



Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 27.02.26

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 ~ We have had a busy start to the term. On Monday, we had a fantastic cricket session with Steve Maddocks from Cricket Wales. He taught us some catching, throwing and batting skills. We finished the session with a super game of Kwik Cricket. We are very much looking forward to the other sessions later in the term. In English, we have revised persuasive writing techniques, and we practised writing a persuasive paragraph in our cooperative learning groups. In maths, we have revised our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. On Tuesday, we had a fantastic music session with Mrs James. We sang a lively song about coal mining and discussed what miners did in their spare time. This week, we have been taking part in the daily mile. It has been so lovely to get out in the fresh air and do some exercise. It has been great for our mental health, and we hope to do it again later in the school year.



Reception News ~ On Monday we were very excited to show and share our mining creations for the Eisteddfod competition. We took part in circle-time and showed each other what we had made and chatted about how and who we made our creation with. Linked to the mining theme we decided to explore the story of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.' This week we enjoyed the story, thinking of the characters and the different parts of the story. We are now using our knowledge and remembering skills to

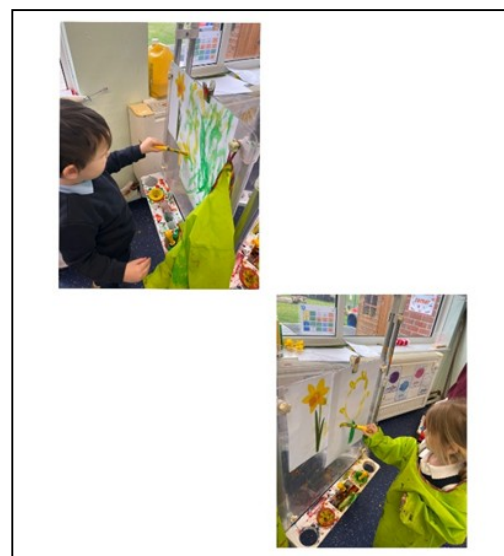
order images of the story.

We also had fun role playing the story in our tuff spot and the dwarfs hid some gems and jewels. Within our mathematical learning we counted the dwarfs and used our problem-solving skills to share different amount of gems, ensuring each dwarf had the same amount. This week we have been taking part in the schools walking activity. Every day we have been walking and running around the playground while chatting to our friends, it has been lots of fun and super healthy for us. On Friday we celebrated St David's Day, we enjoyed singing Welsh songs, finding out who Saint David is and how we celebrate the special day. The best part was tasting Welsh cakes and cheese.



Nursery News ~ Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a lovely half term. It has been wonderful to see the children back in Nursery and ready to learn. We have also welcomed some new children and families to our afternoon session. They have settled in beautifully and we are so pleased to have them with us. This week, we have taken part in 'The Walk a Mile a Day' The children really enjoyed getting outside each day to walk together. It has been a great way to keep active and enjoy some fresh air with friends. In the creative area, we have been painting daffodils. We looked carefully at pictures and real daffodils before creating our own. The children used green paint for the stems and yellow for the petals.

Their artwork looks fantastic and has brightened up our classroom. We have also been developing our maths and ICT skills by playing counting and matching games on Topmarks using the interactive whiteboard. The children practised counting objects and matching them to the correct numeral by selecting the answer on the board. Well done to everyone for a great first week back!



Year 3 & 4 News ~ Blwyddyn 3 & 4 have been reading and writing rhyming poetry this week. We have been reading rhyming books by the author Julia Donaldson to help. In maths, we have started working with fractions. We have been working with Welsh language poem 'swn' which is all about noise. This is linked to our Black Gold Beneath Baglan topic as it was so noisy underground! Pupils have enjoyed cricket sessions with Cricket Wales this week, our PE day will now change to a Monday so we can take part in these sessions. We very much enjoyed taking part in our school Eisteddfod for Dydd Gwyl Dewi.

We took part in Welsh language activities all afternoon, these were set by the Criw Cymraeg.



Newyddion Criw Cymraeg ~ Criw Cymraeg have had a busy week! We have been organising and preparing for Dydd Gwyl Dewi celebrations. All classes took part in our Eisteddfod on Friday. We have been looking through all the fantastic Eisteddfod homework entries and have chosen a winner from each class. We were amazed by some of the creations! We also organised activities for all classes on Friday afternoon, pupils took part in ICT tasks, yard games, Dewi Sant story and so much more! Dydd Gwyl Dewi hapus i bawb!

