



Clyro C.I.W. Primary School

Many hands build a house, many hearts build a school.



Our Values ...



Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian, Annwyl Rieni/Gwarcheidwaid,

I am delighted to write to you as the new Acting Headteacher at Clyro Church in Wales Primary School. It has been a privilege to join such a driven and dedicated school community, and I have enjoyed working alongside our committed staff, wonderful pupils, passionate families and motivated governors this half term.

We have been thrilled to welcome returning students as well as those who have joined us for the first time. Staff have worked hard to provide an inclusive and nurturing environment where children can reach their potential through stimulating and purposeful tasks. Friends of the school have also provided exciting opportunities for our learners, many of which are celebrated below.

Following a very productive half term, the next few weeks are set to be just as busy with various activities and events planned leading up to Christmas. Please familiarise yourselves with the dates for the diary below.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions or concerns as we are committed to moving forward together as a strong and united school community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Cofion Cynnes,

Heulwen Stevens

Pennaeth Dros Dro/Acting Headteacher



St Fagans

Pupils enjoyed a fantastic day out at St Fagans National Museum of History this term. The trip brought learning to life as children explored traditional Welsh cottages, historical buildings and hands-on exhibits. From workshop demonstrations to discovering how people lived in the past, the experience sparked curiosity and deepened understanding of our heritage. A big thank you to staff and volunteers who made the day such a success.



At Clyro, we follow Values Education, which seeks to develop the whole child by teaching, guiding and aiding them to understand and reflect on Christian values that are important to us, how they affect ourselves and those around us. These values promote responsibility for our actions and teach the children respect for ourselves and each other, so that they grow socially, creatively, spiritually and mentally equipped for life with confidence, respect and purpose. Values work is carried out during Collective Worship and lessons.

Please can all parents ensure that they are taking advantage of the Schoop app (School 14121). Should you need help with accessing Schoop, please contact the school.





Healthy Schools

Tuck Shop

A polite reminder that break time snacks must only be fruit and vegetables. This is a national policy.
Diolch.

House Captains and Vice-Captains

Persuasive language videos were submitted and the level was outstanding.
Da iawn Pawb!



AoLEs	
Humanities	Language, Literacy & Communication
Science & Technology	Expressive Arts
Maths & Numeracy	Health & Wellbeing
Literacy, Numeracy & Digital Competence	



Topic Work - Parent/Guardians Contributions

Ein Cymuned Our Community

Thank you, parents and grandparents, for your contributions already this half term. We have been lucky enough to have enjoyed some very important historical discussions and presentations related to the rich community history.



Digital Leaders

The Powys Digital Lead visited the school and we look forward to developing some new ICT skills.

Eco Committee

The Eco Committee are looking forward to inviting parents for Gardening Day on 10th November and helping Tom once again from Keep Wales Tidy.

School Council

School Council have been sharing ideas with the Friends on decoration ideas for the outdoor spaces.



Open Door Policy

As always, if you have anything you want to discuss, Mrs Stevens is available most mornings at the lower gate. We have an open door policy and you can call the office to make an appointment or email office@clyro.powys.sch.uk

Diolch



Attendance

Powys' attendance target is 93%. As of October 2025, our current attendance figure is 94%. Thank you for your support in this. The school has regular attendance meetings with the EWO and we encourage parents to avoid taking children out of school during term time, if possible.

Child Led Assemblies

We have enjoyed several child led inspirational assemblies this half term and staff couldn't be prouder of those individuals who have spoken passionately and enthusiastically about their learning and what is important for them. Da iawn to Moss on his fantastic presentation on stammering.



Cwri Cymraeg

Children have been learning about and exploring the local area whilst filming and recording in Welsh. Gwych Plant!



Sports Ambassadors

Congratulations to our new Sports Ambassadors Sophie and Fynn.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A massive thank you to everyone who was able to come to our Coffee Morning, as well as those who took the time to bake and donate. Without your support, events like these wouldn't be possible.

Dosbarth 3 worked their socks off for weeks, dedicating lesson and personal time to prepare for the morning itself. Their dedication paid off. The school was thrilled to announce that the children raised £530!

