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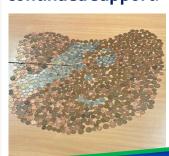
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Children In Need mank your



The children had a great time last month raising money for Children In Need. They were asked to come to school in their PE Kits and had lots of fun taking part in sporting activities throughout the school day. Families also kindly donated their small change and each of the classes were able to make a PUDSEY BEAR out of the coins. We will let you know the full amount raised, very soon. Thank you for your







Year One Food Tasting Activity



Children in Year One, pictured above, having fun during a recent food tasting activity. The children made cookies and smoothies and enjoyed tasting different varieties of fruit,

including banana, passion fruit, pear, pineapple and tangerine.

Year 5 Victorian Day



Year 5 children have been learning about the Victorian era this term and have recently visited the Greenfield Valley Heritage Park. The children took part in a classroom activity and discovered what life was like as a Victorian child. They also had the opportunity to look around the park, explore the abbey ruins and see the animals on the farm.









Week beginning **Monday 13**th **November**, we invited children to come to school wearing odd socks in support of **Anti-Bullying Week**. If you would like to learn more about Anti-Bullying week, please click on the link to visit the website.

Odd Socks Day (anti-

bullyingalliance.org.uk)

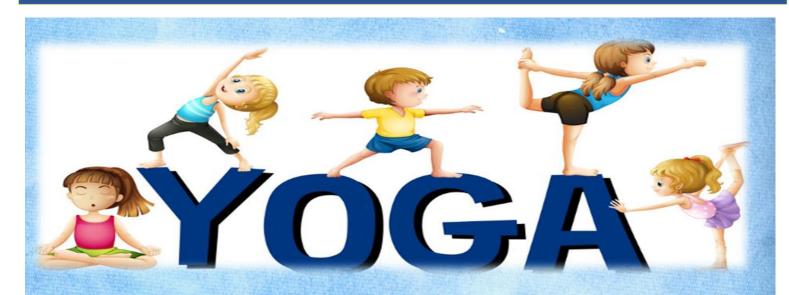
COGURDD 2023

On Thursday 16th November, several of our children took part in this years' COGURDD Competition. The children were asked to make a fruit or savoury salad. They all worked so hard and the judges were very impressed with all the dishes and lovely flavours. Congratulations to Aaradyha, who was the overall winner and will now go through to the next round of the competition. Da iawn to all the children.









Several of our Year 5 and 6 children have been taking part in Yoga sessions before school, which have been run by Mrs Haddon. The children have enjoyed the sessions immensely and have felt relaxed and ready to start the school day.

Yoga can have a positive impact on children's wellbeing and it helps to boost self-esteem, enhances concentration and memory, and develops strength and flexibility.

Mrs Haddon plans to run more yoga sessions in the New Year.



ur Christmas Concert performances begin on Monday 11th December. Please see below for all the dates and times. Each year group will have two performances, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Families are able to see ONE performance. This is to avoid overcrowding in the School Hall and Parish Church, for Health and Safety reasons. Hopefully everyone will get a chance to see their child or children perform. Families are allowed two tickets, for the performance of their choice (either AM or PM) and these can be collected from the school office from week beginning Monday 4th December. Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents do NOT need tickets. We would be very grateful for donations on the day, as we are raising funds to improve our playground areas. Monday 11th December at 10.00am and 2.00pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - No Tickets Parish Church, High Street, Prestatyn Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm Year 3 - In the School Hall - Tickets Thursday 14th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm Year 4 - In the School Hall - Tickets Friday 15th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm Year 5 - In the School Hall - Tickets Monday 18th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm Year 6 - In the School Hall - Tickets Tuesday 19th December at 10.00am and 2.00pm lursery AM – 10.00am in the School Hall - Tickets Nursery PM – 2.00pm in the School Hall - Tickets

Diary of Events for December

Children's Christmas Lunch

Traditional Christmas Lunch
or Vegetarian Lunch
Reception to Year 4 - no charge
Years 5 and 6 - Usual price of £2.50 via ParentPay





Christmas Film Night

We are holding a Christmas Film Night for Reception to Year 6 children
£1.00 via ParentPay
Hot dogs will be served
Children can bring sweets, a drink and a pillow.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets for our Christmas Raffle cost £1.00 and you can purchase up to 5 via ParentPay.

