

Newsletter 20/12/23



What a busy and productive Autumn term it has been, I'd like to say a huge thank you to you all for your support throughout this term and during our recent Christmas concerts. Thank you so much for all your lovely comments which made it all so worthwhile. Thank you to the stars of our concerts, the children, for working so hard to learn all their lines, the wonderful dance moves and actions, practicing singing songs and playing instruments, not to mention the seamless movement on and off the stage – they were truly amazing, I'm sure you will agree. Also, a huge thank you to all the staff for their incredible hard work in making our concerts so successful. Children's costumes were stunning and added to the magic of each and every performance – a huge thank you to you all for providing costumes and for all your help and support in preparing for the concerts.

Our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 concert 'The Bossy King' was spectacular and hilarious with a traditional nativity scene. One of our narrators shared that this is an incredible time of year and it was wonderful to see our youngest children in the Nursery have their special moment dressed in their costumes, all of our children sparkled on the stage, very well done to them all. Our Junior concert 'Lights, Camel, Action' was modern, hilarious and it almost seemed as though we were live at Strictly! It had a lovely reference to the Christmas story throughout and, in the words of SClub7, all of the children certainly 'reached for the stars' on that stage! Well done to everyone for entertaining us and getting everyone into the Christmas spirit- (Article 31).

A special thank you to the Friends of Blaengwrach for all their hard work and support this term raising valuable funds for the children at Blaengwrach. It's been a busy term planning and organising the Christmas Fayre and a Christmas Hamper raffle with donations from the local community and staff for each of our Christmas Concerts. Thank you all so much for supporting their fundraising events throughout the term, thanks to your generosity we have raised an amazing £870.00 as a school community which will be used to purchase resources or to subsidise bus trips/visits.

Our 'Play and Stay' and 'Messy Play' sessions have taken place in our outdoor classroom and in the Community Hall this term and has been a huge success. Sessions take place with Megan Roberts, our Family Engagement Officer, on Thursdays 9-10. Lots of children and families who attend will become members of our school community and will go on to attend our Nursery and this is an excellent way to transition and prepare for this next step. 'Play and Stay' sessions will continue after the Christmas break in our Outdoor Classroom, 9-10 a.m. on Thursdays, all welcome.

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We ended Autumn term 2023 with Christmas visits to the cinema to see 'Wonka' and a visit to Wiggley's Farm to see Santa, as well as Christmas parties, a Christmas puppet show, making contributions to worthy charities through our charity advent calendar, and a special visitor arrived in school. Our Christmas paper plate competition demonstrated how creative our pupils are and created a wonderful display in the school hall and, of course, Ernie the Elf caused a little festive chaos throughout December!



You are welcome to attend our Christmas Coffee morning at the Community bandstand and hall on 21.12.23 with music from our Year 4 pupils learning Brass through NPT taster music sessions this term and our school choir performing some festive songs for you. We look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, from everyone at Blaengwrach Primary, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year- Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda. Have a wonderful time and we look forward to see you all back in school on Monday 8th January 2024.




DATES

Monday 8 th January 2024	Children return to school for Spring Term 2024
Monday 15 th to Friday 26 th January	Swimming @ Vale of Neath Leisure Centre further details to follow
Tuesday 9 th January	Y1/2 Kerbcraft Road Safety
Tuesday 23 rd January	Juniors NPT Drama Workshop
Friday 26 th January	Y3 Harp Workshop NPT Music Service
Thursday 1 st February	Rags2Riches Clothing Collection
Tuesday 6 th February	Choir @ Princess Royal Theatre, Port Talbot, Holocaust Memorial Evening
Friday 9 th February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 19 th February	INSET – School Closure

ADVANCE NOTICE 2024

Wednesday 22 nd to Friday 24 th May	Y4 Llangrannog Residential Visit
Wednesday 23 rd to Friday 25 th October	Y6 Abernant Residential Visit (current Y5 pupils)

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