

**CWRT RAWLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**MARCH 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy and short term, as always, the staff have created wonderful learning opportunities for the children and the children themselves have enjoyed embracing all that Cwrt Rawlin Primary School offers.

**Staffing**

Miss Woolfall welcomed a beautiful little girl, Eleri into the world on the 5th February, we send her all our best wishes and much happiness. A warm welcome to Miss Davies who is now teaching in Reception/1D covering the maternity leave.

We sadly said goodbye to three wonderful teaching assistants; Mrs Cantello, Ms Thomas and Mrs Patel this month. They have been instrumental in helping supporting and guiding our Cwrt Rawlin pupils and we wish them much happiness and success in their new ventures.

**School Council**

The School Council and other pupil groups have been working very hard this term at improving our school. Some of their actions have been to organise planting of flowers around the school, trialling of a new plate and bowl combo for the older children, erecting of our two new attendance banners on the railings, looking at ways to improve behaviour at playtimes and most recently writing a parent survey.

The Council recently met with the parents who had signed up for the evening workshops, which were postponed due to lack of numbers. It was a very useful session and we looked at the School Council survey responses and got some very good ideas for other areas to develop. We have attached the results of the survey via this link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/AnalysisPage.aspx?AnalyzerToken=iIgPjV1k8KrYxkmuVDyYqxYbvdJEpNSv&id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k4_ZIBeKEvpJnKoqr7vySlNUNEtITkFKWEdNRks5NUhYVVRGUFQxT0NETS4u>

**Eisteddfod**

Hopefully you were able to follow the fun of the Eisteddfod day via our Twitter feeds @Cwrtrawlinprim.We enjoyed a wonderful Welsh celebratory day on the 1st March. The children recited, performed and demonstrated all their skills in front of their “Houses” and the whole school. A big congratulations to the winning “House”- Ty Melyn and to our Bard from Year 6, who wrote an excellent descriptive piece of writing.

**Cwrt Rawlin Governing Body**

This term the Cwrt Rawlin Governing Body elected two new members, one community Governor and one LA Governor, which now takes us to full capacity. The Governing Body also sent out their Annual General Report for Parents ( 2022-2023) which can also be located via this link: <https://www.cwrtrawlinprimary.co.uk/> . Recently updated policies for parent reference can also be found on the school website, including our Attendance and Complaints policies: <https://www.cwrtrawlinprimary.co.uk/policies>

**Attendance/Holidays Update**

Thank you for continuing to try and take holidays out of term time. The time that your child is now in school makes a difference to their life long education and prosects. We will be sending home an attendance report for your child again towards the end of this term. Our current whole school attendance is currently at 94.98% which is just below our target of 95%.

Please remember any holiday absence from school must be put in writing to the Headteacher, Mrs Lloyd on the form provided on the school website. You will then receive a letter with regards the decision on the absence. Please note, if your child’s attendance is below 90% then discretion will be used on any leave of absence that has been requested. A copy of the current attendance policy is on the school website: <https://www.cwrtrawlinprimary.co.uk/policies> .

We have a number of children regularly coming in late to school. This is not only disruptive to the office staff but also to the class and your child. Please ensure you bring your children on time to school. The school gates open at 8.50 am close just after 9 o’clock. Registers all close at 9.10am and 1.10pm, any children arriving after this time will receive a late mark. Lateness is tracked and we will contact you with the main aim of working with you.

An attendance letter from our pupil attendance team follows.

**Dear Parents/Carers**

We are writing to you to talk about our school's attendance and how important it is to come to school.

The reason we believe attendance is so important is because we want your children to have the best education possible. Not only for their education, but school is also so important for their physical and mental health. Lots of children enjoy coming to school to see their friends they might not usually see at home. An excellent improvement we have recently made at our school is all school dinners are now free as many people are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. Every week in assembly we hand out certificates for the class with the best attendance and give out a trophy. Our goal for our whole school attendance is 95% so we would like the children to come to school every day. We really hope this letter will make an impact on children's attendance. Thank you for taking time out of your day to read this letter.

**Yours sincerely, the attendance team**

**Ava, Emily, Faye, and Alistair**

**Child Care Unit- Building Work**

Thank you for your continued patience for any disruption caused to you whilst this is ongoing. The same parking limitations remain until further notice. Please do not drive into the school car park unless you have direct permission from the Headteacher, please could you pass on this message to any other adults who drop off or pick up for you. Thank you.