Lots of exciting prizes to be won.

Please purchase your tickets by

Tuesday 19th December





Scala Cinema visit

Children will visit the Scala Cinema Reception, Year 1 and 2 – AM Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – PM Cost is £6.50 via ParentPay

Children's Christmas Fair

Tombola, Chocolate Fountain,
Candy Floss, Lucky Dip,
Hot Chocolate, Reindeer Food
and lots more exciting stalls!
£5.00 via ParentPay for 5 tickets



STARS OF THE WEEK











HOT CHOCOLATE









AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES



Many congratulations to our Year 4 pupil, pictured left, who recently travelled to Spain to compete in a junior golfing tournament. He has been awarded the 'Boys Champion European Junior La Cala 2023' trophy and will now compete in the next stage of the competition in Ireland and the USA. This is an amazing achievement. Well done!

















SPORTS NEWS



The girls' football team played a friendly against Ysgol Melyd. Goals from our Year 3 and 6 children completed a fine evenings' work for the team. The girls have been playing in a school lunchtime league in Year 5 and 6, whilst Year 3 and 4 girls have attended an after-school football club.

Mr Batterbee said "It is nice to see their enthusiasm and hard work paying off."



Cross Country SUCCESS

Last month, our Year 4, 5 and 6 children took part in the regional Denbighshire Cross-Country tournament.

Children from Bodnant excelled in all the races and several have made it through to the County stage of the competition.

Mr Batterbee said "We are very proud of all the children who took part and would like to thank all of the parents who helped with transport and support on the day".





CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT



'A Selection of Christmas Films'



Tuesday 12th December 2023 Starting
Straight After
School
Until 5.00pm

Reception to Year 6

£1 via ParentPay Includes a Hotdog / Vegetarian Hotdog



Christmas Jumper SAT



We plan to hold a CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE,

in school, and we would be very grateful for donations of children's and adults Christmas Jumpers you no longer need. If you are able to help us, please can you bring donations to the School Office by Thursday 30th November.

The CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE will be held on Friday 1st December, starting at 3.10pm in the School Canteen and jumpers will be sold for £1 each.

Thank you for your continued support.



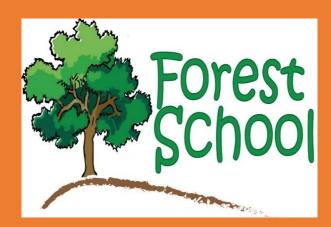
PRESTATYN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Thirty children from our **after-school Choir** took part in the **Prestatyn Christmas Lights Switch On**, last **Friday 24th November**.

The children sang a selection of Christmas songs led by Carys from Denbighshire Music Co-operative. The children had been practising for several weeks and they certainly did Bodnant proud on the day. They were joined by a number of schools from Prestatyn, the Tenovus Choir and the Rhyl Silver Band.

The Christmas lights were switched on at 4.30pm and the festivities went on until 6.00pm.





Children in Year 2 have been enjoying some after school fun in the forest!

Since the beginning of October, an after-school club has been running, which has given the children an opportunity to learn and develop new skills in our wooded area. From creating tree characters with air drying clay, learning to make different knots, to working together as a team to build dens, the sessions have been busy, but full of fun!

"Due to high winds, we had to move two of our sessions indoors, but the children then turned their skills to making natural bird feeders and finding out a little more about the trees and shrubs that surround the school." said Mrs Rowe, who runs the sessions with Mrs Sharp. "The children also got the opportunity to turn detective and identify the array of autumn leaves that we'd collected around the school".

Further Forest School sessions for Year 2, will be held in 2024.





Christmas in Bodnant: Report by Grace Longley and Toby.

Christmas is coming in Bodnant! So, we are asking the parents to raise money for our outdoor resources. We are having a movie night for all year groups reception to year six and each child is allowed to bring a packet of sweets and a pillow. You can pay £1 via parent pay for a hot dog on Tuesday the 12th of December.

