

The Diocese of Llandaff Children's Committee
invites you to

THE BIG TOP EVENT

'FOOLS FOR CHRIST'



at LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL

SATURDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

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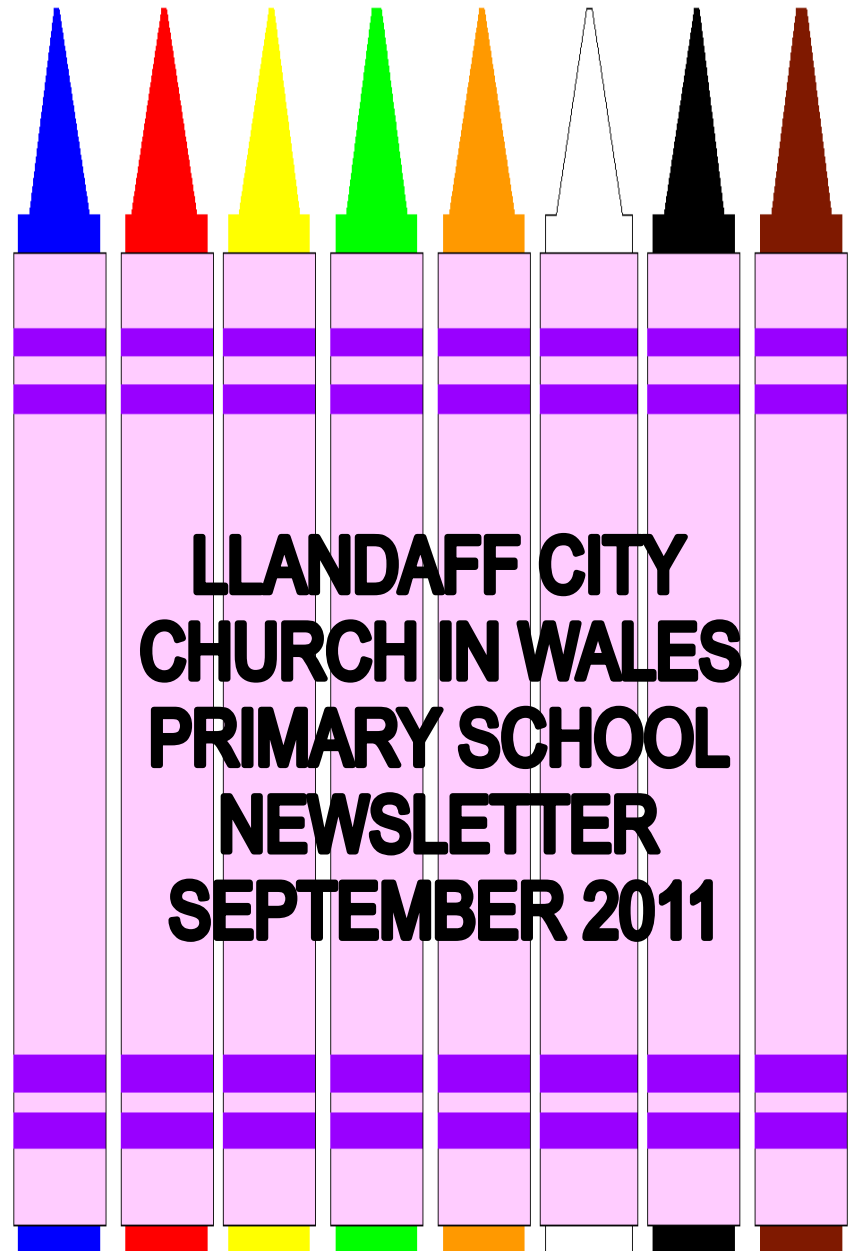
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**LLANDAFF CITY
CHURCH IN WALES
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2011**

Croeso – Welcome to our September newsletter!

Although we are just starting a new school year, it is important to reflect on successes at the end of last term. Our School Orchestra performed so impressively at Birmingham Symphony Hall, Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful adventure at Storey Arms and then presented a very moving Leavers' Service in the Cathedral and of course our Year 5 and 6 pupils pooled their talent in dance, music and drama for the utterly amazing *Climb Every Mountain*. Well done to everyone involved and a big thank you to all parents and staff for supporting these initiatives.

Last year I was very impressed with the range of activities, the displays and most of all the quality of teaching and learning in the classrooms. Our children were busy and well behaved and achieved high standards. Our data shows that the children that have been with us for the whole school journey from Reception to Year 6, have in many cases made exceptional progress.

Pupils' attendance last year was excellent and this is a sure sign of both the children's enthusiasm and the high degree of parental support that we value. Congratulations to all pupils who gained 100% attendance but particularly to Rafael Mitchell who achieved 100% attendance throughout his whole time in Llandaff City, from Reception right through to the end of Year 6. Wow what a commendable achievement!

