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Church in Wales Primary School

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Our School Value for this half term - Respect

16th September 2022

Communication – There were so many important messages in last week's newsletters. Please inform us if you didn't receive it – it was sent to all families via Seesaw. We return this week to sending also by email and have updated our distribution list.

Queen Elizabeth II— you will already know from the Seesaw sharing of a Local Authority letter that all schools are closed on Monday, 19th September.

Every pupil (including Ladybirds) today has been given a book provided nationally to school children to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. Very poignant that they have arrived this week. The book is beautiful and bilingual and a lovely piece of memorabilia.

Parent Pack – please could any outstanding pupil contact/consent forms for new families be returned asap. Diolch.

Discovery Day – each class had a fun, hands on day working collaboratively across all ages to start off the term topic of 'Yma o Hyd'.

- i) Pupils heard the legend of the two dragons and then created their own version of Y Ddraig Goch using a range of materials and applying creative skills.
- ii) We shared lots of tales from the Mabinogion, a collection of medieval Welsh stories. Using the characters we read about we designed a map of Wales to show where each story originated from. We also listened to a translation of our topic song Yma O Hyd and then designed our own Welsh folk dance to perform to the song. We researched where lots of different Welsh castles are located and chose our favourite one to recreate using playdough, lego, blocks or anything else we could think of!
- Using the popular Welsh song Yma O Hyd pupils used musical instruments, including a Welsh harp, to accompany the chorus and sing along to the verse. Using detective skills they guessed which Welsh person could have owned an abandoned suitcase filled with Welsh clues. Then they discovered the history about Gwrych Castle where 'I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here' has been filmed the last two years. Eventually leading us to take on our very own Bush tucker tasting trial!'
- iv) The children watched a short video about the history of the Welsh Flag and learnt how unique and special it is due to it having a dragon displayed on it. The children then carefully cut out different pictures that represented Wales to create a collage of the Y Ddraig Goch.

Ladybirds Latest

This week we have been exploring colours – indoors and outdoors- in a range of ways.

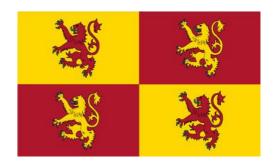
School Uniform – we thank families for placing so many uniform orders including the new PE tops – the most September orders ever. Please let Mrs Roberts in the office know if you are still awaiting items and haven't made us aware. We do keep some in school but try to avoid holding high stocks.

Sports – Years 5 and 6 attended the Cobra Tag Rugby this week in Meifod. The 3 teams played amazingly with the Year 5 team getting to the Quarter Finals.

Clubs – thank you to Mr McWhinnie and Miss Morris for providing a sport club for Years 5/6 on a Tuesday evening – donation of £1 for school resources. All practice especially towards the Urdd tournaments.

Bilingualism/Welsh dimension – Urdd letters have gone out this week on Seesaw with details about joining Yr Urdd for Eisteddfod and Sporting events. Our Gwasanaeth Cymraeg (Welsh worship) re-commenced this week, led by Blwyddyn 4.

Dydd Owain Glyndwr – 16th September annually marks the day to celebrate that this local medieval prince was declared Prince of Wales in the year 1400. His country residence of Sycharth by Llansilin is a motte and bailey castle site. Owain Glyndŵr remains one of the most heroic figures in Welsh history. His flag is popular in Wales and is flown, often side by side with Y Ddraig Goch. The day was celebrated in school with stories read and information shared about Glyndwr.



Service in Commemoration of

Her Late Majesty

Queen Elizabeth II

18th September 2022

11am
in St Ffraid's Church
a village coming together



SEPT 19th National Bank Holiday 26th Year 6 Lifeline Oswestry

OCT 3rd STAFF INSET DAY – no pupils in 7th Whole School Harvest Festival. 28th Finish for Half Term NOV 7th Return to school 11th Application for Powys Secondary Admission closing date

DEC 8th Theatre Severn Pantomime 21st End of Term