



# Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

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Baglan Primary School is a 'Rights Respecting School.' The article of the month for January is Article 29 - The right to be the best you can be.



**Nursery News ~ Happy New Year!**  
Welcome back everyone! We hope everyone had enjoyable but relaxing time over Christmas! It has been lovely to welcome everyone back and hear all their lovely news and stories about the fun and fantastic things they have done over Christmas. We have been sharing this news with our friends and recording it in our busy books. We have also been practising writing our names independently. We looked at the different letters in our names and how to form the letters correctly. It was a chilly start back to school with some of us even having some snow. We enjoyed singing the Welsh weather song 'Mae hi'n bwrw eira' to say it had been snowing. We have also created a 2026 craft by painting our hands to create the number 0.

**Year 3 & 4 News ~ Welcome back to everyone and a Happy New Year.** We have all arrived back in school and are happy to start a new term. The really cold and icy weather has been a bit of a

shock, but we have carried on with our learning in class.

This week we have started our new topic called 'Coal Mining in Wales.' We have worked together to plan our learning journey by brainstorming ideas about what we already know and what we would like to find out about coal and coal mining. Some of our Year 4 pupils have visited the Big Pit National Coal Museum in Blaenavon and were able to share their knowledge and the interesting



facts they had learned. We were very interested in the role of children in the mines and the role of the canary. We then created our own mind map, learning journey and chose the areas we were most interested in to research and learn about. We then went on to sequence a timeline looking at the history of coal from the 1500s to the present day. In maths this week we have been looking at data handling. We have been interrogating information from charts, tick boxes and lists and answering questions.

**Reception News** ~ We have had a great first week of 2026 and enjoyed saying Happy New Year to each other. We were amazed to see the snow and ice and enjoyed talking about our experiences. As a group we designed a snowman, making sure we had all the parts, and this then helped us when designing own. Our first learning task was to share our holiday news. We had fun scanning the QR codes to watch the videos we recorded for Santa and then shared what presents we had and what we did on Christmas Day. Next, we used JIT Mix to record our learning and created a class book. We have also been thinking about our learning for this term, we have decided we would like to explore real life superheroes now and in the past and also fairy tales. It has also been nice to get back into our routine with our phonic and number learning. We are very good at Fred talk when building words.



**Year 3 News** ~ Croeso, welcome back to a new term! We have returned full of energy and enthusiasm. This term, our topic is all about Coal Mining in Wales. We have really enjoyed discussing what we already know about coal mining and have created interesting questions to research independently. We are already showing empathy towards the children who worked down the mines and considering the impact this could have had on their futures.

In mathematics, we have been ordering numbers and exploring their value. We have been finding different ways to make 20 using given numbers such as 2, 3, and 4. We have also enjoyed writing numbers in words, with some of us even working confidently with numbers in the thousands! We are thoroughly enjoying our Pie Corbett story, The Girl Who Worked in the Dark. We have listened carefully to the story, created a story map, and developed actions to help us retell it confidently. In P.E., we have enjoyed gymnastics, exploring different ways of moving at various levels. We have been deciding how to travel along a bench and how to dismount carefully using a variety of techniques.



**Year 1 & 2 News** ~ Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! Happy New Year from Year 1 and 2. We have all settled quickly back into the start of the spring term and we have been writing about our holidays and Christmas news. We began our new theme 'Coal Mining in Wales'. We began by looking at a piece of coal and guessing what it was. When Mrs Giles told us it was coal, we shared our knowledge about what is used for. Some of us knew it was for a fire and that it can be used to make steam trains move as a fuel. We then read some facts about coal mining in Wales and ordered some key history dates on a timeline.



In numeracy we have been recapping our number knowledge with 100 square puzzles and then went on to read numbers to 999 and partitioned them to gain further place value understanding of the hundreds. This term we are taking part in music lessons every Tuesday with Mrs James. We began with warm up songs and activities and then started learning a Winter song and played instruments to the music focusing on long and short sounds. We will be entering the Welsh Heritage Competition again this year and would like your help. Our theme is 'Black Gold Beneath Baglan' and 'Coal Mining in Wales.' If you know any history that can help on this topic we would love to hear about it. Maybe you have a relative from the past who worked in the mines, old photos, stories or you'd like to research and help our project. Please share with your children or the class teacher. Diolch.