As a School last year, we continued to make considerable efforts to involve the community in the life of Llandaff City and make our facilities available. The partnership with Breakfast Club and the Llandaff City After School Club continue to be strong and are built on a common vision of care, welfare and education for all our pupils, particularly those children that do an 8.20am to 6.00pm day. It is an excellent service to parents and complements our school day and provision.

A prayer for the start of a new term

God our Father, we ask you to bless our school, our friends, our teachers and all the people who look after us here.

Please bless the new children. Show us how to help them and make us kind and friendly like Jesus. Amen.

Your School needs you!

Parent helpers are always welcome and the best time to volunteer is at the start of the new academic year.

There are opportunities across the whole school, with all age groups. You can listen to children reading, help with practical tasks like art or cookery, chopping fruit for break time, contribute to displays - or use your talents in a thousand ways.

Please talk to Mrs Bates or Mrs Davies about how you might help us.

Michaelmas Ball Casino Royale

The School Friends' Association are organising a very special evening with a dinner, dancing and a *not to be missed* **Auction** at *The Hilton* in Cardiff on:

Saturday 15 October.

This is always one of the highlights of our social year and is strongly recommended! Tickets are available from the School Office or any member of the Friends' Association. The theme this year is *James Bond*!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Staff developments!

We offer our warm congratulations

- to Miss Hewitt who married during the summer holiday period and is now to be known as Mrs Otter
- to Miss Fear who married during the summer holiday period and is now to be known as Mrs Huckridge
- to Miss Cook who also married during the summer holiday period and is now to be known as Mrs Brown.

We also would like to extend a warm welcome to two new staff members Mrs Sarah Powell who will be working in Reception and to Miss Sophie Horton who will be working in Year 2, both as Teaching Assistants. We wish them every success in Llandaff City.

**Valuing children, valuing achievement,
valuing our community.**



Right at the end of the Summer Term, our efforts across the School, under the leadership of the Eco Council, were rewarded with the *Green Flag*. This is a coveted award that affirms our holistic approach to sustainability and making the world a greener place for future generations.

During the summer holidays, work has been completed to improve the School environment. Three classrooms have been decorated and our *POD (Place of Discovery)* is ready for action, but with further ICT equipment on order to further enhance the children's learning.

So now we start a new term and academic year. I hope that you have all enjoyed a very happy summer holiday, relaxing and having fun with your children. I am sure that many of you have travelled to far away lands, eaten at many barbecues and passed many happy hours with family and friends.

As we begin the new term, I am sure that we will all share these memories, as we look forward to working hard together during the Autumn Term.

Our ***new little friends*** will be arriving in Reception over the course of the next two weeks and I would ask you to give them and any new parents a very special welcome. Let's make 2011/12 our best ever by **working together in partnership**



Best wishes

Kathryn Bates

Dates for your diary

September

- 5th INSET Day
- 6th School opens for pupils
- 9th Flo Bots begins for Year 6
- 16th 1.20 – 2.20pm Eco-School Council to meet
- 16th 2.35 - 3.30pm School Council to meet
- 16th 3.40pm Rubicon Dance begins
- 19th Year 3 to visit Celtic Village in St.Fagan's
- 20th Year 2 to visit Castell Coch
- 23rd Open Doors in Llandaff City at 10.00am and 11.00am
- 27th 2.00pm Harvest Festival for Ys 1 to 6 in Llandaff Cathedral – Y 5 to lead prayers

October

- 1st 10:00am – 2:00pm
Llandaff Cathedral *The Big Top* Children's Event
- 7th 6LM Worship
- 10th 9.30am Y 3 swimming at Western Leisure Centre
- 14th 6SJ Worship
- 15th Friends' Association Michaelmas Ball, Hilton Hotel
- 17th One World Week
- 18th 2.00pm Y 6 Eucharist in Llandaff Cathedral
- 18th Parental Consultation Evening
- 19th Parental Consultation Evening
- 20th One World Week Evening
- 21st Y 3 swimming ends

24th – 28th October – Half Term

- 31st INSET Day

November

- 2nd 2.00pm All Saints Day Eucharist in Llandaff Cathedral
- 4th Provisional Date for School photographs
- 4th 1.20 – 2.20pm Eco-School Council to meet
- 4th 2.35 - 3.30pm School Council to meet
- 15th 2.00pm Y 5 Eucharist in Llandaff Cathedral
- 25th 5CD Worship
- 28th Anti-Bullying Week

December

- 1st 2.00pm Advent Service in Llandaff Cathedral - Y 4 to lead prayers
- 2nd 5MS Worship
- 4th First Sunday in Advent
- 6th Provisional date for Upper School disco
- 9th 2.00pm Rehearsal for Carol Service in Llandaff Cathedral
- 14th 2.00pm Carol Service in Llandaff Cathedral Ys 3 and 6 to lead prayers/readings; Ys 4 and 5 to present other items
- 20th End of Term

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

