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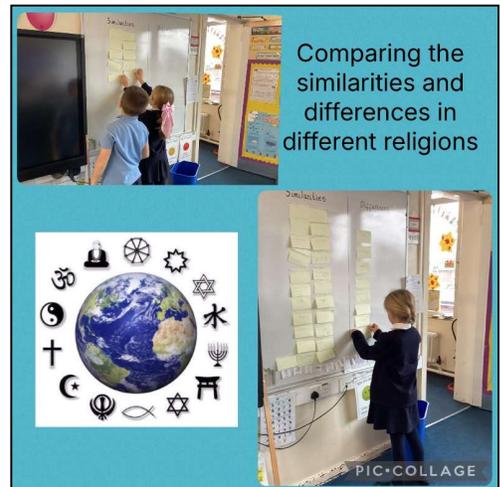
'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 07.11.25

Baglan Primary School is a 'Rights respecting school.' The article of the months for November is Article 1 - Everyone under the age of 18 has these rights. Universal Children Day - 20th November Remembrance Day.



Year 3 & 4 News ~ We would like to welcome everyone back to school after a lovely half term break. We are ready to start the second part of the autumn term and are looking forward to the countdown to Christmas. In class this week we have been looking at different religions around the world. We have been researching different facts and looking at the similarities and differences between each religion. We were interested to find that many religions are quite similar e.g. they all go to a place of worship, they all have a religious book, and they all have a time of celebration. In our grammar lessons we have been looking at the importance of speech marks in our reading and writing. We have been practising adding speech marks to our sentences and identifying them in a piece of text. We have also been looking at the features of a newspaper report and how it is set out differently from other text types. In maths we have started to look at measure. We have looked carefully at cms and metres.



Year 5 News ~ This week, we have been learning about fractions in maths. We have learnt exactly what a fraction is, how to find equivalent fractions and how to simplify them. We have also been reading the next part of our class novels. The group reading 'All the things that could go wrong' had to then design a raft that the main characters in the novel could build. The group reading 'Ellie and the Cat' retold the chapter using freeze frames. We have been learning about alliteration and have practised using two or more words with the same beginning sound as we will be using them as a technique for persuasive writing. Another technique we have been learning about is the rule of three. We have practised using three adjectives to describe a noun and three items to describe places. As it was bonfire night this week, we learnt all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot. We also spoke a lot about how to stay safe when celebrating and then created posters to inform others of the safety rules. We have continued learning about Hinduism this week. We completed our diya lamps, that had the chance to dry out over half term, by painting different patterns on them. We have also learnt about the other festivals that Hindu celebrate and completed a task

learning how to take notes on a presentation. We are still working with Jack and Kian from the Premier League Primary Stars programme. We have been working on improving our gross motor and ball skills on the yard and then coming back into class to work on wellbeing activities in our booklets.



Year 3 News ~ We hope everyone enjoyed the half term, the pupils are feeling refreshed and ready to learn. In literacy, we have been discussing the use of adjectives to describe our senses. Using Bonfire night as our focus, we worked in pairs, to sort adjectives into the senses categories - using fantastic adjectives to describe what they see, smell/taste, hear and feel. We then used these adjectives to create sense poems.

Looking at our Rights Respecting article, we discussed the importance of keeping ourselves safe from harm. In P.E., the pupils used their bodies to represent different types of fireworks, from rockets to Catherine wheels and screamers. They moved by twirling, dashing, and exploding, using descriptive adjectives to inspire their movements. They also made sure to change their body shapes and heights to show the differences between each firework. In Maths, the pupils have been very clever at rounding two- and three-digit numbers to the nearest ten and hundred, remembering to round up or down depending on the digit before. They have also started learning about time, beginning with the passing of time and how long different activities take during the school day. Soon, they will identify the months of the year and progress to reading analogue clocks. In art, it has been great fun exploring different mediums such as paint, chalk, and colour mixing to create a range of effects—especially when designing their own firework displays. The pupils enjoyed discovering the variety of colours that can be made by mixing primary colours.



Year 1 & 2 News ~ We hope you all had a lovely half term. Year 1 and 2 have enjoyed sharing their holiday experiences with each other this week. In literacy we have been

learning about the 'Gun Powder Plot' from 1605 that failed to kill King James I and why we have fireworks today because of this history story. We then used picture captions to write the story. We have also been looking at the features of a fact file and what type of writing this is 'non-fiction'. In numeracy we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and we are exploring multiplication math stories. We have learnt to use practical equipment to make arrays to solve questions. In expressive arts we are beginning our term of dance lessons and started with 70's disco dance moves (small spoiler alert- these will come in handy for our Christmas concert wink, wink). We have also been using chalk in art to create silhouettes and firework pictures.



Healthy Schools - Well-being Warriors ~ We are the well-being warriors and we would like to introduce ourselves. We are a team of children who are keen to promote lots of ideas to help keep everyone safe and healthy at Baglan Primary School. We will promote and encourage classes and our community to engage in physical activity and nutrition for healthy bodies. We will share information on mental and social and emotional well-being awareness and take part in activities to look after our minds. And we will share safety advice and safeguarding measures to protect our whole school community. Physical, Emotional, Social and Mental Wellbeing education helps us all make informed decisions about a healthier lifestyle and become the best we can be.

So far this term we have promoted #helloyellowday for mental health, reminded classes about bringing a healthy snack at breaktime and we are working on road safety messages ready for Road Safety Week 16th November.



