



# Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 02.05.25



Baglan Primary School is a rights respecting school. The article of the month for May is Article 25 - The right to good food and water and to see a doctor if you are ill.

Year 3 & 4 News ~ Welcome back everyone after a very nice Easter break. In Year 3 & 4, we have started our new topic called "Power - forces for action." We brainstormed a few ideas

and decided to investigate different types of power sources, such as renewable energy and fossil fuel. We worked in our cooperative groups and carried out a higher order thinking skills activity - boat activity. We found out lots of new interesting information. In maths we have been learning about money. We looked at all the coins we used and practised different ways to total an amount. We also discussed the different ways we spend money by using a bank card or Apple Pay on your phone. In English we have been looking at the past and present tense and how words change. We practised changing lots of words from the present tense to the past tense and used them in our sentences. In P.E. this week we have been continuing with our tennis skills, and it has been lovely to get out and about in the sunshine. This week we also dressed in purple to support our Armed Forces Charity.



Neath Afan gymnastics club - Neath Port Talbot school gymnastics competition 2025 ~ A huge congratulations to 3 of our pupils who represented Baglan Primary School in the recent NPT school gymnastics competition. Rosie G, Luna R and Arianna O competed against many other schools in the tumble, vault and trampette events performing with confidence and grace with Rosie finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. We are very proud of your results and thank you for representing your school.

Sun Safety ~ As the weather continues to warm up, we would like to remind you to help your child stay comfortable and safe at school. On warmer days, children are welcome to wear school-appropriate summer uniforms, including long shorts or summer dresses.



To support sun safety, please ensure your child:

- Wears a sun hat (preferable with a wide brim or neck cover)
- Has sun cream applied before school
- Brings a refillable water bottle each day to stay hydrated

Thank you for your continued support in helping keep our pupils safe and comfortable during the warmer months.



Reception News ~ On Monday we were excited to share our news from the holidays and it was also great to find out what our friends had been doing. This term we are exploring 'Growing' and we have decided to learn about how plants, us and animals grow. To begin our learning we have enjoyed the story 'The Teeny-Weeny Tadpole'. We have been learning the story using actions and next we will carry out a story map to help us to remember the sequence of the story. We have also used the order of the story to develop our understanding of ordinal numbers by thinking about who the tadpole met 1st, 2nd etc. The life cycle of a frog is amazing, and we are delighted to have tadpoles in class to observe. We can't wait to see what happens next.

Year 2 & 3 News ~ It is lovely to see the pupils back and refreshed after their Easter holidays. They have enjoyed sharing their news about their holidays, trips away and just having time off relaxing. After our discussions, the pupils wrote an independent recount of their news. They referred to our marking ladder, making sure they included the correct punctuation, wrote in past tense and used descriptive language.

As our new topic this term is 'Power,' we have been researching the solar system, we will be exploring gravity, forces and magnetism. We have enjoyed listening to the story 'The Smeds and the Smoos,' discussing how they visited other planets, if there were any similarities or differences and who lived on each planet. The pupils quickly identified the use of rhyming words and alliteration.

In maths, we have begun to look at sharing an amount, using the mathematical language 'division.' The pupils enjoyed using cubes to share an amount equally. From this they completed division sums, by drawing circles to share the amount, then checking the answer is correct using multiplication.

The pupils have been excited learning about the planets in the solar system. They have been placing them in the correct order and learning their names. We will be researching facts about each planet next.

In P.E. we are starting to develop our netball skills. We have learning how to throw a 'chest pass,' we understood the importance of the stance and to keep elbows down while passing the ball. We even had a go at shooting goals in the post.



Year 2 News ~ Croeso back to school for the start of the summer term. During our first week we shared our holiday news and wrote recounts about things we did over the Easter break. We used our





connectives, paragraphs and our own independent writing. On Tuesday we took part in 'Purple Up Day' to support Military families. In literacy we worked on alphabetical order. In numeracy we have been consolidating tricky addition and subtraction. We began our new topic 'Power, Forces and Space' by reading a book called 'Meet the Planets'. The children are excited to get learning in this topic and have been bringing in their space books from home. In activity sessions on the notebooks the children have been typing information about the planets on JIT independently. We are learning the planets names in Welsh 'Planedau' and have a class mnemonic to remember the planets order 'My Very Eager Mother Just Served Us Nachos'. We are looking forward to learning lots more in this topic.

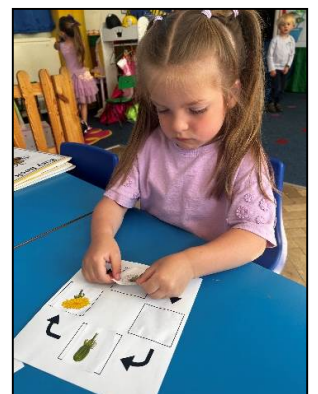
Year 5 News ~ We would like to welcome everyone back to school after the Easter break. We have started our new topic for the term in Year 5. We will be looking at different forces and how we can use forces to create our own theme parks. We brainstormed what we already know about forces and thought of 5 questions that we would like answered during the topic. We then looked at different fairground and theme park rides researching how they work and discussing as a class what forces are acting upon them to make them work effectively.



We have begun working on athletics in PE. We have worked on our agility skills, using ladders and practising turning quickly. We also practiced techniques for safe taking off and landing when jumping, ready for when we start learning the different sports within athletics.

We had a lovely morning on Tuesday with some visitors from Action for Children. Kaitlyn from the Ospreys in the community team came in to work with us on our physical skills on the yard and then we had a session in class about 'bouncing back' after feeling sad. It was lovely to see that some famous people that we look up to have also had these big feelings too and what they did to overcome them. We look forward to them coming back next week to work with us again. In maths, we have learning how to find percentage of numbers.

