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Merry Christmas

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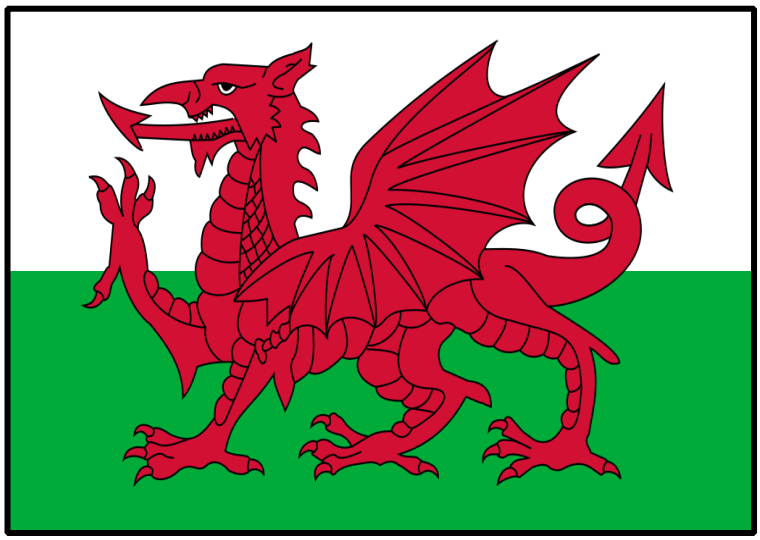
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Christmas is already stressful enough and you don't need all of the leftover and extra wrapping paper and packaging, so keep reading to find out how to put your leftovers to great use.

1. Stick leftover packaging together and make fun sculptures like robots.
2. Cut-out little bits of wrapping paper and use them to make gift labels to stick onto presents.
3. Shred left over wrapping paper into paper confetti.
4. Take any unwanted gifts to a local charity shop. Not only will they have a new home but the money will go to charity.
5. Another way to recycle your wrapping paper is to make bunting out of it (pictured below)
6. You could cut up bits of wrapping paper and stick them on a Christmas card.
7. You can go to a local Christmas tree recycling centre that will recycle a real tree for you for free.



Siaradwch Cymraeg!



Welsh is a good language to learn, especially if you live in Wales or have a job there. Recent research shows that being able to speak and write in both Welsh and English can give you an important advantage whether you're looking for a job or wanting to further your career. Speaking a second language also improves problem-solving, multitasking and decision making. Numerous studies have found that bilingualism (speaking multiple languages) can improve brain functions like the ability to focus attention and perform mental tasks.

Useful Phrases

Good Morning-Bore Da
Good Afternoon-Prynhawn Da
How are you?-Sut wyt ti?
Thank you-Diolch
You're welcome-Eich croeso
Come in-Dewch i mewn
My name is _____-_____ ydw i

Scan the QR Code Christmas to hear a welsh christmas song!



Christmas Poem

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Written In The Stars

Tonight, I look up at the stars in the sky

And remember another star, from days long gone by

That shone oh so brightly, to show men the way

To a small baby laid in a manger of hay

This baby was sweet, all shiny and new,

But he means so much more to me and to you

We know him as Jesus Christ or Emmanuel

And his story is one we have long loved to tell

Because it is a story of the best of man

Of mercy and sacrifice and God's all-knowing plan

It is a story of love beyond measure

Of a Father who gave us His most precious treasure.

Christmas Recipe

Mince Pies

Ingredients

1 large jar mincemeat (about 600g)
2 satsumas, segmented and finely chopped
1 apple, finely chopped
zest 1 lemon
little icing sugar for dusting



For the pastry:

375g plain flour
260g unsalted butter, softened
125g caster sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
1 large egg. plus 1 beaten egg for glazing

Method

STEP 1
Place 375g plain flour and 260g softened unsalted butter in a bowl and rub together to a crumb consistency.

STEP 2
Add 125g caster sugar and 1 large beaten egg, and mix together.

STEP 3
Tip out onto a lightly floured surface and fold until the pastry comes together, be careful not to over mix.

STEP 4
Wrap the pastry in cling film and chill for 10 mins.

Christmas Recipe

STEP 5

Scoop the large jar of mincemeat into a bowl and add 2 segmented satsumas, 1 finely chopped apple and zest of 1 lemon.

STEP 6

Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7.

STEP 7

Roll out the pastry to 3mm thick.

STEP 8

Using a round cutter (about 10cm), cut out 16 bases and place them into muffin trays. Put 1½ tbsp mincemeat mixture into each. Brush the edge of each pie with a little beaten egg.

STEP 9

Re-roll out the pastry to cut 7cm lids and press them on top to seal. Glaze with the beaten egg, sprinkle with the extra caster sugar, then make a small cut in the tops.

STEP 10

Bake the mince pies for 15-20 mins until golden brown. Leave to cool before releasing them from the muffin trays and dusting with a little more icing sugar before serving.

