

SUMMARY REPORT – JANUARY to SEPTEMBER 2019

INTRODUCTION:

BCLC FamilyHQ work began with a Christmas event on 15th December 2018. Subsequently, events have been run during each of the school holiday periods, up to and including the last week of the 2019 school summer holidays.

The data in this summary report covers all events run during 2019 to date.

EVENTS:

The following 'Brunch Club' events have been run so far:

- 27-28th February 2019 (winter half term)
- 17-18th April 2019 (Easter)
- 24-25th April 2019 (Easter)
- 29-30th May 2019 (spring half term)
- 24-25th July 2019 (1st week of summer holidays)
- 28-29th August 2019 (last week of the summer holidays)

On each of these 12 occasions, the event runs for two hours from 10:30am to 12:30pm and consists of the following:

- Welcome, registration and open play (30 minutes)
- Organised craft event for the children (30 minutes)
- Serving each child a hot, nutritious and healthy meal (30 minutes)
- Open play, culminating in organised game/s (30 minutes)

The 'Uniform Swap Shop' is open for parents to browse and choose free items of school uniform throughout each event.

PLANNED EVENTS:

The following events are planned for the remainder of 2019:

- 30-31st October 2019 (autumn half term)
- 15th December (Christmas event)

The October event will follow the same structure as those above with four segments, each of 30 minutes. The Christmas event is still in the planning, but is envisaged to be 'Brunch Club' type event in the mid-afternoon with a Christmas theme, running through into a family carol service at teatime/early evening.

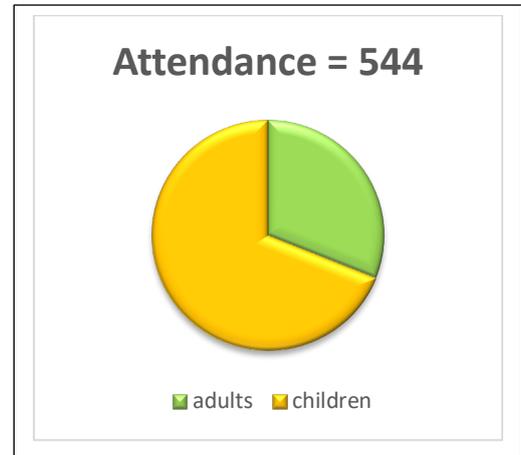
DATA:

1. Brunch Club Attendance:

Attendance is calculated simply by counting the number of people attending each event and then totalling the number across all events (i.e. regular attenders will have been counted each time they came)

