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Headlines

Well readers Christmas is almost upon us and another year is coming quickly to a close, with 2017 hot on its heels! It's been another very busy term and year at school; a year which has finally seen the official opening of our new Rebound Therapy Room; this project has only taken about 3 years to complete BUT it is now open and pupils are really enjoying their rebound sessions.

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Looking back over the term

We have held numerous events over this past term and your support, as always has been very much appreciated and valued. The special events this term have included:

- Celebrating Harvest at Holy Trinity Church and donating food to the local Food Bank.
- Raising approximately **£800.00** in our Macmillan coffee mornings, as well as raising **£300.00** for this year's BBC Children in Need appeal and **£200.00** for Roald Dahl Day.
- Our annual Christmas Fayre was another **FANTASTIC** success; where pupils worked with staff to learn about the world of work and had the opportunity to develop their money skills- over 250 visitors attended this year's Christmas Fayre and we made over **£3,000.00** and there's more money still coming in! Again, we are very grateful to all those local businesses and to everyone who donated prizes for this year's raffle and also my sincere thanks to all who supported us at this event.
- Our new rebound therapy room was officially by Kirsty Williams, AM and Cabinet Secretary for Education within the Welsh Government; we were delighted to welcome Kirsty to Trinity Fields, along with Professor Graham Donaldson, author of "Successful Futures"; no pressure at all but Tracey even taught a rebound session with Kirsty and Graham looking on!! Check out the school website for some great photographs.
- During this past term we were also successful in being awarded our 1st Green Flag for our ECO work. The flag is proudly flying at the front of school. My thanks to Kate Thomas and the hard work of our ECO Committee. Keep up the great work.
- And of course right at the end of the autumn term we hosted many events to celebrate the season of Christmas which included: blessing the crib and lighting the Christmas tree; the Foundation Phase Nativity Play- "Nursery Rhyme Nativity", our school curriculum classes did "The Bossy King" and our tertiary classes led a carol service at Holy Trinity Church. I am sure that you will agree with me that these unique events help us to capture and remember the true meaning of the Christmas season.



Looking ahead to 2017

Library: pupils and staff are currently working with our friends at Orange Box to develop our new library. Gareth and the team at Orange Box are very creative so we are looking forward to sharing our books in a great library area.

Foundation playground: we are looking to completely re-develop the foundation phase playground, complete with wheelchair accessible swing. If anyone has any fundraising ideas then please share them with the PTA- or if you know of any grants that we can tap into then please do let me know. This development will probably cost in the region of £75,000.00.

New classrooms: we are expecting builders on site early in the New Year to begin building 2 additional classrooms; we are hoping that these will be ready for September 2017. We are very grateful to Caerphilly County Borough Council for supporting this exciting development.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda



On behalf of our Head Girl, Tilly Doman, Head Boy, Luke Pickard, all of the pupils and everyone at Trinity Fields I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your support over this past term and past year and wish you all a peaceful Christmas and all good wishes as we begin 2017.

With my very best wishes,
Ian Elliott MBE

A Press Release.....

Green flag takes pride of place at Trinity Fields School

Posted on CCBC: 19 Sep 2016

Trinity Fields School and Resource Centre have been awarded their first green flag for their environmental efforts.

The Ystrad Mynach based school is a busy, forward-looking school that provides education and specialist facilities for pupils aged 3 to 19 with a range of learning difficulties.

To achieve green flag status, the school first established an environmental review by the newly formed Eco committee, which focused on areas within the school that needed tackling to help make it a greener place. These included reducing the amount of paper recycled, saving energy and develop an Eco-code.

Senior pupils played their part by taking the lead on the recycling across the school every Friday.

Individuals have also been recognised for their contributions to the programme, Lee Morriss, a year 14 student won a 'Pride in your Place Award' for his involvement in making the school a cleaner, safer and greener environment.

Kate Thomas, Eco Schools lead said, "The pupils at Trinity Fields have worked incredibly hard to make their school eco-friendly. They have developed recycling and saving energy ideas across the school as well as taking care of the garden area, harvesting a wide range of fruit and vegetables. The Green Flag award is recognition and a symbol of all their hard work."

