



# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

**Friday 14th March 2025**

**Attendance: 92%**

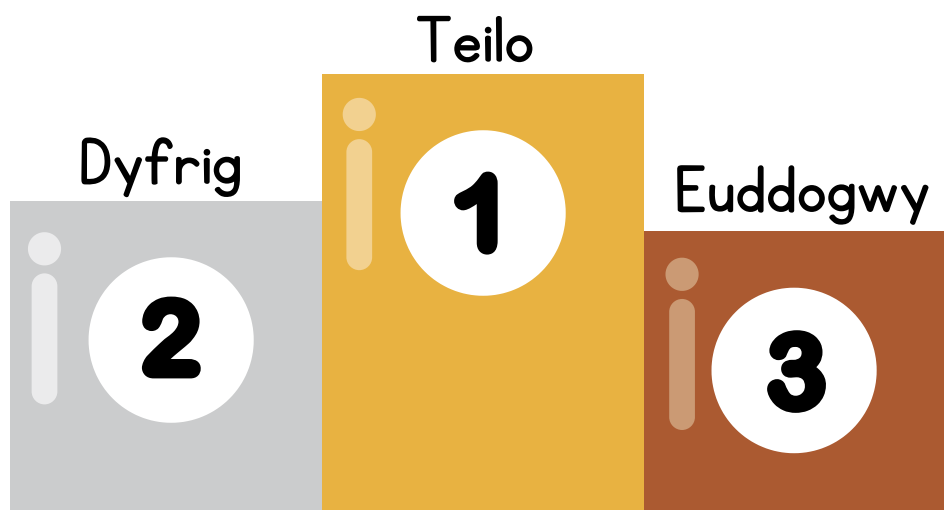
It's that time of year again when we come together to celebrate the incredible creativity and talent within our school community - the Eisteddfod!

This annual event showcases the diverse artistic talents of our students, from music and dance to poetry, drama and visual arts. Whether competing individually or as part of a group, our students have been preparing with enthusiasm and dedication and we have all loved watching their hard work come to life!

We are excited to share with you, in this newsletter, highlights of this year's Eisteddfod. I'm sure you'll agree it has been an incredibly special event.

We know that not all students are confident performing on stage, but it's safe to say that our off-stage entries were equally as brilliant this year. It was also an absolute pleasure to watch every student thoroughly enjoying watching the Eisteddfod, showing their support and celebrating the incredible achievements of their peers.

At the end of the afternoon, all house points were collated and the winners were as follows:



Thank you all for making this year's Eisteddfod a memorable one!

Kind regards,







**Mrs Liane Forster**  
Acting Headteacher

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## Upcoming Events

- Friday 21st March: Red Nose Day - wear something red! 
- Monday 24th March: Eucharist, 9:15am. All welcome! 
- Friday 28th March: Uganda Day & African Drumming Workshop - £2.50 per child 
- Monday 31st March: Year 6 Cycle Proficiency Training 
- Friday 4th April: Deadline for Nursery (Sept 2025) applications
- Thursday 10th April: Easter Service in Coity Church, 10am. Parents/Carers/Families welcome 
- **Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April: Easter Holidays**
- **Monday 28th April: INSET Day 5 of 6**
- **Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday**
- Friday 9th May: Messy Church (Nursery and Reception)
- Monday 12th May: Eucharist, 9:15am. All welcome! 
- Friday 16th May - Monday 19th May: PGL Residential Trip
- Friday 16th May - Sunday 18th May: Llangrannog Residential Trip
- **Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May: Half Term**

### Uganda Day - Fri 28th March

We are really looking forward to our Uganda Day and African Drumming Workshop on **Friday 28th March**.

The PTA have generously donated towards the running cost of this event, but to help cover the cost of the workshop and fruit tasting experience they are asking parents for a **donation of £2.50 per child**. This can be paid on the School Gateway app or in cash.



### Please Keep Us Updated!

Please ensure that your details are kept up to date with the school office. It is essential that we hold up to date address details, phone numbers and email addresses for all parents/carers and emergency contacts.

