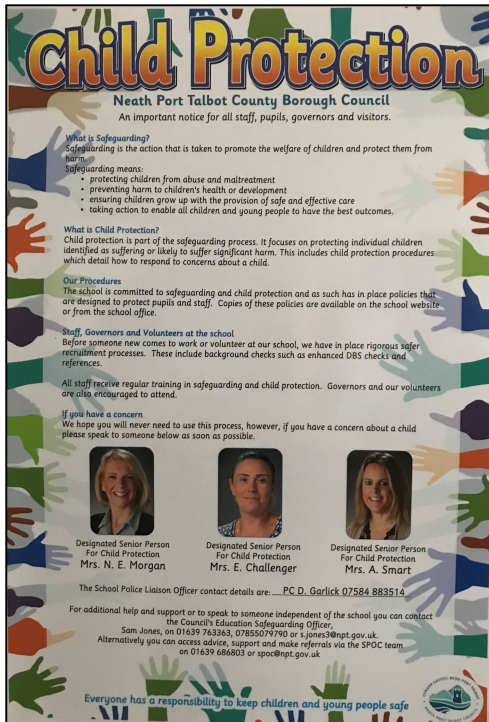


'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

January Right of the Month ~ Article 29 The right to become the best you can be!



Safeguarding our children ~

Baglan Primary School

recognises our moral and statutory responsibility to

safeguard and protect our children. We will endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where all our children are respected and valued. We will be alert to the signs of abuse and neglect, and will follow our procedures to ensure that our children receive protection when necessary. If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of your child, or a child you know, you should act without delay.

Our designated person for child protection is; Mrs N Morgan

Telephone number: 01639 813112. Our deputy senior people for child protection are Mrs A



Smart and Mrs E Challenger.

Year 6 News ~ Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. In Year 6, we have started our new topic Discovery - Turrets, Towers and Tunnels. We began by undertaking a reading comprehension to learn all about castles in Wales. We then worked in our Cooperative groups to complete the 'Boats' activity. We worked in our cooperative groups to read, retain and relay information. We discussed what information was useful, what part of the text did we find least effective and what information stood out and justified why. When relaying and summarising information to our cooperative group, we focused on punctuation, presentation and layout. We were very lucky on Wednesday. We had a visit from Harriet Eaton, a local historian. She came in to talk to us about local castles in Wales. We learned a lot about the Norman invasion and its impact on our local area. In maths, we have been learning to find a fraction of a quantity. We have applied our understanding to solve reasoning problems. Our right of the month for January is Article



29 - The right to become the best you can be. We have reflected on our first term in Year 6 and set targets for the New Year.



Mrs White's News ~ Ardderchog blwyddyn 5! This week Year 5 carried out a reading 'Boats' activity where they were learning about Forces as part of their new topic. They worked in their cooperative groups to read information, which they had to remember and record on their group worksheet. The groups needed to remember to use the correct punctuation and spelling and they enjoyed being punctuation and spelling police officers and checking other groups work. Many facts were recorded in this fun activity and it broadened the children's knowledge of Forces. Great work carried out by all groups today.

Nursery News ~ Welcome back to all our Nursery children and families. It has been lovely to see all the children back in school and hear all what they got up to over the Christmas break. We have also welcomed some new children to the PM session this week. We started the week discussing what presents we received from Santa. We then drew a picture of our favourite present and attempted to form some letters to create words.

For maths this week, we have practising counting to 10. We sang our number formation rhymes and also completed some number games in class. We worked together to complete a number puzzle to 20. Great team work everyone!

For PE this week, we have been practising our balancing, throwing and catching and kicking skills. We all had lots of fun and did super listening to the instructions. A great first week back in Nursery!



Year 1 News ~ We have had a very busy first week of 2024. The children were very excited to come back to school and see their friends and teachers. We have enjoyed sharing our Christmas holiday experiences with each other and have written a recount telling us about where we went, who we saw, what we had to eat and what our favourite part of the holiday was. We have also started our new topic Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

where we will be learning all about castles. We have discussed as a class what we know about castles and we have decided we would like to know why castles were built and what life was like in a castle. We have worked in cooperative groups to learn about different aspects of castle life and have also discussed why they were built. We then shared the information we learned with the other children in our group. We have been working really hard to learn the song 'Sing' by Gary Barlow and The Military



Wives Choir in readiness to perform for special visitors we have coming to school in the near future.

