

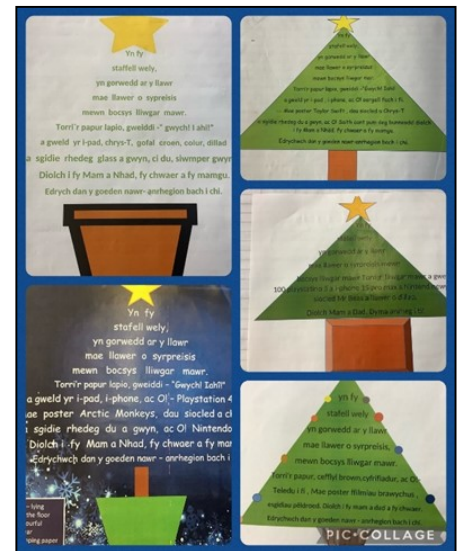
'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'



**Mrs White's News ~ Gwaith gwych! Great work** carrying out another experiment with Year 4, all children in the class enjoyed watching what happened to the salt and water when put on a cooker hob. The class thought the salt at the end of the experiment looked like cooked rice as it had absorbed lots of water. This class has thoroughly enjoyed taking part in lots of experiments the past few weeks. Well done for all your hard work.

**Year 6 News ~ In English, we have been focussing on** Explanation texts. We looked at videos of the Water Cycle and used this to write our own explanation text as part of a shared writing activity. We worked hard to include features such as hypothetical language, technical language, complex sentence and logical connectives. In maths, we have been learning to draw line graphs with two sets of data and learning how to collect data using tally marks. We have also been learning how to add and subtract fractions with

different denominators. In Welsh, we read the shape poem *Cerdd Nadolig*. The poem was in the shape of a Christmas Tree. We wrote our own shape poems about the things that we would like for Christmas. We are really busy practicing for our Christmas concert. We can wait to share it with you all next week!



**Year 4 News ~ Blwyddyn 4** have been learning about time recently in maths. We have been developing our understanding of the layout and features of newspaper reports as part of our language work. We have also been reading our guided reading class book, *George's Marvellous Medicine*. In PE, we have attended football skills sessions with Premier League Primary Stars, we also enjoy the literacy and numeracy sessions

they offer. We have been playing xylophones to a season's song we have been learning during music sessions with Mrs James. Last week we also attended a samba drum lesson which was great fun... Amser bendigedig!



**Year 1 News** ~ This week in Year 1 we have been learning about states of matter. We learned that states of matter are solids, liquids and gasses. We talked about what makes a solid (the special particles are close together), what makes a liquid (further apart) and a gas (very far apart). We learned that solids cannot change shape, liquids fit inside their container and gasses don't have a shape. We have also been learning about capacity and have used the vocabulary full, half full and empty. Mr Atkins gave us 3 different sized containers and we had to estimate how many of the containers would fill a big bucket. We wrote down our estimates and then used the water tray to fill the containers and then the bucket to see if our estimates were right. To finish our capacity work we filled some cups with delicious hot chocolate and drank until our cups were half empty and finally empty. We have been listening to the story 'The Gruffalo's Child' in the story the Gruffalo's Child has a snowman outside the Gruffalo cave. We discuss what we could do to keep the snowman cold. We had lots of different ideas ranging from putting him into a fridge to building an igloo around him. We wrote all ideas down in our writing book.



**Rugby and Netball News** ~ Our Rugby and Netball teams went to Llandarcy to take part in the Aberavon Wizards League. Our netball team showed great resilience to play really well against some very good teams. The hard fought games resulted in 1 win, 1 draw and 2 losses. Our rugby team also played 4 games and produced some great performances to win 3 of our games, with one unfortunate (I'm blaming missed tackles) loss. We are all very proud of all the children who took part and we look forward to the next round of fixtures.



**Nursery News** ~ Last Friday, we created our own chocolate cake after deciding we would not like to eat a mud cake like in the story 'The Amazing Mud Cake'. We followed picture card instructions to decorate our cakes independently. First we selected our cake, secondly we used a knife to spread the icing on top, next we put sprinkles and worm sweets on the top and finally we put the cake in a bag to take home. We all had so much fun and Miss Wilson and Miss Holding were very proud of our listening skills. This week in Nursery we have taken part in a range of Christmas activities. We have enjoyed listening to a variety of Christmas stories. We have also started making our Christmas cards and decorations to bring home to you all soon.



In the creative area, we have enjoyed playing with the play dough and using the cutters to create trees, snowmen and baubles. We have also been practising our scissors skills and cutting toys of the catalogue to create a letter to Santa.





