

Baglan Primary School/ Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 24.11.23



Baglan Primary School is a 'Rights respecting school.' The article of the months for November is: Article 1 Everyone under the age of 18 has these rights.

Year 1 News ~ This week in Year 1 we have been using descriptive words to help write a class poem about bonfire night. We used 'think pair share' and no hands up when sharing our ideas with the other children and our teachers. We wrote the poem in our books and then worked really hard to learn it. After we learned the poem. We used 'stand and deliver' to share it with our classmates. In Maths we have been recognising and matching coins up to 10p and using some of these to buy some cakes from Pudsey Bear. In addition to buying Pudsey cakes, we learned about the importance of Children in Need and how it helps children who are not as lucky as us and we also put our wellies on and ventured to our outdoor area to collect as many yellow leaves as we could to collage Pudsey's face.

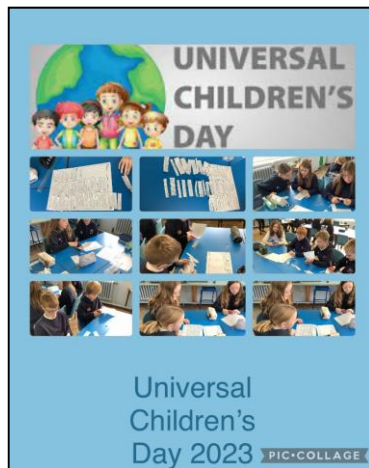


In our music session with Mrs James we listened to The Four Seasons by Vivaldi and discussed how the music made us feel. We used lots of different words for cold and then we listened to what instruments were used to play it. Mrs James also played us a really food mix of Vivaldi and 'Let It Go.' To finish the session we used cotton buds to make some snowflakes. For Anti-Bullying week, we all did some handprints to make a class heart, coloured some odd socks in and listened carefully to what bullying is and what we should do if we are being bullied, or if we know someone else who is.

Year 4 News ~ Blwyddyn 4 have been writing a Christmas play script based in Santa's workshop this week. We described the setting, characters and wrote dialogue. In maths, we have been reasoning mathematically and have taken part in a Let's Think Maths session based on rulers. We took part in a Super Supper Challenge session with HSBC. We discussed eating a balanced diet and how to reduce food waste at home. We also budgeted when shopping for a meal for a family. We have designed and created posters about the

importance of children's rights as part of Universal Children's Day. We had a great time celebrating and raising awareness for Children in Need last week. We also took part in various tasks and activities for Anti-bullying Week.





Year 6 News ~ We began this week by celebrating Universal Children's Day. We looked at the different articles that are contained in the UNCRC and we categorised them into different sections working in our cooperative groups. In English, we have continued to look at the features of explanation texts. We have been looking at active and passive voice. Usually in an explanation text, a formal passive voice is used. We have practiced turning active sentences into passive sentences. In maths, we have been learning how to order fractions and how to change improper fractions into mixed fractions. We enjoyed an excellent session with HSBC on Monday. They explained to us some of the scams

that can be used. These included messages by both email and texts. This is called 'phishing' and 'smishing'. We looked at a variety of examples and worked in our group to spot sign that could indicate fraud. These included incorrect grammar, incorrect punctuation, abnormally long numbers, suspicious links or an offer that is too good to be true! We discussed ways that we can check if the information we receive is correct.

Mrs White's News ~ Year 5 have been working hard the past few weeks taking part in Science experiments. They enjoyed learning about the dissolving process and enjoyed planning, predicting and taking part in an investigation where they needed to test different things to see whether they would dissolve when placed in different temperatures of water. They enjoyed watching the jelly as this showed the biggest change and they learned that some things do not dissolve just float on top of the water or settle at the bottom of the container. Great work carried out by the class!



Nursery News ~ We enjoyed dressing up in our Pudsey and spotty outfits for Children in Need this year. We discussed the importance of raising money for children who are less fortunate than us. We felt very proud that we are able to help them. On Monday, we celebrated Universal Children's Day, we talked about some of the rights that we have as children and that they are there to keep all the children in the world safe. We felt sad that some children in the world don't get the same opportunities as us like going to school, playing and having a safe and warm home.

This week we read the story 'The Amazing Mud Cake', it was all about a little boy who made a mud cake for his family which they did not enjoy. The little boy was feeling a bit sad until he realised that the bugs in the garden thought the mud cake tasted delicious and ate it all up.

For our welly walk this week we collected some mud, brown and green leaves and some twigs to make an 'Amazing Mud Cake'. We all had a turn of pouring, mixing or making the cake. It looked fantastic but we decided we would not like to eat it and have left it outside for the bugs to eat. We can't wait to see if they will eat it all up.