Bonus Recipe

Candy Cane



Method

STEP 1

Mix a few drops of peppermint into the white, red and green icing. Divide the white icing in 2 and wrap half in cling film along with the green icing.

STEP 2

Roll the remaining half of white icing into a long, thin sausage shape, then do the same with the red icing.

STEP 3

Lay the 2 sausages next to each other, and twist together. Gently roll the twisted length with the palm of your hand until the 2 sausages are joined and smooth. Slice into 12 cm lengths, then bend the end of each one to make a hook.

STEP 4

Line a baking sheet with baking parchment, then spread out the candy canes. Repeat with the remaining white icing and green icing, then leave the canes to dry out for at least 24 hrs before packaging.

Christmas Story

We all know Santa's sleigh. Most of the pictures are just big, shiny red, sparkles and sleigh bells, golden sled runners AND gold reins for the reindeer.



BUT what you don't know is that Santa always takes one of the workshop elves with him. The workshop elf has two jobs- making sure that the right parcels are in Santa's sack AND to be ready with a hammer or a nail or a bit of magic dust if something goes wrong with the sleigh. It shouldn't, of course, but you never know! Last year, I think it was last year, the golden sled runners were pulling far too right, slowing the sleigh down. It doesn't happen often, but they had to make a quick repair stop. Last year it was Edwin Elf on sleigh duty, and he knew exactly what to do. "The sled runner on the left has to be shaved a tiny bit, so that they are both exactly the same." "Do you have the tools?" Santa asked. This was slowing him down a lot.

Christmas Story

"I always have the tools." Edwin opened his tiny toolbox and found a little golden hand plane. "This should do it, just a wee bit to make the runners exactly the same..." Edwin Elf was as quick as a flash. The reindeer didn't mind a short break – Santa did! Edwin Elf looked at the sled runner and saw the problem.

"It'll need a complete repair in the workshop when we get back. But a quick shave of the runner should get it right for tonight, and running straight again..." It didn't take a moment. Santa was pleased, but the reindeer wouldn't have minded a few minutes more.... Edwin Elf was finished in a twinkle of an eye.



Christmas Story

And, that's what happened last year, well, I think it was last year. Santa's sleigh was a tiny bit late, but most children didn't notice. The ONLY children who might have noticed were two children playing in their garden with their new toys on Christmas day. "Whatever is this?" The little boy picked up some shavings of golden wood lying in the winter grass. The little girl looked closer.

"Golden curly strips of wood?" She looked up into the sky. "I wonder where they came from?" Of course they never guessed. Would you? But the little girl put those golden wood shavings into her treasure box. Those curls of gold twinkle in the dark like tiny Christmas stars...all year round. "Golden Christmas Magic..." the girl smiles. "I wonder who dropped you into our garden on Christmas Day?"



Jokes

What do you call an elf wearing ear muffs?





What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

What do you call a blind reindeer?

Why don't crabs celebrate Christmas?

Why are mummies so addictive to christmas?

What do you get when you cross a duck with Santa?



Jokes

What do you call an elf wearing ear muffs?

Anything you want.
He can't hear you!





What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet has No-el.

What do you call a blind reindeer?

I have no eye deer.

Why don't crabs celebrate Christmas?

Because they're shell-fish.

Why are mummies so addictive to christmas?

Because they really like wrapping.

What do you get when you cross a duck with Santa?

A Christmas quacker.



Riddles

He is a man during winter, but he might be a source of water during spring. Who is he?

I am a catchy carol and a tune which likes to rhyme, I contain 12 grand gifts that come around Christmas time. What am I?

I come with many colors, so beautiful and bright, I turn so many houses into a beautiful sight. What am I?

I get chopped, decorated and on one end you'll see wings on top. What am I?



Riddles

He is a man during winter, but he might be a source of water during spring. Who is he?

Answer: A snowman.

I am a catchy carol and a tune which likes to rhyme, I contain 12 grand gifts that come around Christmas time. What am I?

Answer: The 12 days of Christmas song

I come with many colors, so beautiful and bright, I turn so many houses into a beautiful sight. What am I?

Answer: Christmas lights

I get chopped, decorated and on one end you'll see wings on top. What am I?