**Café Cynefin News** ~ A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Café Cynefin. We had a fantastic turn out again. All the classes involved sang beautifully. Da iawn plant! There were some fantastic prizes in the raffle, a big thank you to everyone who donated these prizes from the PTA Christmas market. Have a lovely Christmas! See you all in the next Café Cynefin in the New Year!

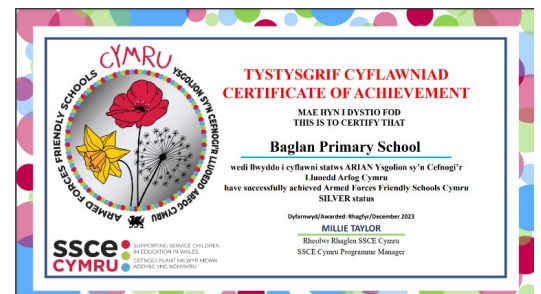
**Armed Forces Friendly News** ~ We have had another busy month with the service children in the school. The SSCE Participation Lead Officer, Jo Wolfe came into school to speak to the 'Little Troopers' to discuss what we do in the school. The children spoke beautifully and Jo said the following " Thank you for inviting me along to your school today, what a



treat it was to meet with Baglan's Little Troopers Club, which currently has 11 members, fantastic stuff! Knowing that your school is working so hard to make sure that the Service children here feel supported and listened to made me feel happy. Thank you, Baglan and please keep up your amazing work. I'll look

forward to visiting again sometime soon. '

We are also very proud to announce that we have now been awarded the Silver award at being an Armed Forces Friendly School.



A big thank you to Sally Maclean, Rebecca Randall and all the PTA team for all their hard work this term. Our Christmas Market was a huge success this week, a thank you to everyone who attended.



### **Attendance Week Ending: 08.12.2023**

This year, one of our school development priorities is to improve the attendance of all our pupils.

Class	Attendance
Nursery ~ Morning	83%
Nursery ~ Afternoon	87.5%
Reception	80.8%
Year 1	86.5
Year 1 & 2	86.7%
Year 2 & 3	87%
Year 3	88.8%
Year 4	90.6%
Year 5	91.7%
Year 6	88.3%

A huge congratulations to Year 5 this week with a fantastic 91.7% attendance, closely followed by Year 4. Keep up the brilliant work! Let's see if we can get to 95% next week.

Dates for the Diary	
11.12.2023	Year 1 - Year 6 Christmas Concert; 1.30pm
12.12.2023	Nursery & Reception Christmas Concert; 9.30am
12.12.2023	Year 1 - Year 6 Christmas Concert 5.00pm. 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; 9.30am
13.12.2023	Year 1 - Year 6 Christmas Concert; 1.30pm
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) 'Everyone may wear Christmas jumpers/clothing'.
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) 'Nursery may wear Christmas jumpers/clothing'.
22.12.2023	Break up for the Christmas holidays
08.01.2024	All pupils return to school



## Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Belle B ~ for her super cutting skills when selecting toys from the catalogue to create a Christmas list for Santa, da iawn Belle. Hunter I ~ for joining in with a variety of songs and rhymes with his friends. Ardderchog Hunter.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Autumn I ~ for chatting to the adults in her class and always trying her best. Well done Autumn. Millie M-M ~ for trying really hard with her name foundation. Da iawn Millie.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Lottie A ~ for remembering lots of facts about advent. Andrew J ~ for excellent singing in concert practise.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Trubel G ~ for good measuring using a ruler. Da iawn. Lyla H ~ for fantastic stage singing and Santa acting. Bendigedig.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Reeve W ~ for completing all his tasks in class, well done. Fletcher W ~ for recalling all the animals in order from our story. Da iawn Fletcher.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3	Tommy R ~ for developing in to a confident reader. Bendigedig Tommy! Penelope N ~ for the super progress she has made in reading this term. She has worked so hard to improve. Gwaith da.
Mrs Selley ~ Dosbarth 4	Georgina C ~ for your excellent work with analogue and digital time in maths. Ardderchog! Charlie L ~ for your great work during literacy tasks. Gwych.
Miss Noon/ Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Sophia J ~ for working really hard in her maths, ardderchog Sophia. Alyssa W ~ for always finding way to improve her work, gwaith da.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Oliver P & Sehaj K ~ for their excellent explanation text on the water cycle, da iawn both. Sophia J ~ for writing super complex sentences. Ardderchog!
Mrs White ~ all classes	Blain O and Lili-Mai R ~ for always working hard especially in our Science work this term. Ardderchog!