

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

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



Year 6 News ~ We had a fantastic trip to Cardiff Castle last week.

Thankfully, the weather was kind meaning that we were able to access all parts of the castle to discover more about the Normans and life in a castle. We are using everything that we have learned to try to piece together the history of Plas Baglan. We have written



recounts of our trip in Welsh. In English, we have been revising features of an explanation text such as passive voice, hypothetical language and complex sentences. We have used our understanding to write explanation texts for Motte and Bailey Castles. In maths, we have been learning all about percentages. We have looked at the link between fractions and percentages to help us calculate 50%, 25% and 10%.

This week, we have taken part in Cwis Dim Clem. The quiz was based on all things Welsh. Da iawn to our group of four winners!



Mrs White's News ~ Gwaith gwych! Year 6 have worked hard in science this past week, looking at 'Forces and Motion'. They thoroughly enjoyed investigating friction and carried out a fantastic investigation testing different surfaces and finding out whether the surface of a ramp affects the distance a car travels before it comes to a stop. The children wrote a detailed prediction and using the results from the investigation, they were able to write an excellent evaluation. Great Science work Year 6, keep up the great work!



Year 4 News ~ In Year 4 we have been working in our cooperative learning groups to complete a venn diagram on what poor and rich Normans ate. We had a fantastic time at Cardiff Castle! We enjoyed walking through the air raid shelters, our tour of the castle





and the workshop we took part in where we learnt about weapons. We have taken part in a trumpet and trombone music session with the NPT music service, these sessions will continue until Easter. We have been



reading and understanding texts about Welsh castles. As part of our work on the Right of the Month, article 29; the right to be the best you can be, pupils discussed and wrote about their aspirations in the future.

Newyddion y Criw Cymraeg ~ Recently, the Criw Cymraeg have been playing lots of yard games during playtimes, each pupil that plays receives a raffle ticket and place their year group on the back and place in a box. We have been running a weekly Welsh assembly on a Thursday morning where we give out certificates to a Siaradwr yr Wythnos from each class and choose a yard games winning class from the ticket box. We have been working together to create posters on the Advantages of Learning Welsh and have created an iBook on these advantages. We have also been working with the Baglan Troopers to sell a Shot Cariad (red sugar-free jelly and fruit) for Dydd Santes Dwynwen. We have been emailing the Criw Cymraeg from Ysgol Ynysfach to share what we have been doing recently. We look forward to their reply!



Nursery News ~ This week in Nursery we have continued learning about castles. We have been discussing and learning about the different people who lived in a castle. We used our higher order thinking skills to recall the different types of people who live in a castle. We are being to talk about what their roles are. We have enjoyed exploring the new castle role play area and have been dressing up and a king and a queen. We have also been using the

wooden blocks to make a castle. We are able to name key features of the castle such as turrets, moat etc. Da iawn plant!

For maths this week we have been practicing counting forwards and backward from 10. We even counted to 10 in Welsh. We then explores the Numicon tiles to 5. We look at the shape and colour of each time. We also sang our number formation rhymes to 5. We have enjoyed exploring 2d shapes and were able to name circle, triangle, square and rectangle together with our friends.



On Thursday, we celebrated Dydd Santes Dwynwen and enjoyed painting a red heart to take home as well having our 'Shots Cariad'. They were very yummy.  
What a busy week!



Year 1 News ~ This week in Year 1 we have been learning exciting things about castles. We have had a visit from Harriet, our Heritage Education Officer. We learned all about different types of castles, where castles are in Wales and the similarities and



differences between them. We also got to dress up in medieval clothing. The chain mail was very, very heavy! We have been listening to the story 'Two Left Feet' which tells the story of Bryn, a little boy who needs a frame to help him walk. We discussed about how Bryn would have been feeling before and after he climbed the tower in Raglan castle. We then wrote these feelings down around a picture of Bryn. In maths we have been sharing knights equally around castles and counting to check our answers. We have listened to the story of St Dwynwen and made some St Dwynwen's Day cards, wreaths and written kind messages to each other on hearts. Finally we have learned about what foods people would have eaten during medieval times and have talked about what herbs they would have grown to make their food taste nice and how they would have used these herbs to help treat illnesses. We compared these to a modern day first aid kit.

