

Ysgol Gynradd Cilffriw

Cilffriw Primary School



FOREST SCHOOLS

The children are having engaging experiences despite the Welsh weather.

The children in Forest Schools are learning new skills and coming up with innovative ways to use nature to explore, learn and take risks. The latest mud slide has been quite the hit as has their mud masks. They are not phased by the weather one bit and in fact use the opportunity to explore different things at different times of the year in our school. Thank goodness for water proofs!



Monthly Attendance:

Nursery- 84%

Reception- 95%

Beech (Yr 1/2)- 94%

Cherry (Yr 3/4)- 96%

Elm (Yr 5)- 92%

Maple (Yr 6)- 91%

Oak (C7)- 95%

Pine (C8)- 88%

Whole School- 93%

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SAFEGUARDING

To strengthen safeguarding arrangements and address health and safety issues.

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LEADERSHIP

Improve strategic leadership at all levels.

3

PROGRESSION & ASSESSMENT

Improve teachers' Use of on-going assessment to inform appropriate next stepson pupils' learning and challenge pupils.

4

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Improve the provision for the teaching of and the progressive development of pupils' Skills (Welsh, Digital, Writing, Numeracy).

Cluster School Council Day

Two representatives from our school Senedd went to meet all other school councils from cluster primaries and Llangatwg secondary school. They shared what they all do and have decided that they should all come together each term and work on something together as a cluster. We look forward to seeing their plans!



Cost of the School Day- Poverty Action Group

We have been working with the cost of the school day representatives from Welsh Government since September. Kirsten has been coming down and working with a group of our pupils on researching where we are as a school and developing targets on how we can poverty proof our school to help everyone from our school community.



The children were asked to present what they have been doing too other delegates from a range of places across Wales. They travelled to Pontardawe Arts Theatre to give a presentation on how their work will impact on the lives of people in our local community. They were outstanding and very much loved the attention they had, including breakfast!



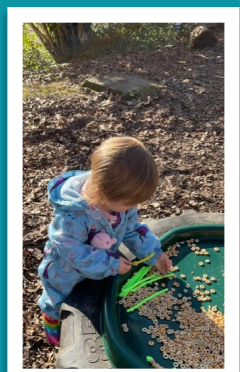
COMMUNITY UPDATE:

STAY AND PLAY

Each Tuesday afternoon, we run a wonderful stay and play session for our under 3's. This session is open to any children in the local area and beyond. We have had a number of children attend our playgroup that have changed their minds on their child's school and has sent them to us. Please get the word out, this is an excellent session.

ZONES OF REGULATION

We have updated all charts across the school so that pupils can indicate what they are feeling and when. This allows a member of staff to spend time with the pupil to find out what is going on for them. In order for things to be effective for our pupils, we are offering you as parents a copy if you want one to follow the same format at home. If you are interested, please e mail or speak to the main school office.



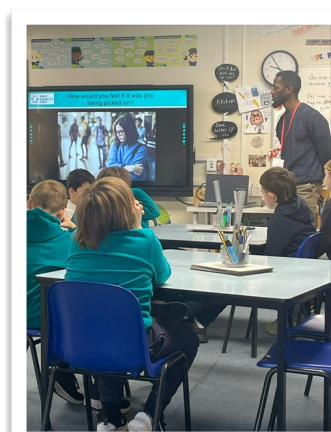


Anti-Racism Workshops

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a workshop on anti-racism from 'Race, Equality, First'. They were taught valuable lessons for their future and with social media often promoting negative messages, it is vital we run sessions for pupils to understand the reality of life. There is a competition for the design of a poster that will be sent out on Classcharts this week, let's hope we have lots on entries from our school.

High School Musical

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a treat going to see the dress rehearsal of the Llangatwg school show 'High School Musical'. They were enthralled at their acting, singing and dancing skills and enables our learners to see where they could get there if they follow their creative skills. Seeing older pupils that used to attend Cilffriw Primary only added to their ambition.



Big Bocs Bwyd

Our poverty action group have been busy again. They submitted a bid to the 'Big Bocs Bwyd' charity and were successful in round one and later had to present to a panel from the charity as to why they thought our school should receive support and funding for us to have this in our community. The initiative allows us to have a shipping container that we will be turning into a shop. The shop will serve the community and help if anyone is in need by running a pay as you can system. It also allows us to recycle food that is near or at it's sell by dates that supermarkets throw away. We heard this week that we have been successful and will be included in the initiative. It also allows us to grow and cook vegetables and learn essential life skills. When we have further information, we will let you know so that anyone interested can get involved.

Children in Need Day

The school community came together again to mark an important day, Children in Need. The children came to school dressed in spots or bright colours of their choice and learned important messages about children who struggle and how we should challenge ourselves (this year's theme). Thank you for supporting the children participating in charity events.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

DATE:	WHAT'S GOIN ON:	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:
Monday 8th December	Cycle Craft for Year 6	Week of cycling skills for Year 6, see announcements for more information.
Wednesday 10th December	Animation Film Premiere for Parents	Cherry class invite our school community to see their movie premiere's of their animations.
Wednesday 10th December	Carol Service Rehearsal	Children will be walking to Pisgah chapel with staff for a rehearsal.
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Dinner for Pupils	Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, we are really looking forward!
Friday 12th December	Class 7 and 8 Performance of Learning	The school community are invited to share their learning this term.
Monday 15th December	Christmas Fayre for Community	Join us for fun at the Fayre, lots of exciting things planned (Santa, treasure hunts) etc!
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Carol Service	Join us to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Extravaganza for Pupils	Children will be cooking, making Christmas Eve kits, making decorations and more!
Friday 19th December	Last Day for Pupils	Children finish for Christmas break.
Monday 5th January	INSET Day for Pupils	Staff professional learning day.
Tuesday 6th January	Pupils Return to School	Pupils return to school after break.
Monday 12th January	After School Clubs Start Back	New after school clubs to start back.
Monday 12th January	Kerbcraft Starts for Year 1 and 2 Pupils	Road safety sessions for Years 1 and 2 with NPT Road Safety Team.
Wednesday 11th February	Cluster School Council Meeting	Second cluster school council meeting.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

PERFORMANCE OF LEARNING

Please see class newsletters and announcements for dates and times. Please join the children to share their inquiry learning this term.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER APPEAL

If you have any Christmas jumpers that are too small (children or adults), please donate them to school. The children want to find new homes for them!

CAROL SERVICE

All details are on Classcharts announcements. We are really looking forward to joining you to celebrate Christmas together.

KERBCRAFT

We are looking for parent helpers to volunteer to go out with the children during Kerbcraft sessions. If you are interested please contact Mrs Gubb.