Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

Baglan Primary News 21.11.25

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

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

<u>Year 3 & 4 News</u> ~ Year 3 & 4 have been very busy over the last few weeks. We have started to practise for our Christmas performance. We have been learning our song and dance and are getting on really well. In maths we have been learning about measure. We have been using rulers to measure to the nearest cm. We then went on to use our measuring skills to calculate the perimeter of different shapes. We have also been learning about area. In literacy, we have been looking at newspaper reports, we have been looking at the different features you need to use when writing one. We have also been looking at alliteration as this is often used with newspaper headlines. We wrote some silly nonsense sentences; it was great fun. Last week we dressed up for Children in Need, we were very pleased that our school raised an amazing £148 for such a good cause. For our Rights Respecting this month we are looking at Article 1. To help us understand this article we were visited by the children's commissioner for Wales, it was very interesting. Gardening Club have been out and about clearing the leaves which seem to have fallen in abundance! Brillant job gardeners.

<u>Nursery News</u> ~ This week in Nursery, we have been learning all about our local area of Baglan. The children were proud to share that our school is part of Baglan, and we enjoyed talking together about familiar landmarks in the community, such as the park, the shops, and other places we visit with our families.

To build on this learning, we used the coding turtle to help us explore how to give clear instructions. The children took turns directing the turtle from their "house" to an important place in Baglan. We practised using language like forwards, backwards, left, and right, and the children had great fun experimenting with different routes and seeing

where the turtle would go! We have also been very busy practising our Christmas songs for the upcoming concert. The children are full of excitement and can't wait to perform for you soon. They have been working incredibly hard to learn all the words and actions, and we are so proud of their enthusiasm and effort.

Reception News ~ This week we have started to learn the songs for our Christmas concert Baarmy Bethlehem. It is a fun nativity show and we can't wait to start learning our different parts. We also had a message from Fflic a Fflac, they need our help to plan their 5th birthday party. We worked in cooperative groups to create a graffiti board about what we already know about birthday parties. These are some of the ideas we thought of; birthday cake, decorations, presents, party bags, people, food. We then created a shared list of the things we need to organise. One of the most important was invitations and we have looked at what is important to include in an invite and have stated to write some. In our outdoor area we have enjoyed exploring the mud kitchen and thinking about party food we can make. We have also created an obstacle course and enjoyed finding different ways of manoeuvring around it.

Year 3 News ~ Over the past week, the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed learning to read analogue time in Maths. They now have a secure understanding of o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, and can confidently read and draw the times given. Using real analogue clocks has been a particular highlight, helping them to explore time in a practical way. Pupils have had great fun completing timed challenges to see how many activities they could do in just 10 seconds. In Literacy, pupils have been learning all about procedural texts. They have identified and annotated the key features, understanding the importance of clear layout, sequencing and the way in which it is written. Working cooperatively, they pieced together a set of instructions that had been mixed up, reading carefully to place each step in the correct order. They are now looking forward to applying their knowledge by following instructions to complete a creative task. The pupils have also enjoyed learning the story of Rama and Sita and exploring how Diwali is celebrated. They learned about the preparations leading up to the festival and expressed their creativity by completing colourful Rangoli-style patterns using repeating shapes. During their outdoor Forest School session, pupils used their senses to explore the environment, identifying natural and man-made objects. They discussed how some materials can be harmful to the environment and to living creatures, helping them develop a thoughtful awareness of caring for the world around us. They also embraced teamwork and problem-solving while building dens and creating a lean-to structure together.

Football News ~ On Monday, some of the boys from Y6 (and one Y5) took the short trip to Ysgol Bae Baglan for the annual Tarian football tournament. The weather was fantastic, and the boys were very excited to play. Our first game was against the hosts, and we ran out 3-0 winners. Next, we played Sandfields and the boys put in a great performance, coming away 9-0 winners. Next, we had a tough game against Blaenbaglan and after a very hard-fought match, where both teams had a few chances, we were lucky enough to come away 1-0 winners courtesy of an unfortunate own goal. Our next match pitted us against last year's champions Tywyn and after some very strong defensive performances, the match ended 0-0. Our final game became a must win against Awel y Mor and we started really strongly hitting the bar once and the post 3 times. We finally got the breakthrough goal and put the match beyond doubt with a late second. The boys thoroughly deserved their win as they didn't concede a single goal all day. We are all very proud of them and we look forward to our next tournament.