Head Teacher Ian Elliott said, "I am absolutely delighted and proud to see the Green Flag flying outside our school. I am very impressed by the hard work of the pupils and staff to this is prestigious award." Cllr Ken James Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Sustainable Development and Planning said, "Congratulations to all at Trinity Fields School and Resource Centre for being the latest school to receive green flag status. The commitment from all the teachers and pupils to achieve this award is outstanding and I am sure they are celebrating being recognised for all their efforts." The school is proposing to carry on their eco-friendly duties by planning 'Fairtrade Friday's' where all teachers and pupils can be involved in an Eco-themed day.

If you would like more information about our Eco Schools programme, you can contact the Sustainable Development Officer on 01495 235141 or email <mailto:sustainabledevelopment@caerphilly.gov.uk>



BREAKING NEWS.....



We have successfully achieved our first Green Flag. Tracy Evans a Green Flag officer came into school and presented us with the flag.

We are very proud to see the Green Flag flying in the front of our school.



Chestnut Class Weekly Shopping

This term Chestnut class have been on a number of trips to Tesco supermarket in Ystrad Mynach. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed getting out into the fresh air, walking back and forth through the local town, looking in the shop windows and practicing crossing the roads safely. Pupils brought in a small amount of money and a shopping list from home and were able to shop for their items and handle money as they paid for their items at the till. This was a great success with lots of opportunities for literacy and numeracy activities outside of the classroom.

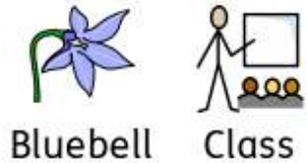


Elm Class had a fantastic visit to St Fagan's Museum of Welsh Life this term.



We walked miles and miles and saw the amazing old houses and the Castle.

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Merry Christmas from Bluebell Class!



We had a great time at Kidzz fun for our class Christmas trip.

Daffodil Class have been working hard every morning during their sensory circuit on the yard. This session encourages pupils to experience different movement activities before undertaking work tasks in class.



Rose Class Christmas Trip

Rose class's first Christmas trip was to Pugh's Garden Centre to see the Santa's Toy Workshop experience. We all learnt how to be elves and loved the lights, sounds and sensory experience!



Careers Event

Beech, Birch and Oak class attended a careers event. They had fun exploring a wide range of activities learning different kinds of work.





The school choir sang at Tesco's ystrad Mynach in early December. The choir raised £95.84p in half an hour– eat your heart out Simon Cowell!!!

The money raised was donated to the PTA!

Well done choir– keep singing!!!



PTA have had a very busy term planning and organising the school Christmas Fayre and the Christmas shopping trip to Bath. Thanks to all PTA members and parents who helped us with all the work behind the scenes. I am sure Mr Elliott has given you an update on the money raised at the fayre. In addition to this- the Bath trip raised £116 for PTA funds. Imagine if we had had a full bus!! See you next year.....

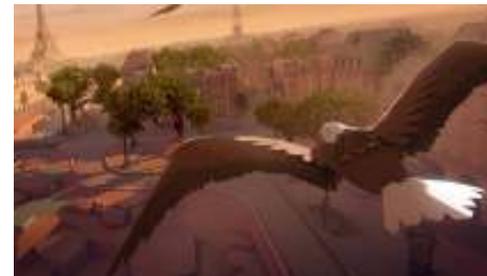


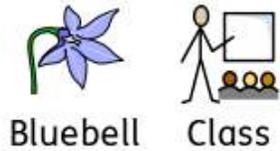
The PTA are always busy planning fund raising events for the school. Our funds raised will pay for the whole school Pantomime. Robin Hood will take place in school on January 11th 2017.

Virtual Reality in Trinity Fields



At Trinity Fields we have been using the Oculus Rift Development Virtual Reality headset for the last two years but finally we have got our hands on the finished version! The Oculus Rift gives an immersive 360° visual and sound experience and we will be trying it out on classes in the New Year. So if your child comes home and says they have been to Mars, or Stonehenge, on a rollercoaster or flying through the air like an eagle, chances are they might just be telling the truth!





We had fantastic news in Bluebell class.

Jack entered the EAS E-Christmas Card competition and Jack's entry won! Here is a picture of Jack's wonderful Christmas penguin design.



Jack will receive a framed image of his design and a £10 voucher.

Trinity Fields School is very proud that Jack's entry has been chosen. Da lawn!



Having carefully written their special Christmas lists, Carmarthen Class enjoyed a trip to the village to post them to Santa. We stopped at the local Café 37 for a lovely lunch afterwards! Happy Christmas Everyone!



Produced by the students in Oak Class

If there are any changes to address, contact details or telephone numbers PLEASE LET US KNOW when we return in January 2017