Answer: Christmas tree



Wordsearch

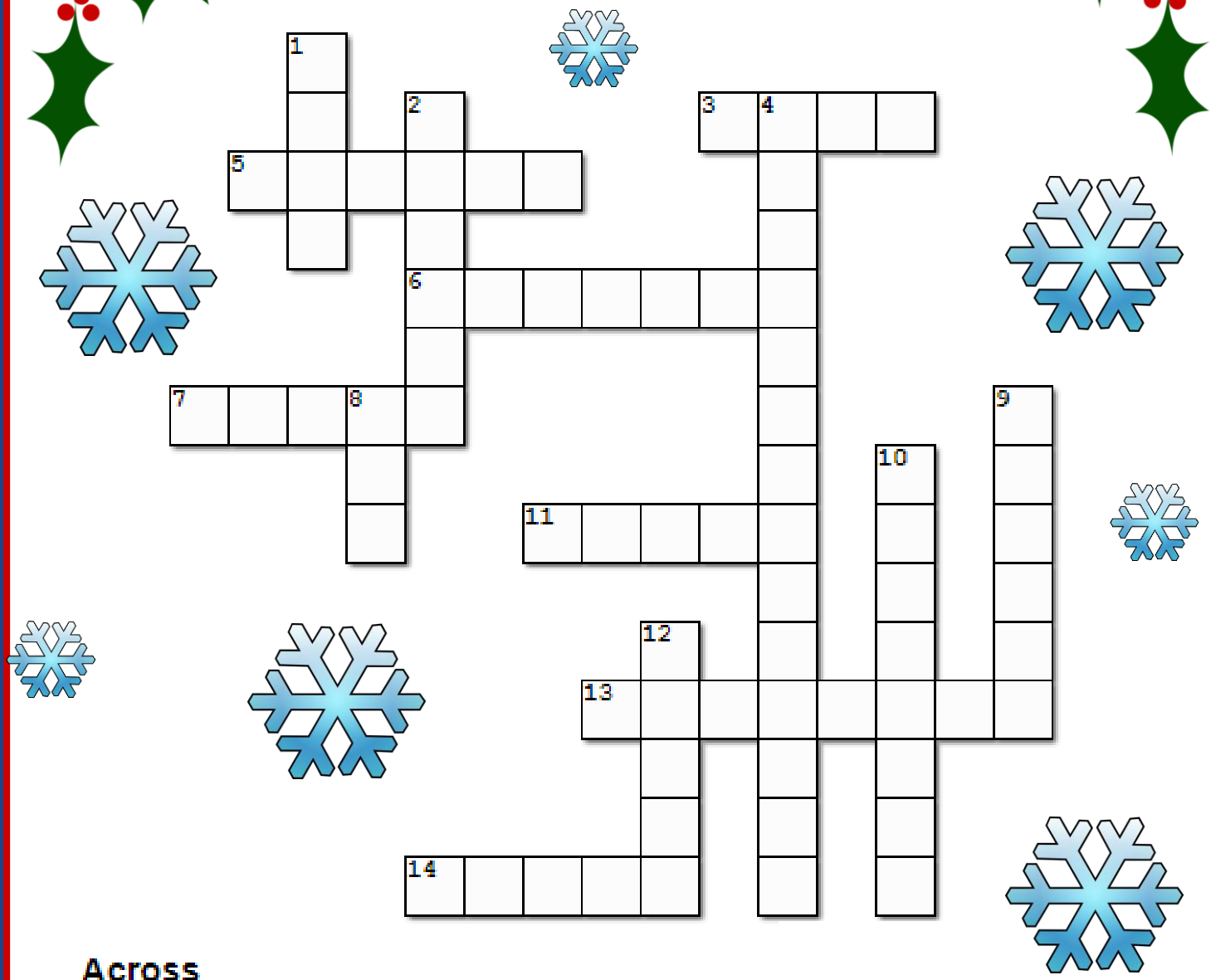
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- Celebrate
- Presents
- Holly
- Decoration
- Christmas Tree
- Tinsel
- Reindeer
- Snow
- Advent
- Family
- Elves
- Santa





Crossword



Across

3. Jesus' mother
5. Spend time with these people on Christmas day
6. Bah Humbug!
7. Told Mary about her baby
11. Kris Kringle's other name
13. Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?
14. Ding dong merrily on high

Down

1. I led the wise men to Jesus
2. Find me wrapped round the tree
4. Chocolatey countdown to Christmas
8. I work in Santa's workshop
9. Jesus was placed in this
10. Open me up on Christmas day
12. It's my birthday!

Christmas Quiz

1. What are the 3 gifts the wise men gave to Jesus?

1. 'Merry Christmas you filthy animal' is a quote from which popular movie?

1. In a famous Christmas song, what type of bird was sitting in a pear tree?

1. How many doors would you open on an advent calendar before Christmas Day arrives?

1. What was the name of the angel that came to Mary?

2. What two colours are candy canes?

3. What traditional bird do you eat on Christmas Day?

4. How many reindeers does Santa have?

5. Which famous drinks company was the first to use Santa Claus in its advertisements?

6. What do people sing at Christmas time?

Christmas Quiz Answers

1. Frankincense, Gold and Myrrh.
2. Home Alone
3. Partridge
4. 24 days
5. Gabriel
6. Red and white
7. Turkey and chicken
8. Eight reindeers
9. Coke a cola advert
10. Christmas carols







Wishing you a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

Ann Griffin, staff and pupils from
Whitchurch Primary School.

Dymuniadau gorau am Nadolig Llawen a
Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.

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