We have been reading our class novels this week too. The group reading Sky Song have carried on with the book, comparing different characters and identifying the themes throughout the book so far. The group who were reading George's Marvellous Medicine have finished that book and have started a book called 'Meet Matilda, rocket builder' and have used the start of the book as inspiration to think about what they



would take to space with them and why.

Nursery News ~ Welcome back! We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break. We have enjoyed listening to the children tell us all about the fun adventures they have been on. We have been working very hard in class practising writing our name independently. We used our RWInc knowledge to help us form our letters correctly. On Tuesday we wore purple for 'Purple Up Day' to support the service



families in our school. We talked about how service children may feel when they sometimes have to move houses and school. We learnt that service children are compared to dandelion flowers. We then learnt about the life cycle of a dandelion and ordered the different stages independently. We enjoyed looking for dandelion clocks in the garden. We also created a dandelion craft.

What a busy and fun first week back in school.



### Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair

Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Isla D ~ for her super listening skills and joining in during our carpet sessions. Penelope J ~ for her great letter formation when writing her name. Da iawn Penlope.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Edith BG ~ for settling in and making friends in her new school. Da iawn. Leo D ~ for trying hard to share his Easter holiday news with his friends. Gwaith da Leo.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Millie MM ~ for working really hard to complete her work on similarities and differences between objects. Da iawn Millie. Owen F ~ for completing his recount of what he did at easter independently and using exciting words to make it as interesting as possible. Ardderchog Owen.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 2	Ollie E ~ for his fantastic recount writing about holidays. Gwych. Elliot S ~ for working so hard on neat writing and presentation. Bendigedig Elliot.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Iylah Leigh B ~ for showing such enthusiasm and volunteering answers to our class questions. Harper L ~ for contributing interesting new facts about our new topic.
Mrs Roosmalen/ Mrs Selley ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Theo R ~ for having a great knowledge about renewable and fossil fuels. Olivia D ~ for being an efficient scribe, writing notes about renewable and fossil fuels. Bendigedig Olivia.
Miss Noon ~ Dosbarth 4	Brooke D ~ for her awesome contribution to our Welsh lessons. Diolch Brooke. Archie S ~ for his amazing recount work, da iawn Archie.
Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Javi M ~ for his excellent work on percentages in maths, ardderchog Javi. Kenza E ~ for her great work on different athletics skills in PE, da iawn.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Jake D ~ for his excellent work on subordinate clauses. Da iawn. Ruby C & Briella M ~ for their great work when working in a cooperative group.
Mrs White ~ all classes	Grace C & Jack E ~ for their excellent work identifying similarities and differences between three households.

Dates for the Diary	
05.05.2025	Bank Holiday ~ school closed.
08.05.2025	VE day celebrations. Pupils can wear red, white or blue on this day and can also bring in 'Party on a Plate' to celebrate. Please note we do not have refrigeration facilities within school, please be mindful of food choices.
15.05.2025	Wear it Green Day ~ Pupils may wear green to support

	<b>Children's Mental Health &amp; Well-being Warriors.</b>
<b>22.05.2025</b>	<b>Walk to School with Henson the Hedgehog ~ more information to follow.</b>
<b>26.05.2025 - 30.05.2025</b>	<b>Half term break</b>
<b>02.06.2025</b>	<b>Inset Day ~ school closed to pupils</b>
<b>05.06.2025</b>	<b>World Environment Day ~ Pupils may wear green if they wish, £1 donation would be appreciated.</b>
<b>12.06.2025</b>	<b>Morning Nursery Sports Day at 9.30am</b>
<b>12.06.2025</b>	<b>Afternoon Nursery Family Fitness at 1.30pm</b>
<b>16.06.2025 ~ 20.06.2025</b>	<b>Llangrannog Residential Week; Year 5 &amp; 6 pupils</b>
<b>20.06.2025</b>	<b>Morning Nursery Dinner Day ~ the cost of this is £2.35, payable via ParentPay please.</b>
<b>25.06.2025</b>	<b>Open Afternoon for Nursery pupils. 12.15-1.15pm Afternoon Nursery session will 1.20-3.20pm on this date.</b>
<b>26.06.2025</b>	<b>Summer Café Cynefin ~ Reception to Year 5 pupils, everyone is welcome.</b>
<b>30.06.2025</b>	<b>YBB Ysgol Bae Baglan transition day for Year 5 pupils</b>
<b>01.07.2025</b>	<b>Morning Nursery Graduation Photographs</b>
<b>02.07.2025</b>	<b>YBB Ysgol Bae Baglan transition day for Year 6 pupils</b>
<b>03.07.2025</b>	<b>YBB Ysgol Bae Baglan transition day for Year 6 pupils</b>
<b>09.07.2025</b>	<b>Morning Nursery Graduation at 9.30am ~ All parents/ grandparents' welcome.</b>
<b>21.07.2025</b>	<b>Inset Day ~ school closed to pupils</b>

### **Attendance Week Ending: 02.05.2025**

**A huge congratulations to Afternoon Nursery this week with an amazing result of 100% attendance, closely followed by Year 1. Keep up the brilliant work!**

<b>Class</b>	<b>% attendance for the week</b>
<b>Nursery ~ Morning</b>	<b>90.2%</b>
<b>Nursery ~ Afternoon</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>98.1%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>91.9%</b>
<b>Year 2 &amp; 3</b>	<b>94.6%</b>
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>93.5%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>94.5%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>88.5%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>86%</b>