

Baglan Primary School/ Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 15.12.23

Right of the month ~ The right to follow your own religion.



Year 3 News ~ We are coming to the end of this term and we are all looking forward to Christmas and our two weeks off school. In Year 3 we have been very busy with our Christmas festivities. We have been performing our Christmas nativity play and thoroughly enjoyed sharing it with our parents, friends and family. In class, we have been finishing off our stories about Alfie's star. We substituted a new character and changed the animals in the story. We all had our own ideas and all our stories were personal to us. In maths we have been doing some data handling. We gathered information about our favourite chocolate bars and plotted them onto a graph using J2data. We have also been looking at 2 and 3D shapes. In Welsh we have been learning a poem about Nadolig. The poem listed lots of different things we might see or eat during Christmas. We then went on to write our own version, putting in our favourite Christmas things. We would also like to congratulate one of our pupils for her achievement in football, we are very proud of you. Bendigedig! Our class would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Nadolig Llawen!



Year 2 & 3 ~ Year 2 & 3 have had a wonderful and busy couple of weeks. They have thoroughly enjoyed practising then being part of the Christmas concert, we are very proud of each and every one singing beautifully on the stage. In maths they have been learning all about weight and mass; deciding which items were heavier or lighter than others. They have also been learning all the mathematical language linked to weight and mass and using it with confidence to make statements about objects. They also understand the difference between grams and kilograms and what units would be used to measure given items. In literacy the class have enjoyed learning the story 'Ten Little Lights'. From the story



they have created character descriptions, understood the use of nouns, verbs and adjectives in a sentence and the use of them. They all agreed that using adjectives can make the sentence more interesting.

In Welsh the class have enjoyed learning and reciting the poem 'Nadolig.' Working in their cooperative groups, they used the 'Stand and Deliver' method, where they had to learn a verse from a poem then recite it to the class. Da iawn all.



Year 1 & 2 News ~ We have had a lovely start to December in Year 1 & 2. We began by learning all about Advent and we have been opening our calendars in class daily on a countdown to Christmas. In literacy we have been writing instructions on how to put up a Christmas tree using our talk for writing picture plan. We have also been writing Christmas cards to our new friends in Ynysfach Primary School in Welsh. In numeracy we have been measuring in cms, we had to measure the candy canes and record our

answers. We have been learning time on an analogue clock and reading o'clock and half past times. Our concert practices have paid off and we delivered our Christmas concert to three audiences. Mrs Giles is super proud of all our singing. We have also been working on Christmas cards, calendars and Christmas booklets for our creative work.



Reception News ~ We all had an amazing time performing in our Christmas concerts 'Everyone Loves a Baby'. We have been working so hard to learn our words and sing so many songs. We hope you enjoyed too! Thank you to our families for the beautiful costumes and helping us to learn our parts. On Thursday we went on our trip to Dan Yr Ogof Caves, to see Santa. It was so much fun! It was exciting going on the land train to visit the farm and see the animals. And it was magical to walk through the caves looking at all the decorations and snow which lead us to Santa himself. We each got to meet him and he kindly gave us a present. Christmas is definitely here!



Nursery News ~ What a fantastic week in Nursery. The AM children all performed beautifully in the Christmas concert. They all looked fantastic as shepherds and angels. The PM children enjoyed singing some Christmas songs in the classroom for their families.

We have had a busy week finishing our Christmas decorations; making a special card and decoration to bring home soon. It has been lots of fun creating with paint, glitter, sequins and glitter. For maths this week, we have been counting the stars on the Christmas trees and then ordering them correctly from 1-10. Da iawn plant! We have also enjoyed playing some interactive Christmas games on the board.

The cheeky elf has also been hiding in different areas of the classroom, we have so much fun searching and finding him each morning.



Year 5 News ~ In Year 5, we have been working towards writing a persuasive letter about climate change to the Welsh Government. We have been learning about all the features that make an effective persuasive letter. We have learnt about the rule of three, rhetorical questions and what conditionals are. We have also been learning how to write complex sentences and writing paragraphs using powerful emotive language which will help persuade the government to take our letters seriously. When we finish writing our letters,

we are going to send them to the Senedd in Cardiff to hopefully give them some ideas on how we can tackle the issues of climate change.

In maths, we have been learning about fractions. We know what a fraction is and we are able to find equivalent fractions. We have also been taught how to find a fraction of a number by using the saying 'divide by the bottom, times by the top'. We have made some beautiful art to show the four seasons which links in with a topic of 'Change'. We used oil pastels to create the backgrounds and then used paint on our finger tips to decorate the trees with leaves and flowers. In Welsh, we have continued practicing our 3rd person sentence patterns. We read a small piece of writing about 'Megan' and had to answer questions in Welsh to show we understood what was in the writing. We have also been doing work on a poem titled 'Nadolig'. We have answered questions about the poem and completed a true or false activity before creating our own Christmas poem in Welsh, using the original as a template. We have all been working very hard in our Christmas concerts this week. We are very proud of all the children and we hope all the grown-ups enjoyed watching the performances. Da iawn blwyddyn pump!



Attendance Week Ending: 15.12.2023

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

Class	Attendance
Nursery ~ Morning	90.2%
Nursery ~ Afternoon	75%
Reception	85.6%
Year 1	89.6%
Year 1 & 2	89.2%
Year 2 & 3	89%
Year 3	92.2%
Year 4	92.7%
Year 5	84.2%
Year 6	93%

A huge congratulations to Year 6 this week with a fantastic 93% attendance, closely followed by Year 4 & Year 3. Keep up the brilliant work! Let's see if we can get to 95% next week.

Dates for the Diary	
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. 'Everyone may wear Christmas jumpers/clothing.

20.12.2023	Foundation Phase 'Nursery-Year 2 pupils' Winter Wonderland Day ~ everyone may wear Christmas jumpers/clothing. 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
01.02.2023	Open afternoon for parents to view pupils' books 2:30 pm



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Jaxson M ~ for great effort when writing your name. Da iawn! Beau D ~ for creating a super list to Santa.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Rosie M ~ for being an amazing narrator and standing in during our Christmas concert. Fantastic! Iestyn W ~ for being so focused and saying his lines during our Christmas concert. Da iawn.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Grace C ~ for her fantastic singing in our Christmas concert. Matilda G ~ for her excellent sequencing of the Christmas story, ardderchog Matilda. Ralph D ~ for standing in as a wise man in the Reception/Nursery concert. Diolch Ralph, you were amazing.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Aurora O ~ for such improved reading and working so hard in class. Bendigedig Aurora. Blake K ~ for her great measuring of candy canes in centimetres. Gwych Blake.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Luna P ~ for always trying her best in everything that she does. Ieuan L ~ for working extremely hard at writing this week.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3	Pippa-Mae H ~ for always helping in class and being a responsible and mature pupils. Bendigedig Pippa-Mae. Rosie S ~ for working so hard with Mrs Roberts to improve her spelling and word building. Gwaith da Rosie. Emilie L ~ for working hard to improve her word and sentence building with Mrs Roberts. Dal ati Emilie.
Mrs Selley ~ Dosbarth 4	Lola Jones ~ for your great work with speech marks during our punctuation. Gwych! Flynn P ~ for your excellent effort when working with analogue and 12 hour time. Da iawn!
Miss Noon/ Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Cassie L ~ for working really hard to write a formal email. Lilly T ~ working really hard in maths. Da iawn pawb!
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	James E & Emily P ~ for working so hard to up level their sentences in English, da iawn both. Miles F ~ for his excellent work on line graphs, ardderchog Miles.