

# Baglan Primary School/ Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 01.12.23



**PTA Elf Hunt** ~ Once again, a huge thank you to our incredible PTA for arranging a whole community Elf Hunt that took place within Baglan Park. It was really well attended with a special visit from Mr and Mrs Christmas and also the naughty elf. Thank you to Mrs Maclean and the team, without which, none of this would be possible. Your hard work is really appreciated.



**Year 3 News** ~ In Year 3, we have started some of our Christmas activities. We have been practising our Christmas performance and we have started to make our Christmas cards. As part of our story "Alfie's Star", we have been brainstorming adjectives and phrases to describe stars. We then put all our ideas together to write descriptive sentences. Alongside this, we have looked at similes and how they can make our writing more

interesting. Also linked to our story we have been discussing and researching animals that hibernate as the seasons change. We created mini fact files on different animals such as bats, dormice



and hedgehogs. In maths, we have been learning how to subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers and practised borrowing from the tens and hundreds. As part of Universal Children's Day, our class discussed how our life differs from children who live in Gaza and are faced with conflict. We analysed a range of statements and plotted our ideas onto a Venn Diagram. We realised that things we take for granted here in Wales and not available in Gaza at the moment. Such as a safe home, food and clean water. Gardening club this week have been out and about clearing some of the many leaves that have fallen from our trees. It is a mammoth task but we had fun doing it.

**Year 1 & 2 News** ~ Year 1 and 2 have been sharing their Welsh learning with Ynysfach Primary School this week. We had a Teams meet and both shared our Helpwr Y Dydd morning songs and rhymes.





We then recited our Welsh poem about autumn and they shared some welsh themed story titles they have been listening to. It was bendigedig to meet other children and listen to Welsh speaking. We are now going to become pen pals with the children and send Christmas Cards and we will share our Welsh Christmas songs in a few weeks. Also this week we met our Welsh Class

Mascot 'Draig Derwen'. He

will be going home with children each Friday and we will be keeping a diary about his adventures. He had a great first weekend with one little girl and the Welsh writing is gwyb. We have of course been busy learning our Christmas songs in concert rehearsal. In literacy we have been learning about bossy verbs and instruction writing. In numeracy we have been counting lots in 2's 5's and 10's and counting money.



Healthy Schools News ~ Our healthy school team have had several meeting over this term in school. They have been looking at teachers termly plans to highlight lessons linked to 'Health and Wellbeing'. They have also held a fitness assembly and are researching ideas to help our school be the healthiest it can be. During Wellbeing week they thought about how they wanted to share the message of kindness. They had an idea to share thank you notes to the staff in the school, so they have been busy writing messages of appreciation and thanks. They delivered all the cards this week and gave all staff a little smile! #kindness #thankyouall



Year 2 & 3 News ~ Year 2 & 3 pupils have been busy in maths learning the names of regular 2D shapes and 3D shapes. They have enjoyed looking at the properties of each shape and discussing the similarities and differences. The pupils are now able to talk about the sides, corners, faces and whether it can roll or stack. They enjoyed the shape hunt around the school, recognising shapes of items and creating a tally chart. They enjoyed making 3D people and other items out lego and blocks.

In literacy, they have enjoyed learning all about alliteration. They have listened to and read tongue twisters, which they enjoyed saying as a challenge. From this they completed sentences about

winter using alliteration words. They have also looked at similes and how effective they are in a poem. The pupil's enjoyed creating their own simile poem again linked to winter, discussing all the adjectives we can use to describe winter.

During our Forest school sessions, pupils are enjoying making a Christmas craft item out of natural materials. They loved being in a hammock and relaxing, then jumping in gooey mud and looking for insects, while others enjoyed





making a den. In P.E, they have enjoyed games using their spatial awareness and listening skills, along with ball skills, how to catch a throw a ball.



Nursery News ~ This week in Nursery we have been busy practising for the Christmas Concert. We are trying our very best to sing all the words and do the actions too. We can't wait for you to come and watch us soon.

On Monday, the PM children went over to Baglan Library to join in with song and rhyme.

We walked over holding hands, making sure to take care when crossing the road. We had lots of fun singing a variety of songs. Our favourite was 5 little monkeys jumping on the bed.



