



Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 06.03.26

Baglan Primary School is a 'Rights Respecting School.' The article of the month for March is Article 30 -I have the right to use my own language and celebrate my culture.



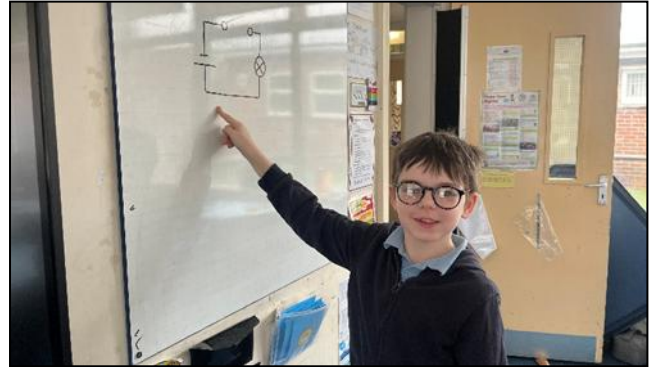
Huge congratulations to one of our outstanding Year 6 pupils who has achieved an exceptional sporting milestone! He has been selected as one of just four boys to represent Wales in the International Primary Schools Competition taking place next month in Glasgow. Impressively, he is a year younger than many of his competitors making this achievement even more remarkable. His selection follows an excellent performance at the Rhondda Open 2026, where he won both the U11 and U13 categories. We are also thrilled to share that he has been chosen as the 2nd seed in the Welsh team. We are incredibly proud of his dedication, talent, and sportsmanship—well done!

Year 4 & 5 News ~ This week in maths, we have been learning about function machines. We began with one-step function machines before moving on to two-step function machines. We finished the week by exploring inverse operations and how they can be used to work backwards through a function machine. In Literacy, we have been learning about children's rights during the mining era and how these rights have changed over time. We discovered that children had very few rights until the introduction of The Mines Act of 1842 and later the Coal Mines Regulation Acts of the 1860s-1900s. Over the next few weeks, we will be writing a letter explaining why children should not work in coal mines, so we have started brainstorming our key reasons. On Tuesday, we visited the Big Pit. We were very excited about the trip and thoroughly enjoyed learning about mining. We took part in a workshop, where some of us dressed in traditional miners' clothing. We also explored the grounds of the Big Pit and asked lots of thoughtful questions, showing great curiosity throughout the day. On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book characters. It was wonderful to see all the children in costume and to hear them explain why they chose their characters. We also discussed the importance of reading and how it supports us in everyday life.



On Friday, we completed our STEM activity. We designed, planned, and created a safer coal mine using recyclable materials. We tested each design to see if it was strong enough to hold the earth above and whether materials could move underneath it. Thank you for sending in recyclable items to support this activity, the children really enjoyed the challenge!

Mrs White's News ~ Blwyddyn 3 have really enjoyed working on our new topic and learning about electrical circuits. They have learned the names of the symbols, started to look at what makes a circuit complete and started to explore circuits. The children really enjoyed getting the bulbs to light up, buzzers to sound and motors to run. Well done everyone! What a great job!



Year 5 News ~ In Year 5, we thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Big Pit mining museum. We took part in a workshop where we learnt about four influential people in the world of mining. Four children from our class were chosen to dress up as these people to help bring the history to life. We went down the mine in the big lift and experienced how cramped and dark it would have been for the workers underground. We had a fantastic day and learnt a lot of extremely interesting information. The following day, we created recounts of our trip, making sure we wrote about the day in detail, using adjectives, adverbs and the five senses to describe our day fully and including our thoughts and feelings at each point throughout the day. We have taken part in World Book Day this week too. We all came into school dressed as characters from books we have read and completed reading related activities. We had to complete a reading scanger hunt, looking through different books to find different things such as a word we didn't know the meaning of, a simile or an interesting fact. We redesigned the front cover for our favourite book and did an A-Z activity of the names of different novels. We played dodgeball this week for PE. We love this game and were very excited to play. We had a class tournament where we were



put into four groups, and every group played each other once. We had a points system where we gained two points for a win, one for a draw and none for a loss. It was great fun. In maths, we have been learning about fraction, decimals and percentage equivalences. We know that all of these things are not whole items, but only a part of something. We are able to work out what certain fractions are as decimals and as percentages.

