



Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 12.12.25

Baglan Primary School is a 'Rights Respecting School.' The article of the month for December is Article 14 - The right to follow your own religion.



Snow & Ice - Important Information for Parents

During snowy or icy conditions, we follow our Snow and Ice Safety Procedure to keep everyone safe on site:

- Elmwood Road gate will be closed. All pupils, including Year 5 & 6 pupils who normally walk to school on their own, must use the main school gate on Lodge Drive.
- A gritted, safe pathway will be created from the main gate to the school entrance. Cones will mark these safe routes — please ensure children follow them at all times.
- Additional gritted pathways will be provided for access to Breakfast Club and the staff car park.
- Parents and carers will be kept informed through Schoop if access arrangements change.
- If severe weather makes the site unsafe, the Headteacher may decide to close the school. If this happens, parents and carers will be notified promptly, and details will also appear on the Neath Port Talbot Emergency School Closures page.

Year 1 News ~ What a wonderfully busy and magical week we've had in Year 1! We enjoyed a fantastic pantomime on Friday. The children loved watching the characters bring the story of Cinderella to life, our school hall was full of laughter and excitement. A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for supplying us with snacks to enjoy during the show! We also had an unforgettable visit to Technquest. Although the bus journey was quite long, we made the most of it by chatting happily with our friends. Once we arrived, we stored our coats and bags and set off to explore. We were spoiled for choice with hands-on activities: a magic floating ball, a water canal system, a ramp that made objects roll upwards, a special chair that made one of us look enormous while another looked tiny, and even a plasma ball! The excitement continued as we moved to the



Human Body area, where we learned about teeth, the heart, muscles, bones and of course had a turn on the indoor slide! After lunch, we headed upstairs where we explored exhibits all about space and our planet. The tornado machine and the giant slide were definite favourites! It has also been truly wonderful to see so many families attend our Christmas concerts this week. The children have worked incredibly hard learning their songs, and they absolutely loved performing for you. We hope you enjoyed the show as much as they enjoyed taking part. On Thursday, we celebrated Christmas dinner together. The children enjoyed tucking into their festive meals with friends while listening to Christmas songs there was such a joyful atmosphere in the hall. Back in class, we have been busy writing recounts of our trip to Technquest. We also created tally charts and block graphs to help us choose a name for our class Elf... and the clear winner was Jingles! He has certainly kept us on our toes this week with a range of challenges, including maths puzzles, tricky word problems and reading tasks. He's definitely brought some extra Christmas mischief into Year 1! We're so proud of the children for their enthusiasm, curiosity and festive cheer this week. What a brilliant way to begin the Christmas countdown!

Nursery News ~ What a wonderful week we've had in Nursery! The children were



absolutely fantastic in the Christmas concert, we are so proud of every single one of them. They looked brilliant in their costumes, sang beautifully, and remembered all the actions perfectly. Our afternoon children really enjoyed the Craft-a-noon session, which provided a lovely opportunity for parents and children to take part in a range of fun, festive activities together. We had a great time taking photos in the "Elfie Frame," making chocolate biscuit wreaths, and much more! In class this week, we've

continued with lots of exciting Christmas-themed activities. We played "I Spy" to help us recognise and remember our initial sounds, and we've been practising our fine motor and early handwriting skills by tracing different patterns. The children especially loved using the whiteboard pens! It's been a busy and very festive week in Nursery!



Year 6 News ~ We have had a busy festive week in Year

6. We very much enjoyed participating in our final Christmas Production in Baglan Primary.



A huge thank you to all the parents for the beautiful costumes and for working so hard with the children on learning lines. We hope you all enjoyed it. In maths, we have been revising the four rules of number by solving word problems with a festive feel! In English, we have been learning how to use conjunctions at the start of sentences to turn them into complex sentences. In Welsh, we have been learning the Christmas Poem Nadolig and revising key vocabulary linked to Christmas through our 'drillio' sessions. We have used

Thinking Hats as part of our topic to consider whether festivals and celebrations are over

commercialised. We looked at a variety of festivals and considered how they have changed over time and whether we have lost the true meaning of some of these festivals.

Mrs White's News ~ Year 3 have been working hard carrying out a map activity where they needed to identify and locate various things in and around Baglan which help people to have a healthy body and healthy mind. The class were able to label the map and found various things such as library, church, the Rugby Football Club, bowling green etc. We discussed what we like to do to stay healthy, and the children talked about going to park, attending clubs such as football or rugby, going to church or going for a walk up Baglan mountain. The children talked about the hairdressers and the Bagle Brook restaurant as places people may go to feel happy and to relax, and therefore they are making a healthy mind. Da iawn pawb!



Year 4 & 5 News ~ This week, Year 4 & 5 have been busy rehearsing for our Christmas concert, and we were delighted to perform in front of so many familiar faces. Thank you



to everyone who came to support us. In mathematics, we have been exploring symmetry. We discussed lines of symmetry and identified which shapes and images are symmetrical or asymmetrical. The children then completed a range of symmetry activities, including finishing symmetrical pictures and creating their own shapes with a partner. In Literacy, we continued our work on possessive pronouns, focusing on how and

when to use them accurately before applying them in our own sentences. We also used our Giglets reading platform to enjoy a Christmas story together and answered comprehension questions using our higher order thinking skills. We further developed our oracy skills through Welsh conversation, asking and answering questions with a partner about our daily routines. In addition, our Year 4 pupils continued their sessions with the Premier League football programme. On Thursday, lots of us enjoyed eating our Christmas dinner. We also learnt about Christmas around the World and have a better understanding about how other countries celebrate.



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Harriet W ~ for a super performance during our Christmas concert. Ardderchog Harriet. Macsen B ~ for being an independent member of the class and exploring new activities. Da iawn Macsen.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Adelina M ~ for trying hard to write her name, da iawn Adelina. Arthur R ~ for using the 'mark making' area with independence. Ardderchog Arthur.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Arthur B ~ for doing a great job writing his recount of our trip to Techniquet. Well done Arthur. Bleu L ~ for helping the Elf work out maths problems and getting them all right! Da iawn Bleu.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Bradley A ~ for super multiplication in maths, gwych! Willow P ~ for creating kindness messages and always being a lovely friend. Bendigedig!
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 3	Finnley D ~ for thinking of useful adjectives to use in poems. Ellis R ~ for writing a fantastic descriptive poem.
Mrs Roosmalen/ Mrs H Selley ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Iylah Leigh B ~ for her confident reading, super progress Iylah Leigh. Harlee P ~ for developing into a mature and confident reader, well done Harlee.
Miss Noon ~ Dosbarth 4 & 5	Luna P ~ for taking on lots of different parts, at short notice, during our Christmas concert. Thank you Luna. Ethan HSL ~ for awesome maths work. Well done Ethan.
Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Ava M ~ for contributing excellent points to our discussion on whether we should have a school uniform or not. Ardderchog! Jacob C ~ for putting lots of effort into his gymnastics routine in PE and making such great improvements. Gwaith da Jacob!
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	River W ~ for being so dependable and organised, thank you River. Noah T ~ for always working hard in all areas. Da iawn.
Mrs White ~ all classes	Maddox R and Elara R ~ for their excellent atlas work. Ardderchog!

Dates for the Diary

16.12.2025	Winter Wonderland ~ The Foundation children will enjoy a variety of Christmas activities and a special visit from Santa. 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
05.01.2026	Pupils return to school
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