In the classroom, we have enjoyed exploring a variety of winter activities. We had lots of fun playing a game of winter bingo with our friends. We loved shouting bingo when we covered all the pictures. We also enjoyed exploring the winter tuff spot, where there was an ice block for the penguins. It was very cold. Brrrrrr!

We have also been busy practising our RWInc sounds, we used playdough, sand and white boards to practise our letter formation.

Da iawn plant!

Year 5 News ~ This week some of the Year 5's have been given the opportunity to walk to the library to choose a book. We will be able to make regular walks to the local library every term. In maths this week, we have been continuing with short multiplication and short division. The children have enjoyed taking part in worded problems using this method. We have been practising our multiplication tables which will help us with our work. In Literacy, we have been continuing our SPAG work which will help with our writing in the future. We have also been identifying the features of a recipe and an email. We are going to write our own recipe soon and understand the importance of the following instructions in order. We will also write a formal email to Mrs Morgan



about an issue that is important to the children. We have been practising for the Christmas Concert every day and enjoying practising our lines and our songs. We look forward to showing you this very soon.



Reception News ~ We enjoyed listening to Mrs Challenger read the Gruffalo's Child story. Before the story we were looking at the front cover and discussing the setting, characters and then during the story we were predicting what would happen next and finding the rhyming words. We then had fun exploring ice in our water tray. We all held a piece of the ice and thought about what was happening to the ice. We soon realised that the ice was beginning to melt and some of us knew that this was the

heat from our hands and the classroom. We then had a video message from the Big Bad Mouse and he needed our help. In the story he had a Snow Gruffalo which he built outside his house. Unfortunately, the Snow Gruffalo didn't stay for long and he the mouse didn't know why. He asked us to help him keep the Snow Gruffalo for longer. We had fun discussing and exploring the best place to keep it, we tried putting ice in different places. We discovered the best place to keep the Snow Gruffalo would be the freezer. In our water tray we have been exploring capacity by filling different containers full, half full and emptying them.

#### Attendance Week Ending: 01.12.2023

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	83.9%
Nursery ~ Afternoon	66.7%
Reception	93%
Year 1	91.7%
Year 1 & 2	83.3%
Year 2 & 3	88%
Year 3	89.7%
Year 4	85.4%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	89.8%

A huge congratulations to Year 5 this week with a fantastic 97.5% attendance, closely followed by Year 1. Keep up the brilliant work! Let's see if we can get to 95% next week.

Dates for the Diary	
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	Bleddyn D-CH ~ for talking in detail about our story 'The amazing mud cake' and whether he would like to eat a mud cake of a chocolate cake. Oscar M ~ for his great enthusiasm in the classroom this week. Da iawn Oscar.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	DJ M and Maddie M ~ for their excellent singing when learning our new songs. Da iawn both.
Mr Atkins ~ Reception	Maddox R ~ for helping others to complete their work, thank you Maddox, da iawn. Lottie A ~ for her lovely writing about capacity in mathematics, ardderchog!
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Jorge E ~ for his super money counting in maths, da iawn Jorge. Phoenix H ~ for his excellent bossy very work and reading instruction texts. Gwych Phoenix.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Ethan HSL ~ for trying so hard to learn the different properties of shape, well done Ethan. Evan P ~ for always practising his spelling words, superb Evan.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3	Archie S ~ for the great progress he is making with his reading, such as using a confident reading voice. Bendigedig Archie. Kelsie J ~ for developing a love of reading and developing in to a mature reader. Gwaith da Kelsie.
Mrs Selley ~ Dosbarth 4	Morgan P ~ for his excellent and accurate work with symmetry and reflection in maths, ardderchog. Sophia J ~ for her fluent and expressive reading when reading aloud during guided reading, bendigedig Sophia.
Miss Noon/ Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Ruby C ~ for working really hard in her literacy work, da iawn Ruby. Amira I ~ for always trying her best in mathematics, bendigedig Amira.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Seth B ~ for his excellent work on fractions, well done Seth. Luca N ~ for demonstrating super perseverance skills, ardderchog Luca. Luca W ~ for working so hard on the presentation of his work, fantastic.
Mrs White ~ all classes	Oscar N and Georgina C ~ for their excellent work on our science experiments this term. Da iawn both.