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NEWSLETTER #5 December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our half term challenge was to design a **Christmas Tree decoration** out of recycled materials for the Newtown Christmas Tree, organised by the Rotary Club. We are delighted to announce that Ladywell Green School won! Well done to everyone who made an entry - bendigedig pawb!!

We have had a big sort out of our reading books this term, and would like to announce a **Book Amnesty!** If you have come across any old school books at home, please send them in (no questions asked!!) and deposit them in the box in the corridor. Hopefully we will locate some missing books!

On Thursday 13th December there is a **whole school trip to the cinema to see 'The Grinch'**.

There is no charge for this visit, it is our Christmas treat to the children. If you **DO NOT** want your child to go, let us know by Tuesday 11th Dec.

We have reviewed the **Healthy Snack system** that we were trialling this term - please see overleaf for the results - this includes important information about changes in January.

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Concerts next week - the evening performance on will be recorded for DVD. Remember to get your tickets!!

Thank you for your support as always, have a Happy Christmas,
Mrs Owen and all the staff



Friends of the School

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A huge thank you to Friends of the School, other volunteers, donators of goods and raffle prizes, staff, everyone who attended, and of course Father Christmas!!



**Total raised
£616.24**

Most of this will be added to the fund for the balance trail, meaning a grand total of £1750 has now been saved towards this.

We have also been able to invest in new reading books to replace tired stock, and new play equipment.

Other fundraising results

British Legion Poppy Appeal £45.25
Children In Need just under £80

Attendance

For the year so far...

Dosbarth Mrs Gittoes' Class 94.23%

Dosbarth Mrs Smout's Class 96.42%

Dosbarth Mrs Evans'/Mrs Warmington's Class 94.19%

Dosbarth Mrs Foulkes'/Mrs Jones' Class 94.64%

Attendance over 95% is brilliant - well done!! Mrs Smout's class have had lots of visits from Bubble and Squeak!!

If your child's attendance is causing concern, you will be contacted by school.

Can we politely remind everyone that the school gate is locked at 9am. All parents and carers should have left classes by 9am in order for the day to begin without interruption.



Healthy Snack Trial review: the results

Pupils, staff and parents/carers had the chance to complete a survey about the trial.

- ✓ The majority of parents/carers who responded to the survey were in favour of the system, feeling it was good value for money, was fair to all, and encouraged healthy eating and the trying of new foods.
- ✓ Most pupils said they preferred the fruit options to the veg ones and nearly all are having a snack every day. They also feel it is encouraging them to be healthy.
- ✓ The 50p a week generally covers the cost of buying the snacks, so is good value.

The system has had its challenges though:

- X It has taking a considerable amount of preparation time in the mornings, which could be used for hearing pupils read.
- X Offering whole pieces of fruit to save preparation time led to an increase in waste as this was too much for many pupils, and some pupils were not eating their dinner so well.
- X Whilst the system encouraged more tasting, this sometimes led to high levels of waste.
- X Most pupils said they would prefer to bring a snack from home.

Way forward from January 2019

After much consideration, it has been decided that the benefits of the system are outweighed by the issues.

Therefore we will be asking parents/carers to provide their own fruit or vegetable snacks for their children each day. Each class will have a place for each child to put their fruit in the morning. The school will continue to provide milk daily through the Welsh Government scheme.

REMEMBER, snacks provided must be fruit and vegetables only in line with the school's Healthy Eating ethos.

✓ **YES** to
fruit and
vegetables



X **NO** to
cereal bars,
biscuits,
crisps etc.



Dates for the Diary....

Wednesday 12th December - a.m. Nasal flu spray vaccinations and Christmas Concerts, 1.45/2.15pm and 6.00/6.30pm

Thursday 13th December - whole school cinema visit as a Christmas treat

Monday 17th December - Older pupils visit to Plas Cae Crwn

****Tuesday 18th December** - Christmas dinner and party day (change of date)

Friday 21st December - Christmas jumper day (£1 donation) and Break up

Monday 7th January - Non pupil day

Tuesday 8th January - pupils return to school

