



# DINAS POWYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Christmas Newsletter 2018



**A Merry Christmas  
and  
a very  
Happy New Year**



Thank you for your tremendous support this Christmas. We have had a wonderful half term with many curriculum enhancing activities.

## Autumn Term Class News

### Reception

We settled into Reception very well this term. When we first started we presented to each other our 'All About Me' boxes and talking about them. We also listened to stories about Starting School. We have been learning all our sounds and we are beginning to form letters very well. We have been investigating and helping 'Problem Pup' to solve problems about waterproof and comfortable materials. We have enjoyed our class books "Where the Wild Things are" and "Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain", completing tasks around these themes. We learnt all the songs and dances for our Christmas play, 'The Nativity'. We have been very busy!

**Next term's topic—Traditional Tales**

### Year 1

We have had a very busy term in Year 1. At the start of our topic 'We are Presenters', we visited Pizza Hut and were chefs for the day. We have learnt about healthy foods and how to stay healthy. Our writing focus has been instructional writing and we have followed recipes to make Flapjacks. We filmed our own group making jam sandwiches following algorithms and we thought carefully about what makes a great Presenter. We read the story of 'One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab' and learnt about counting and adding numbers to 10 and beyond. We made our own fact book about Brazil and we enjoyed finding out where in the world foods come from. We learnt about Internet safety with Smartie the Penguin and how to stay safe on the Internet. We studied the artist Arcimboldo and created our own 3D fruit faces.

**Next term's topic—We are Storytellers.**

### Year 2

We have had a busy term in Year 2. While exploring our topic 'We are Astronauts', we dressed up as astronauts and aliens. We used the Space Station Role Play with enthusiasm and will be visiting Technquest to 'Blast off into Space' with Delyth the Dragon tomorrow. We found out about Neil Armstrong and researched space travel. We have undertaken creative projects making Space pictures, Christmas stockings and used Information Technology to create Christmas cards. We have also learnt about multiplication and time and our Maths Skills continue to improve.

**Next term's topic— We are Researchers.**

### Year 3

We have had a busy term in Year 3. During our 'Treasure' topic, we explored the local area, dressed up as Celts and Romans. We also visited the National Roman Legion Museum. We saw the remains of the Roman baths and amphitheatre and also dressed up in Roman armour whilst exploring the barracks. We have used our imagination to write diaries, descriptions and poems. We have been very busy learning and revisiting the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables and applying this knowledge in our weekly problem solving lesson.

**Next term's topic—Health and Fitness, including swimming at Hebron Hall.**

### Year 4

This term has been non-stop activity in Year 4. We were so grateful that parents and grandparents were able to help us find out more about life in the 1960s. We wrote newspaper articles, music reviews and fashion reports (in both English and Welsh). We put our creative skills to good use to plan and perform our 1960s Fashion Show. We also visited Technquest to learn about Forces. We have been working hard to measure accurately during our Design Technology project and we cannot wait for you to see the finished project.

**Next term's topic— World War Two**

### Year 5

It has been an historical and eventful time learning about 'The Tudors' in Year 5. We re-enacted the Battle of Bosworth and had an informative visit to Llancaiach Fawr Manor. Many writing genres have been explored including emotive battle speeches, newspaper reports and letter writing. In Science we have extended our learning of Healthy Lifestyles and have become experts on vital organs, the air circulatory system and data handling with pulse rates.

**Next term's topic— Myths and Legends**

### Year 6

We began the exciting topic 'Children of the Revolution' by dressing up as Victorian children and journeying back in time to the Victorian School at the National Museum of Wales, St Fagans. We also had an engaging day at Big Pit National Coal Museum. We used these valuable experiences to develop historical understanding and empathy. We have written letters, recounts, poetry and a biography of Florence Nightingale. We learnt about Friendship and Courage through our Values, particularly during assembly times and working co-operatively in the classroom. We have demonstrated independence and resourcefulness carrying out research to create a History 'Prezi' presentation. Year 6 have worked incredibly hard developing our number and numerical reasoning skills. What a busy term!

**Next term's topic— Space**



Our Poppy Appeal raised  
£169.19 Thank you.  
An exceptional amount



**Children In Need -  
"Spot-acular".  
£586.32 raised.**

Thank you for your generosity.



### Christmas Plays 2018

The Christmas Plays "The Nativity" were enjoyed by all the children and the audiences. Thank you for your help in the production of these events, in particular the wonderful costumes you provided. The collection raised £950 for Velindre Cancer Centre. Amazing. Thank you.



The Christmas Parties were very successful. A good time was had by all.



Father Christmas has visited the Infant Site, much to the children's delight. Each child has received a present funded by proceeds from the Christmas Play.



The Junior pupils have also received a present.

### Parents' Association

Thank you for your tremendous support this term.

The highly successful Christmas Bazaar raised almost £2,000. Thank you to all concerned.

The Christmas Cards, Tea Towels and mugs have been a great success.

### Links with the Community

The Wednesday Club, County Library, Youldon House, and Dinas Powys Voluntary Services thoroughly enjoyed their visits from our choirs. The Year 2 children visited the Bethesda Chapel "Christmas Wrapped Up" - a big thank you.

Vale Catering continue to provide excellent School dinners. The children thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas dinner. Thank you for supporting this service.

Term finishes tomorrow, Friday December 21st at 3.10/3.30 p.m. The children have enjoyed a happy and successful term, all making very pleasing progress. We hope you enjoy all their festive craft. School re-opens for the Spring Term on Monday 7th January 2019 at 8.45/9.00 a.m.

On behalf of the Staff, Governing Body and Children of Dinas Powys Primary School I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.  
Julie Thompson  
Headteacher