



# NOVEMBER NEWS LETTER



## WELCOME MESSAGE

November has flown by with many exciting events taking place. We have had two amazing class workshops that have truly blown me away with the maturity and understanding the children displayed.

Year 6 began with their Remembrance class worship, demonstrating the value of Compassion and a clear understanding of the importance of service and hope. The children presented their worship sensitively, with thoughtful references to their cynefin, finishing with the service in Dinas Powys village.

This week, Year 5 presented what they had been learning on farming, sharing their experiences from visits to a local farm. They delivered an important message about climate change and how we can make things better for the future, including song and performance, with some amazing actors and actresses in the class!

There have also been opportunities for children to get out and explore as part of their learning. Year 4 had a wonderful start to their topic with a visit to Cardiff Castle, and Reception ventured out within the community to visit a local shop in the village. Year 2 have been busy completing their Kerbcraft training, which teaches children how to cross the road safely, understand road signs, and develop awareness of traffic hazards in a fun and practical way.

It has also been wonderful to see parents again this month, not only for our class workshops but also for the Read Write Inc. workshop run by Miss Jewell and Miss Smith. We hope this was useful information, and we are looking forward to planning more different workshops for the Spring and Summer terms.

As we reach the busy month ahead, I have included an extra letter of information for the festive couple of weeks in school. Please make sure you read this so you don't miss any important updates or details.

Yours faithfully

*J Bayliss*

Mrs Jo Bayliss  
Headteacher



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- Tues 2nd** - Early Years Christmas show in hall at 1:15pm
- Wed 3rd** - Early Years Christmas story in hall at 9:15am
- Tues 9th** - Christmas Nativity in hall (Year 1 to Year 3) at 1:30pm
- Weds 10th** - Christmas Nativity in hall (Year 1 to Year 3) at 9:30am
- Wed 10th** - Christmas Carol Service (Year 4 to Year 6) at St Peter's at 1:30pm
- Thurs 11th** - Christmas Lunch (Reception-Year 2)
- Fri 12th** - Christmas Lunch (Year 3 - Year 6)
- Tues 16th** - Christmas Party Nursery to Year 6 (All Nursery pupils in school for the afternoon session - no morning session)
- Tues 16th** - After school church finishes
- Fri 19th** - TERM ENDS



## OUR VALUE

As we begin the Advent season, it is also a wonderful opportunity to discuss with your children what Advent means, how compassion plays an important role in preparing for Christmas, and ways we can show compassion to others during this season. There are activities aim to help children connect our school value with the spirit of Advent and their everyday lives.



## CHURCH VISITS AND CLASS WORSHIP



We are so pleased that we held a wonderful Class contribution at St Peter's this month for our Year 2 children – and they were absolutely amazing! Da iawn!

It was wonderful to see how many attended and supported the class service. The children brought great confidence and enthusiasm to the occasion. They explored the value of Compassion through readings and prayer.

A thank you to our Year 2 team, Mr Trigg and Mrs Saunders, for making this happen, and to all the parents for their support! Diolch yn fawr!



## CHURCH CLUB

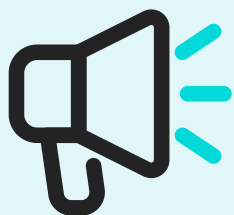
A big thank you to Reverend Steve, who has been doing a wonderful job not just setting up our after-school church, but also working with our Values Committee to plan and deliver these experiences to our school community. Giving children the opportunity to explore their faith – it helps them build understanding.

The Values Committee have been amazing, and it has been wonderful to see the support from parents attending as well. Thank you once again for supporting these opportunities for our children at school.



# ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Each week, attendance awards are given to the class with the highest attendance. Overall this month, Year 3 have won the highest attendance — well done to them! Thank you for ensuring children are in school and on time; it makes a big difference to their learning.



**WEEK 1 - Year 2 with 100 %**

**WEEK 2 - Year 3 with 100%**

**WEEK 3 - Year 6 with 99%**



# SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



In the last newsletter, we launched our new Instagram platform, and we hope you are enjoying it and following along with all the events taking place across the school.

We believe Instagram offers a safer and more effective way to share the fantastic things happening in our community — not just in the classrooms, but throughout the whole school. Thank you to all the parents who are supporting us with this; it really helps give you an insight into what the children are learning and allows us to celebrate their wonderful achievements together.

Please follow us at @standrewsmajor to stay up to date with all the exciting activities and events taking place at St Andrew's!

# PTA NEWS

A huge diolch to our wonderful PTA, who have had an incredibly busy month. The PTA disco was a huge success and enjoyed by all, and they have also been hard at work organising the Christmas card designs available to purchase — please make sure you get your orders in. We are extremely grateful for all the hard work that happens behind the scenes — and for your continued support.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has signed up to Easy Fundraising. The total has quietly grown, and we are delighted to share that we have already raised £998 — an amazing achievement! Every penny makes a real difference and helps us provide valuable resources and extra learning opportunities for our children.



# CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



# COMMITTEE NEWS

## School Council

This year we have some very exciting plans. One of these is supporting 'Baby Basics' charity – "Having a safe space for a newborn to sleep, such as a moses basket is the most basic provision that every parent wants for their child, and this was the premise for the creation of Baby Basics.

We are working with Vale Baby Basics. We will be collecting baby clothes from pre-born age to age 5. They also accept many different baby items. We will be starting this after Christmas, but if you have anything that you would like to donate, please keep us in mind.



# HOUSE TEAM CHALLENGE

School Council along with Criw Cymraeg, are launching a fun castle selfie challenge! Our four houses are Caerphilly, Pembroke, Caernarfon and Conwy.

Your mission is to visit the castle for your house, take a selfie with the castle, print it (6x4) and bring it into school so we can display it. We'd love to fill all our frames with your photos.

Mrs Day, Mr McNicol and his daughter Isla have already completed theirs – pob lwc!





**PLEASE COME!**

**3:15 - 4:15<sup>PM</sup> TUESDAYS**

**in the School Hall**

more info from The Values Committee

