

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'



Baglan Primary School is a 'Rights respecting school.' The article of the months for October is: Article 19 - The right to not to be harmed and to be looked after and to be kept safe.

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Year 1/2 News ~ Over the last two weeks in Blwyddyn 1 a 2 we have been learning about hibernation and migrating animals with Mrs Curtis. We have learnt that some animals sleep for the winter and others fly, walk or swim to warmer climates. In literacy we have been building and writing sentences and



learning about nouns (naming words) and adjective (describing words). Using our adjectives, we created 'Wanted Posters' for the Big Bad Wolf. We described him on the poster and offered advice to be aware and a reward for his capture. In numeracy, we have been working on measure. We began with non-standard units of measure and then went onto measuring



with centimetres (cm). Also in numeracy, we have been collecting and representing data. We have learnt to tally, read simple tally tables and use the data from a

tally table to create block and bar graphs. Lastly for our Right of the Month we have been thinking about Article 19 which is that all children have the right to be kept safe, so we learnt about the history of Guy Fawkes and created safety posters for children to remember how to keep safe over the half term and especially on November the 5<sup>th</sup> Bonfire Night.

Reception News ~ this week we carried on with our Three Little Pigs activities. Bee-Bot dressed up as the Big Bad Wolf and we have been giving him instruction to find the different houses. He was busy going forward, back, turning left and right. We also had our final music lesson with Mrs James where we all got to choose a musical instrument and play it following a pictorial score. The story Room on the Broom has been our focus book. We have been matching the rhyming words and worked in our cooperative groups to think of words to describe the horrible ditch beast. We also had fun making magical portions and observing how the liquids changed. We have all had an amazing first half term in Reception and have enjoyed lots of learning experiences.



**Year 3 News** ~ Year 3 have had a busy week in class with their studies. In maths we have been learning how to add 2 and 3 digit numbers. We have also been learning how to carry numbers. We



have been doing lots of practise on whiteboards before we wrote them in our books. It was tricky but we all tried really hard. Also in maths we have been doubling and halving numbers and finding easy ways to double 2 digit numbers. We also carried out a cooperative task using dice to practice our doubling skills. As part of our Wizard theme we have been planning and writing potion poems. It was great fun and we came up with some funny and creative ideas. We have also been writing an autumn poem and we used ICT to word process it in J2Write. To end our topic on wizards, we had a wizard potion day where we had to mix magic ingredients together. We were amazed at some of the chemical reactions and had such an amazing time. We are looking forward to our half term holidays to have a nice well-earned rest.



**Year 2/3 News** ~ The children have enjoyed a busy couple of weeks. The Year 2 had so much fun singing and dancing to Welsh songs on their trip to see Sioe Siany Sionc. The school also celebrated Diwrnod Su'mae Day, where the class moved around the school carrying out fun Welsh activities, learning Welsh words and phrases through specific ipad apps. maths games, singing and dancing, yard games and colouring, it was a great celebration of our nationality.

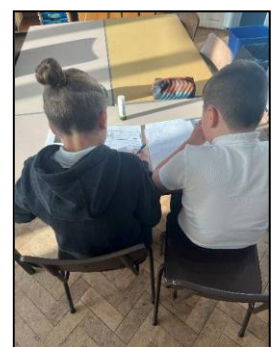


In english we have enjoyed looking at instructional writing, labelling the features and discussing the importance. They could see why the instructions needed to be in the correct order. The class then wrote a set of instructions on 'How to make a smoothie'. Using this they made a delicious healthy smoothie and loved every minute. They enjoyed using bossy verbs and giving each other commands. The also looked at using adjectives and nouns in a sentence. The children had so much fun playing to Halloween charades, moving like monster moves to keep them fit. They also enjoyed Halloween cosmic yoga. In



maths we have started looking at the value of coins, ordering them from largest to smallest and adding coins to find a value. They enjoyed playing the shop game and adding up how much was in the piggy bank. We hope you all have a wonderful half term!

**Year 5 News** ~ This week Year 5 have enjoyed taking part in activities relating to Black History Month. In October, we celebrate Black History Month. In Year 5, we used our co-operative learning groups to look at famous Welsh Black figures. We were able to look at four different figures and understand the challenges they faced and how they overcame them. Our October Right of the Month is 'Article 19: The right not to be harmed and to be looked after and be kept safe', from this we have created a safety poster sharing the ways to keep safe during the event. In english, we have learning about nouns and adjectives to use them more accurately in our writing. In maths, we are rounding whole numbers to





the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10000. We have also started to look at worded problems.

