

ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

Friday 4th October 2024

Learning how others are **Curious** and **Active**

This week saw the launch of 'Black History Month'. Over the month of October, the children will learn about the history and impact of black heritage and culture in the UK and beyond. Linked to our virtues of **Curious** and **Active**, the children heard the story of Nzambi Matee, from Kenya.

Ever since she was little, Nzambi knew she would be a scientist. As a child, she loved taking apart electronics and then putting them back together again. She was fascinated with how things worked. Her mother noticed this and would bring home broken electronics for Nzambi to fix.

But Nzambi noticed that her city was covered in plastic waste. It was everywhere, littering the streets, clogging the drains and flooding the Nairobi River. It can take up to 1,000 years for plastic to break down once it has been thrown away, and Nzambi could see it was causing terrible problems for her city and for our planet.

Nzambi had a goal: she wanted to help her community by repurposing plastic waste. One day, she had an idea: she could use discarded plastic to create bricks for building houses. This would help the environment and give people the materials they need to build homes. Nzambi's plan would make plastic waste useful again!

Nzambi's amazing work hasn't gone unnoticed. In 2020, she was named a Young Champion of the Earth by the United Nations. She received the Prince William Award for the Conservation of Africa in 2021, and the UK Women of the Year Eco-Champion Award in 2022.

Scroll down to see more about how our pupils have been curious and active this week, and what our Senedd Committees have been discussing.

You will have noticed that work has begun on the installation of our outdoor classroom. We will update parents as to when work will continue and if there is any impact on gates/doors for drop off and pick up. Thank you for your co-operation.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Forster
Acting Headteacher



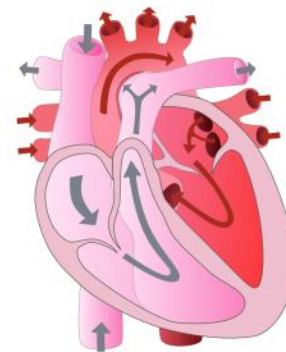
Keep in Touch:

Year 6 Get Curious About The Heart



'It felt like jelly but I didn't really want to touch it. I found out that there are different rooms in the heart that do different things.'

Trisha



'I found that the blood picks up oxygen in the lungs and then the heart pumps it around the body. We learned that there are valves, like doors, that open and close.'

Rhian

'I found out that the left side of the heart is thicker than the right side.'

Pachy



Cauliflower Cards



Most classes have now sent their Christmas card artwork home (either in paper form or by photo on Seesaw). Please can you place any orders with Cauliflower Cards and return the paper order form (and artwork if you have it) no later than **Friday 11th October** so that they can be sent off for creation!

For further guidance on how to order, please click here: <https://youtu.be/t7ACsObwql4?feature=shared>

New School Transport Policy



Please see below a link to the local authority's new Home to School Transport Policy 2025. This will be in affect from September 2025.

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/transport-to-school-or-college/>



Rights Respecting School Super Ambassadors

The children had an online meeting with The Children's Commissioner of Wales Rocio Cifuentes. Rocio introduced herself and her role as Commissioner and talked about the monthly challenges.

This month the children are talking about sugary drinks and sweets being sold near shop tills.

Keep in Touch:

Admission to secondary school - Year 7, September 2025

If your child is due to transfer from a primary school to Year 7 at a secondary school in September 2025, you must complete a school admission application.

For community schools, applications will open on **Monday, 14 October 2024 at 10am**. The deadline date for completed applications is **Friday, 17 January 2025 at 4pm**. You are able to apply online through the 'My Account' on the Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) website.

The governing body of Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School is the admission authority with responsibility for all admission arrangements for that school and applications are now open for submissions.

To apply for a place at Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School, please use the online application form found via this link: <https://forms.gle/wr8X3qgq4iJaMbgt7>

The closing date for applications to Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School is **Friday, December 20th 2024**.

An Open Evening at ABMG has been arranged for Tuesday 15th October from 4.30pm – 6.30pm. We recommend that you attend this evening as they will be able to answer any questions and offer assistance with applications.

Failure to submit an application by these dates and times may result in your child being refused a place at the school of your choice.