Year 1 & 2 News ~ Blwyddyn 1 a 2 have been busy learning their songs and dance performance ready for the Christmas performance over the last two weeks. In literacy we have been working on research of facts (using books, iPads and notebooks) and creating our own nocturnal animal fact files. In station time we have independently chosen our own animals to write fact files on, some chose horses, rabbits, pigs and Mrs Giles was super proud of our independent work. In numeracy we have looked at division and what that means. We have worked with concrete objects to think about groups of __ to solve division math stories. In station time we have been playing ICT money games, counting and sorting coins and playing I spy coins in the maths area and outside we have been playing 2's 5's and 10's ball games and hopscotch. Also, this week we had a visit from the Mid and West Wales Fire Service who came to teach us all about fire safety. We learnt about what firemen wear and how they help a range of people in their work. We looked at dangers in the home and how we can prevent them. We listened to a story about a dragon called Sbarc, he accidently caused a fire with matches and because of his actions we learnt what to do in the case of a fire.

Year 5 News ~ Last week, we had our final week working with Jack and Kian from the Premier League Primary Stars. We have had a fantastic eight weeks working with them and are very sad that it has come to an end. Thank you to them both for delivering exciting and fun lessons. This week, we had the fire service in. They spoke about how to prevent fires in our homes and what to do if we have encountered a fire.

We have been working on data in maths. We collected our own data, making tally charts and frequency tables to show the favourite fruits on our peers in class. We then used this data to draw accurate bar charts, devising questions for our friends to answer about our graphs in order to analyse them. We also created line graphs using given data to show the different growth rates of two sunflowers. This week, it was Universal Children's Day. We spoke about our rights and discussed the difference between a right and a want. We then completed an activity to sort our different rights onto three categories, deciding on whether they are about our safety, our health or our happiness. We started our new topic in PE, gymnastics. We have working on leaps and jumps, particularly stag jumps and split leaps.

Trampolining Competition ~ Huge congratulations to one of our Year 4 pupils on competing in her first ever trampolining competition. She travelled to Cardiff where she represented Baglan Primary School in the Regional Trampolining Competition. Well done, we are all so proud of you.

Cooking competitions ~This week, our budding chefs took part in the CogUrdd (cooking) and PobUrdd cookery competitions as part of the Urdd Eisteddfod programme.
The CogUrdd contest encourages young people from different age groups (Years 4–6, 7–9, up to 19, and even 19–25) to showcase their cooking skills. Our Year 5 pupil had to prepare everything on the spot within strict time limits (up to 45 minutes for younger pupils) and bring all her own ingredients. What a fantastic achievement!
On the other hand, PobUrdd is the Urdd's home-cooking contest for younger children (Primary) PobUrdd is designed to be accessible and fun, helping young people build confidence in the kitchen while celebrating Welsh language and culture. Our Year 4 pupils made the most incredible cake and had to tell the judge exactly how it was made. Another fantastic achievement!
It has been wonderful to see both of our pupils take part, experimenting with flavours, working under pressure, and supporting one another. The experience is about more than just competition — it's about creativity, practical skills, and the pride of producing something you can share and enjoy. Diolch girls.

Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair

Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Araya PW ~ for a super week in school, she has worked hard and always tries her best, da iawn Araya. Cari T ~ for super coding work when directing the time. Brilliant!
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Sofia-Rose F ~ for her great ideas for planning our birthday party. Aubree A ~ for trying hard and helping others to learn the actions for our Christmas songs, well done Aubree.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Bronwyn H ~ for her excellent ideas when contributing to our brace map about what makes a good party. Well done Bronwyn. Arthur B ~ for doing a fantastic job learning the words to our songs for the Christmas concert.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Maddie M ~ for excellent speaking with expression in our concert practice, da iawn. Ellis R ~ for his fantastic fact file in independent choice activity. Gwych.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 3	Harry D ~ for showing perseverance throughout all tasks. Isabella TM ~ for being more independent and showing creativity. Well done Isabella.
Mrs Roosmalen/ Mrs H Selley ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Aurora O & Iylah-Leigh B ~ for their super creative ideas when discussing a Christmas scene. Gwaith da.
Miss Noon ~ Dosbarth 4 & 5	Oliva D ~ for drawing an accurate bar graph using the success criteria. Da iawn Olivia. Saxon W ~ for writing a set of instructions. Bendigedig Saxon.
Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Rosie A ~ for an excellent bar chart showing the dates she had gathered about her classmate's favourite fruit. Evelyn C ~ for always being such a kind and caring friend to everyone.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Reuben R ~ for his excellent work on division, da iawn. Charlie L ~ for working so well in mathematics, well done Charlie.
Mrs White ~ all classes	Edith BG & Harry C ~ for their excellent ball skills in PE, da iawn both.

Dates for the Diary	
28.11.2025	Cinderella Pantomime (kindly organised by PTA)
04.12.2025	Morning & Afternoon 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	Techniquest 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 1.15pm

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11.12.2025	Christmas Dinner ~ pupils may wear festive clothes if they wish.
16.12.2025	Winter Wonderland ~ The Foundation children will enjoy a variety of Christmas activities and a special visit from Santa. To enable the children to enjoy this fun experience we would greatly appreciate a £2 contribution. Please send £2 in an envelope marked with your child's name. During this day children may wear Christmas jumper (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