I am most excited about the trip to the Scala cinema to watch the new Wonka movie(Elemental for foundation phase). It costs £6.50 on parent pay. Another thing I am excited for is the Christmas fair! There will be a chocolate fountain, lucky dip, candy floss and loads more stalls to go to. It will be £5 for five tickets.

The year 5 Victorian Christmas concert will be on Friday 15th December.

There is also a Grinch lunch on Wednesday the 29th of November and a Christmas lunch on Tuesday the 12th of December.

We will be having a Christmas jumper sale. Please can you donate old Christmas jumpers to the sale I am excited about the Christmas film night because each class gets to choose a film to watch! The activities we are having in the school are Christmas Film Night, Christmas Lunch, Christmas Raffle, Scala Cinema Visit, a Christmas Children's Fair and Christmas Concerts for all year groups.

Diwali - the Festival of Lights Report by Aaradhya

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, marks the victory of good over evil, and light over darkness.

Once upon a time, long ago, there lived a good and handsome Prince God called Rama, who was banished from his kingdom Ayodhya for fourteen years, by his wicked stepmother. Rama was a man of his word and he kept his father's promise and immediately gave up his crown and went to the forest to live a humble life. He was accompanied by his loyal wife, Sita, and brother, Lakshmana.

Far away, in the island of Lanka, there lived a ten-headed demon-king called Ravana. He got attracted by Sita's beauty and wickedly kidnapped her.

With the help of Hanuman, the flying monkey God, and other band of monkeys, they built a bridge of floating stones so they could cross the Indian ocean to reach the island of Lanka. They had a battle with Ravana and his devious demons. The battle went on for many days and finally, Rama and Ravana met in the epic battle. Rama defeated and killed Ravana, and hence good triumphed over evil.

People cheered all over the land and the reunion between Rama and Sita was joyful. They had been in exile for fourteen years, so they decided to make their way back home to Ayodhya. In celebration, the clay lamps (called diyas or deepas), were lit all along the way, and the whole kingdom shone bright.

This is celebrated as Diwali or Deepavali, the Festival of Lights, to remind us to be good, kind, brave and honest. It emphasises the victory of good over evil.

For Diwali my family, first we clean the house and put up decorations while my dad goes out to get some fireworks. Then my mum sets up the mandir(Indian temple) that we have in our house. We eat food and then do some sparklers and fireworks.

We always do the Sky Shots, Fountains, Low noise and high noise Fireworks. I find it really fun because there are different types of fireworks. I definitely recommend looking out your window at about 6-7 pm if possible even later because you will get to see stunning fireworks from all over the place.

Parent and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday in term time at 2.00pm



















ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	PICK UP POINT
School Council	Monday	3.20 – 4.00	Year 5 Entrance
Forest School – Year 2	Monday	3.10 – 4.20	Year 2 Entrance
Gardening Club	Monday	3.20- 4.30	Year 3 windy tunnel
Dog Club – Year 3	Monday	3.20 – 4.15	Library Bus
Mr Batterbee's Girls Football (Years 3 and 4)	Monday Until 11 th December	3.20 – 4.30	Main Reception
Reporters' Club (Year 5 and 6)	Wednesday	3.20- 4.20	Main Reception
School Choir – Years 3, 4, 5, and 6	Wednesday	3.20 – 4.15	Main Reception
Slippers and Socks – Year 4 and 5	Thursday (starting 18 th January)	3.20 – 4.15	Main Reception
Swap Shop Sessions – 3 sessions (Football cards / Pokemon)	7 th December, 21 st March and 13 th June	3.20 – 4.15	Main Reception
Young Voices (for children taking part in the concert)	Thursday	3.20 – 4.15	Year 6 entrance
Urdd Club – Year 2 - 6	Thursday	3.20 – 4.15	Main Reception
Archery Club – Years 3 – 6 (5 weeks)	Friday	8.00 – 8.45	Main Reception

SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 4 children will start swimming lessons from <u>Friday 22nd December 2023.</u> The cost will be £12.00 for the 6 weeks, and this will shortly be available to pay on your child's ParentPay Account. Children will need a swimming costume and a towel, and they can come to school wearing their PE kits on the days that they are swimming.