Any updates to personal information can be submitted on the Gateway app or by email to [admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru](mailto:admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru)



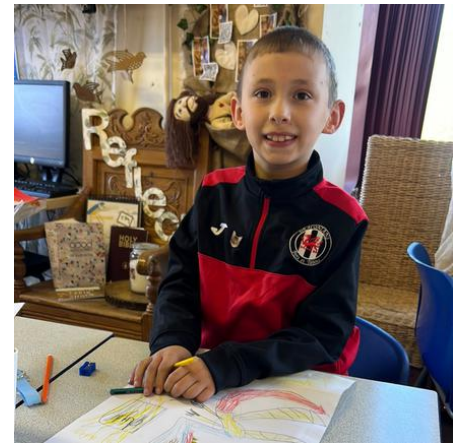
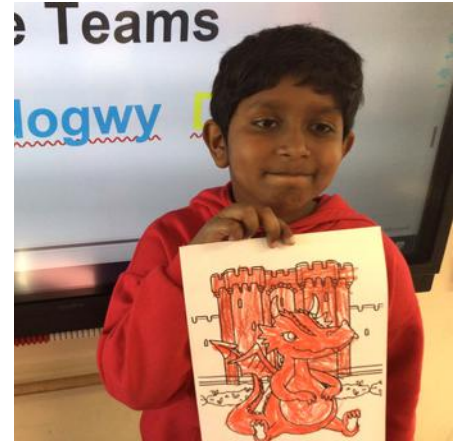
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# Eisteddfod



# GO BIG, GIVE BIG FEEL GOOD!

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FRIDAY 21 MARCH

## Red Nose Day - Friday 21st March

We welcome pupils to wear red for the day to raise awareness and funds for Comic Relief. If you wish to donate, please do so via our dedicated school fundraising link:

[www.justgiving.com/page/ajl-comicrelief25](http://www.justgiving.com/page/ajl-comicrelief25)

We will also gratefully accept cash donations on the day, or an item of non-perishable food which will be donated to our local Food Bank.

All classes will also be enjoying a variety of Red Nose Day/Comic Relief themed activities over the course of the day. Diolch!

## HOW YOUR MONEY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Whatever you do this Red Nose Day, the money you raise will help to support incredible projects which help children to be happier, families stronger, women safer, communities prouder, and millions of lives fairer across the world, including here in the UK.

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### HELP FEED CHILDREN

**£10**

could provide a day of meals and activities for a child during school holidays in the UK.



### OFFER SUPPORT TO SOMEONE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

**£20**

could provide an hour of coaching for a person experiencing homelessness in the UK, helping them to rebuild their lives.



### ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO GET INTO WORK

**£50**

could help to provide a young person living in poverty in Zambia with lessons on CV writing and employability skills, helping them find long-term independence.



### PROVIDE EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

**£75**

could provide an emergency bundle including blankets, sleeping bags, hot food and shelter to a refugee family escaping conflict, persecution or disaster.



### TRANSFORM A CHILD'S LIFE

**£100**

could provide a wheelchair for a child in Uganda, helping to transform the life of a child who has difficulty walking.



### SUPPORT KINSHIP CARERS

**£200**

could establish a peer support group for a kinship carer to gain a local support network and companionship in the UK.