Year 3 News ~ We hope the children have had a wonderful half term; they have returned full of energy and ready to learn. We have had a busy and active week. We have enjoyed taking part in the A Mile a Day walk for Wellbeing Week, where we walked the perimeter of the junior and infant playgrounds, completing many laps to reach the one-mile target each day. We successfully completed all five miles over the

school week, and we are very proud of ourselves. We also had a very drizzly but fun first cricket session, where we used our hand-eye coordination and took part in paired challenges. We enjoyed our music session with Mrs James, where we identified long and short sounds using a variety of instruments. We discussed how instruments vibrate and how to change the length of sounds. We were very enthusiastic when recalling the sounds we might hear down in a coal mine, suggesting everything from the creaking of carts to the echo deep underground. In maths, we have been using symbols to compare numbers. We have also been adding 1, 10 and 100 to given numbers. We are showing great improvement in our mental maths skills, completing the Daily 10 and improving our scores. We have also begun learning how to write a newspaper article. We have been adding to our working wall to ensure all the key steps are included. We started by exploring the 5 Ws and how to use them correctly in an article. We had great discussions with our partners, asking and answering the 5 W questions.



Year 1 & 2 News ~ We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. It has been wonderful welcoming the children back into class and they have settled in beautifully and jumped straight into a fun-filled, busy week of learning! In Literacy, we have been exploring a range of skills: The children practised adding clarity to their sentences by correctly using commas when listing items. We looked at features of diary entries and compared two diaries looking at content and style. Pupils continued developing their phonics and spelling through focused Read Write Inc activities. This week in Numeracy, the children worked on doubling and halving numbers using our new songs to help us.



We also continued working on addition and subtraction in vertical calculation form. In a higher order thinking skills activity, we used our imaginations to think of questions we would ask a pit pony if it could talk. The children came up with thoughtful, curious and sometimes very funny suggestions—excellent creative thinking! On Thursday, we visited the library for a special author visit with Jess Webb the author of a book titled 'A Home

for Spark the Dragon'. The children listened brilliantly and enjoyed hearing about what inspired the author to write stories. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate books and storytelling. Friday was full of Welsh pride as we celebrated St David's Day! We performed our class Welsh song in the school Eisteddfod—the children sang beautifully and represented our class with confidence. We analysed information to understand why we celebrate St David's Day, using a fishbone diagram to organise our ideas. The children also enjoyed completing St David's Day mosaic colourings, showing great attention to detail and creativity.



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Elsie D and Arlo M ~ for their super number recognition during our maths games. Ardderchog!
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Bonnie R ~ for remembering lots about our focus story, 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.' Rowan C ~ for knowing both the beginning and end of our focus story. Da iawn.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Jaxon AJ ~ for trying really hard to learn his part for our show and speaking clearly during practise. Keep it up Jaxon. Leo D ~ for showing great understanding when sorting mining and non-mining objects. Well done Leo.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Maddie M ~ for super doubling skill in numeracy. Gwaith gwych. Lunafreya AJ ~ for creative thinking when planning a mining diary entry. Bendigedig.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 3	Oliver E ~ for using his plan and writing a detailed, emotional diary entry. Da iawn. Matilda G ~ for using the 5 Ws to write a detailed opening for a newspaper article. Arderrchog!
Mrs Roosmalen/ Mrs H Selley ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Joshua J ~ for his excellent work with fractions in maths, bendigedig! James D ~ for his super attitude towards his work. Dal ati!
Miss Noon ~ Dosbarth 4 & 5	Ruby w ~ for her awesome maths work, weighing different objects. Olivia D ~ for her super knowledge about Aneurin Bevan, da iawn.
Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Kelsie J ~ for her excellent contributions to our class descriptive paragraphs. Isabelle N ~ for her excellent problem solving on a task about the 6

	Nations rugby.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Heidi C ~ for working so hard in her cooperative group to write a persuasive paragraph. Thank you for sharing it with Mrs Morgan. Lola J ~ for her excellent work on percentages in maths. Well done Lola. Ollie W ~ for being a super example to others in our cricket sessions. Diolch Ollie.
Mrs White ~ all classes	Finley and Elara R ~ for their great work learning about electrical circuits. Da iawn.

Dates for the Diary	
23.02.2026 ~ 06.03.2026	PTA Mother's Day Gift ~ Please note this is payable via Parent Pay. Information via Schoop.
02 & 03.03.2026	Big Pit Trip for Year 3 ~ Year 6 pupils. Consent forms have been sent home; packed lunch would be required on these days. 02.03.2026 ~ Year 5 & 6 pupils. 03.03.2026 ~ Year 3, 3/4 & 4/5 pupils.
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. Available via ParentPay
18.03.2026	Welsh Heritage Performance at 1.30pm. Please note more information will follow, there will be 1 ticket per family, per performance. Available via ParentPay
20.03.2026	Red Nose Day ~ Pupils may wear red clothing or Comic Relief merchandise to school on this day, £1.00 donation via the just giving page. Information on Schoop. Many thanks
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