



# St Ethelwold's V.A. Primary School Newsletter

*'Be The Best You Can'*

15th November 2019

Hello and welcome to this week's newsletter which reports on a momentous week for St Ethelwold's.

## **Joe Wicks Visit**

Monday saw us kick off our Children in Need fundraising week by welcoming Pudsey Bear, Joe Wicks, Newsround and various members of BBC staff into school as part of Joe Wicks UK School tour. Joe and Pudsey led the whole school in a half hour workout in the hall and then held a question and answer session with some very interesting and often challenging questions from our pupils. After that, a few of our older pupils were interviewed for Newsround the clip is available at: [www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/50422629](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/50422629). The whole school joined together for the day and there was a tangible feeling of unity, cohesion and teamwork which shone through the event.

## **Athletics Festival**

On Tuesday, Mrs Blackburn and Mrs Weaver took a team of 24 Y3-Y6 pupils to an athletics festival at Coleg Cambria where they acquitted themselves magnificently against other local schools. The team took part in long jump, javelin, ball throwing, sprints and relay and ended up 4th in their mini league. Mrs Blackburn and Mrs Weaver commented on how much the children had enjoyed the event and also on what good company the pupils were and how well behaved they had been. Well done to the team - you made us very proud.

## **Super Ambassadors Day**

Also on Tuesday, Mrs Hughes took two members of our school council to Llandudno to a Super Ambassadors Day. Ella Grey and Alex Harris learned about children's rights and more specifically about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and will be putting what they learned into practice at school in the coming term. Mrs Hughes told me that it was a 'delight to spend the day with two such lovely children'. Praise indeed! Well done to Alex and Ella for representing our school with such aplomb.



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## **Children in Need Day**

Children in Need took centre stage on Friday as we started the day with The Big Morning Move with parents, staff and pupils in the hall. After some early technical difficulties (we were on the wrong website) we managed to join the workout and had a lot of fun. Sincere thanks to those parents who joined in, we greatly appreciate your effort to come and join us all. The Duck Race followed at 1pm, this was very well supported and we had a very noisy and excited hall which witnessed Laila Cartwright, Luke Joyce and Owen Harder's duck, Beakwell Tart emerge victorious. Well done to those three who each win £10. Finally on Friday we held a Bake Off and Cake Sale where Nicole Axon's excellent creation won the prize and many of you attended to enjoy a cup of tea and slice of cake with your friends. The sum total of your effort is that we raised £270 which is a fabulous effort and far exceeds what we have raised in previous years. Thank you one and all.

## **Daily Mile**

You may remember in a previous newsletter that we mentioned that we would be starting The Daily Mile with all pupils. This is still the intention and we are currently looking at how we can do this logistically with the building work currently taking up a large part of the playground. Ideally we would like to have an all weather path installed around the boundary

of our playing field and we are looking into grant bids to support this. We will keep you informed of further news in this area.

## **Chicken Pox**

We have the beginnings of an outbreak of chicken pox at school with 2 children in our Foundation Phase department coming down with the infection. Please be on the look out with your own children - more information can be found at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox).

## **Staff Shout Outs**

A very big thank you to three members of staff this week. Firstly to Mr Griffith for his continuing support to every member of our teaching and non teaching staff at school. Mr Griffith generously gives his time to all members of staff and he successfully helps them with planning, teaching and ICT. Secondly, many thanks to Miss Hughes for arranging the Joe Wicks visit and the Children in Need week. There is so much work that goes on behind the scenes for weeks like last week (at one point I walked into the hall and Miss Hughes was sweeping the floor in readiness for the children sitting in there for the duck race) and they would not be nearly as successful without that level of commitment. Last but by no means least, thank you to Mrs Duggan for stepping in and coming into school on Saturday. None of these things go unnoticed.

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Mr Oliver

**26TH NOVEMBER 2019**

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**OPEN DAY!**

**Join us throughout the day at a time that suits you. A great opportunity to see a typical day at St Ethelwold's**

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**Pop in for 5 minutes, have lunch with us, spend the whole day and help us plant 400 trees! It's up to you.**

## Keeping up to date on Social media

You can see what we're up to on social media, please take a look, give us a like and re-tweet.



@St\_Eths



Instagram

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Please note these will not be monitored for messages, if you need to contact the school please call 01244812932 or email [semail@hwmail.net](mailto:semail@hwmail.net)

## Diary Dates/ Dyddiadur

29th November- Non Uniform day, Donation for the tombola.

6th December- Christmas Fair in the school hall

11th December- Christmas Bingo

12th December- 2pm Christmas Nativity at St Ethelwold's Church

17th December- Delivery of Cards and Gifts to the local community

18th December- Junior Christmas party

19th December- Foundation Phase Christmas Party

20th December- 3.15pm School closes for Christmas holidays

6th January- School closed- INSET day

7th January- School reopens

## Attendance/ Presenoldeb

This week's class with the best attendance is Class 4 with 97.8%. Whole school attendance is 92.3%.

## Prayer/ Gweddi

It is never easy to look into the face of a child desperately in need. But we do acknowledge that it is much easier to respond and offer our help when we can actually see that desperation; see first hand the plight and witness ourselves the conditions and sources of misery.

Help us to continue to open our hearts and hands to those children in our world whom we can see are motherless, fatherless, hungry, ill, abandoned, oppressed, violated, without hope, addicted, violent, homeless, imprisoned, victimized.