



*Together we learn, together we grow.*

Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

**The Grinch:**

Last week the children received a visit from The Grinch and the elves! They were very excited to receive a stocking from The Grinch. Many thanks to the PTFA for supporting this exciting event for our children.

## PTFA:

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all members of the PTFA for all their hard work throughout this half term and especially over the last few weeks. Dewstow Primary School are very lucky to have such a hard-working PTFA.



## Bethany Baptist Church:

Many thanks to Pastor Jon Linforth for inviting Dewstow Primary School to Church to participate in the Christingle Service. It was such a successful Christmas Concert which the children enjoyed participating in.



## Concerts:

The Christmas concerts took place this week for all the children throughout the school and were a great success. The standard of the concerts was excellent, where the children developed many of their skills, through acting, speaking, listening, singing, music and to a very high standard. A lot of hard work went into the concerts. Thank you to all the staff who prepared the children for the concerts. Thank you to all parents/carers for supplying jumpers and supporting the children with their words and attending these wonderful events.

\*These are just a selection of photos from each plaza.



### Carol Singing:

Some of our pupils visited the residents at Cherry Tree Care Home this week and treated them to some wonderful Christmas Carols, thank you to all pupils involved, the residents really enjoyed your singing.



Well  
DONE!

Congratulations to Scarlett and Jacob in Year 6 who have secured funding of £150 for the school. They carried out a survey with all children in Year 3 to Year 6 and applied for the funding with Active Living. They will use the money to work alongside Mr Nicholas and will be creating a Dodgeball Club in the New Year. Bendigidig to Scarlett and Jacob.

### Dinners:

There are a growing number of children who are not eating all their dinner at lunchtimes. Please can you encourage your child to eat their dinners at school.

Dwr Cymru - please see attached poster:

**Dwr Cymru**  
Welsh Water

Save up to  
**£200**

## Are you worried about the cost of the festive season?

We have lots of financial support options available that could help you save on your water bill.

**We're here to help**

Call us to talk through your options: **0800 052 0145**  
Visit us online for more info: [dwcymru.com/costofliving](http://dwcymru.com/costofliving)

The poster includes an illustration of a family (a woman, a man, and a child) standing next to a Christmas tree. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

## Help and Advice for Young People and Families:

Please see link below with information on support available for young people and their families during the holiday period. Included in this is mental health wellbeing support with 24-hour helpline information available when some organisations are closed during the holiday season.

Help and advice for young people and families - Monmouthshire<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup><https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.monmouthshire.gov.uk%2Fyoung-people-and-families%2F&data=05|02|KarenWatkins%40monmouthshire.gov.uk|4efa76894f4c4f10dcc208dd1ad72b05|2c4d0079c52c4bb3b3cad8eaf1b6b7d5|0|0|638696233673059455|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilSkFOljoiTWFpbClslldUljovfQ%3D%3D|0||&sdata=15Vibf%2FwQhCk4yoEQqco5oPwGGqQ%2B6GoACsd2cM8dso%3D&reserved=0>



## Awards:

Well done to all the children who have received awards this week. Bendigedig pawb!

| Year Group | Star of the Week | Behaviour of the Week<br>Hot Chocolate Friday! | Attendance<br>Cup |
|------------|------------------|--|-------------------|
| Reception  | Whole class      | Matei  | 97%               |
| Year 1     | Whole class      | Cadi   | 87%               |
| Year 2     | Whole class      | Ezmay  | 93%               |
| Year 3     | Lily             | Jak  | 97.6% ★           |
| Year 4     | Sayan            | Tobiah   | 92.6%             |
| Year 5     | Sophia           | Jacob  | 93.3%             |
| Year 6     | Rory             | Lucy   | 91.3%             |

It is wonderful to see that nearly all year groups have attendance over 90%. Thank you so much to all the children and families who are trying so hard to attend school daily. Bendigedig to all children and families.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing all the children return to school on Monday 6th January 2025 and working in partnership with you in the new year.

I hope you find this information useful. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone school on 01291 636360, or email the school [dewstowprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:dewstowprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk)<sup>2</sup>

Yours sincerely

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