



ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

Friday 13th September 2024

Today we welcomed parents of the children in the Nursery and Reception class to a coffee morning with the congregation of St. Mary's, Brackla. We have forged strong community links with each other over the past few years and there are many events planned again this year. We will share further information with you nearer the time.

On Monday, Reverend Mark Broadway will be holding our first Eucharist of the year and the blessing of The Prayer Space. Please come and join us, you are very welcome.

Each half-term we choose a pair of Christian Values of the qualities we seek to develop in the pupils of the school. This half-term our values are '**Curious and Active**'. Pupils are growing to be **curious** about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

We aim to help the pupils grow by leading pupils to be curious about the universe and all human activity, to take increasing responsibility for their own learning, and by providing opportunities for them to be active in the life of the school, the Church, and the wider community.

The children have been thinking about how this relates to them. They have been curious in thinking about their new class topics and about how they could use their skills in becoming one of the members of our Senedd Committees: Rights Respecting School Committee; Digital Ambassadors; Worship and Values Committee; Eco-schools Committee; Healthy Schools Committee; Criw Cymreig and Ugandan Ambassadors.

Over the next few weeks, Year 6 pupils will also be composing a speech for their nomination as First and Deputy Minister of the Senedd. They will also have opportunities to become House Leaders for our School Houses:

Dyffrig, Eiddogwy and Tello.

We are also very excited for the installation of the new Outdoor Classroom next week and hope the dry sunny weather will stay. There will be some changes when dropping off and picking up children next Wednesday and Thursday - please make note of the changes detailed below in order to keep everyone safe.

I look forward to seeing you all next week at the Open Evenings. This is a great opportunity for your child to show their new classroom and for you to have a chat with their teacher.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Forster

Acting Headteacher

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Important Dates

- Monday 16th September, 9:15am: Eucharist Service, all welcome
- Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th September: Outdoor Classroom Installation
- Wednesday 18th September, 3:30pm: Open evening with teachers (in their classes) for Mrs Hodges, Mrs Bowen, Miss Conlon and Miss Doran
- Thursday 19th September, 3:30pm: Open evening for Nursery and Reception (in class)
- Friday 4th October: Y1 Hearing Screening
- Thursday 10th October: Wear something yellow for Mental Health Day
- Friday 11th October, 9am: Messy Church for Mrs Hodges' class
- Friday 18th October: Wear something red for 'Show Racism the Red Card'
- Thursday 24th October: Nasal flu vaccinations for pupils in Reception to Year 6
- Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November: Half term

Reminders

- Please ensure that pupil absences are reported to the school office by 9:30am.
- Don't forget to update your contact details with us if you have moved house, or changed phones!
- Parking restrictions outside of schools are there to help all road users stay safe, especially children. Where possible, parents and pupils are encouraged to walk to school. Please take care when using the car park on school grounds.

Outside Classroom Installation

On **Wednesday 18th September and Thursday 19th September**, pupils who are attending Breakfast Club should enter via the school's main entrance.

All other pupils and parents should enter and exit via the gate at the side of the school in front of the Nursery classroom which will be opened at 8:35am. The Junior yard gate will be locked.

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