



Newsletter/Newyddion

Message from the Headteacher

Date: Spring 2023



We look forward to our show "Crownbridge in Oz" on Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th & Friday 31st

Remember school term ends Friday 31st March and we welcome the pupils back to school on Monday 17th April 2023

I would like to say a heartfelt 'THANK YOU' to everyone.

A number of special moments and achievements happened over the autumn term. Firstly, we held our first whole school event with invited community to join us for Harvest Festival. Secondly, we held our usual Christmas calendar of events for the first time since the pandemic. This was a great success and it was very emotional to see the whole school returning back together celebrating the true meaning of Christmas with the Nativity and Christmas market. Nearly all pupils achieved their first term of accreditation through the AQA for all key skills. Two pupils have been attending Croesyceiliog School for further Maths lessons and this year we have added ICT lessons ready to prepare for their entry level GCSEs.

We had a MOVE celebration day to celebrate their 25th year anniversary by holding an achievement assembly followed by fun activities.

We have reintroduced links with Trevor Palmer a longstanding member of our international community supporting responsible assistance across the world for both pupils and young adults.

Since losing our therapy dog Binky we have trained another staff member's dog to undertake this role. With great success Gamora has become an active member of the school community. Pupils are benefiting through this intervention both from a curriculum purpose but also supporting wellbeing and attitudes to learning.

Mr Osmond as Curriculum lead has introduced a new authentic learning opportunity through the Police Cadets. They have been attending school for both the tertiary department and Class 2. Helping to develop and volunteer for personal development opportunities through the VPC. Most of all they have had fun, exciting experiences and learnt about policing.

Several events have taken place supporting the authentic learning for all pupils linking to the term's topic, for example:-

Birds of prey company

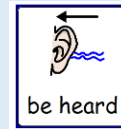
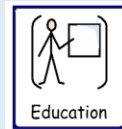
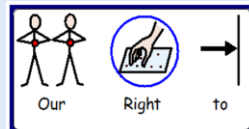
Visit from local reptile company

Upbeat

Live performance of Cinderella by M and M productions that was funded by the Welsh Art Council

6 Nations rugby day supported by the WRU

To finish the events and WOW moments I will leave MR O to tell you all about NatWest bank and his filming experience in the meeting not to spoil his limelight!



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PROPOSED EXPANSION OF OUR SCHOOL - 50 MORE PLACES IN SEPTEMBER 2024

Look out for the formal documents via Parentmail and our Website

This term we received the news that both the Welsh Government and Torfaen Council cost uplift of new build was approved at Council.

Plans will be released very soon and works will commence in the summer term.

I will keep you posted.



For formal secure messages about school policy, organisation, events etc



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Informal sharing of school life and ParentMail alerts.



School Website
A place to access whole school news, get copies of policies, and enjoy videos and photographs of school events

evisense
A way of sharing teaching & learning between class and home



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Class One have been very lucky to have music sessions with Upbeat this term.

We explored the instruments and made lots of noise!!!



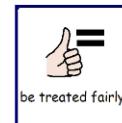
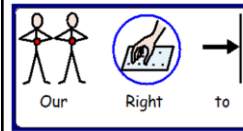
We celebrated St David's Day and we all worked very hard towards the Eisteddfod, entering competitions based on writing, digital skills and art. Da iawn, pawb!



Our topic this term was, 'Could it be Magic?' We have made magic hats, listened to stories about magic and celebrated World Book day too!



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Class 2

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Could it be magic!

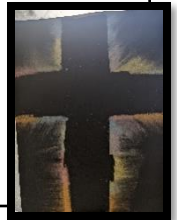
Eisteddfod



Easter

We have enjoyed listening to the Easter story and learning about what Christians believe

and how they celebrate this special time of year. We made religious art work and also enjoyed cooking Easter nest cupcakes.



Abracadabra!

This term our topic has been 'Could it be magic?' we have focused our learning experiences around witches and wizards. In Literacy we have been reading books from the 'Winnie the Witch' series and adventures written by Valerie Thomas and Korky Paul. For our class display we made a potions book, writing ingredients and a method to perform each spell.



There were lots of things to celebrate this year, we participated in Veganuary, Chinese New Year and Welsh tasting sessions. We celebrated World Book Day as a class dressing up as our favourite characters. We worked hard on our entries for the Eisteddfod!

We have been learning the ingredients that make good friends



Forest School

We have had Forest Schools this term with Matt.



We've enjoyed exploring and discovering.



Heddlu Bach

We have enjoyed taking part in Heddlu Bach, we have enjoyed wearing the uniform and learning about what the police do for us.



