



Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 14.11.25

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.



Mrs White's

News ~ Year 1 & 2 have started their new topic on the 'Human Body,' they really enjoyed exploring the different organs and the skeleton. They worked hard in their groups, and they are looking forward to learning about all the different parts of the body, where the

organs are located and why the organs are so important. Da iawn pawb!

Year 6 News ~ In maths, we have been looking at data. We have interpreted a variety of line graphs. We have drawn our own line graphs to an agreed criterion. This included: equal intervals, labelled axis, title and accuracy. We created a

graph with two lines of data to compare the monthly temperature in Wales and Barbados. In English, we have been learning about synonyms and antonyms and revising similes and metaphors. As part of anti-bullying week, we created our instruction texts: A recipe for a perfect friend. We looked at the qualities that we would look for in a friend. These included honesty, kindness, trust and loyalty. As part of our Healthy Me topic, we have been learning about Aneurin Bevan. He was a proud Welsh man who established the NHS. We wrote a report about him, recalling the features of a report that we have worked on in our literacy lessons. We have also been learning about the dangers of smoking and vaping. We are working in our cooperative groups to research different questions relating to the subject that we will then present to our class.



Year 1 News ~ This week in Year 1, we have been reading 'Sparks in the Sky'. We sequenced and retold the story using our own story maps, a great understanding of the order of events. We also worked in cooperative groups to create senses poems all about fireworks — everyone contributed brilliant ideas, describing what we might see, hear, smell, and feel during a fireworks display. In maths, we used Numicon shapes to make colourful rocket pictures. We then chose different pieces of Numicon to add together, practising our number bonds while creating some fantastic firework-inspired art! In our creative area, we made beautiful salt paintings of fireworks, watching the colours spread and sparkle across the page — a perfect way to bring our Bonfire Night learning to life. In music with Mrs James, we became little composers and used instruments such as maracas, drums, wooden blocks and claves to make music linked to all the different sounds we heard during bonfire night last week. We also listened to the story 'The Gruffalo's Party' and had lots of fun writing our own party invitations. The children thought carefully about who to invite, where the party would be, and what activities they would include. On Tuesday, we observed a minute's silence for Remembrance Day (11/11). The children were absolutely fantastic; they showed great respect and understanding throughout this very special moment. Finally, on Friday, we celebrated Children in Need! The children loved taking part and helped raise awareness for such an important cause.



Rights Respecting Steering Group ~ On Monday, we were delighted to welcome the Children's Commissioner for Wales, Rocio Cifuentes, to our school. The Children's Commissioner for Wales champions the rights of children and young people in Wales. She came to speak in our junior assembly to explain her role. We learned that her job involves listening to children, making sure that everyone is aware of Children's Rights and keeping us all safe. After the assembly, the Rights Respecting Steering Group worked with the Commissioner on a 'Wants and Needs' activity. During the activity, we had to think carefully about the things that are essential for us to grow up safe and healthy. We also got to share with the Commissioner all of the fantastic work that we do in and around her school. We explained that we promote the articles in the UNCRC in our newsletter and by having a Right of the Month that we focus on in assembly and class. We also had the opportunity to show her the two videos that we have created linked to attendance and parking. Please click on the QR code to see our parking video.



Year 4 & 5 News ~ This week in Year 4 & 5, we have been looking at bar graphs in maths. We had some data which needed to be placed into bar graphs. We used our success

criteria to create an accurate bar graph. The children enjoyed this process. In literacy, we have started looking at the features of instruction writing. We started by looking at what a good one looks like and what a bad one looks like. We will be writing instructions about 'How to make a rice crispy cake'. The children will then follow their instructions to make a rice crispy cake. We spoke about the instructions needing to be specific and used the example of tying a shoelace. It was interesting to listen to how the children were explaining this method. We celebrated Remembrance Day by taking part in 2 minutes silence, answering questions and creating a wreath made by poppies. We also worked in our cooperative learning groups to understand our right of the month - Article 1: Everyone under the age of 18 has these rights. We identified the needs and wants of children. This was an interesting conversation, as the children needed to work together to understand what every child needs and what is a luxury to have. We have also started music with Mrs James. The children were singing a song relating to healthy and unhealthy foods which is linked to our topic of 'Healthy Me'. The children worked together to think of their own verse. On Friday, we celebrated Children in Need by wearing spots. The children took part in a fitness session ran by the School Council and some in class activities to understand and promote Children in need. We had a lovely day!



