

## **LLANSANTFFRAID**

## **Church in Wales VA Primary School**

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Our School Value for this half term - Responsibility

20th January 2023

**UNCRC** – United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child:

**Article 11** – I have the right not to be taken out of the country illegally

Article 12 – I have the right to be listened to, and taken seriously

**IMPORTANT - Strike Action -** The school has been notified by the National Education Union that its members will be taking part in strike action on a number of dates, the first being **Wednesday 1 February**. This is likely to affect our school along with many others across the country which could include the school being partially closed on that date.

Further details will be provided when we have had more information from Powys County Council, and know more.

Gareth Hopkins Mrs Morris

**Bilingualism/Welsh Dimension** – it was such an honour to welcome Alis Huws, the current Royal Harpist to demonstrate her talents to the whole school this week in a fully funded charity workshop. In her role along with accompanying a number of orchestras, she has played all over the world in front of celebrities, royalty and the Welsh Government. How lucky were we to hear her play.

\*\*REPEAT MESSAGE\*\* Parentpay – can we politely ask that all debts are paid off – lunches, Breakfast Club, Ladybirds, After School Club so that the extra wrap around provision can continue. Many thanks. We will then start distributing letters if need be over the next week for outstanding amounts.

Friends of the School – thank you to the following parents for attending the meeting last night – Rachel Jones, Caren Beckett, Ceri Davies, Sam Williams, Helen Gittins, Andy Peter and Carrie Williams. It is a shame that no more attended to share ideas on how to fundraise for the benefit of all children. Further to discussion in the meeting, it has been decided to amalgamate their funds with our school funds in order to have one pot of money to buy 'treats' and extras for the children throughout the school. This pot will not last for ever unless we continue to top it up. Please approach any of those mentioned or Mrs Morris should you have ideas for fundraising. Hence there will be no committee as such but we will call on parents to work alongside school staff and the school children to raise funds. We will involve our school committees and all children in suggesting ideas and organising events. They will be the best equipped to put pressure on their families to join in!

**Term Topic** – to coincide with the introduction of the new topic for this term 'What a Wonderful World', our termly Discovery Day took place with four groups of mixed age children rotating around four activities. The children always love the day, supporting each other and having fun, experiential learning. Activities were as follows;-

- Games from a range of cultures
- 'All about me' artwork, Salsa and merengue dancing
- Celebrating World Religion day moving on to Buddhism and the meaning of the lotus flower, making a 3d model of it.

 Investigating Chinese New Year - following research, it was decided Chinese lanterns, fans and dragons were the order of the day using Chinese colours to represent luck and prosperity. We even learnt how to write our names using Chinese script!

## **Ladybirds Latest**

It was great to return to our Pyjama Drama workshop this week. Also the children are really enjoying our new story 'The Bumble Bear' all about being different and being accepted.

JAN
FEB 17<sup>th</sup> Finish for Half Term
27<sup>th</sup> Return to school
MAR 3<sup>rd</sup> School Eisteddfod
4<sup>th</sup> Urdd local Eisteddfod
9<sup>th</sup> Urdd local Dance Eisteddfod
17<sup>th</sup> Urdd County Dance Eisteddfod
25<sup>th</sup> Urdd County Eisteddfod
31<sup>st</sup> Finish for Easter