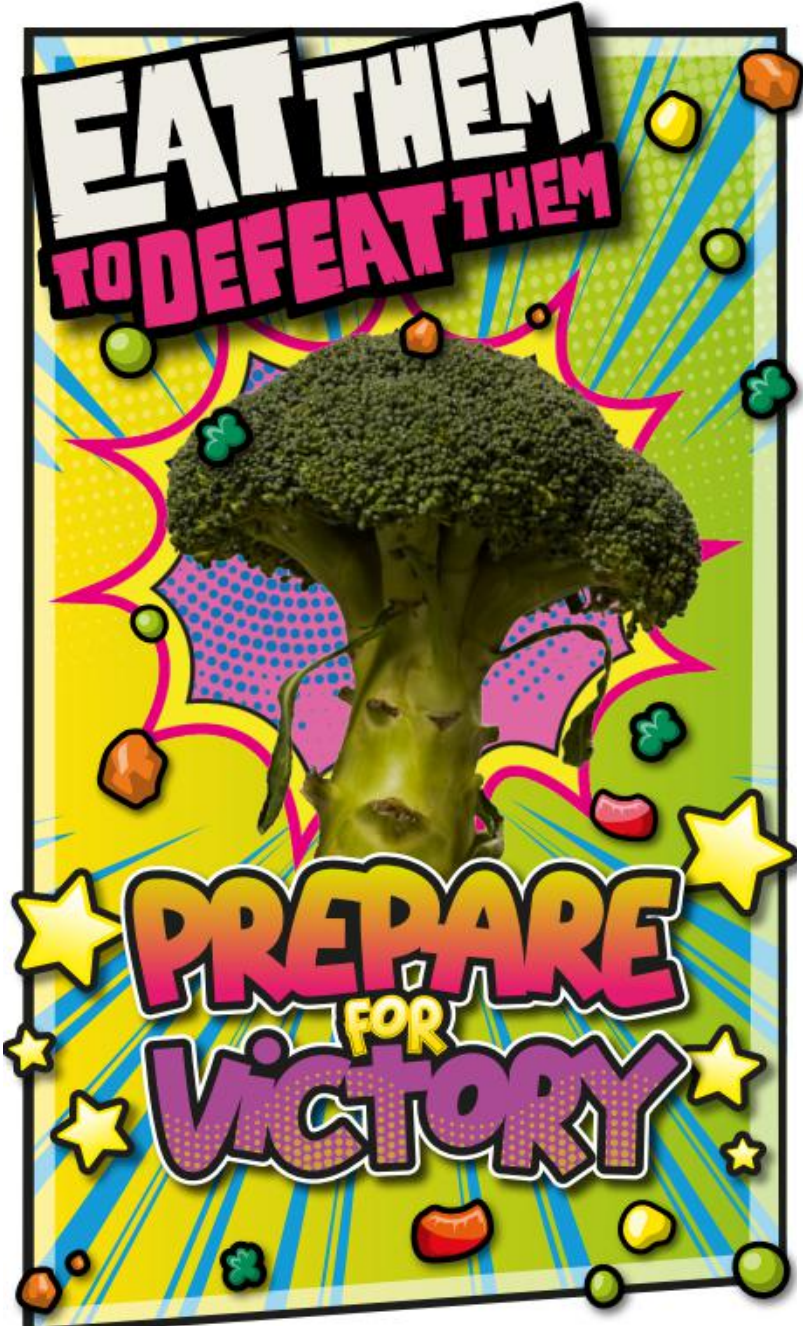
# Messy Church

~ Noah's Ark ~



**Dosbarth Mrs Richards/Mrs Morgan**  
**Friday 9th May, 9:15am**

Parents, carers, grandparents & friends welcome!



**STARTS  
10TH  
MARCH**

**HOW IT WORKS**

**SCHOOLS**

The programme starts in schools on the 10th March with veg lessons and tasting events

**STICKERS**

Look out for your child coming home with a sticker when they try veg at school

**FAMILIES**

Your school will send home a reward chart to help you turn that behaviour into lasting habits.

VEGPOWER Sainsbury's Tilda

**#EATTHEMTODEFEATTHEM**

Why not share your best comic veg eating chomps!

Follow all the excitement:  
@VegPowerUK



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## FREE SESSIONS: EXTREMISM AND RADICALISATION

Funded sessions for parents and professionals about extreme narratives, ideologies, radicalisation methods, protective measures and Prevent.

### What to expect:

- Introduction and explanation of terms 'extremism', 'radicalisation' and 'terrorism'
- Exploration of youth-centric vulnerabilities in relation to extremism
- Introduction to local and emerging trends and digital techniques used by radicalisers
- Skills workshop on media literacy for youth protection
- Useful tips and tricks for online safety and young people
- Discussion and activities throughout the session
- Q+A

### Workshop Information:



Free to sign up



Flexibility on session length, time and group size



Sessions to be run in person by a DBS-holding member of staff from Shout Out UK

#### Contact to enquire:

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