

Reflections for Lent

“You’ve only got to throw yourself on God” says Sister Ruth Burrows 89, commissioned by Rowan Williams Archbishop of Canterbury to produce *Love Unknown* his book for Lent 2012. The book gives an overview of how God has revealed himself to humanity over the centuries.

“Jesus said just come to me, with the same implicit trust that a child has in its mother or father” (or even teacher perhaps!) “So often we act as if we have to impress God – but the God of Jesus is not our rival or our prosecutor but the one who loves us perfectly”.

Make some time for quiet reflection this Lent.

Love Unknown by Ruth Burrows is published by Continuum at £9.99

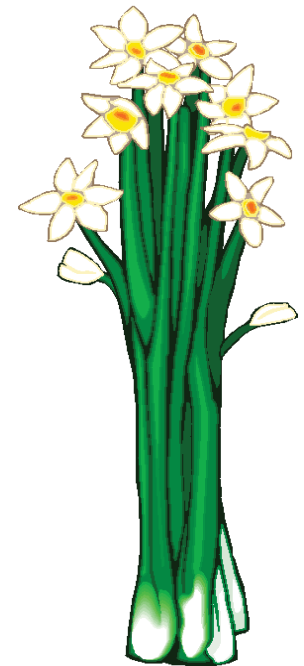
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Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Croeso - Welcome to our February Newsletter.

In the dark and dismal months of January and February, School continues to be as busy and exciting as ever, with football and rugby matches, visits to Techniquest and the cinema and preparations for the School Choir to sing at the Lord Mayor's Concert in St.David's Hall.

In all the rush, it is important for children and adults to remember to say thank you to all those who help us. A simple recognition for small acts, brings warmth and smiles into cold, damp mornings. Make a positive difference. Don't just thank God, thank people. Light a candle; don't curse the darkness. Be an active and helpful part of your community, remembering that smart phones and ipads are no substitute for real face to face encounters. Working together as a School and a community, enables us to face challenges together and share the joy of success.

As Lent approaches, make a thorough clear out of negative emotions. It is a time to apologise to those you have wronged and to forgive those who have wronged you. Emotional energy is too precious to waste on the wrong things. Happiness is not something that we find but some thing that we make. The eternal optimist is the person who radiates positive energy, giving others a sense of worth and acceptance.

As Headteacher of Llandaff City, I see optimism and enthusiasm in the children every day – this is part of the joy of teaching!

Kathryn Bates

Spring Clubs

Monday

- **Rugby** 3.35 – 4.30 to half term
- **Yrs 3 & 4 Cricket** 3.35 - 4.30
- **Recorder Club** 12.30
- **KS2 Folk Dancing** 3.35 - 4.15
- **Yrs 5 & 6 Choir** 12.30

Tuesday

- **KS2 Spy School** 3.35 - 4.30
- **Yrs 3 & 4 Football** 3.35 - 4.30
- **Art Club** 3.35 - 4.30
- **KS 2 Gymnastics Club** 3.35 - 4.30
- **Photography Club** 3.35 - 4.20
- **KS1 Zumba** 3.35 - 4.30
- **Explorers Yr 2** 12.30 – 1.00

Wednesday

- **Yr 2 Football** 3.35 - 4.30
- **Karate** 3.35 - 4.30
- **Yr 2 Drama Club** 3.40 - 4.40
- **Yrs 3 & 4 Drama Club** 4.45 – 5.45
- **Yr 4 Welsh Club** Alt.weeks 12.30 – 1.00
- **Yrs 3 & 4 Choir** 12.45 – 1.15

Thursday

- **Chess Club** 3.35 - 4.30
- **Yrs 5 & 6 Netball** 3.35 - 4.15
- **KS2 Zumba** 3.35 - 4.30
- **KS2 Gardening** 3.35 - 4.30
- **Yrs 3 & 4 Football** 12.35 – 1.15

Friday

- **Rubicon Dance** 3.35 - 4.30
- **Street Dance** 3.35 – 4.30
- **Orchestra** 10.00 – 11.00
- **Cookery** 12.30 - 1.15

French and Spanish Clubs will also take place throughout the week for all year groups

Birdwatch

The birds may not be nesting yet in the School grounds but Llandaff City pupils were still able to spot a significant number of species during the annual RSPB January Birdwatch.



Miss Maples reports that it was especially pleasing to see a large group of House Sparrows – once such an abundant species but recently in significant decline in the U.K. There were also five Jackdaws, christened ‘the brothers’ by the pupils, who came regularly during the period. The Herring Gulls were the most aggressive and shooed away smaller birds like the Blue Tits and Great Tits (grey squirrels also got in on the act). Sadly, only one Robin was spotted – normally there is a pair – but never mind Valentine’s Day will soon be here!