- 169 adults
- 375 children

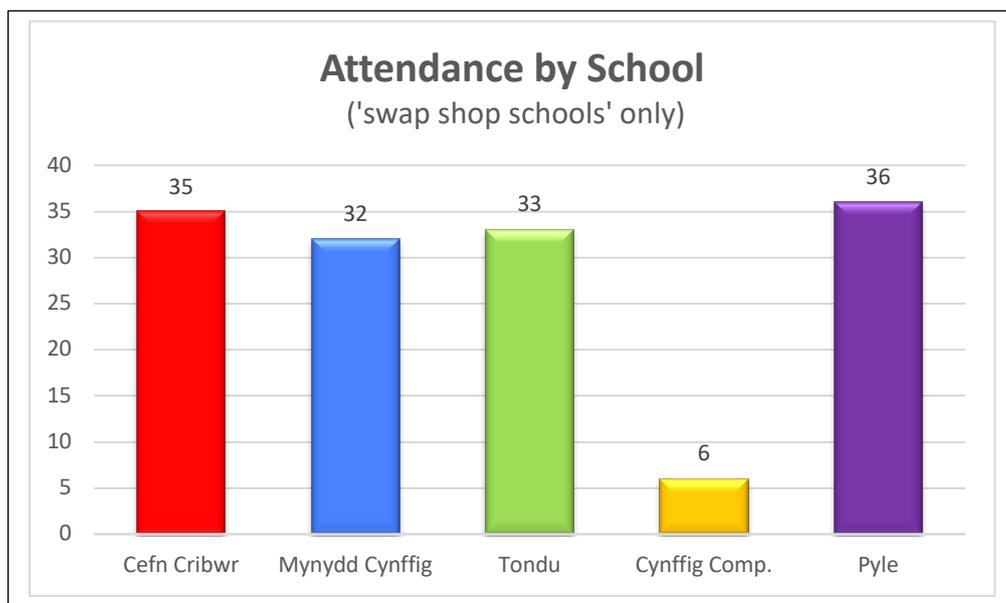
Total attendance 544



2. Brunch club attendance by school:

This is a breakdown of the how many children have attended brunch club from each of the 5 schools in the designated catchment area, that are the focus of the Uniform Swap Shop (see below)

- Cefn Cribwr – 35
- Mynydd Cynffig – 32
- Tondu – 33
- Cynffig Comp – 6
- Pyle – 36



It is noteworthy and encouraging that the schools with the biggest attendance of children to brunch club are those most local to BCLC – this very much accords with the vision of the church to reach our local area!

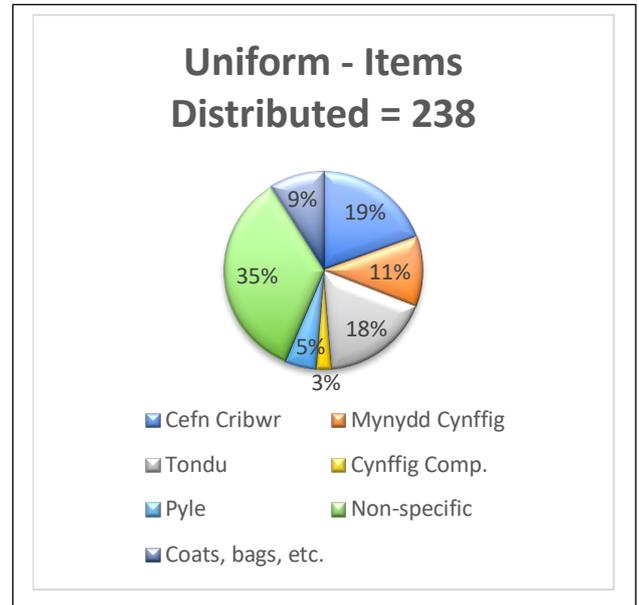
3. Uniform Swap Shop – Items Distributed:

School-specific items are available for 5 schools. The schools are listed along with the number of items distributed:

- Cefn Cribwr – 46
- Mynydd Cynffig – 27
- Tondy – 42
- Cynffig Comp – 6
- Pyle – 12

There are also non-school specific items available

- Non-specific uniform – 82
- Coats, bags, shoes, etc. - 21



Total items distributed 238

It's great to see that the school with the biggest take up of items from the uniform swap shop is our village school – Cefn Cribwr!

CONCLUSION

We are delighted to report that the process of reaching out to local families with practical love and help is off to a really encouraging start. It's particularly good to see that in terms of children attending and swap shop use, Cefn itself is coming out on top – we really are beginning to make an impact on our village!

The efforts of the BCLC FamilyHQ process have been very much a team effort from individuals right across the church. Other than helping out at the events themselves, the following are some of the key ways in which people have contributed:

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| • Prayer support | • Midweek Swap Shop | • Publicity & artwork |
| • Food donations | • Cash donations | • Buying uniform items |
| • Washing & ironing uniform | • Social media sharing | • Encouragement! |

***** THANK YOU! *****

THE FUTURE

In the New Year, we hope to expand this work by having occasional 'Sunday Brunch Clubs' where children are invited to come and take part in interactive Sunday school sessions.

Please continue to pray for the village and the FHQ team, as we look to God for wisdom on how best to move this work forward in 2020.