You can find more information about school admissions on the BCBC website, and also on our website: <https://www.ajlprimary.co.uk/admissions>

Criw Cymraeg - Shwmae Day

Tuesday 15th October is 'Diwrnod Shwmae', a day to celebrate all things Welsh and an opportunity to have fun and share the Welsh language.

Pupils are welcome to come to school wearing red, green or white (the colours of the Welsh flag!) or to come dressed as a famous Welsh person.

#shwmaesumae24



School Photographs



This year we have decided to use Tempest Photography for our pupil portraits. They will be visiting on **Wednesday 9th October** to take photos of all pupils.

If you do not wish for your child's photograph to be taken please contact the school office by Tuesday 8th October.

Siblings at home are welcome to come into school to have their photo taken with pupils. If you would like a sibling photo please arrive at school for 8:30am. Siblings within the school will have their photos taken together as well as individually.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Keep in Touch:

www.ajlprimary.co.uk | 01656 815520 | admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru | Message us using the School Gateway app

Important Dates

- Monday 7th October - Friday 11th October: Wellbeing Week (*more details below*)
- Tuesday 8th October: Y1 Hearing Screening
- Wednesday 9th October: School Photos - Individuals & Siblings
- Thursday 10th October: Wear something yellow for Mental Health Day
- Friday 11th October: Deadline for Parent Governor votes
- Tuesday 15th October: 'Shwmae' Day - wear red, white, green or dress as a famous Welsh person
- 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
- Friday 25th October: INSET Day 3 of 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, changed your phone number or email address.
- 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.

Don't forget to wear something yellow for World Mental Health Day #HelloYellow on **Thursday 10th October** and to wear something red for 'Show Racism the Red Card' on **Friday 18th October**. We will be raising awareness of these campaigns at school but will not be collecting money. Should you wish to donate you can do so directly to [Young Minds](#) or [The Red Card](#).

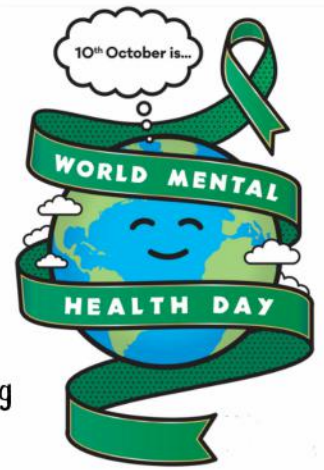


Keep in Touch:

Wellbeing WEEK

7th - 11th October

Our Healthy Schools Ambassadors have planned a fun action packed week for wellbeing week next week.



Move it Monday
(Wear your trainers)



Teddy Tuesday
Bring a small soft toy



Wellbeing Wednesday



THANK YOU
Thankful Thursday
(Wear something Yellow!)

Feel good Friday



Our Healthy School Ambassadors are on a mission to improve the health of our pupils.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!



What can you do?

- 1** Please send a water bottle and a healthy snack (fruit, vegetables, yogurt) for snack time. Or, alternatively our fruit tuck shop is open every day.
- 2** Make healthy choices for your child's packed lunch or encourage them to make healthy choices for their dessert if having school dinners.
- 3** Continue this even after Wellbeing week.

Here are some ideas to help you!

Thank you for your support.

Pack your child a HEALTHY LUNCH BOX

Choose a variety of foods from each food group

Fruit	
+	
Vegetables	
+	
Dairy	
+	
Wholegrains	
+	
Lean meat & alternatives	
=	A Healthy Lunch Box



Snack time!



Run by our
Healthy Schools
Ambassadors

AJL Fruit Tuck Shop Is Back!

Selling fruit all week until we run out.
Only 30p

YUM!

Wow!






Rhedeg dros Newid Atal trais

Ras a Diwrnod Hwyl
i'r Teulu Rhuban Gwyn
30th Tachwedd 2024

Caeau Newbridge,
Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr
Cofrestru am 9.30am

Tocynnau: Oedolion £5, plant £2.50,
teuluoedd £10

Cofrestrwch cyn 31 Hydref 2024

Gyda chymorth gan



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Run for Change

End the violence

White Ribbon Run & Family Fun Day

30th November 2024

Newbridge Fields, Bridgend
9.30am registration

Tickets: Adults £5, children £2.50,
families £10

Register before 31st October 2024

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