We gratefully received raffle prizes from:

Texaco Garage, Booth's Bookshop, Bartrums, Number Two, Hawthorn, Spar, Peach and Rogue Boutique, Forivor Children's Bedware, The Three Tuns and many more parental donations.



Facebook

Exciting news!

We have set up a school Facebook page that seeks to promote all the wonderful things our learners get up to and share information about up-and-coming events in the school calendar.

The page is in its infancy for development, so no children's names or faces will be published on the school Facebook page. This may be subject to change in the future, but permission will be sought before any changes are made.

You can find our Facebook page by searching 'Clyro Church in Wales Primary School' - please give us a follow!

Apple Press

We had a brilliant afternoon making apple juice.

From collecting apples to enjoying the juice, the children had a fantastic time and the sun even came out. A big thanks to Wobbly Owl and the Friends of Clyro for organising the event.



Clyro school hosts apple pressing event to reduce food waste



Radio Wales

Emily from Radio Wales listened and recorded the children singing which became part of a programme all about enjoying songs in adulthood.

[BBC Radio Wales - All Things Considered, Assembly Bangers](#)

HayDay Dementia Café

A heart-warming afternoon at the HayDay Dementia Café with year 5 and 6.

The children helped the older generation - some of which are Dementia and Alzheimer's sufferers - to create seashell pendants. As always, the children were a pleasure and made us so proud, with many in attendance commenting what brilliant, polite and helpful children they were. Da iawn, Blwyddyn 5 a 6!

Open Morning

Thank you to all of those who helped to organise the School and Preschool open morning. We enjoyed meeting so many new parents and Blwyddyn 6 were on top form leading tours around the school. Dosbarth 1 and Dosbarth 2 were excellent in sharing their Welsh phrases for Diwrnod Shwmae.



Inset Day Reminder

Friday October 24th

Friday December 19th



Well done to all our children on their efforts with the 3P award.

It has been a pleasure to see and hear the children making every effort in terms of respect, punctuality and attendance as well as developing their Welsh oracy skills. Gwych Plant!

Congratulations to September's 3P Headteacher's Award winners.

We look forward to seeing who will take the trophy home for October! 😊



Da iawn James, Nancy ac Isabelle. 😊

Huw Aaron Workshop

A brilliant workshop with the Welsh children's author about his book 'Unfairies'. Children in years 2-6 learnt about writing, heard extracts from the book and had a fantastic time creating their own fairies. An inspirational author that further ignited creativity in our already creative learners.

Free School Meals

Please see the link attached for further information and guidance on how to apply. Schools benefit by accepting additional funding. Please check your eligibility. This is completely confidential with only class teachers and administration being aware.

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11906/free-school-meals>



Breakfast Buddies Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues to run from 8am.

Children cannot be accepted after 8:40am and the last breakfast is served at 8:30am.

Our Preschool children have also joined our Breakfast Club.

We ask that where possible, parents pay for the term in advance via Parentpay.

Please see Miss BT or Mrs Green if you have any questions.

Race and Horse Sponsors Wanted!

We're offering local businesses and supporters the chance to sponsor a race or horse at our upcoming Race Night.

All sponsors will be promoted before and during the event - including shoutouts on social media and on the big screen during the races.

It's a great way to support Clyro Primary School while getting your business name in front of the local community. You also get to name your racehorse!

Sponsorship starts from just £10.

If you'd like to get involved, drop Pam Lloyd a message here - 07968237166



School Autumn Disco



Urdd Membership

Membership is £10 and is paid annually via the link <https://www.urdd.cymru/en/join>

Clyro Pre School

Thank you for a brilliant first term back at Clyro Pre School. We have had a super busy and fun term and I'm sure the children have enjoyed every minute. Please follow us on Instagram (clyro_preschool) and Facebook (Clyro Pre School). We share weekly posts including videos and pictures of all our activities and themes we have been enjoying. Thank you for everyone's ongoing support and we look forward to welcoming the Pre School children back in November for another fun filled term!