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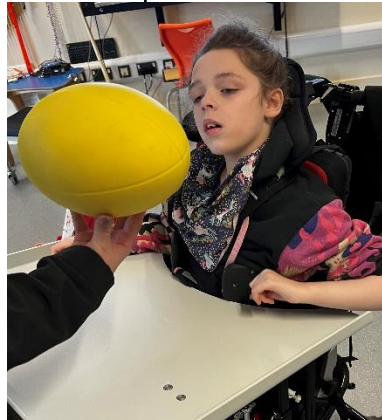
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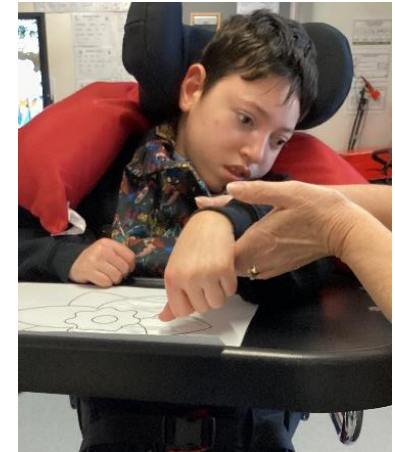


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We have had a busy term in Class 3. We have focused on our wellbeing and MOVE. Dragons Rugby have been coming in to help us with our ball skills. We have hit our targets in Hydro and have been using our equipment whilst we make 'Magic'.



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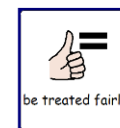
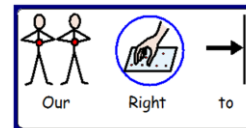
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Our topic this term has been 'Could it be magic'. We have listened to and explored our Jack and the Beanstalk sensory story. Through this story we have explored drawing pictures using different media and creating sound effects using musical instruments - the expressive arts is fun! In Maths and Numeracy we have been building block towers outside, going on a shape hunt and following a sequence of instructions to measure and combine mixtures in Science and Technology. We listened to the story of St. David and created a map of Wales for Humanities. To practise our Welsh language skills we listened to and performed the colours of the rainbow song.



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World Book Day

Class 5 participated in World Book Day. They dressed up as their favourite characters and enjoyed joining in the school parade. They made their own sandwiches and enjoyed a tea party whilst listening to Alice in Wonderland.



Room on the Broom

As part of our topic, 'Could it be magic?', Class 5 have enjoyed reading the story Room on the Broom. The pupils have enjoyed making their own magic potions and acting out the book.



St. David's Day

For St. David's day we enjoyed exploring different art materials to create our own individual landscapes. The pictures were inspired by our local habitat "Valley of the Crow" (Cwmbran).



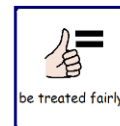
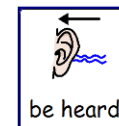
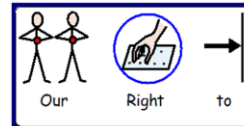
Maths- Capacity



Da iawn Class 5, during maths you have engaged fantastically throughout, focusing on pouring and emptying. You enjoyed working as a team to fill up different containers and then pour them out again.



Edited by: Class 5





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Horse Riding

Well done to Louis, William, Eirwen, Nia, Paige and Deri for learning new skills during horse riding. They have learnt to mount and dismount safely and verbal commands to direct the horse through different obstacles.

New addition to Crownbridge school

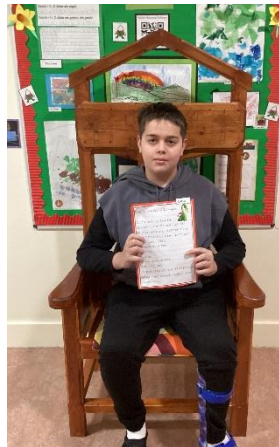
Class 6 & 7 are very lucky to welcome two rabbits to Crownbridge school. As a team they clean out the hutch and have a rota for who is responsible for feeding them.

Pupils suggested names and put it to a school wide vote. The winning names were Thumper and Poppy.

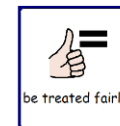
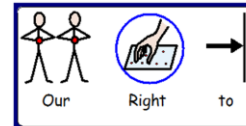


Eisteddfod Bard Winner!

A big congratulations to Lucas for winning the Bard Competition during our Eisteddfod celebration. His winning entry was a piece of descriptive writing about 'How to catch a dragon'.



Edited by: Paige Price



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Newsletter/Newyddion Dosbarth 7/Class 7

Date: Spring Term 2023

We were lucky to have a visitor to school to tell us the story of Chinese New Year.



During our class celebrations for Chinese New Year we made lanterns to display in our windows.



Our Topic this term has been 'Could it be Magic?', Mr Scales has shown us some science experiments and we were amazed at the end results.

Our class assembly this term was about Shrove Tuesday. We talked about the history of Shrove Tuesday and made some pancakes during our cookery session.



We have been working really hard ready for our Eisteddfod. We have made Welsh Cakes and Welsh Rarebit. We have written some poems and designed some 2d and 3d artwork. We watched YouTube and performed 'Jac -Y Do' for the Eisteddfod.

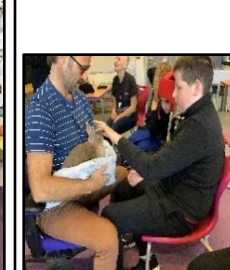
We celebrated World Book Day as a school and dressed as our favourite characters.