**Nursery News** ~ This week in Nursery we have continued to explore the story 'Room on the Broom'.



We enjoyed re-telling the story using dress up clothes and props. We also enjoyed watching the story on BBC iPlayer. Our focused task this week was identifying the big and small wand and then ordering them from smallest to biggest. In the construction area, we have been using the wooden blocks to build tall towers and create different buildings. For PE



this week, we took part in a range of fun and engaging games to develop our listening skills. We also enjoyed moving our bodies in different ways and exploring different prepositional language. During carpet time we have been working very hard on our Read Write Inc phonic sounds. Miss Wilson and Miss Holding are very proud of all the sounds we have remembered so far. Da iawn plant!

Have a fun and relaxing half term with the children. We look forward to seeing everyone and hearing what the children have been up to.



**Mrs White's News** ~ Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed visiting Ysgol Bae Baglan on Monday to watch a drama performance about being safe during Halloween and Guy Fawkes nights. The class listened well to all the information that was given and then two children volunteered to take part in a quiz between all the local primary schools. Baglan Primary did very well in the quiz and came first and the two children who took part in the quiz won Cinema tickets, so they can enjoy a trip to watch a film during half term.



**Attendance Week Ending: 26.10.2023**

This year, one of our school development priorities is to improve the attendance of all our pupils. This is also a key priority for Neath Port Talbot education department.

Class	Attendance
Nursery ~ Morning	92.7%
Nursery ~ Afternoon	90.6%
Reception	96%
Year 1	84%
Year 1 & 2	91.7%
Year 2 & 3	96%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	85.4%
Year 5	89.2%
Year 6	88.7%

A huge congratulations to Reception & Year 2/3 this week with a fantastic 96% attendance, closely followed by Year 3. Keep up the brilliant work!

## Dates for the Diary

27.10.2023	Break up for the half-term holiday
10.11.2023	Year 2 Immersive Room ~ Swansea University
13.11.2023	Odd Socks Day
17.11.2023	Children in Need ~ everyone may wear Pudsey or spotty clothing (voluntary donations of £1 via ParentPay please)
24.11.2023	PTA Elf Hunt ~ thank you to our supportive PTA
06.12.2023	PTA Christmas Fayre ~ thank you to our supportive PTA
07.12.2023	Café Cynefin ~ 9am at our Junior Hall
14.12.2023	Christmas Dinner Day



### Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Blue L ~ for joining in and singing a variety of songs and rhymes beautifully. Da iawn Bleu. Arthur M ~ for super re-telling of the story 'Room on the Broom' using different props.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Bradley A ~ for joining in with our number songs. Da iawn Skylar-Louise H ~ for trying hard to talk about her reading book. Bendigedig.
Mr Atkins ~ Reception	Harry D ~ for excellent reading and moving up a stage. Da iawn. Oliver E ~ for knowing all the high frequency words. Amazing Oliver
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Bella G ~ fantastic engagement and learning in RWInc. Bendigedig. Blake R ~ for excellent estimating and measuring in maths. Gwych.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Isla H ~ for recognising coins and finding the total amount. Jacob W ~ for always being thoughtful, kind and helpful to his friends.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3	Cobain W & Ralph P ~ for super work adding 3 digit numbers. Bendigedig Cobain & Ralph! Angel-Jaye G ~ nice creative ideas when writing an autumn poem. Gwaith da Angel-Jaye.
Mrs Selley ~ Dosbarth 4	Daisy S ~ for her excellent character description with lots of interesting adjectives. Gwych! Jack S ~ for his contribution to welsh discussions in class. Dal ati!
Miss Noon/ Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Ella E ~ for fantastic work on prime numbers and square numbers in maths. Rex P ~ for a lovely piece of writing in 1 <sup>st</sup> person in Welsh.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Luca N ~ for his excellent instruction text. Da iawn. Sienna D ~ for always trying her best. Bendigedig Sienna! Gethyn S ~ for creating a lovely spell. Da iawn Gethyn.
Mrs White ~ all classes	Holly C & Joshua R ~ working hard in science learning about states of matter.