Year 4 News ~ Year 4 pupils have had a busy start to the term! We are enjoying learning about our new topic Turrets, Tunnels and Towers, we



will be focusing on castles. Our class have taken part in a session with Heritage Education Officer, Harriet Eaton. Pupils learnt about different types of castles and their defences. We learnt about local castles in our cynefin of Baglan such as Plas Baglan which was a Norman castle and Neath castle. We have been



working in our cooperative learning groups to complete a reading boat activity. One by one we read information on castles in our cynefin and went back to our groups to share what we learnt. We then presented our findings. In maths we are revisiting work on the four operations. We are looking forward to continuing sessions with Premier League Primary Stars for PE.

Attendance Week Ending: 12.01.2024

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

Class	Attendance
Nursery ~ Morning	96.4%
Nursery ~ Afternoon	100%
Reception	96.2%
Year 1	89.6%
Year 1 & 2	93.3%
Year 2 & 3	87%
Year 3	92.2%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	90.8%
Year 6	85.9%

A huge congratulations to Nursery 'afternoon' this week with a fantastic 100% attendance, closely followed by Nursery 'morning' & Reception. Keep up the brilliant work!

Dates for the Diary	
15.01.2024	Key Stage 2 pupils visit to Cardiff Castle
17.01.2024	Playgroup ~ re starts this Wednesday
01.02.2024	Open afternoon for parents to view pupils' books 2:30 pm
05.02.2024	Parental consultation day
09.02.2024	Last day of school before the spring break
04.03.2024	Fluoride Varnish; Nursery ~ Year 2
04.03.2024	Finesse; Year 6 Class Photographs
07.03.2024	Open afternoon for Nursery; 12.15pm ~ 1.15pm
14.03.2024	Café Cynefin
19.03.2024	Morning Nursery ~ Easter Concert
20.03.2024	Easter songs for playgroup
21.03.2024	Easter songs for afternoon Nursery



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Leo D ~ for talking about his Christmas recount, da iawn Leo. Avery L ~ for following instructions during our PE session and demonstrating good physical skills.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Esmae N-W ~ for sharing a detailed recount of your Christmas holiday news. DJ M ~ for remembering lots about your holiday. Da iawn.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Elara R ~ for remembering lots of facts about castles. Oliver E ~ for writing an excellent independent recount of his Christmas holidays.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Harper L ~ for sharing her knowledge and facts about castles in Wales. Diolch. Jenson E ~ excellent addition in maths. Bendigedig.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Arianna OK ~ for writing a detailed recount about her Christmas day, da iawn. Oliver P ~ for working extremely hard in maths, ardderchog Oliver.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3	Harlow P ~ for his super reading of his book 'Dog Man' at home. Bendigedig Harlow. Romeo E ~ for his great labelling of a Motte and Bailey castle. Gwaith da Romeo.
Mrs Selley ~ Dosbarth 4	Oscar N ~ for your excellent cooperative learning group work when learning and presenting information on castles in our cynefin. Ollie W ~ for your great multiplication work in maths. Dal ati!
Miss Noon/ Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Ruby C ~ for her excellent effort reading her book on Giglets, da iawn Ruby. Amira I ~ for contributing some very interesting facts on castles during our introduction to the topic. Samuel B ~ for his fantastic contribution to the lesson when we were visited by a visitor for the historical library services.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Seth B and Sienna D ~ for their super work on fractions, well done both. Phoenix R ~ for asking some great questions during our history talk, bendigedig Phoenix.
Mrs White ~ all classes	Mason R (Year 6) ~ for his excellent work when carrying out a reading 'Boats' activity this week. Ashley D (Year 6) ~ for always being helpful and working hard to help out Mrs Turner, with the ICT this week. Thank you Ashley.