



WESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

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Dosbarth Derwen have been enjoying finding out all about the Ancient Egyptians with the story Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx. They have done hot seating pretending to be Marcy and they have thought about questions they would like to ask her. They have lots more exciting things to learn about the Egyptians. The children have all helped to decide what we would like in our Calm Corner in our classroom. They use this area to help them if they are feeling sad or worried. The children enjoyed a Mr Kelly PE session and had two stars of the Day.



Violet Class explored Chinese New Year and learnt all about traditional celebrations! They enjoyed using a range of materials and techniques to create decorations for their celebrations.



This week in Holly Class, we have started sharing the Boomerang books from the Book Trust. The child can share the books in the bag with an adult at home. They keep them for a week and then return them so a friend can take them home. There is a magazine with useful tips to help adults. Inside the magazine there are some puzzles and drawing activities for the children to do at home.



Nursery had a cake and book sale with Early Entitlement to raise money for a new listening centre to help develop a love for reading. We had an overwhelming response and raised 69, which was just fantastic!

The children had great fun sharing books with their mums, dads, grandparents and other family members.



A super visit from Theatre Clwyd today, making plans for a new and exciting project between the theatre and Westwood pupils and staff.



Everyone loved their workshops with Fiona Collins the story teller, as part of National Storytelling week! She had tales about kings and great kingdoms!



Thank you to Mrs Ducker for organising the Can Cook, Well Fed sessions with the parents. We will be welcoming the bus to school soon, where you can buy healthy food for your family at cheap prices!



We hope you all have a wonderful half term! Don't forget to add to our Happy News Padlet!

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In Year 5 and 6, children participated in the Dragon Sports netball tournament, held at Deeside Leisure Centre. We had some very close scores and were close to winning with match scores including 3-2, 2-1, 4-2. Well done to all children who have attended afterschool netball club and taken part! It is good to get involved.



Year 3 have been using their skills from their instruction writing lesson, to make and prepare their own pizzas. They were able to follow their own instructions step by step to create their very own style of pizza. They enjoyed the preparation and the eating of their pizzas

In other news...

Thank you for the brilliant level of support from our parents and pupils for the School Book Fair during National Reading Week - a variety of books have been purchased and we are looking forward to the children coming into school to tell us all about the stories and information in their new books.

Jack from Argoed has visited Birch and Magnolia classes to share his good practice in Coding and ICT. The children have been enthused and Jack enjoyed it so much he is going to be a regular visitor to our school.



The children have enjoyed Art club with Miss Mattar this half term.



Year 4, 5 and 6 had a great time watching 'Taith Yr Iaith.' They learnt a lot about the journey of the Welsh language and answered lots of questions in Welsh. Da iawn pawb!



A big thank you to Rhys from Champion Sports for the equipment we won!



Dates for your diary...

- *Monday 27th February School open
- *Wednesday 1st March Eisteddfod Whole School Celebrations
- *Thursday 2nd March World Book Day Whole School Celebrations
- *Friday 10th to Tuesday 14th March PTFA Mothers Day Shop
- *Friday 17th March Red Nose Day Whole School Celebrations Non Uniform
- *Friday 17th March PTFA Mothers Day Raffle Draw
- *Wednesday 29th March Parent Meeting after school about Nant BH
- *Wednesday 29th March Easter Bingo Evening

Year 5 Mini Police have been out in the community, spreading the word about their work and catching up with local residents. Magnolia and Birch classes were called to a fly tipping incident in the local area, this has been a stimulus for further learning about our local environment and being responsible citizens. They have also enjoyed an afternoon of pond dipping at Lane End Nature Reserve.

Pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 formed the Westwood Young Voices choir and enjoyed performing at the Manchester A0 arena, performing alongside Heather Small, Urban Street Dancers and almost 9,000 other school children.



Birch class had a fantastic meeting with Sandra, our lollipop lady. Sandra told the children about the difficulties of her job - including having to put her lollipop sign down on windy days and managing the traffic without it. The children are going to make a Green Cross Code video to help educate all children in relation to road safety. They hope to work with Sandra and PCSO Duddle to develop the Westwood Green Cross Code.