Dosbarth/Class 1	Dosbarth/Class 2	Dosbarth/Class 3
Derbyn/Reception: 11	Blwyddyn/Year 2: 6	Blwyddyn/Year 4: 9
Blwyddyn/Year 1: 15	Blwyddyn/Year 3: 15	Blwyddyn/Year 5: 8
		Blwyddyn/Year 6: 9
Cyfanswm/Total = 26	Cyfanswm/Total = 21	Cyfanswm/Total = 26



Staffing

We would like to welcome Deborah Knowler as our Administrator and Midday Supervisor. We would also like to welcome Heidi Davies and Jenny Lloyd as Teaching Assistants.

Mighty Oaks After School Club

MIGHTY OAKS
Clyro

We are open 3:30 - 5:30pm, 5 days per week in term-time. Up to £5.50 for 2 hours*

For all primary school aged children
Please enquire for 3-4 year olds

How to Book
Use the QR code for the booking form, or email m.o.clyro@gmail.com

Our Staff

ROSA
After years as a business developer in sectors from dentistry to hospitality, I landed in playwork by accident (and never left!). Now L3 Creative Play qualified and trained in Forest School L3, I work with Wildplay at the Wildlife Trust, mentor children and chase after my curious 2 year old!
Rosa joined our team in Sept, and will gain her L3 Playwork qualification in the near future.

SEREN
Hello, I'm Seren, I work as a Playworker at Mighty Oaks after school club. I've had 3 years' experience of being a Playranger in Newport, and I gained a qualification in L2 Playwork. It's given me the privilege of working with young people, and I enjoy the work greatly!
Seren joined our team in June, and she also hopes to study for her L3 Playwork qualification.

Jess and other members of the Friends team may also cover sessions when Seren and Rosa aren't available. All our staff (including cover staff) have an enhanced DBS check.

*Book for as long as you need. Costs are currently subsidised due to a grant.

We are run by the Association of Friends of Clyro School (charity no. 1009863) and are working towards CIW registration, so in the future, parents can reclaim childcare costs.



HBTSR & Clyro Primary School invite you to our

Welcome Day

Sunday 2nd November
12-4pm
Clyro Primary School

A day out with friends old and new

Guided Walk - Sports - Arts & Crafts - Forest School
Face Painting - Refreshments - and much more...



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Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns or questions, please speak to the following members of staff.



Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Stevens

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Miss Griffiths

Governor Safeguarding Lead: Becky Drysdale

Hannah Elliott (Chair of Governors)



Forest School Reminder

Children in Dosbarth 3 will have Forest School sessions every Monday afternoon after half term until Christmas.

After Christmas, it will be Dosbarth 1.

Waterproof jackets and trousers required.

Diolch Sarah and staff for providing such engaging activities for the children.

Cooler Weather

Children are reminded to bring coats as the weather has turned colder. We also ask that children bring water bottles to school daily.

To avoid missing uniform, could we ask that families label their clothing clearly with full names. Diolch.

Health and Safety

Thank you for your patience regarding the drop off and collection gate system.

Following risk assessments before and after the system being put in place, we can confirm that we are now meeting with safeguarding requirements. Observers of the new system have included Governors, Headteachers Parents and Powys Health and Safety team.

Moving forward, the system will remain as it is and reviewed regularly. We will of course remain flexible for learners who require support on occasion.

When staffing allows, the Park Gate is also an option for parents.

Information regarding the risk assessment is available and can be discussed further should anyone wish to.



Gate Changes

- Please let staff know in advance if you need to collect from a different gate.
- If a parent/child is at the wrong gate for any reason, staff will bring the child around to the correct gate.

Drop Off/Collection

- If you are walking/biking/scooting to school please use the top gate.
- If you want to collect from lower gate, please park in lower car park.
- If you want to collect from top gate, please park in upper car park.
- On arrival after 9:15am, please bring you child/ren to the main entrance.

Safety First

- Parents are responsible for their children in the car park areas following handover at the gates.
- Please try to avoid walking up/down the road between car parks. There is no pedestrian walkway.
- Please be mindful when parking and reversing and remember the 5mph speed limit.

Diolch yn fawr iawn.

Message from the Chair of Governors

Welcome to all of our new starters and returning children. I hope that everyone has settled in quickly and had a rewarding first half term of the new academic year. The Autumn term is a fresh start in so many ways - moving up a year/class, meeting new people, new routines and plenty of new log in details and passwords to try and remember, but it also provides plenty of opportunities for children to be 'caught being kind' as our values underpin every aspect of each school day.

