



***Llandaff City
Church in Wales
Primary School
Newsletter
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Dear Parents - Happy New Year

Croeso - Welcome to our January Newsletter

I must start as always by saying a big 'Thank You' on behalf of all the staff, for the huge volume of cards, gifts and messages of good will, that you sent us at the end of term. It means a great deal to us all at Christmas time.

All the staff, pupils and many friends and parents, worked very hard in preparation for Christmas. Our Christmas Fair was very successful. Our Advent Service, the Lower School Nativity Play and the Upper School Carol Service, were all very moving and warmed our hearts. For the Carol Service, there was a very high level of attendance with standing room only in the Cathedral. The Christingle Service led by Rev Julie and the Sunday School was also a huge success. Well done to everyone who contributed to these events.

So 2012 has begun and it will be a year when the eyes of the world will be on Great Britain. The year will bring the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and we certainly plan to celebrate this wonderful event in School – perhaps in partnership with the whole of Llandaff Village including the Cathedral? Your suggestions are invited! 2012 is also the year when the Olympic Games will come to our shores with many Welsh athletes involved and indeed some of the 'games' themselves taking place in Wales. Part of the build up will be the journey of the Olympic Torch and I hope that many of our pupils will be able to see this.

Sporting Round Up

Football results for Llandaff City A Team:

Bryn Hafod	Home	Won 3 : 0
Rhiwbina	Away	Won 6 : 0
Eglwys Newydd	Home	Lost 0 : 1
Radyr	Away	Lost 2 : 4
Rhiwbina	Home	Won 1 : 0
Bryn Hafod	Away	Won 8 : 0
Peterston Super Ely	Home	Won 4 : 1
Lakeside	Away	Won 6 : 0

And for Llandaff City B Team:

Bryn Hafod	Home	Won 5 : 1
Eglwys Newydd	Home	Won 3 : 1
Radyr	Away	Drew 2 : 2
Bryn Hafod	Away	Won 7 : 3
Lakeside	Away	Won 7 : 3

The School (A) Rugby Team suffered a narrow defeat against the Cathedral School but our (B) team achieved a convincing victory. And for the Spring Term we are delighted to announce that St. Fagan's Cricket Club will be coming to run an After School Club for Years 3 & 4.

Lord Mayor's Show – Our School Choir will be performing at the Lord Mayor's Matinee in St. David's Hall at 2.00pm on Sunday 29th January 2012.

Dates for your Diary

January

- 3rd INSET DAY
4th Term begins for pupils
6th Eco Council and School Council to meet
9th 9.15am PC Nigel Pope to visit 4SM 'Friend or Foe'
11th 9.30am Techniquet visit for Year 4
11th 1.20pm PC Nigel Pope to visit 4LO 'Friend or Foe'
13th 11.10am PC Nigel Pope to visit Year 6
16th RSPB Birdwatch Week
16th 9.15am PC Nigel Pope to visit 3BG 'Sticks and Stones'
17th 1.00pm Teachers from Kafue, Zambia to visit Llandaff City
25th 9.15am PC Nigel Pope to visit 5MS 'I didn't think'

February

- 3rd 1.20pm PC Nigel Pope to visit 3LWK 'Sticks and Stones'
9th 4.30pm Llandaff Diocese Guild Tea
10th 1.20pm PC Nigel Pope to visit 5CD 'I didn't think'
13th – 17th Half Term
22nd Ash Wednesday
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
9th Eco Council and School Council to meet
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
27th & 28th Parents' Evenings

April

- 1st Palm Sunday
5th End of Term

April continued

- 6th Good Friday – There will be a special Sunday School event from 9.30am to include a service in the Cathedral
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
18th Strictly Strings joint rehearsal at Whitchurch High School
21st Strictly Strings Concert at City Hall
21st PC Nigel Pope to visit 4LO

June

4th – 8th Half Term

- 11th Sun Safety Week
15th Eco Council and School Council to meet

July

2nd – 6th Storey Arms

- 18th 2.00pm Leavers' Service
18th 6.00pm Leavers' Barbecue
19th End of Term
20th INSET Day

Residential Dates

- **Llangrannog** (Y 5) is Weds 14th – Friday 16th March
- **Storey Arms** (Y 6) is Monday 2nd – Friday 6th July 2012

Parents please note that Tuesday 3rd January, Monday 23rd April and Friday 20th July are all designated INSET DAYS

Summary of dates for 2011 – 2012

	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn Term	Monday 5 Sept 2011	Monday 24 Oct 2011	Friday 28 Oct 2011	Tuesday 20 Dec 2011
Spring Term	Tuesday 3 Jan 2012	Monday 13 Feb 2012	Friday 17 Feb 2012	Thursday 5 Apr 2012
Summer Term	Monday 23 April 2012	Monday 4 June 2012	Friday 8 June 2012	Friday 20 July 2012

Heroes are not there to be copied. They are there to inspire us to be different and be better! Go on you know you can do it!



We can certainly reflect on both of these events in School in a way that promotes our Christian ethos. Both the Jubilee and the Olympics focus our mind on two themes: personal service to our country and personal achievement. However, both of these are very much set in the context of international friendship. We strive to teach our children that competition and personal success are good things to strive for but only if they take place in a way that fosters friendship, harmony and co-operation. Ultimately we cannot succeed on our own, whether as a pupil, as a monarch or as a country. We need each other! This has always been an important part of the Christian message!

Christians should have faith that they can succeed, have hope that they will succeed, but always extend the hand of friendship to their competitors. St.Paul writing to the early church in Corinth encouraged Christians to be like athletes in training for a race 'Run then, in such a way as to win the prize'. He then reminded them of the three great virtues of Faith, Hope and Love '.....and the greatest of these is love'.

Winning isn't everything but making the effort to win is. We should always remember that for a true winner there is no finishing line. Love is not only the greatest virtue – it is also the only one that goes on forever.

Happy New Year and kindest regards,

Kathryn Bates