



Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 13.02.26

Baglan Primary School is a 'Rights Respecting School.' The article of the month for February is Article 17 -I have the right to get information in lots of ways, as long as it's safe.



Year 6 News ~ As part of our work in English, we have looked at persuasive writing. We have identified different persuasive techniques including rhetorical questions, logical connectives, alliteration and power of three. In class, we have written our own rhetorical questions and identified alliteration in texts. In maths, we have been working on fractions and percentages. We have used our knowledge of fractions to calculate 25%, 50%. 10% and 75% of a quantity. We have played a variety of fraction games to consolidate our understanding. We have also looked at pie charts. As part of our work on coal, we have researched and discussed the impact of the 80s Miner's Strike on Wales. In Welsh, we have read the text 'Canu yn y Cor' and answered questions about the text. We are working hard to learn our words for our Welsh Heritage Concert, and we are looking forward to performing for you after half term. Best wishes for a happy and restful half-term.



Year 4 & 5 News ~ This half term has been a lovely one as we began our new topic 'Coal Mining in Wales.' The Year 4 & 5 children have really enjoyed exploring this subject. We discovered that Baglan itself once had many coal mines, and the learners have been eager to share information, facts, and even family history connected to the mines. In literacy, we have been focusing on prepositions. The children have completed a range of activities to develop their understanding and use them confidently in sentences. We also completed a reading comprehension about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, discussing their significance within different religions. In maths, our focus has been on 2D and 3D shapes. We have talked about their names, properties, and vertices, and practised drawing them.

The children also compared real-life objects around the school to deepen their understanding of 3D shapes. Our February Right of the Month is Article 17: I have the right to get information in lots of ways, as long as it's safe. We discussed how to check whether a website is trustworthy and recorded different strategies for staying safe online. As it was also Internet Safety Day on Tuesday, we marked the occasion by designing our own AI tools. On Friday, Year 4 completed their final sessions with the Premier League Football Stars. The children thoroughly enjoyed both the classroom-based and practical skills sessions and have learnt so much from the experience.



Attendance News ~ Congratulations to the following pupils who have the most improved attendance from the same period last year. What a fantastic achievement, we are so proud of you!

Class	Pupils
Reception	Zacharias A
Reception	Owen E
Reception	Elara M
Year 1	Otis D
Year 1	Enzo F
Year 1 & 2	Lincoln J
Year 1 & 2	Madison M
Year 3	Isabella TM
Year 3	Sebastian MW
Year 3	Andrew J
Year 3 & 4	Trubel G
Year 3 & 4	Blake R
Year 3 & 4	Lyla H
Year 4 & 5	Ronny M
Year 4 & 5	Theo R
Year 5	Brooke D
Year 5	Kelsie J
Year 5	Romeo E
Year 6	Lola J
Year 6	Jesse E
Year 6	River W



Nursery News ~ This half term in Nursery, we have been busy enjoying lots of hands-on learning. We had great fun making our own coal cookies. First, we checked that we had all the ingredients, then we mixed them together carefully. After that, we scooped the mixture into cake cases to take home and enjoy. They looked very tasty! To extend our learning, we created simple recipe cards with four clear instructions so that someone else could make the cookies too. In the creative area, we explored using different tools to break down "coal" into smaller pieces.

This was lots of fun and helped to strengthen our fine motor skills. In the construction area, the children worked together brilliantly to build towers of different heights.

They shared ideas, solved problems and showed fantastic teamwork. We also used our Higher Order Thinking skills to decide what a miner would need to wear. We agreed that a helmet and head torch were essential, but sunglasses and shorts were definitely not suitable! We are very proud of all the children and their hard work this half term. Have a lovely half term break everyone!



Year 1 News ~ This week in Year 1 we have been continuing our mining topic, and the children have been busy exploring a wide variety of practical, creative and thoughtful activities linked to life in the coal mines. We began the week by sorting objects into mining and non-mining groups, helping the children think about what tools and equipment would have been used underground. The children also labelled a miner and matched mining words to the correct tools, building up their topic vocabulary and understanding of mining life. The children have worked hard to write a diary entry from the perspective of a coal miner, imagining

the jobs, feelings and challenges miners would have experienced each day. This activity helped the children to empathise with the past and explore the routines of life down the mine. We continued to practise our fine motor and number skills by using tweezers to pick up pieces of 'coal' and match them to numbers, an excellent activity for strengthening fingers and improving number recognition. The children also used cotton buds and black paint to create striking outline pictures of miners, inspired by the dark, dusty colours of mining scenes. In Welsh, we continued discussing "Beth wyt ti'n hoffi?", talking about likes and dislikes in simple sentences. We then linked this to our topic work by writing about what we would pack in a miner's lunch, using Welsh vocabulary to describe our chosen items. We also learned about St Valentine's Day, discussing kindness and the different ways we can show we care for others. The children enjoyed making their own Valentine's cards, decorating them beautifully and writing thoughtful messages inside. As part of Safer Internet Day, the children learned about how to stay safe online. We talked about what to do if something doesn't feel right, who to speak to for help and how to make sensible choices when using digital devices. The class then created colourful posters to share these important safety messages.

