



WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

Welcome to the wonderful world of Westwood - we hope you like what you see & read!

Hello Parents & Carers, welcome to our December monthly newsletter. Our newsletter will offer you an invaluable insight into the world of Westwood, keep you updated and support the school's website and Twitter as a way of sharing information and improving communication.

Well, yet again it has been another busy month at Westwood! Amongst our amazing learning experiences, we have been wall to wall with Christmas events! From the P.T.A. Christmas Fair, the Choir singing at Costa, Christmas productions, Christmas jumper days, Christmas parties; our Christmas community events—Christmas Bingo and the Community Tea. The children, staff and parents have worked so hard to make school life such an amazing positive experience for your child! And we have enjoyed every minute! Thank you for all of your support with our events.

We also this month say a fond farewell to Mrs Noreen Jones, who has been part of Westwood life for the past 13 years - words cannot express what an inspiration she has been to the children at Westwood and we thank you Parents & Governors for your generous retirement gifts; she will be sorely missed! The Reception class will solely be in the charge of Mrs Lauren Fresca; I am sure you will continue to support Mrs Fresca and her wonderful team in the New Year.

We also welcome baby Albie Ryan - Mrs Jessica Ryan's new arrival made an appearance on Monday 17th December. Mum and baby boy are doing well; we hope to see them both very soon.

Finally, on behalf of the entire school staff and governors, I would like to extend my best wishes to you and your family. I have had an amazing first term as your head teacher and your support has been uplifting! I hope you have a joyous, happy and fulfilling Christmas and share plenty of fun and laughter. Nadolig Llawen a blwyddyn Newydd Dda.

Diolch yn fawr iawn gan

Mrs W & Team Westwood.

Community Engagement & School News

Christmas Bingo Ho—Ho & Community Tea

We had a record breaking Christmas Bingo-Ho-Ho this year. We had a packed hall and even with our emergency chairs, we struggled to get everybody in! Thank you for squashing in and supporting us; it made for a superb, friendly atmosphere. This year we had a special guest appearance from Dame Dolly Dumpling, who brought her quirky panto humour to the event. We had a great deal of fun with you all. Well done to all of our winners and commiserations to those who came so close! A huge thank you to the team of staff who worked tirelessly to organise and manage this fun event. We managed to raise just over £800 that will be directed towards our current school development priorities and activities for our wonderful children. Amazing effort!



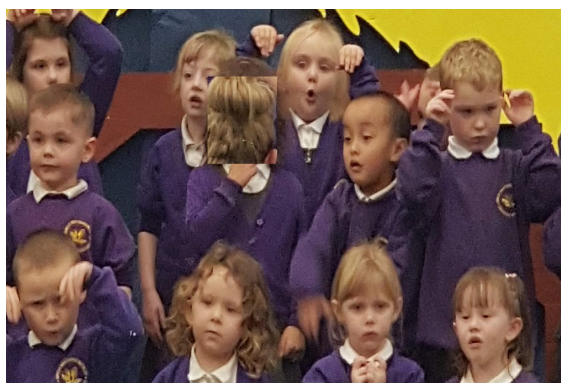
Goodbye Mrs Jones :(

A fond yet sad farewell to our Mrs Noreen Jones as she leaves our school for a well earned retirement. Mrs Jones has been a dedicated teacher for 38 years, 13 of which have been at Westwood Community Primary. During her time at Westwood, Mrs Jones has worked tirelessly in our early years department as a Nursery and Reception teacher and has been instrumental in improvements in standards within the foundation phase department, giving our youngest learners the best of starts, laying the firm foundations in their learning journeys. Mrs Jones has also lead Welsh language development at Westwood in her subject coordinator role and has organised many Eisteddfods and Urdd events during her time with us. Furthermore, Mrs Jones was Senior Student mentor for Bangor University, and has played a huge role in developing and moulding the teachers of the future under her mentoring. We thank you Mrs Jones for all your hard work, dedication and commitment to Westwood C.P. and its stakeholders over the years. You have been inspirational Mrs Jones and we will truly miss you!



Christmas Productions & Our Choir

What a talented bunch of youngsters we have at Westwood! From the youngest Nursery pupil to the oldest Year 6, I am very proud of every effort during each of our Christmas productions and Christmas Community events. The singing was amazing, in all of our choirs and class groups, the acting was brilliant and the costumes were dazzling. Putting on a show of any scale requires a massive amount planning, organisation and commitment from my team of staff. Even behind the scenes, a great deal of additional time and effort goes into preparing props, making costumes, scenery, music, tickets, programmes and refreshments. For this, I thank you all! I am very lucky as a Head Teacher to have such a dedicated team behind me and such a wonderful bunch of children around me. I would like to extend my gratitude to all parents, carers and relatives who have supported the Christmas productions and events this year. Your contributions and supportive engagement is hugely appreciated and makes such a difference to the development of our school.



P.T.A. Christmas Fair

Wow what an fantastic afternoon we had! The P.T.A. Christmas fair was indeed the biggest one we have held during my time at Westwood. The range of events drew in a huge crowd, with lots of new supporters, which was fabulous! Our range of events certainly thrilled the crowds from Santa to our gift shop, tombolas and refreshments, there really was something for everyone. The P.T.A worked tirelessly to bring you this event and they had lots of fun in the process. The support was amazing; including raffles, the P.T.A raised over £1000! A huge thank you to all of you who supported the event and we look forward to bringing you new and exciting events in the new year!



Chatterbox Parents

On Friday 14th December, we welcomed our Chatterbox parents to our celebration assembly, to collect their certificates for taking part in the Chatterbox programme, run by Mrs Quirk and Miss Pickering. This very popular course allows the parents to work with their children on skills such as literacy and numeracy. Congratulations to Mrs Astley, Miss Chapman, Mrs Mc Aughrey, Mrs Jones, Mrs Shone, Miss Roberts & Mrs Jones.



Save the dates

7th January 2019 - Staff Training Day

8th January 2019 - School Opens for Pupils

14th January 2019- Swimming for Class 6

11th February 2019—Young Voices Concert

19th February 2019—Glan Llyn for Year 3 & 4

22nd February 2019 School closes for half term :)

Cymraeg Bob Mis

Nadolig Llawen — Merry Christmas

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda - Happy New Year

Attendance with Atti

Well done to the following classes for their weekly winning class attendance in December.



Week ending 7th December — Class 5 with 97.6%

Week ending 14th December — Class 5 with 98.8%

Week ending 21st December — Class 8 with 97%

Congratulations to our Termly Attendance winner is Class 5 with 96.2%

Polite reminder:

We are carefully monitoring attendance. The expected attendance for pupils is 94% and over. We will be continuing to contact families with attendance below this figure, who have not provided a medical note or valid reason for absence.

Remember that late arrivals contribute to attendance figures so punctuality is key! Doors open at 8.40am.

We ask that all children in the main building come in promptly, and that parents and carers let them walk into the foyer independently; the main entrance can get unnecessarily busy at times and getting pupils to their classes safely is our priority.