Safe and considerate parking around the school ~ We would like to remind everyone about the importance of safe and considerate parking around the school grounds, especially at drop-off and collection times.

For the safety of all our pupils and the local community, we kindly ask that you please remember:

- Not to park near school entrances and exits, where pupils may be leaving the school at the end of the day
- Not to park on zig-zag lines
- Not to park on pavements
- Not to block our neighbours' driveways

These measures are essential to keep children safe and to maintain good relationships with our neighbours.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Year 5 News ~ Welcome back to school after the winter break! In Year 5, we have been busy getting stuck into our new topic of coal mining in Wales. We have about the history of coal mining where we were given major events that happened and had to research the dates these happened and put them in order to create a timeline.

We have discussed what we already know about coal mining and shared some ideas on the type of things we would like to learn throughout the topic.

We started looking at our new class novel, 'coal dust and dreams', making predication of what we think will happen using the title, cover picture and blurb.

We also started dance in PE. We are creating small group routines with children in the mines as our inspiration. We created small tunnels by kneeling in two rows and holding hands which we had to crawl through one at a time to experience what it would have been like to move in such a small, cramped space. In pairs, we then thought by five stills/balances that represents how the children would have moved in the mines and devised the first 8 counts of our routine, showing someone going down into the mine.

We have completed a cooperative learning task where we had to research where the different mines were located in Wales and plot them onto a map.



At the beginning of the week, we each had to write a recount of one day in our winter break as an assessment piece of writing, to show if our writing skills have improved over the last term.

In maths, we have been learning about angles. We know the different names for the different types of angles; we have learnt how to measure them accurately using a protractor and how to draw them. We have also learnt how to find the missing angle on a straight line and a in a full circle.



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Joshua F ~ for talking in great detail about his Christmas holiday, da iawn Joshua. Roman G ~ for his lovely Christmas recount. Bendigedig!
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Arthur R ~ for trying very hard during our phonic sessions. Ardderchog Arthur. Willow D ~ for her great Fred Talk when typing words into the Mix JIT resource. Da iawn Willow.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Otis D ~ for his great estimation skills in maths. Da iawn Otis. Grayson D ~ for excellent letter formation in RWI, well done Grayson.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Rory D ~ for his excellent 100 square puzzle work. Bendigedig! Mila N ~ for her fantastic news writing, including the features of a recount. Ardderchog Mila.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 3	Joe M ~ for writing a detailed recount of his Christmas holidays. Baden BG ~ for showing enthusiasm with class Pie Corbett story.
Mrs Roosmalen/ Mrs H Selley ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Olivia J, Blake K, Harper L and Lyla H ~ for their great brainstorming ideas using the Poplet app. Bendigedig!
Miss Noon ~ Dosbarth 4 & 5	Fletcher W ~ for working so hard to improve his reading. Gwaith da. Nancy T ~ for her awesome maths work. Da iawn Nancy.
Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Pippa-Mae B ~ for excellent work on angles in maths, da iawn Pippa. Olivia J ~ for lovely predictions on what she thinks will happen in our new class novel.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Carter P ~ for his super effort when working with equivalent fractions, well done Carter. Sophia J ~ for working so hard on fractions in maths, da iawn Sophia.
Mrs White ~ all classes	Evan H and Aurora O ~ for their great work ordering, and understanding how coal was made, fantastig!

Dates for the Diary	
16.01.2026	CAMHs Parental Workshop 9 am (Emotional Regulation)
19.01.2026	PTA Blue Monday ~ pupils may wear clothes that make 'YOU Happy'. Donation of £1 on ParentPay, thank you.
23.01.2026	CAMHs Parental Workshop 9 am (Anger)

30.01.2026	CAMHs Parental Workshop 9 am (Worries)
11.02.2026	Nursery open afternoon 12:15pm ~ 1.15pm. Afternoon nursery session 1.20pm ~ 3.20pm on this day.
13.02.2026	CAMHs Parental Workshop 9 am (Self-esteem and resilience)
16.02.2026 ~ 20.02.2026	February Half-term break
27.02.2026	St David's Day Celebrations: We would like to encourage pupils to wear, Red, White or Green. Traditional Welsh costume, Welsh rugby jersey, or red clothing to school on this day.
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