We have also enjoyed searching for letters and numbers in the foam. It was lots of messy fun.



In the sticky area, we have been creating 'Amazing Mud Pie' pictures using different bugs and leaves. In the tuff spot, we have been playing with a variety of different bugs. Another busy week in Nursery.

Attendance Week Ending: 23.11.2023

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	75.9%
Nursery ~ Afternoon	91.7%
Reception	94.0%
Year 1	93.8%
Year 1 & 2	93.3%
Year 2 & 3	84.0%
Year 3	93.1%
Year 4	86.5%
Year 5	91.7%
Year 6	89.1%

A huge congratulations to Reception this week with a fantastic 94% attendance, closely followed by Year 1 & Year 1 & 2. Keep up the brilliant work! Let's see if we can get to 95% next week.

Dates for the Diary	
24.11.2023	PTA Elf Hunt ~ thank you to our supportive PTA, 5-7pm
06.12.2023	PTA Christmas Fayre ~ thank you to our supportive PTA
07.12.2023	Café Cynefin ~ 9am at our Junior Hall
11.12.2023	Year 1 - Year 6 Christmas Concert (afternoon)
12.12.2023	Nursery & Reception Christmas Concert (morning)
12.12.2023	Year 1 - Year 6 Christmas Concert (evening) Please can we politely request that all pupils return for the evening performance. If your child is not returning please can you let their class teacher know asap. Many thanks.
13.12.2023	Nursery & Reception Christmas Concert (morning)
13.12.2023	Year 1 - Year 6 Christmas Concert (afternoon)
14.12.2023	Dan Yr Ogof Show Caves trip ~ Reception & Year 1 pupils; everyone may wear Christmas jumpers/clothing.
15.12.2023	Dan Yr Ogof Show Caves trip ~ Year 1 & 2 & Year 2 pupils; everyone may wear Christmas jumpers/clothing.
18.12.2023	'Party on a plate day', Nursery-Year 6 ~ everyone may wear Christmas jumpers/clothing. (please note we don't have any refrigeration facilities for any cold foods)
19.12.2023	Reel Cinema trip to see 'Wonka' ~ Year 3-Year 6 pupils; everyone may wear Christmas jumpers/clothing.
19.12.2023	School Christmas Dinner Day (Please note the change of date)

20.12.2023	Foundation Phase 'Nursery-Year 2 pupils' Winter Wonderland Day ~ everyone may wear Christmas jumpers/clothing. The cost of this activity will be £2.00 cash. Many thanks for your support.
21.12.2023	School Christmas Dinner Day for morning Nursery pupils (Please note the change of date)
22.12.2023	Break up for the Christmas holidays
08.01.2024	All pupils return to school



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Harry C ~ for being an independent member of the classroom and always trying your best. Ardderchog! Leo D ~ for super joining in with the songs and actions for the Christmas concert. Da iawn!
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Iestyn W ~ for his participation in learning new class songs and always trying his best in class. Noah R ~ for working hard in his cooperative group to learn our class poem using 'stand and deliver'.
Mr Atkins ~ Reception	Lola P ~ for always using excellent manners when speaking to adults. Bodhi W-P ~ for his excellent 'stand and deliver' of our firework poem.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Louis B ~ for his excellent counting in 2's in maths. Gwych. Benjamin VN ~ for working so hard on his reading and Read Write Inc. phonics. Bendigedig.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Hudson R ~ for confidently identifying right angles. Da iawn Hudson. Oscar S ~ for his excellent reading and understanding of stories.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3	Ralph P ~ for completing all his tables and moving onto the speed sheet, gwaith da Ralph. Rosie S & Robin I ~ for working hard to practise sounds and word building. Bendigedig pawb.
Mrs Selley ~ Dosbarth 4	Isabella M ~ for her beautiful joined handwriting during tasks this week. Dal ati! Heidi C ~ for her excellent character descriptions when writing a play script this week. Ardderchog!
Miss Noon/ Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Kara G ~ for excellent work in maths. Bendigedig Kara. Samuel B ~ working really hard to improve his work. Da iawn.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Zac P ~ for working so hard on fractions in maths. Da iawn Zac. Jayden D ~ for the super progress he is making overall. Well done Jayden. Holly B ~ for writing excellent passive sentences. Dal ati Holly.
Mrs White ~ all classes	Isabelle M ~ for working hard in our science work this term. Ardderchog Isabelle. Cobain W ~ for his excellent scientific knowledge of the three states of matter. Da iawn Cobain.

