.

We also learnt that in the 19th Century that children were forced to speak English in Welsh schools. If they were caught speaking Welsh they'd have to wear the Welsh Not. We wrote a speech to thank O M Edwards for battling for the Welsh language and ensuring that the 'Welsh Not' was abolished in Welsh schools.

Transition morning of traditional dance

Year 6

A transition morning was held in our school hall for Year 6 pupils of Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd, Ysgol Ifor Hael and Ysgol y Ffîn who will be the first year of Ysgol Gwent Iscoed in September. This was the first time for us all to meet each other and our new headteacher Ms Rhian Dafydd. We had a really fun morning of Traditional Folk dancing and are looking forward to meeting again in the summer term when we will be participating in sports activities on our school field.



Choir sing at the Celtic Manor

It was a normal Monday morning, when I opened my email to see that an invitation had arrived from Waitrose. The Choir had been invited to entertain managers from across Britain at the Celtic Manor on St David's Day. Well, there was nothing to consider, it was a definite yes! This was an excellent opportunity for the children, Miss Thomas, Miss Davies and myself, to perform in one of the most luxurious and well-known hotels in Wales.

More than 60 children attended the rehearsals which are held every Thursday night, and fair play to them, they were extremely dedicated, and learnt their words brilliantly! I have to thank the crew of Year 6 pupils who are so mature, and help me and the other teachers, to nurture the brand new batch of Year 3 pupils who have joined us recently. All were ready for the big day and we had four songs ready to sing.

The bus came to collect us at 8.15 am - and the pupils, all wearing their St David's' Day costumes were bustling with excitement - the big day had arrived! Bethan, the Waitrose organiser came to meet us off the bus, and I must say I was SO proud of the children as they walked quietly and orderly through the hotel. As Ella told me "Not a sound, Mrs Parry!".

We were taken to a huge room, with drinks, cereal bars and fruit for the children to eat. Then I was lead to the room where we would be performing! WOW! The room was huge, and the stage was full of bright lights and to top it all, there were sound technicians there just for us! I felt a little nervous but very excited for the children.

The children sounded fantastic, and all of them so professional, watching me rather than looking at the people in the audience. The Year 6 girls sang amazingly. Lola, Millie, Rhianwen and Taylor were so confident when singing the verses of Chwarae Troi'n Chwerw that I was certain that they were able to attract the attention of all members of the audience. Then came Rebecca with her haunting voice to captivate us and now with the rest of the choir singing sweetly, I knew that everyone who listened were enjoying. More than this, everyone who was singing was enjoying too!

I would like to share part of an email I received from Bethan Davies, Senior Press Officer, Waitrose after the children's performance.

I cannot begin to thank you enough for your amazing performance and hard work for this morning. The children were absolutely brilliant and they were perfectly behaved and sang so beautifully. Everyone has been so touched by the performance and people have been coming up to me all day to say how much they enjoyed it. What a wonderful thing you have with the choir. You must be extremely proud.

Thank you again. It was a pleasure meeting and working with you and I wish you all the best for the future.

Thank you so much children, it is a pleasure to be in your company! Mrs Parry



Farewell Mrs Brazell

As this edition reaches you, Mrs Brazell will be enjoying her retirement. Everyone who is connected with the school would like to thank Mrs Brazell for the years that she looked after us all in the office. We wish Mrs Brazell many years of happiness for the future.

PC Thomas visits

PC Thomas visited every class in the school during the term to discuss various issues. It was the first time for our Nursery children to meet her and they enjoyed trying on all the different police hats.



Gold Stars for Excellent Attendance!

Here are the children who received certificates for Excellent attendance this term. There were also certificates for the most improved attendance. Our attendance is improving! Keep It up! Well done all!



Congratulations Miss Leyshon

Congratulations to Miss Leyshon on the birth of Jac, who was born on the 2nd of April and weighed 6lb 12 oz.



School Eisteddfod

We had an exciting School Eisteddfod this year with many children participating in their houses. Ms Rhian Dafydd the new head of Ysgol Gwent Iscoed judged the poetry competition. Lola Harmes was the winner of the chair this year, closely followed by Lowri Morgan 2nd and Rebecca O'Hara coming 3rd.



Sport Relief day

In March we all had a fun Friday dressing up in as our Sporting hero or in sporty clothes and completed an assault course during the day to raise money for Comic Relief. We raised an amazing £247.75



Trip to GE Aviation, Nantgarw

Our More Able and Talented (MAT) mathematics pupils from Year 6

had the excellent opportunity to visit GE Aviation in Nantgarw, Caerphilly during the term to learn about Aviation. They used a range of mathematical skills to find out prices of aeroplane parts and to create a bridge for a ball.

Ysgol gymraeg Casnewydd were the first Primary school to visit GE Aviation.



Sport Spot



Fair Play Awards

Many of the boys and girls have won fair play t-shirts over the past year in reward for showing fair play during their playtime. It's great to see a competitive and caring children co-operating together.

Netball

Once again this year the club has been a huge success with many pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 attending. They had the chance to develop their throwing, shooting and cooperative skills every Wednesday night. In addition to this, Year 6 pupils had the opportunity to take part in two tournaments where they showed their fantastic skills. Well done girls! We look forward to restarting the club in the Autumn term.



Lovely leaders.

Year 3 and 4 have been lucky enough to have these superb sport leaders during playtimes. They regularly provide the children with fun activities with and always have a smile on their faces. Thank you girls.



Rugby Roundup

The rugby team finished off the rugby season with an awesome win against High Cross Primary School. The score was 30 - 20. The whole team demonstrated slick passing, strong tackling and sublime running skills that lead to Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd outscoring the home team. I can't wait for next year and I'm sure that we'll have more success with the talent at the school.



Amazing Art

During the term our MAT (More Able and Talented) art pupils, have been busy creating pieces of work for the Urdd art competition based on the theme 'Belonging'. We had amazing results this year with many pieces will be going on to the National Eisteddfod in Flint during the May half term. Lola Harmes 1st, Cailin Bartlett 1st, Harrison Bannister 1st, Florence Leadley 1st, Benji Jones, Euan Fehners and Dewi Willicombe 1st, Alfie Harmes 1st, Ceirios Bebb 1st, Amelia Fettis 1st, Evelyn O'Hara, Ffion Hurley, Ellie James 1st (group work), Elen Olsen 1st, Lola Harmes 1st, Celyn Marshall 2nd, Millie leadley 2nd, Lowri Morgan and Elin Davey 2nd (group work), Rhiannon Morgan and Tegan Jones 2nd (group work) Alexa Bullock 2nd, Isabella O'Hara 2nd, Sorrel Butler-Bright 3rd, Leah Dunn 3rd. Thank you to all the parents/grandparents and teachers who helped the pupils achieve these results. Well done everyone who competed!