Year 1 News ~ This week, we spent lots of time learning about St David's Day. We explored who St David was, listened to the story of his life, and talked about why he is so important to Wales. The children really enjoyed all of our creative activities: they made finger painted Welsh flags, created symmetrical Welsh themed pictures, and even built their own daffodils and dragons out of LEGO.

We were incredibly impressed with their imagination and teamwork! In Literacy, we began reading Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs, which the children absolutely loved. Inspired by the story, Mr Atkins surprised the class with a mystery box! Everyone made brilliant guesses about what might be inside. Once we opened it, we wrote a list of some of the objects we found. Later, we played a fun memory game where some of the items secretly disappeared, and the children had to work out what was missing! In Maths, we have been working on sorting objects into categories such as mining and non-mining, linking to Wales and its history. We also used blocks to estimate and measure toy dinosaurs, which caused lots of excitement and brilliant mathematical thinking. On Thursday, we enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and had great fun sharing stories and listening to books throughout the day. It was lovely to see how enthusiastic they were about reading and talking about their favourite characters.

Nursery News ~ This week in Nursery, we have continued exploring our coal topic. The children have been investigating different pieces of coal by weighing them on a scale and using the vocabulary heavy and light. They were fascinated watching the scale tip up and down depending on the weight and made wonderful links to how a seesaw works at the park. It has been fantastic to see their curiosity and thinking skills in action! We have also introduced some positive changes to our daily routine. When the children enter the classroom, we now begin with a short movement session where we wiggle and dance to help wake up our bodies and minds. This helps everyone feel focused and ready to join in with carpet time alongside their friends. At tidy-up time, we have launched our new 'Tidy Up Team'. Each day, a different group of children takes responsibility for helping to tidy the



classroom. We have seen fantastic teamwork throughout the week! Each team receives a mini certificate and a sticky star to celebrate their super tidying efforts. While the Tidy Up Team are busy, the rest of the class enjoys some calming Cosmic Yoga time – a lovely way to relax and reset together. The children have responded so positively to these new routines, and we are very proud of them all.



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Ruby P & Jett P ~ for their super higher order thinking skills when completing an activity linked to mining. Da iawn Ruby and Jett!
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Elsie S ~ for her good ordering of images that make up the Snow White story. Da iawn Elsie. Penelope J ~ for trying hard to eat all her lunch in school, bendigedig Penelope.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Eliza T ~ for her excellent, independent work during our mystery box task. Hunter G ~ for knowing lots of dinosaur facts and names when discussing Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Cordelia G ~ for her fantastic RWInc. reading and answering questions. Ardderchog Cordelia. Dylan W ~ for his excellent halving and doubling in maths. Bendigedig!
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 3	Elliot S ~ for sharing his knowledge about mining on our school trip to Big Pit. Diolch Elliot. Harper W ~ for always being so kind and helpful towards other. Thank you Harper.
Mrs H Selley ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Blake R ~ for his excellent work when adding fractions - gwyh Blake. Lyla H ~ for her great work when using rhyme in poetry. Ardderchog!
Miss Noon ~ Dosbarth 4 & 5	Jacob W ~ for his awesome maths work when using function machines. Da iawn. Theo R ~ for his awesome knowledge shown in the Big Pit. Bendigedig!
Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Luna R ~ for asking lots of interesting questions on our trip - da iawn Luna. Charlie D ~ for an excellent recount of our school trip.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Phoebe K ~ for working really hard on ratio in maths, da iawn Phoebe. Noah T ~ for his super behaviour and enthusiasm on our trip to Big Pit.
Mrs White ~ all classes	Olivia J and Joshua J ~ for their excellent drawing of a pit head, da iawn!

Dates for the Diary

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