Our school has been through big changes over the past year, and recruitment for our new Headteacher is underway. We will share news on this as soon as possible, but in the meantime, I would like to thank Mrs Stevens for her commitment to joining our school community and providing leadership through this transition period. Mrs Stevens has spent the first half of the Autumn term getting to know our children, staff, parents and school, and will build on this in the coming weeks with an increase in time teaching in class. Miss Griffiths, who did such an amazing job as Acting Head last year, has returned to her classroom, to the delight of the children in Class One. She continues to provide ongoing support and guidance across the school in her role as Deputy Headteacher. Our dedicated staff remain focussed on ensuring that each child has every possible opportunity to thrive.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Parent and Guardian Feedback Form. To make our school the very best it can be, it is vital that all members of our school community, including staff, governors, parents and guardians, and of course the children, are involved in the ongoing development of the school, enabling us to provide a nurturing learning environment in which our children can thrive. Your feedback is all anonymous, but every answer is important and will help us to understand our strengths and areas to develop, as we continue to try and make our school the very best it can be.

As always, if you would like to discuss any ideas or feedback with a member of staff, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Our next Governor's meeting is Wednesday 12th November.

Hannah Elliott, Chair of Governors



Autumn Term Dates Dyddiadau Tymor yr Hydref

October/Hydref	
21 st -22 nd	Big Draw Flu Vaccine Mop Up
23 rd	Harvest Service 2pm Land Day Autumn Disco 6pm
24 th	Inset Day
27 th -31 st	Half-term Holiday
November/Tachwedd	
2 nd	Welcome Day 12-4pm
10 th	Gardening Day 9:30-12
18 th	Parents Afternoon/Evening 2pm-6pm (More info. To follow)
December/Rhagfyr	
11 th	Christmas Play (afternoon)
16 th	Christmas Parties and Lunch
17 th	Parents Christmas Activities
18 th	Cinema Trip Church Visit
19 th	Inset Day

🌿 Fundraising News from The Friends of Clyro School 🌿



We're excited to share some brilliant updates from The Friends of Clyro School!

Tom from Keep Wales Tidy is back with us for the next two terms, helping to deliver our *Keep Wales Tidy Top-Up Development Package!* After some careful thought, the School Council chose the elements they felt would most benefit our grounds — including beautiful native wildflower and tree mixes, plus new habitat boxes for our local wildlife. Pupils will soon be getting hands-on with planting bulbs and trees, conducting biodiversity surveys, and creating cosy homes for our wild friends!

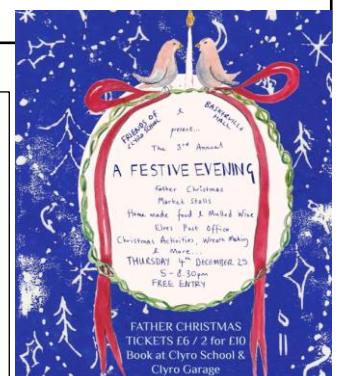
Our **Apple Pressing Day** was another juicy success with The Wobbly Owl Cidery 🍏 — and we're thrilled to say it was fully funded by a grant from *Social Farms and Gardens*. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make it such a fun, community-filled day!

And finally, a massive *well done* to all the pupils who took part in our **Sponsored Walk** at the end of the summer term. Thanks to your amazing efforts (and all your generous sponsors!), we raised over **£1,200!** The total will be split between the school and *Children with Cancer UK* — what a fantastic achievement! 🇬🇧

Thank you to everyone for your continued support — together, we're helping our school and community grow! 🌸

Friends Concessionary Fund (FCF) can help by paying for items needed for school if you are facing financial hardship. We do not ask you to meet any criteria for this, but making a donation to Friends when you are able would be a great way to support Friends to continue to support others. This will be fully confidential, just approach your child's class teacher or the school office (Friends will not see any individual names). You might need help covering the cost of school trips, swimming (or swimwear), additional items such as Leavers Hoodies, including school uniform (including bags and footwear), school play DVD's and so on. Friends are only providing a limited pot of money for the year, but please so use it if you need to.

A Festive Evening-
Please see the poster
4/12/25 5-8.30pm. FREE ENTRY



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