

# Baglan Primary School/ Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 09.02.24

February Right of the Month ~ Article 23: The right to special care and support if you are disabled so that you can lead a full and independent life.



Mrs White's News ~ Gwaith gwyth! Year 1 have worked hard this term looking at castles.

They have designed some lovely castles by following a step by step guide, learned the features of a castle, compared Neath Castle to Raglan Castle, investigated how castles were built and played with the castle in class. They have worked well in cooperative groups and have shown a good understanding of the topic. Great work this half term Year 1.



Year 6 News ~ In English, we have been working on our descriptive writing using an image of a medieval castle as our inspiration. In our cooperative groups, we completed a spine poem where we focussed on the

different aspects of the image. We then used adverbs, alliteration, similes and metaphors to describe them. We use our poem to write our own powerful description of the castle. In our reading activity this week, Mrs Smart 'muddled up' lots of facts about Cardiff Castle. We had to work with our partner to sort the statements and find the odd one

out. We then had to use our investigative skills to find out what castle the other statements related to - we discovered that it was Chepstow Castle, the oldest castle in Wales! We have been learning all about Chinese New Year which is celebrated on the 10th of February. This year is the year of the Dragon. We looked at the characteristics of the different animals and found out which animal represented the year that we were born. This week, we took part in Safer Internet Day. We watched the CBBC live lesson that gave us lots of tips about how to stay safe online. Best wishes for a restful half-term!



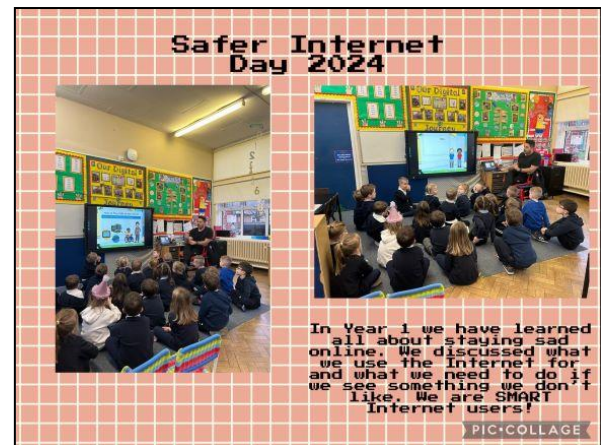
**Year 4 News** ~ In Year 4 we have recently been for a walk to Baglan library. We were able to choose a book which we are now reading daily in class. As part of our language work, we are learning about and writing non-chronological reports. In maths, we have been working with perimeter and area. We drew castles with a given perimeter as part of our



topic work. We have recently been completing work for Safer Internet Day. In our cooperative learning groups, we researched Welsh castles using the Cadw website and presented our information to our class based on what we had learnt. We are very much enjoying our football sessions with Premier League Primary Stars.



**Year 1 News** ~ This week in Year 1 we have been sequencing the story 'Two Left Feet' and using the pictures to help us write a phrase or short sentence. We worked really hard to use the sounds we have learned in Read Write Inc and our tricky words to help us with our writing. In maths we have been sharing knights around castles and working out how many we would need for it to be fair. We have been looking at what a medieval banquet would have looked like, what people would have worn and what foods they would have eaten. We have written invitations to our own Baglan Banquet. We decided we wouldn't like to eat many of the foods they would have eaten at the time! We have been practising for our banquet by playing in our castle role play area! Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February was Safer Internet Day so we talked about what we use the internet for and what we should do if we saw something we didn't like. We have also been working really hard on our STEM activity where we worked in groups to follow instructions to make a catapult using lollipop sticks, elastic bands, milk bottle tops and rolled up bits of paper. We then used these to try and fire the paper over the castle walls.



### **Attendance Week Ending: 09.02.2024**

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

Class	Attendance
Nursery ~ Morning	88.8%
Nursery ~ Afternoon	82.8%
Reception	91.3%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 1 & 2	93.1%
Year 2 & 3	98%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	91.3%
Year 5	83.3%
Year 6	96.9%

A huge congratulations to Year 2/3 this week with 98% attendance, closely followed by Year 1 with 97.9% Keep up the good work.



## Dates for the Diary

19.02.2024	All pupils return to school
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
07.03.2024	World Book Day; Please dress up as a character from your favourite book and bring your book to school to share with your friends.
14.03.2024	Café Cynefin; 9.00 ~ 10.30am
19.03.2024	Morning Nursery ~ Easter Concert; 9.30am
20.03.2024	Easter songs for playgroup
21.03.2024	Easter songs for afternoon Nursery; 2.30pm
22.03.2024	School breaks up for the easter holidays



### Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Toby A ~ for being a confident and independent member of class, da iawn. Bleu L ~ for pinpointing important places in your cynefin. Ardderchog!
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Ellis R ~ for great problem solving skills when sorting knights. Isla-Mae P ~ for always trying her best and being kind to others.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Harper W ~ for using lovely descriptive words for medieval music. Bendigedig. Bodhi P-W ~ for excellent shared reading during RWInc. Well done Bodhi.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Blake R ~ for being a supportive group leader in STEM Ice Challenge. Gwennan J ~ for her super creative ideas when making an Ice Castle. Bendigedig.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Isla H ~ for showing a great interest and contributing to class discussion, da iawn Isla. Jaxson M ~ for contributing to discussions about odd one out, well done.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3	Luna R, Penelope N & Evelyn C ~ for representing our school in their role as 'little troopers'. Gwaith da pawb!
Mrs Selley ~ Dosbarth 4	Carter P ~ for your excellent work during our mathematical reasoning lesson this week. Dal ati. Ted H ~ for your great work when working out the area of irregular shapes. Bendigedig!
Mrs Myatt/ Miss Noon ~ Dosbarth 5	Jaydan E ~ for his fantastic work on percentages of numbers in maths. Rex P ~ for great sentences using alliteration, da iawn Rex.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Luca W ~ for his great comprehension work, well done Luca. Libbi M ~ for her improvement in English, da iawn. Frankie D ~ for always working hard. Bendigedig.
Mrs White ~ all classes	Hollie B (Year 6) ~ for her excellent work researching catapults, da iawn. Miles F (Year 6) ~ for his lovely work designing a catapult, ardderchog Miles.