



Baglan Primary School/ Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 22.12.23

Pupils of the Term Autumn 2023: Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following children who have received our 'Pupil of the Term Award.' The award is received by pupils who have a very positive attitude, work hard and persevere in making the School Community a better place to be.

Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Bleddyn D-C Nelly B
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Emilia E Bradley A
Mr Atkins ~ Reception/ Dosbarth 1	Arthur W Harper W
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Louis B Olivia J Olivia Grace S Evan H
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Ella C Theo R Jaxson M
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3	Florence P Cobain W
Mrs Selley Dosbarth 4	Ted H Georgina C
Miss Noon/ Mrs Myatt Dosbarth 5	Ella A Ella E
Mrs Smart Dosbarth 6	Lowri P Mason R Jeff CE
Mrs White - all classes	Zac P Hollie B

Attendance ~ Congratulations to the following children who have achieved 100% attendance up until the 15.12.2023, we are very proud of you:

Class	Pupils
Nursery - morning	Catrin J, Seren H, Bleddyn DC
Nursery - afternoon	*
Reception	Rory D

Year 1	Elara R, Oliver E, Grace C
Year 1 & 2	Curtis TP, Olivia J, Joshua J
Year 2 & 3	Arianna YO, Evan R, Ella C
Year 3	Cobain W, Archie S, Olivia J, Rosie A
Year 4	*
Year 5	Grace W, Lilly T, Noah H, Noah G, Ella E, Jake D, James C
Year 6	Finley W, Joshua R, Luca N, Sophia J, Seth B

This year we are striving to achieve 95% or above for the year, keep up the good work in helping us achieve this!

% Attendance	
99% ~ 99.99%	Rosie M, Lincoln J, Arthur W, Jack E, Isabella G, Luna P, Esmae H, Mia Mae C.
98% ~ 98.99%	Eliza T, Avery L, Bleu L, Luana R, Harper L, Gwennan J, Lyla H, Evan H, Evan P, Sam T, Luna R, Bella J, Rex P, Jaydan E, Oscar H.
97% ~ 97.99%	Isaac S, Iestyn W, Dylan W, Madison M, Skylar, Matilda G, Harry D, Amelia E, Rose C, Ethan HSL, Fletcher W, Hudson R, Ralph P, Lottie Mae F, Evelyn C, Penelope N, Flynn P, Oscar N, Brandon S, Aston J, Hollie B.
96% ~ 96.99%	Sonny T, Mia N, Sebastian MW, Morgan P, Jesse E, Emily P, Lowri P, Holly C.
95% ~ 95.99%	Arthur E, Rowan C, Bradley A, Elliot H, Alfie BW, Aurora O, Freddie F, James D, Ruby W, Oliver P, Isla H, Olivia D, Rosie S, Romeo E. Jesse R, James E, Frankie D.



Reception News ~ Our last week before the Christmas holidays has been lots of fun. On Monday we had our class party, we enjoyed our party on a plate and played pass the parcel and musical statues. Some of us said 'It was the best day ever!' On Tuesday we had our Christmas dinner and it was delicious. The Winter Wonderland Day on Wednesday was amazing. We moved around each class where we enjoyed Christmas songs, fitness, made a tree decoration, a bag of reindeer food, a reindeer cake and visited Santa in his grotto. We must have been very good as Santa gave us a gift. We can't believe that we have been in full time school for a full term and have experienced lots of fun learning. Reception children, Mrs Challenger, Mrs Jones and Mrs

Jenkins would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year, enjoy your time with your loved ones.

Year 3 News ~ Year 3 have been very busy this last week of term. We have been doing many Christmas activities and have really got into the festive season. In class, we have been learning about the Christian tradition of Christingle and making them in class. We all got together and sang our Christmas song to celebrate. In school, we have been having Christmas parties. We played lots of fun



games like pass the parcel and musical chairs and then had "Party on a Plate". On Tuesday, we visited the Reel cinema and had a great time watching Wonka. We also had Christmas dinner on that day, so we were very busy. We finished the week off with fun activities in class, spending time with our friends. All of us in Year 3, including our teachers would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year. See you all in January!

Year 4 News ~ Year 4 have had a lovely end of term. We have now completed our guided reading book, George's Marvellous Medicine which was great! We have enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers to school for our class parties which were so much fun, our



trip to the cinema to watch Wonka and for Christmas dinner day. We have worked in our cooperative learning groups to complete a Christmas challenge. Each group member had to complete a maths task and together gave us the overall answer to the challenge. We are now looking forward to Christmas and starting our new topic, Towers, Tunnels and Turrets in the New Year. Nadolig Llawen i bawb!