#### Attendance Week Ending: 26.01.2024

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

| Class               | Attendance |
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| Nursery ~ Morning   | 78.4%      |
| Nursery ~ Afternoon | 80.8%      |
| Reception           | 67.3%      |
| Year 1              | 74%        |
| Year 1 & 2          | 55%        |
| Year 2 & 3          | 87%        |
| Year 3              | 90.5%      |
| Year 4              | 81.3%      |
| Year 5              | 86.7%      |
| Year 6              | 88.3%      |

A huge congratulations to Year 3 this week with 90.5% attendance, closely followed by Year 6. Let's try for 95% next week!



### Dates for the Diary

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| 01.02.2024 | Open morning for parents to view nursery 'am' books; 11.00am<br>Open afternoon for parents to view pupils' books; 2:30 pm.<br><br>Reminder: If you are intending to take your child/ children at the end of the open afternoon, please ensure that the class teacher is aware. No pupils will be able to go home after the open afternoon with anyone other than the person who usually collects them unless the school has been notified beforehand. Please use the main school entrance to access and exit the building during the open afternoon. |
| 05.02.2024 | Parental consultation day  |
| 06.02.2024 | PTA Movie Night; 3.30pm ~ 5.00pm   |
| 08.02.2024 | Little Trooper Assembly  |
| 08.02.2024 | TATA Wizards Rugby League  |
| 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; 9.00 ~ 10.30am   |
| 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



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| Miss Wilson ~<br>Nursery         | Oscar M ~ for his super listening to our story and sharing good ideas and answers about being a good friend, bendigedig Oscar!<br>Enzo F ~ for working collaboratively with his friends to create a castle. He was able to recall and name lots of key features of a castle. Ardderchog Enzo. |
| Mrs Challenger ~<br>Reception    | Xavier P ~ for his super labelling of a castle and a knight. Awesome!<br>Mila N ~ for reading lots of tricky words, da iawn Mila.   |
| Mr Atkins ~<br>Dosbarth 1        | Samuel L ~ for trying really hard when writing in Read Write Inc. Da iawn.<br>Joe M ~ for using lovely kind words to describe his friends, well done.   |
| Mrs Giles ~<br>Dosbarth 1 & 2    | Harlee P ~ for her super St Dwynwen Day comprehension, da iawn.<br>Isabella G ~ for her lovely creative castle art, ardderchog Isabella.  |
| Miss Randall ~<br>Dosbarth 2 & 3 | Ruby W ~ for always being thoughtful and helpful towards others, thank you Ruby.<br>Ethan HSL ~ for working really hard spelling his tricky words.  |
| Mrs Roosmalen ~<br>Dosbarth 3    | Ava M ~ for writing a well sequenced recount of our visit to Cardiff Castle. Bendigedig Ava.<br>Evelyn C ~ for using mature language when discussing our visit to   |

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|   | Cardiff Castle. Gwaith da Evelyn.  |
| Mrs Selley ~<br>Dosbarth 4              | Oliver H ~ for his excellent understanding of Welsh sentence patterns when discussing the date and weather. Ardderchog.<br>Jesse E ~ for his great work during our weekly trombone sessions with the NPT music service. Dal ati! |
| Mrs Myatt/ Miss<br>Noon ~<br>Dosbarth 5 | Grace W ~ for a beautiful design on her family crest, da iawn Grace.<br>James C ~ for working very hard on his research of the Bayeux tapestry.  |
| Mrs Smart ~<br>Dosbarth 6               | James E ~ for his excellent work on databases and for helping others, diolch James.<br>Oliver P ~ for working so hard on his reading, da iawn Oliver.<br>Sophie L ~ for her super fraction and percentage work.                  |
| Mrs White ~ all<br>classes              | Tommy R and Lottie Mae F (Year 3) ~ for their great partner work researching 'Drawbridges' Da iawn both.   |