

# St Ethelwold's VA School Newsletter

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## Curriculum News

### *St Ethelwold's Gears Up For New Welsh Curriculum*

You may have noticed on our most recent newsletters that we have been including items in **bold type**. The reason for this is that the school's curriculum is changing and the new curriculum won't just be about what children learn but also about how we learn and the reasons why we learn.

It will be designed by the teachers in this school, it will be built for children and it will be made to prepare our learners for a fast-changing world.

At its core are **The Four Purposes** which will support all children and young people to be:

- **Ambitious, capable learners** who are ready to learn throughout their lives
- **Enterprising, creative contributors** who are ready to play a full part in life and work
- **Ethical, informed citizens** who are ready to take part in Wales and the world
- **Healthy, confident individuals** who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society

A large part of our work in school is geared up to setting this exciting project in motion for a start date of September 2022. We are all very excited at the prospect and will give you more information as our journey progresses.

A very warm welcome to the staff team to Miss Knight and Mrs Singer. Both were interviewed successfully for posts in our Foundation Phase. Miss Knight will be working in Class 1 and Mrs Singer in Class 2. Both are enormous assets to our team.



### *Special Mentions*

#### *Ambitious, Capable Learners*

##### *Class 1*

**Imogen Keane** for amazing work in her phonics.

**Chloe Wareham** for trying really hard to write her name.

##### *Class 2*

**Lara Cartwright** for her excellent Angel picture for Bishop Gregory's Christmas card competition.

**Aaliyah Latham** for working hard in learning her phonics.

##### *Class 3*

**Kuba Bolda** for demonstrating compassion when studying Black History.

**Olivia Dunn** for focusing on the detail required when making her lantern

##### *Class 4*

**Jacob Dunn** for great imagination in art.

**Thomas Roberts** for passionate speech writing about plastic pollution.

## Black Lives Matter

Pupils in Class 3 are taking part in Black History Month and as part of that have been learning about the story of Rosa Parks. Kuba Bolda from Year 4 takes up the story...

*'Rosa Parks got on a bus and was asked by a white lady to get out of her seat. She refused because she was tired of racism and so the bus driver called the police. The police came and threw her off the bus. After that, black people started walking to work in protest and so the President knew he had to do something so he made it a law that black people had the same rights as white people.'*

*The whole story made me emotional because of how brave Rosa was and how she stopped racism – there's no way I could be as brave as Rosa was'.*

Kuba, we are proud of you and your class for the way you have embraced this topic and showing us how you are **Ethical, informed citizens who are ready to take part in Wales and the world.**



## Sports Leaders

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 have recently trained up as Sports Leaders. The 9 pupils were given this opportunity in partnership with Dragon Sports who sent along the excellent Chris Moss to train up the budding sports stars.

The 2 hour course gave an introduction to leadership and an overview of how to run a safe, fun and inclusive session to other pupils in the school and Chris reported that 'the 9 pupils who took part were excellent, their behavior was perfect and they will make brilliant young leaders'

The pupils have also expressed an interest in trying to gain a sports award for the school. We love it when our pupils demonstrate that they are **Healthy, confident individuals who are ready to fulfilling lives as valued members of society.**

Well done to: ***Ella Grey, Bobby-Lee Brown, Shakira Haque, Mariusz Bota, Rhys Duncan-Timms, Grace Brown, Owen Harder, Kimberley Altmann and Lexie Grey.***

### Weekend Prayer

Dear Lord  
We thank you for giving us the strength to let our character shine through,  
We thank you for giving us the courage to do the right thing,  
We thank you for giving us the forgiveness to make up,  
We thank you for showing us the generosity we need in these hard times.  
And we ask for your continuing light when we need it the most.  
Amen.

Individual Photographs will be taken on  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**