DATE	TIME	CLASS
,	YEAR 3 - 6 WEEKS	
Friday 10 th November 2023	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	3AL/3ZC
Friday 17 th November 2023	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	3AL/3ZC
Friday 24 th November 2023	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	3AL/3ZC
Friday 1 st December 2023	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	3AL/3ZC
Friday 8 th December 2023	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	3AL / 3ZC
Friday 15 th December 2023	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	3AL/3ZC
	YEAR 4 - 6 WEEKS	
Friday 22 nd December 2023	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	4NV / 4JH
Friday 12 th January 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	4NV / 4JH
Friday 19 th January 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	4NV / 4JH
Friday 26 th January 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	4NV / 4JH
Friday 2 nd February 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	4NV / 4JH
Friday 9 th February 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	4NV / 4JH
	YEAR 5 – 6 WEEKS	
Friday 23 rd February 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	5AV-T / 5CVN
Friday 1 st March 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	5AV-T / 5CVN
Friday 8 th March 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	5AV-T / 5CVN
Friday 15 th March 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	5AV-T / 5CVN
Friday 22 nd March 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	5AV-T / 5CVN
Friday 12 th April 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	5AV-T / 5CVN
,	YEAR 6 – 6 WEEKS	
Friday 19 th April 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	6HL / 6RB
Friday 26 th April 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	6HL / 6RB
Friday 3 rd May 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	6HL / 6RB
Friday 10 th May 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	6HL / 6RB
Friday 17 th May 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	6HL / 6RB
Friday 24 th May 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	6HL / 6RB



SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.50AM

School Jotter

You can download our School Jotter App to access our school newsletter and calendar. Google 'School Jotter' and download the app and then add 'Bodnant Community School' or the school postcode. 'LL19 9NW'.

PARKING REMINDER

Please can we remind parents and carers consider our neighbours and park considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. Tesco park is in walking distance of the school and we would ask parents to use this facility to ensure roads and driveways are clear. you Thank for your co-operation.

We will be collecting for the Prestatyn and Meliden Foodbank this Friday 1st December, if you are able to donate. Thank you for your continued support.



LOST PROPERTY

We have lots of items in our lost property box, which is located in the Windy Tunnel. If you are missing an item, please come and take a look,