Year 1 & 2 News ~ Over the last week in the autumn term we have had a festive Christmas time. Last week we went on our school trip to visit Father Christmas in Dan-Yr-Ogof Caves. This was such a great day, first we went on the Christmas train. Then we saw the animals, we especially liked the donkeys. Next we played in the adventure playground. After that we had our packed lunch.



Lastly we then got to walk through the magical caves which were all decorated to visit Father Christmas. We all got to tell him what we want for Christmas and we all received gifts. On Monday we had our Christmas party in class where we had our party on a plate and danced to lots of Christmas songs. On Tuesday we had Christmas dinner in school. On Wednesday we had our Winter Wonderland day. We made Christmas crafts, sang songs, listened to a Welsh story and got to visit Santa again. We have had a wonderful term and we are now all looking forward to our holidays and of course Father Christmas' visit to our homes. We want to wish you all a Merry Christmas/Nadolig Llawen and a Happy New Year/Blwyddyn Newydd Da from us all in Year 1 and 2.



Year 5 News ~ It has been a pleasure get to know and teach the children this term. We have had lots of fun learning about our topic of change. We have taken part in many different fun activities and learning. We have enjoyed taking part in the Christmas concert and enjoyed the cinema trip and party on the plate. We have improved our maths skills with fractions, multiplying and dividing and improving our multiplication tables. We have learnt different text types in Literacy such as a formal email and enjoyed reading

the book 'The Great Realisation' which linked with our topic of change. This book was about the pandemic and the challenges we faced before and during the lockdown. We have taken part in many activities using our Higher Order thinking skills of analysis and evaluation. We have had many busy days taking part in other extra-curriculum activities such as Universal Children's Day, Anti-bullying day, Children in Need, Remembrance Day, Hello Yellow Mental Health day, and Forces Fitness and Shwmae day. We have also had lessons with HSBC bank to help the children understand the importance of money. Thank you for all your support this term. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Year 1 News ~ This week in Year 1 we have been as busy as Santa's Elves doing lots of different Christmas work, activities and jobs. We have been listening to and sequencing the Christmas Story. We cut out the pictures and put them in order. We then either wrote a sentence or told our teacher what was happening. We have worked super hard making cards, decorations and calendars. Our class elf has also been giving us lots of jobs to do such as ordering lights on Christmas trees, helping put Santa's beard back on by rolling dice and matching numbers and using the c touch to create Christmas jumpers and complete Christmas jigsaws. As you know we have also had our Christmas concerts and our Christmas trip to Dan-Yr-Ogof Caves. We loved performing in our concert for you, we hope you enjoyed our class song and the songs we sang with the rest of the school. Our Christmas trip was very exciting. We listened to Christmas music on the train, saw pigs, goats, ostrich' and shire horses at the farm, played in the play area and then another train ride back to the visitor centre to eat our lunch. After lunch it was time to venture into the caves where we loved seeing all the different Christmas decorations and of course the big man in red! It was lovely to eat our delicious Christmas dinner in our new dinner hall and we have had lots of different experiences in our super Winter Wonderland day where we have taken part in 'Festive Fitness', decorated cakes, listened to stories and once again we were lucky enough to see Father Christmas.



Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddn Newydd Da from us all in Year 1.

Nursery News ~ On Monday, we enjoyed 'party on a plate' in class. It was lots of fun sitting down with our friends to eat our yummy food and we also listening so some Christmas songs. The PM nursery also enjoyed another visit to Baglan library to join in with some Christmas songs and rhymes. They even got a little present from Santa. We



have enjoyed our visits to the library this year and are looking forward to returning in the New Year. On Wednesday, we took part in 'Winter Wonderland' Day. We moved around the different classroom completing a variety of different Christmas





themed activities which included making reindeer food and making a tree decoration. We also had the opportunity to visit Santa and Mrs Claus in the grotto. We all had so much fun!

On Thursday, the AM nursery children went over to the dinner hall to have their Christmas Dinner. It was very yummy.

We have had a bust last week finishing our Christmas crafts and singing Christmas songs.
A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone in Nursery. We will see you in the New Year.