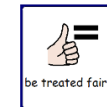
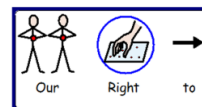
Deri has started Horse Riding this term.



Rabbits have joined us at school. We have been able to meet them, smooth them, hold them and are learning to look after them.



Edited by: Class 7 during Circle Time



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We've enjoyed learning about different cultures this term and during Chinese New Year we tried some different food.



We have enjoyed getting out in the community this term, exploring the Woodlands Park.



This term's topic has been, 'Could it be magic'. We've enjoyed looking at a range of magical sensory stories including, the Wizard of Oz, The BFG and George's Marvellous Medicine.



We have all been working very hard on our individual outcomes this term.

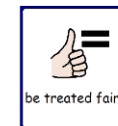
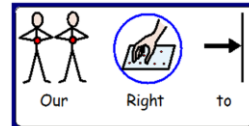


We really enjoyed taking part in the costume parade this World Book Day and the character hunt.



Da Iawn Class 8 you produced some fantastic work for the school Eisteddfod.

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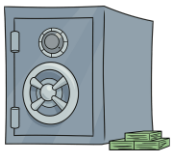
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Class 9 visited the Nationwide bank. They showed us the vault and how they use a finger print to get in. We got to use the money counting machine and then they talked us through how to open an account.



Rougemont School

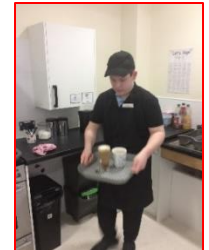


We were invited to Rougemont School to watch their production of Les Miserables. The performance was amazing and some of us were moved to tears. We look forward to inviting them to come and see, 'Crownbridge in Oz'.

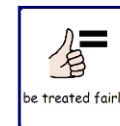
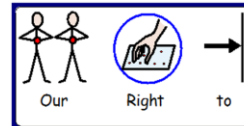
Every week Pupils go to Melin homes. Pupils take orders and then serve the residents their cake and tea/coffee. The best bit is sitting with the residents and listening to all their stories.



Caffi'r goron has been open every Friday. The café staff have been working really hard. We recently had to buy more tables and chairs so that we can accommodate everyone. Please pop in and see us, the cake is delicious!



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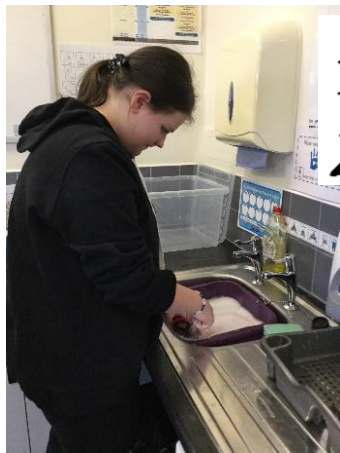
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"I can't wait to eat this."



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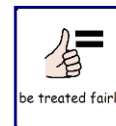
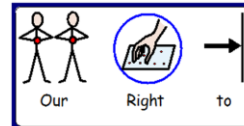
"I've made the tacos on my own"



Class 10 have been working on their daily living skills this term. They have been making their own food, washing up, making their class friends breakfast, shopping for products they need, and sweeping the classrooms.



Edited by: Kirsty Johnson and class 10



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We celebrated World Book Day and enjoyed dressing up. Look at our fantastic costumes! We also took a trip to WHSmith and chose a book with our book tokens.



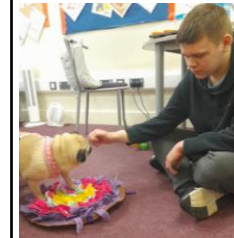
We would like you to meet Mr Happy & Miss Princess.



We had a fantastic time on our trip to Technquest. We enjoyed exploring all the wonderful things, we especially enjoyed the floor piano, the wind machine, the mirrors and the treasure chest!



Could it be magic?



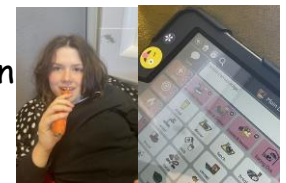
Meeting Tia for the first time.

Mirror, mirror on the wall.



Fun in the bubbles in our Hydrotherapy pool.

How magical, Florence can use her voice.



Edited by: Cian Harvey



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Congratulations to everyone in Crownbridge School for achieving our Healthy Schools Level 6 award.

It was a massive team effort by everyone. The feedback was amazing.



Well done to the Our Voice team when you attended the 'Living Our Best lives' conference in January. You presented to a large audience sharing your experiences with passion, confidence and enthusiasm. You managed to inspire others and made us so proud.



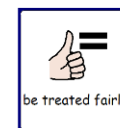
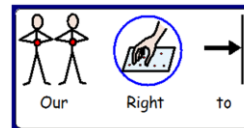
We had our platinum Eco Schools accreditation reviewed and passed it with flying colours.

Well done to everyone for continuing to maintain such a high level of commitment.



Edited by:

The Our voice team



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