

## **Newsletter 14th March**

### ***Online Safety Parent Information Session***

We have organised a online safety awareness session for parents and carers on Thursday 20th March at Monmouth Comprehensive School at 5.30pm in conjunction with SWGfL. This has been planned with all Monmouth Cluster Schools and will provide parents and carers with key information and practical advice about ensuring safe practices to safeguard your children when they are online. There will also be the most up to date information on current trends and details about apps/ social media/ gaming that will enhance your knowledge.

Prior to this session, teachers and Governors are receiving training so we too are fully cognisant of the current climate.

We encourage as many parents to attend as possible as this is vitally important in today's ever-changing world.

### ***Red Nose Day***

As Red Nose Day and World Down Syndrome Day are both on Friday 21st March, we are combining these two events and asking ALL pupils to wear odd socks and odd clothes! For example, your child may wish to wear a football top and a tutu or backwards clothes or inside out clothes with their odd socks. We are leaving it up to the children themselves to be as creative as they wish and look forward to seeing them!

Mrs Kift has also created a link on ParentPay if you wish to make a donation to Red Nose Day which will go directly to the organisation.

### ***Down Syndrome Awareness Day***

Friday the 21st of March is World Down Syndrome Awareness Day. We would love all members of our school community to mark this by wearing odd socks to represent the extra chromosome that Oti and our community rock.

Unfortunately, this year it clashes with Red Nose Day.

So... .....**this year to raise awareness about Down Syndrome, Oti is taking over the Punch House, Monmouth!!!**

On Saturday the 29th of March we are rocking our odd socks and partying at The Punch House.

There will be music, craft, face painting and raffle prizes, QR codes and buckets on the bar, all to raise money for 21 Plus, a local charity supporting children and young people with Down Syndrome and their families.

We would so love to see you all there.

### ***Social Media Update- Bluesky***

As you are aware, we have made the decision to stop using X (Twitter) as our social media platform. We had planned to use Bluesky and have collected permissions from all families. However, when we applied for the app to be put onto our school staff devices, it has been checked and it does not meet the required security layers. As such, we are not going to be using this platform until this is rectified.

Following discussion with other schools in Monmouthshire and our tech providers, we have decided to move to Instagram. We have set up an account and ensured a security setting which will mean the account is private and a request must be made and approved by school in order to view any content.

Our account is: osbastonchurchinwales

We will be seeking permissions once again for your consent for your child's photo to be used. Please remember we need you to respond EVEN IF YOU DO NOT GIVE CONSENT:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCQjkERCQ3CKqhwF\\_BMHCEEjSq-4NU9iSfeMiSSX6N1ASw2Q/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCQjkERCQ3CKqhwF_BMHCEEjSq-4NU9iSfeMiSSX6N1ASw2Q/viewform?usp=sharing)

### ***Welsh Celebration Afternoons- Upper School Families***

Following our very successful Eisteddfod and in celebration of continued commitment to developing the Welsh Language, we have planned two celebration showcases for parents and carers of pupils across the Upper School.

On Tuesday 25th March, Y5&6 parents and carers are invited to see Y5&6's showcase at 2.30pm. On Tuesday 1st April, Y3&4 parents and carers are invited to come into school to see Y3&4's showcase at 2.30pm.

We hope you will be able to join us.

### ***Fairtrade Coffee Morning***

A huge thank you to members of Y6, Mrs Tokar and Ms Morgan who supported the coffee morning at the Priory last Saturday and helped sell Jennipher's Coffee. There were many visitors who stayed to enjoy the refreshments and a chat. We have received thanks from the Mayor and Town Councillor Anthea Dewhurst and compliments about the kind and friendly welcome the pupils gave to all those that attended.



### ***ParentPay***

A polite reminder to ensure all Breakfast Club accounts are credited. As the end of the financial year draws near, we need to ensure any outstanding payments have been made.

### ***Maths Madness***

Don't forget you can join our after school 'Maths Madness' on Wednesday next week (19th March) to enjoy having fun as a family playing maths games. Everyone is welcome to attend from 3.30pm in the Lower School Hall.

***School Lunch Menu***

Dydd Llun/ Monday- Battered fish OR salmon fingers OR cheese and onion quiche OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mawrth/ Tuesday- Chicken OR chick-pea masala OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mercher/ Wednesday- Pork OR veggie Glamorgan sausage roast OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Iau/ Thursday- Beef OR vegetable bolognaise OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Gwener/ Friday- Cheese and tomato OR rainbow vegetable pizza OR filled jacket potato