Year 6 News ~ Year 6 have had a busy end to the term. Last week, we researched the Christmas service of Christingle. The service focusses on candles that are all lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ. We made our own Christingles in class and discussed the symbolism of each part. This week, we made delicious Christmas Puddings made with rice crispy cakes. We have researched different Christmas traditions including Christmas crackers, Santa and Babushka. We all thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the cinema to watch Wonks. It was a lovely Christmas

treat. A huge well done to year 6 for their performance in the Christmas Concerts last week. They all worked incredibly hard to learn the words for their parts and the narration and sang beautifully. Ardderchog! Best wishes for a happy, restful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all next year. Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!



Year 2 & 3 News ~ We have enjoyed our topic 'Change', where we have learnt all about materials that are reversible and irreversible. We have learned that seasons change throughout the year, our bodies changing over time and changes from past to present. We have worked really well cooperatively, researching information and using graffiti boards to record our findings and then sharing our findings to the rest of the class

In maths, we have discussed how we measure units of time. It was great to put the durations in the correct order from shortest (seconds) to the longest (a year). We carried out an activity where we had to estimate how many times we could do something in 10 seconds, such as blinking, clapping, star jumps and writing our name. Some of the estimations were very close.

In English, we wrote a letter to Santa for something that we would like, then gave a reason as to why. Year 2 had a fantastic time at Dan-Yr-Ogof Show Caves where we looked for all the dinosaurs, then we walked deep into the magical caves and woke up Santa. We were lucky enough to wake him up as he was having a little snooze. We all



spoke to Santa and are on the good list and received a gift. Year 3 had a lovely relaxing time at the Cinema watching Wonka, they all thought it was really magical and the singing and dancing was very good. Year 2 also enjoyed our Winter Wonderland day at school, making Christmas decorations and many other activities. We have had a wonderful term and it's lovely to see the children's personalities shining through. Mrs Cumpstone, Mrs

Thorne and Miss Randall would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Nadolig LLawen a Blwywyddyn Newydd Dda!

PASS ambassadors ~ Well done to our Pass Ambassadors (plus Davide B)

The Young Ambassador scheme trains children and young people to be leaders and the voice for sport and physical activity. Bronze ambassadors are currently operating in primary schools. We look forward to seeing them represent Baglan Primary School.



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair

Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Rowan C ~ for his excellent counting during the reindeer song at the 'song and rhyme' session in Baglan Library. Matilda T ~ for always using super manners around the classroom, Ardderchog Matilda.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Lowri T ~ for trying her very best to write her letter to Santa, well done Lowri. Skylar ~ for growing in confidence when speaking and answering questions in small groups. Fantastic!
Mr Atkins ~ Reception	Luana R ~ for her excellent behaviour and manners on our school trip. Ardderchog! Elliot H ~ for his great writing and retelling of the Christmas story.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Iylah B ~ for being a kind and helpful member of our class, bendigedig. Curtis P ~ for his excellent instruction writing and reading of his work. Da iawn Curtis.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Jacob W ~ for always being kind, caring and very helpful towards his friends, da iawn Jacob. Oliver P ~ for listening to and following instructions, da iawn Oliver.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3	Robin I ~ for working hard to improve her reading, well done Robin, bendigedig! Ava M ~ for always trying her very best in class and at all times. Super Ava, gwaith da.
Mrs Selley ~ Dosbarth 4	Flynn P ~ for his excellent Yumu online working during our music sessions with Mrs James this week. Dal atil! Alfie G ~ for his expressive reading when reading aloud during our guided reading sessions. Bendigedig.
Miss Noon/ Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Briella M ~ for working really hard to write a formal email, da iawn. Samuel B ~ for having a really positive attitude and working hard, ardderchog Samuel.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Holly C and Oscar H ~ for always being so thoughtful and caring towards others. Diolch both!

Class Attendance for the Term: Week Ending: 22.12.2023

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	91.1%
Nursery ~ Afternoon	95.8%
Reception	91.3%
Year 1	77.1%
Year 1 & 2	91.7%
Year 2 & 3	88%
Year 3	92.2%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 5	75.8%
Year 6	81.3%

A huge congratulations to Year 4 this week with a fantastic 97.9% attendance, closely followed by Nursery - Afternoon. Keep up the brilliant work! Let's see if we can get to 95% after the Christmas holidays.

Dates for the Diary	
08.01.2024	All pupils return to school
15.01.2024	Year 3 - Year 6 visit to Cardiff Castle
01.02.2024	Open afternoon for parents and carers to view pupils' work 2:30 pm
05.02.2024	Parental consultation day
12.02.2024	Half term break