Nursery News ~ Welcome back! It's been wonderful to see everyone return to school and to welcome some new children and families to our Nursery community. This week, we have continued exploring our topic 'Who am I?'. The children have been learning about how we change and grow as we get older, ordering pictures to show the stages from baby to child to adult. We've also been celebrating Bonfire Night with lots of exciting activities! On Monday, we created stunning firework artwork using a salad spinner- the children loved squirting the paint and watching the colours spin and mix into

bright, glittery patterns. On Wednesday, we became scientists and carried out a fun experiment, combining different ingredients to make our own colourful, exploding fireworks. To finish the week, we put on our chef hats and made delicious chocolate sprinkle fireworks! It's been a fantastic week full of creativity, discovery, and fun.



Reception News ~ This week we have been exploring Bonfire Night. First, we listened to a story about the reason we have the celebration and then we enjoyed some fun activities. Within our creative learning we made a firework flick painting and used JIT Paint to make some beautiful firework images. Our outdoor learning was fun; we noticed that the leaves in our outdoor area look like flames. Then we decided to use sticks and leaves to make a wonderful bonfire collage. The leaves were spectacular at looking like flames dancing. After Bonfire Night we decide to use our senses to create a poem, we shared our amazing ideas and then collated them into a poem. We have been busy learning the poem and Mrs Challenger is going to record our wonderful work.



Baglan Primary School Stay and Play ~ We are excited to welcome everyone back to Stay and Play! Join us for a fun and friendly session on:

📅 Wednesday 12.11.2025

🕒 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

📍 At Baglan Primary School Nursery

We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new ones. Come along for play, learning, and connection in a relaxed environment.

School Admissions ~ Polite Reminder

Please be aware that online admissions are live from **Monday 6th October 2025** for those pupils entering **Reception 2026** and **Secondary Year 7 September 2026** and will close on **Friday 28th November 2025**.

It is essential you apply online at www.npt.gov.uk and complete the "Admission to School" form. Applications open **06/10/2025** with the closing date being **28/11/2025**.

Alternatively, you can send a request to admissions@npt.gov.uk for the paper application form which must be returned to

School Admissions Officer
Directorate of Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Civic Centre
Port Talbot SA13 1PJ



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Abbie O ~ for always working hard and trying her best. Da iawn Abbie. Tommy B ~ for creating a beautiful firework painting. Ardderchog Tommy.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Anwen R & Roman P ~ for their confident recounts of their holiday experiences. Bendigedig.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Leo D ~ for working really hard on his name and letter formation. Well done Leo. Rosie P ~ for her excellent, independent Read, Write Inc work.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Isla-Mae P ~ for her imaginative creative writing ideas in Literacy. Gwych! Noah R ~ for his fantastic counting in 2s 5s and 10s in numeracy. Bendigedig.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 3	Alanna-J B ~ for reading with fluency and expression. Da iawn Alanna- J. Arthur W ~ for always showing determination in all aspects of school life. Super work Arthur.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Phoenix H ~ for his great work researching the similarities between world religions. Bendigedig Phoenix. Teddy F ~ for super confident reading, tackling some very difficult text. Gwaith da Teddy!

	Charlie A ~ for his great work recording the safety rules for Bonfire Night. Dal ati Charlie.
Miss Noon ~ Dosbarth 4 & 5	Hudson R ~ for preserving in maths work. Gwaith da! Keep up the great work! Luna P ~ for her awesome English work, correcting sentences.
Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Tommy R ~ for his excellent work creating freeze frames to retell a chapter of a novel, da iawn Tommy. Rosie G ~ for a beautiful informative poster on how to stay on bonfire night. Ardderchog Rosie.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Morgan P ~ for writing an excellent instruction text - a recipe for the perfect friend. Lola J ~ for her excellent independent writing, da iawn Lola.
Mrs White ~ all classes	Nelly B & Billy A ~ for always listening and trying their best, da iawn Nelly & Billy.

Dates for the Diary	
14.11.2025	Children In Need ~ information has been sent via schoop.
21.11.2025	PTA Christmas Jumper Sale, at 1.00pm ~ information has been sent via schoop.
28.11.2025	Cinderella Pantomime (kindly organised by PTA)
04.12.2025	Morning Nursery Christmas Dinner ~ (please note there is a charge for this of £2.35 payable on ParentPay, thank you. Pupils may wear festive clothes if they wish)
04.12.2025	Techniquet Visit ~ Year 1 & 2 pupils. Consent forms have been sent home this week. The cost of the trip is £11.00, paid through ParentPay which can be paid in instalments if you wish. Please note your child/children will need a packed lunch for this event.
08.12.2025	Year 1 - Year 6 Christmas Concert 1 pm
09.12.2025	Nursery & Reception Christmas Concert 9 am
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10.12.2025	Nursery & Reception Christmas Concert 9 am
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11.12.2025	Christmas Dinner ~ pupils may wear festive clothes if they wish.
17.12.2025	'Party on a Plate' ~ pupils may wear festive clothes if they wish.
19.12.2025	Autumn Term Ends
16.02.2026 ~ 20.02.2026	February Half-term break
30.03.2026 ~ 10.04.2026	Easter Holidays
25.05.2026 ~ 29.05.2026	May Half-term break
15.06.2026 ~ 19.06.2026	Llangrannog Residential Week ~ Year 5 & 6 pupils
20.07.2026	INSET Day - school closed to pupils