An Accolade for Llandaff City –

External advisers visiting our School recently described us as “sector leading” for our work on pupil assessment and work with more able and talented pupils.

Friends' Association

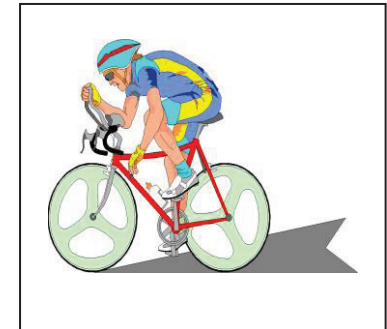
On behalf of all the children and staff, I would like to say a very big ‘thank you’ to the Friends’ Association for all their hard work and fund raising. Over the last few months, they have raised the grand total of £9,111.42. What a tremendous achievement this is!

We have discussed how to put this money to best use and will purchase the following:

- Books and furniture for the library
- I.C.T. equipment
- Welsh costumes
- A projector for the Lower School Hall
- Outdoor storage facilities.

Cycle Star

Year 5 pupil Ryan Phillips is described by Alan Davies, Head Coach of the Maindy Flyers Cycling Club as ‘among the best riders in Britain’ for his age group. He is just one of many well motivated and high achieving children that we have the privilege to teach. Well done Ryan for bringing credit on yourself, your Club and your School!



Dates for your diary

February

- 1st 'Fair Trade Swop' for the following two weeks
- 2nd 3.30pm *Jumble Sale* run by the School Council
- 3rd 1.20pm PC Nigel Pope to visit 3LWK 'Sticks and Stones'
- 3rd 2.00pm Year 4 Eucharist Service in Llandaff Cathedral
- 8th *Funky Junk* workshop in Year 1
- 9th 4.30pm Llandaff Diocese Guild Tea
- 10th 9.10am 4SM Worship
- 10th 1.20pm PC Nigel Pope to visit 5CD 'I didn't think'
- 10th 3.20pm Rhiwbina v Llandaff City rugby match
- 13th – 17th Half Term**
- 22nd 10.30am Ash Wednesday Service in Llandaff Cathedral
- 24th 1.20pm PC Nigel Pope to visit 2LH 'Who? What? Where?'
- 28th 1.20pm PC Nigel Pope to visit 2CT 'Who? What? Where?'

March

- 1st Celebration of St.David's Day
- 6th 2.00pm Year 3 Eucharist Service in Llandaff Cathedral
- 9th Eco Council and School Council to meet
- 12th 1.30pm Welsh Brass Band Trio to perform
- 14th Year 1 to visit Tredegar House
- 14th – 16th Llangrannog Residential Course for Year 5**
- 15th 9.30am Mothering Sunday Service led by Lower School
- 16th 1.20pm PC Nigel Pope to visit 1KM 'People who help us'
- 18th Mothering Sunday
- 23rd 3LWK Worship
- 27th & 28th Parents' Evenings**
- 29th 1.00pm Llandaff Cathedral School football tournament
- 29th Rubicon Dance Festival at the Sherman Theatre
- 30th 3BG Worship

April

- 1st Palm Sunday
- 2nd Orchestra to perform at the *Music for Youth Festival*
- 3rd 10.30am Passiontide Eucharist Service
- 4th *Shine* performance, details to follow
- 5th End of Term
- 6th Good Friday – special Sunday School event from 9.30am
- 8th Easter Day
- 23rd INSET Day
- 24th Beginning of Summer Term
- 24th 9.15am PC Nigel Pope to visit 2LH 'Right or Wrong'

May

- 1st 9.15am PC Nigel Pope to visit 2CT 'Right or Wrong'
- 7th Bank Holiday Monday
- 11th Eco Council and School Council to meet
- 14th Christian Aid Week
- 14th PC Nigel Pope to visit Year 4SM
- 21st Strictly Strings Concert at City Hall
- 21st PC Nigel Pope to visit 4LO
- 30th Year 1 to visit Newport Wetlands

June

- 4th – 8th Half Term**
- 11th Sun Safety Week
- 15th Eco Council and School Council to meet
- 23rd 11.00am Friends' Association Summer Fair
- 26th Year 1 Seaside workshop
- 27th 10.00am Year 1 to visit Penarth

July

- 2nd – 6th Storey Arms**
- 18th 2.00pm Leavers' Service
- 18th 6.00pm Leavers' Barbecue
- 19th End of Term
- 20th INSET Day