Nursery News ~ What a fun-filled week we've had! We've been learning all about our families- who's in them and what makes each one so special. The children loved creating their very own family trees, and they've also been busy making Christmas decorations featuring their families. We can't wait for them to bring these home and show you their wonderful creations! On Tuesday, we learned about Remembrance Day and talked about why people wear poppies. The children listened beautifully and showed such care and respect. We even painted our hands red to make lovely handprint poppies- they look fantastic! In the creative area, we had lots of fun exploring autumn colours- mixing, swirling, and discovering what new shades we could make. And to end the week, Friday was Children in Need Day! We had the best time coming to school in our pyjamas and spotty clothes, taking part in fun, creative activities, and helping to raise money for a great cause. What a super week!

Little Troopers News ~ What an incredible week the Little Troopers have had! On Tuesday, we attended a Remembrance Service at Ysgol Bae Baglan. It was a special opportunity for us to come together with the Armed Forces community and pay our respects to the brave men and women who have fought- and continue to fight- to keep us safe. The children showed such thoughtfulness and respect throughout the service. Then, on Wednesday, we were invited to the Armed Forces Festival at the 203 Reserve Centre in Llandaff, organised by SSCE Cymru. The children had a fantastic day taking part in a wide range of fun and engaging activities, including Forces Fitness, Never Such Innocence, the Army Engagement Team, Support Paws, and World War Wales.

From team-building challenges and learning about World War II, to writing songs and even practising basic First Aid, there was so much to discover! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and represented our school beautifully. It was also a wonderful opportunity for service children from across Neath Port Talbot to come together, make new friends, and share their experiences. We are so proud of our Little Troopers for their enthusiasm, teamwork, and respect throughout the week!



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	Ruby P ~ for her excellent letter formation, ardderchog Ruby. Theo T ~ for knowing all the sounds in his name and trying hard to writing it. Da iawn.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Dylan FH ~ for his excellent descriptive language when creating a class Bonfire night poem. Da iawn. Sofia Rose F ~ for always contributing her ideas and experiences. Gwaith da Sofia.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Belle B ~ for her excellent dancing and singing when practising for our Christmas show. Otis D ~ for confidently sharing ideas during our cooperative learning groups.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Rory D ~ for his super problem solving when counting in 2s. Gwych Rory. Isaac S ~ for his fantastic application of RWInc. sounds to spell independently. Bendigedig Isaac.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 3	Ralph D ~ for working so hard with his speed sheets (Multiplication tables) Da iawn Ralph.

	Sebastian MW ~ for working so hard to develop his IT skills, well done Sebastian.
Mrs Roosmalen/ Mrs H Selley ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Trubel G ~ for working so hard to calculate the perimeter of different shapes. Gwaith da Trubel. Julio D and Louis B ~ for using Logo on J2 Code to draw shapes using directional keys and commands. Dal ati!
Miss Noon ~ Dosbarth 4 & 5	James R ~ for working so hard to write a conversation in Welsh. Arrderchog James. Ethan HSL ~ for his awesome bar graph work!
Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Sam T ~ for his excellent work changing improper fractions in to mixed fractions. Florence P ~ for her beautiful collage of a poppy for Remembrance Day.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Jesse E ~ for working well in his cooperative group when researching smoking and vaping and its impact on the body. Kenza E ~ for working really hard in mathematics, da iawn Kenza.
Mrs White ~ all classes	Daisy S and Ted H ~ for their excellent work on the importance of a balanced diet. Da iawn both.

Dates for the Diary	
21.11.2025	PTA Christmas Jumper Sale, at 1.00pm
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	Technique 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