**PTA**

The pace, positivity and determination of the PTA team is amazing, with all of your extreme generosity they have managed to increase the fund raising balance to nearly 20k. Our goal is for the new playground to be installed in the summer holidays, ready for September 2024. Please see their newsletter which follows at the end.

**Dates for next week- Spring Term 2024 ( \*Summer dates to follow)**

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| **Dates** | **Event** |
| 18.03.24 | R/1D school trip – Newport Wetlands  5W school trip – Viridor Recycling  Gateway collective worship: Infants 1.55pm, Juniors 2.55pm |
| 19.03.24 | 5/6B school trip – Viridor Recycling |
| 20.03.24 | Maths Workshops for 1H ( including R/**1**D), 1/2L and 2D at 10.30am-11.30am  RMK school trip – Newport Wetlands  Class 6J school trip – Viridor Recycling |
| 21.03.24 | Governors Learning Walk  Governor Body Meeting 5pm  PTA Easter Disco |
| 22.03.24 | Bling Your Bike Day- Easter theme  Rugby Match  Easter Service for school |
| 25.03.24- 05.04.24 | Easter holidays |
| 08.04.24 | Back to school |

Thank you for your continued support, we wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter break.

Kind regards,

Mrs Tara Lloyd

**Headteacher**

**PTA Update 15th March 2024**

**January to March**

Firstly, can we thank you all for your ongoing support with our events. Since Christmas we have raised another **£3,400** and are on target to reach **£4,000** before we finish for the Easter break.

**Rags 2 Riches**

Your support with Rags 2 Riches turned unwanted clothes into **£384.50**

**Break the Rules Day**

Lots of rules broken resulting in fines paid of nearly **£895**! This was topped up by a local anonymous donation of **£110.** We look forward to the next on 28th June.

**World Book Day – Wonky Bars**

Thank you so much for all of your support with the Wonky Bars...we are thrilled to announce that we raised **£750.53.** There is still one golden ticket out there (Class 3/4H – please check bags etc). Thank you for the all the positive feedback we have received. We love bringing these innovative ideas to life.

**Easter Disco – Thursday 21st March**

The PTA are pleased to invite all children to our fantastic end of term Easter disco. Full details have been emailed out separately. Tickets can be bought using the following link: [https://pay.collctiv.com/easter-disco-21-03-24-74587](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpay.collctiv.com%2Feaster-disco-21-03-24-74587&data=05%7C02%7CNigel.Reardon%40newellco.com%7Cb21bb5b0b27d40fcb63708dc44b71738%7C666310ae0b9d4182a5f88c8d8d802154%7C0%7C0%7C638460800382795729%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DcxtKr%2FgM%2BPhoOrixPlz91Jj38seBigab3npPFmWK3k%3D&reserved=0)

**Tea Towels**

The children have been busy designing drawings for our very own school tea towels. Proofs and order forms will be sent home after the Easter holidays.

**Sponsored Events Day – Friday 24th May**

Children from across the school will put the exercise books aside to take part in some wonderful and wacky activities for sponsorship. We are setting up the Just Giving Platform and will share more information after Easter. Classes have started to think about what they would like to do.....bounceathon, cereal box dominoes, danceathon....Good luck all 🙂

**Summer Fayre : Saturday 22nd June, 12pm to 4pm - Olympics Theme**

Save the Date!! This is going to be our biggest Summer Fayre to date and we are looking for volunteers to help us during the day. We are looking for volunteers to help for a couple of hours with any of the following: set up, during 12pm-4pm and pack down.

Please get in touch in you can help. Let school reception know, speak to a member of the PTA team or contact us via email [info@cwrtrawlinpta.org.uk](mailto:info@cwrtrawlinpta.org.uk)

**Playground fundraising update**

Your support with our events has helped us to a fantastic Playground fundraising pot of **£19,000.** Based on the events planned for the remainder of the school year, we are confident we can achieve the target and that building works will commence during this Summer holidays.

We have had some designs and quotes from three companies and have been working closely with the School Council on the equipment to include and how they want it to look.

We would like to wish you and your families a restful and fun Easter Break and look forward to seeing you at one of our events in the near future.

Best wishes

PTA Team