RSD (Mrs Davidson) - THURSDAY

RSON (Miss O'Neill) - THURSDAY

1LG (Mrs Graham) - WEDNESDAY

1HN (Miss Newby) - WEDNESDAY

2CR (Mrs Rowe) - FRIDAY

2LW (Mrs Williams) - FRIDAY

3ZC (Miss Cywinski) - TUESDAY

3AL (Mrs Longley) - TUESDAY

4NV (Mrs Vaughan) - MONDAY

4JH (Miss Hughes) - MONDAY

5CVN (Mrs Van Niekerk) - FRIDAY

5AV-T (Mrs Vaughan-Thomas) - FRIDAY

6RB (Mr Batterbee) - THURSDAY

6HL (Mrs Laing) - THURSDAY



Neek Beginning Monday 4th December is Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WK 1 Main Meal	Chicken Meatballs in a Homemade Mediterranean Sauce with Pasta and Home Baked Garlic Bread	Savoury Welsh Minced Beef Hot Pot With Cheddar Glaze and Country Style Vegetables	Baked Breaded Fish Cake with Creamed Potatoes and Baked Beans	Roast Fillet of Turkey, Savoury Stuffing and Gravy Oven Roasted Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Battered Chicken Fillet with Chipped Potatoes Fresh Mixed Salad and Homemade Coleslaw
Choice	Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta Bake Glazed with a Cheddar Topping	Savoury Quorn Mince, topped with Sauté Potatoes and Cheddar Cheese	Vegetable Bites with Creamed Potatoes and Baked Beans	Baked Quorn Sausage, Savoury Stuffing and Gravy	Quesadilla filled with Cheddar Cheese and Tomatoes
Sweet	Dairy Ice Cream	Rice Krispy Chocolate Bar	Steamed Apple Sponge with Vanilla Custard	Jelly With Fruit	Homemade Granola Style Cereal Bar
WK 2 Main Meal	Breaded Fish Star with Oven Baked Seasoned Wedges Garden Peas and Sweetcorn	Welsh Beef Bolognaise with Pasta Garden Peas and Home Baked Bread	BBQ Chicken with a Sticky Sauce and Savoury Vegetable Rice	Roast Loin of Pork with Traditional Apple Sauce and Gravy. Roasted Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Oven Baked Pork Sausage with Chipped Potatoes and Baked Beans
Choice	Breaded Vegetable Nuggets	Minced Quorn Bolognaise	Vegetable Burritos	Savoury Quorn Mince, topped with Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Oven Baked Quorn Sausage
Sweet	Fruit Yoghurt Pot	Chocolate Crunch Cake	Fruit and Oaty Crumble with Vanilla Custard	Hand Baked Shortbread Biscuit	Homemade Chocolate Fudge Coated Cake
WK 3 Main Meal	Ham and Macaroni Cheese Bake with Homemade Herby Tomato Bread	Midday Brunch with Potato Waffle and Baked Beans	Chicken Dish of the World with Boiled Rice or Noodles and Naan Bread fingers	Roast fillet of Chicken with Herb Stuffing and Gravy. Oven Roasted Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chipped Potatoes and Mushy Peas
Choice	Macaroni Cheese Bake	Vegetarian Midday Brunch	Vegetable Dish of the World	Baked Quorn Burger with Herb Stuffing and Gravy	Breaded Vegetable Nuggets
Sweet	Fruit Sorbet Pot	Cake with Caramel Glaze	Homemade Saucy Chocolate Pudding	Cranberry Scrunch Slice	Lemon Drizzle and Blueberry Muffin

Provisional Term Dates for next academic school year

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Prestatyn Primary School Term Dates 2023/24

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Staff Training (INSET) Days (School closed to pupils)

Please note:

Friday 29th September, Monday 29th April and Tuesday 30th April are for Prestatyn Primaries only (Not PHS)

Monday 4th September, January 8th and April 8th for Prestatyn High School only (Not primaries)

All Prestatyn schools have Friday 1st September, Monday 6th November and Friday 19th July.

School Holidays (also Bank Holiday 6th May)

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	DATES FOR THE DIARY					
DATE	EVENT	TIME				
AUTUMN TERM 2023						
Thursday 30 th November	Christmas Toy Swap in the Canteen	8.50-10.30am				
Friday 1st December	Rainbow Room - Coffee and Catch Up	2.30pm				
Friday 1 st December	Food Bank Collection					
Friday 1st December	Christmas Jumper Sale - School Canteen	3.10pm				
Tuesday 5 th December	Parents who could not attend Coffee and Catch Up have another opportunity to look at their child's work	After School				
Monday 11 th December	Christmas Concert for Reception/ Year 1 / Year 2 Parish Church, High Street, Prestatyn	10.00am/2.00pm				
Tuesday 12 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch					
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Film Night - Reception to Year 6	3.10pm - 5.00pm				
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Concert - Year 3 - In School	9.30am/2.00pm				
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Concert - Year 4 - In School	9.30am/2.00pm				
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Concert - Year 5 - In School	9.30am/2.00pm				
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Concert - Year 6 - In School	9.30am/2.00pm				
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Concert - Nursery AM - In School Christmas Concert - Nursery PM - In School	10.00am 2.00pm				
Wednesday 20 th December	Visit to Scala Cinema for Reception to Year 6					
Thursday 21st December	Children's Christmas Fair					
Friday 22 nd December	Year 4 children start Swimming Lessons	AM				
Friday 22 nd December	Last Day of Term for all children					
SPRING TERM 2024						
Monday 8 th January	Children return to school for Spring Term	8.50am				
Monday 29th Jan - 1st Feb	Design to Smile Teeth Varnish	All day				
Tuesday 6 th February	6 th February Young Voices					
24 th - 28 th June	Glan Llyn Residential Trip	5 days				