

Newsletter

January 2023

Happy New Year / Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed spending some quality time with your children. It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back and to hear all about their holidays. Although we are all being challenged by the weather there is still much for us to look forward to over the next few weeks and months.

Firstly though, we need to say thank you to:

- everyone who attended the Christmas shows. We were super proud of the children and the way they performed.
- The Friends of Builth Primary School for arranging for every child to see Santa and receive a gift, and for the Santa hats which made our Christmas dinner very special.
- our local 'Help the Homeless Charity' who provided a bag of treats for every child as a reward for everything the school had done to support the charity.
- Builth Wells Town Council for arranging another terrific Santa sleigh ride drive-by with a truly unique Father Christmas.
- Busy Bees After-School Club who took part in the community Christmas tree competition at St. Mary's Church.

Paying Tribute

As we say thank you to our friends in the community and to the Town Council above, we would also like to pay tribute to two great friends of our school who died during 2022, Mrs Meryl Prynn and Reverend Brian Reardon. Both of them were dedicated and conscientious school governors. Meryl played a key role in establishing our breakfast club – Clwb Bore Da – and Brian was a regular visitor to school, contributing to assemblies as well as warmly hosting our Harvest services and Christmas shows in Alpha Chapel. The whole community will miss them greatly and our school community will remember them with much fondness and respect.

What's coming up next?

Swimming starts for Y5 and Y6 on Friday 20th January.

Snow White Pantomime – 24th January

Following the success of 'The Jungle Book' in October, M&M Theatre Group is revisiting on Tuesday 24th January to present their 'Snow White Pantomime' to the whole school. This is intended as a treat for the children to say 'well done' for their performances in their own shows before Christmas. It will be part-funded by the ticket sales for the shows, but we

must also ask for an additional contribution of £2 per child towards the cost. It is much cheaper to bring the theatre to us than to have to pay for transport, so we hope you agree this is good value for money and will hopefully provide the children with an enjoyable and memorable experience. Payments should be made on Parent Pay by Monday 23rd January – diolch!

Meeting of The Friends of Builth Wells Primary School – Tuesday 17th January

The next meeting of the Friends will be held on Zoom on Tuesday 17th January at 7.00 p.m. Our committee does some wonderful things to support the school and has provided all sorts of resources we couldn't otherwise afford. Please do try to find a bit of time to join them or help if you can. Please get in touch with the school office if you would like to receive the link or check out the Facebook page for The Friends of Builth Wells Primary School.

Busy Bees Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 25th January 7:30 p.m. on Zoom

The Friends is going strong, but we really need some help with Busy Bees Committee. The current committee have done a sterling job and kept us going right through the really tough times in recent years when it was a struggle to remain open. But they have done their bit. Their children no longer attend Busy Bees, so we really need parents who do use Busy Bees to take over if we are to keep the committee going. It no longer has a management responsibility for Busy Bees, but the money raised through fundraising really does help. With their support we could start to think again about offering a wider range of activities and possibly even start going on trips in Holiday Club once again.

Please contact the school office if you would like us to send you the Zoom link.

Cwis Dim Clem – Friday 3rd February

We hope to repeat our success of 2022 in both streams in the annual Menter Iaith quiz about Wales and all things Welsh!

Urdd Pêl Droed / Football Tournament – Tuesday 7th February

This is the new date for the competition which was postponed in the autumn term.

Half Term – Monday 20th to Friday 24th February.

Diolch yn fawr,

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