Mrs White's News ~ This term in Year 1 & 2 we have been looking at food and nutrients. The children have enjoyed learning about the different food groups and learning about what is needed to have a balanced diet. We have looked at the diet of a coal miner and what they would take down the mine and how they would carry it in a lunch box to stop animals eating their lunch. This week we made sandwiches and the children really enjoyed. They learned lots of skills from choosing their ingredients, buttering bread, cutting the sandwich in half and wrapping it in foil.



Great work carried out by the children and we hope they all enjoyed their yummy sandwiches when they got home from school!

This week brings mixed emotions as we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Roosmalen, who is retiring after 12 wonderful years supporting pupils, staff, and parents alike at Baglan Primary School. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication and care she has shown throughout her time at our school. While we are sad to see Mrs Roosmalen leave, we are also delighted to welcome Mr Rees, who will be joining us on 9th March. We look forward to Mr Rees becoming part of our school community and know you will join us in giving him a warm welcome.



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Amber G ~ for her super writing when creating a coal cookie recipe card. Da iawn Amber. Macsen B ~ for super listening and attention skills during bucket time. Ardderchog Macsen.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Parker CR ~ for his growing independent skills at lunch time. Excellent Parker. Sophia J ~ for her great knowledge of heavy and light objects. Well done Sophia.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Bronwyn H ~ for doing a great job when matching mining words to mining tools. Da iawn. Arthur E ~ for working really carefully to use tweezers to count the pieces of coal. Bendigedig.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Willow P ~ for her fantastic use of commas in list sentences. Bendigedig! Xavier P ~ for his excellent vertical addition in maths. Gwaith gwych!
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 3	Allana-J B ~ for using her imagination and vocabulary to write a detailed diary entry, da iawn. Elara R- for showing a fantastic understanding of measure by converting kg to g.
Mrs Roosmalen/ Mrs H Selley ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Benjamin VN ~ for his great progress in reading and working hard to improve. Bendigedig Benjamin. Julio D ~ for always working hard in class to improve his skills across the curriculum. Gwaith da Julio. Charlie A ~ for his super work learning about the features of a coal mine. Bendigedig Charlie.
Miss Noon ~ Dosbarth 4 & 5	Saxon W ~ for being so kind and helpful around the classroom. Diolch Saxon. Ieuan L ~ for his awesome work in maths about 3D shapes. Da iawn.
Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Evelyn C ~ for always giving excellent contributions to lessons and trying hard with her work, da iawn Evelyn. Luna R ~ for fantastic contributions to our class song helping to change the lyrics from 'Pink Pony Club' to a mining theme, 'Pit Pony Club'.
Mrs Smart ~	Charlie L ~ for the excellent progress he is making in maths,

Dosbarth 6	ardderchog Charlie. Daisy S ~ for her excellent work when rounding in maths. Gwaith da.
Mrs White ~ all classes	Iestyn W and Isla-Mae P (Year 2) ~ for fantastic skills used when making a sandwich. Ardderchog!

Dates for the Diary	
16.02.2026 ~ 20.02.2026	February Half-term break
23.02.2026	Pupils return from Half-term
23.02.2026	Mile a Day Week ~ Wellbeing Warriors have organised to run, jog, walk, 15 minutes a day within school time. Please can all pupils wear trainers every day for this week.
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. (Please note there will be a change in school dinner menu this day, were there will be a choice of Welsh cake for desert).
02 & 03.03.2026	Big Pit Trip for Year 3 ~ Year 6 pupils. More information to follow.
05.03.2026	World Book Day: pupils are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character.
09.03.2026	Year 6 Class Photographs
11.03.2026	INSET DAY ~ School closed to pupils
12.03.2026	Welsh Heritage Performance at 1.30pm. Please note more information will follow, there will be 1 ticket per family, per performance.
18.03.2026	Welsh Heritage Performance at 1.30pm. Please note more information will follow, there will be 1 ticket per family, per performance.
25.03.2026	Morning Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade with parents. Afternoon Nursery Easter Extravaganza with parents.
30.03.2026 ~ 10.04.2026	Easter Holidays
30.04.2026	Purple Up Day ~ Pupils may wear purple to support our Armed Forces, donation of £1 on ParentPay please. Many thanks
25.05.2026 ~ 29.05.2026	May Half-term break
15.06.2026 ~ 19.06.2026	Llangrannog Residential Week ~ Year 5 & 6 pupils
19.06.2026	Morning Nursery School Dinner Day. There is a charge of £2.35 for this, payable via ParentPay. Many thanks
24.06.2026	Nursery Sports Day ~ Morning Nursery at 9.30am in our infant hall. Afternoon Nursery: Family Fitness at 1.30pm in our infant hall. (infant hall is accessible through our main entrance)
30.06.2026	Morning Nursery Graduation Photographs.
08.07.2026	Morning Nursery Graduation at 9.30am in our main hall. Parents and grandparents are all welcome.
20.07.2026	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils