

# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

**Friday 22nd November 2024**

On Wednesday we held a special worship to say goodbye to Ms Hopkins who is retiring. We showed her a compilation of videos in which children, both past and present, recalled their happy times with her. She was quite touched by the children's comments.

Ms Hopkins was dedicated to the Cross-country club, always having a smile even when cold and soaked through from torrential rain. She gave up her own time to run the club and attended the cross-country trials on Saturdays.

Ms Hopkins is looking forward to pursuing her many sporting activities and travelling adventures. Her infectious smile always lifted our spirits and she will be greatly missed.



## Cafe Church - Sun 24th Nov

Don't forget to come to church this Sunday at 9:30am when St Mary's church will be running their 'Christ the King' cafe church.

Everyone is welcome, and there are refreshments and crafts etc to enjoy.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs L Forster**

Acting Headteacher



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## Year 4/5 SeaQuest Workshop

As part of the Blue Abyss topic Year 4/5 took part in a SeaQuest workshop.

"I learnt about a mask crab, what it looks like and that it is whitey pink"

Leo



"Different species of crabs can be preserved in jars with alcohol so we can inspect them"

Bluebell

"Basking sharks and cat sharks live in the seas in Wales"

Daisy R

"When sharks lay eggs, they eat the bottom of the egg to let the baby shark out"

Euan

"The blue whale is the size of our church hall"

Annabelle

"Sea urchins used to be starfish"

Tristan B

"Star fish came before the dinosaurs"

Ryan



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# Parliament Week

As part of Parliament Week, we had a visit from Chris Elmore MP.

The children were able to ask him some questions about his role and he handed out the 'Seren y Wythnos' and 'Values' certificates in our celebration worship.

We have also been exploring 'What is a rule, and what is a law?'

Mrs Bowens class even held a mock trial which was very exciting to watch!



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‘What do you do for fun when you are not working?’  
(Nevaeh)

‘I have a little boy so I like to do fun things with him.’



‘What’s one thing you would change if you could?’ (Tristan)

‘I would change the way that children use computers so they are kept safe.’



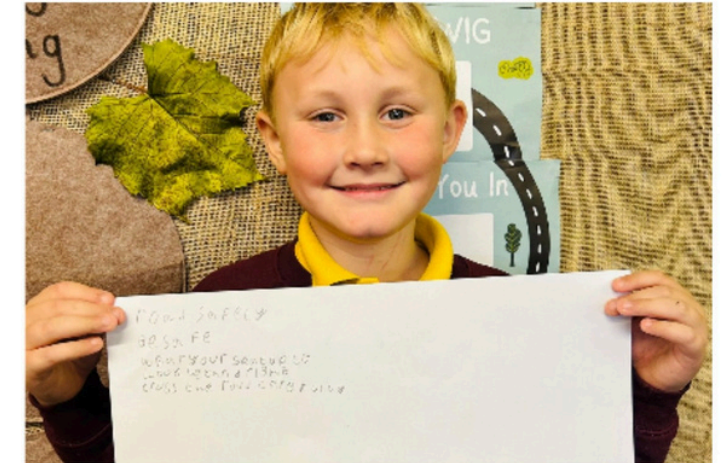
‘How long do you sit in Parliament for?’ (Mila)

‘Normally Monday to Thursday then I am back in Bridgend on Friday.’

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# Road Safety Week



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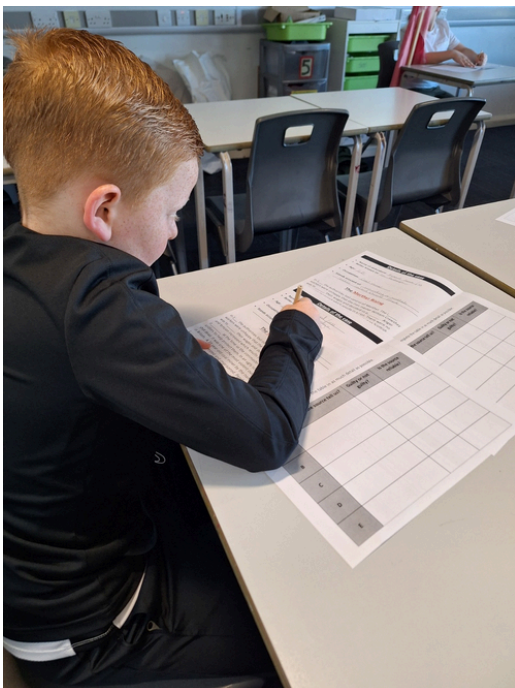
## Important Dates

- Monday 25th November: Tickets for Nativity Concerts (N - Y3) released for sale on the gateway app
- Friday 6th December: PTA Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 10th December: Nativity Concert (N - Y3) 9:30am-10:30am
- Wednesday 11th December: Nativity Concert (N - Y3) 9:30am-10:30am
- Wednesday 11th December: Christmas Dinner Day
- Thursday 12th December: Christmas Jumper Day (donation of £1 for Y Bont very much appreciated)
- Tuesday 17th December: Christmas Service in Coity Church, 10:00am - 11:00am - all welcome
- Friday 20th December: Last day of term!

## Year 6 Transition Visit

The children enjoyed being historical investigators who had to decide if Richard Lewis (Dic Penderyn) was guilty of wounding a soldier during the Merthyr Riots in 1831. Rueben and Millie took on the roll of the suspect and despite the jury of their peers finding him innocent, the judge sentenced him to death! Many years later, another man confessed on his death bed that it was he who should have been punished, not Penderyn, but it was way too late.

The children loved their P.E taster lesson playing a strategic game of Bench Ball. They worked together to get all their team on the bench while also defending and preventing the other team doing the same.



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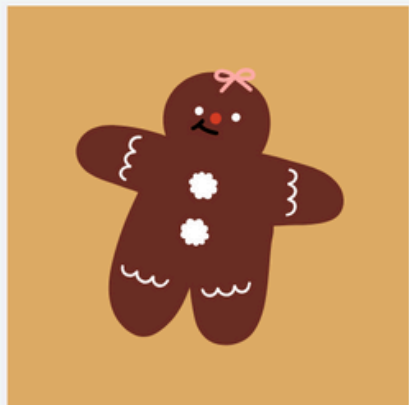
FEAST OF  
'CHRIST THE KING'

COME DRESSED UP AS A KING, QUEEN,  
PRINCE OR PRINCESS!

**SUNDAY CLUB ROYAL CRAFTS!**

Sunday 24th November, 9:30am  
Archdeacon John Lewis Primary School

# SAT 30TH NOV, 10-12



# COFFEE MORNING

GIFTS ★ CAKES ★ BOOKS ★ TOMBOLA ★ CRAFT

**EXPERIENCE ADVENT**

**mnda**  
motor neurone disease  
association

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

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