



Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 13.03.26

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.



Year 1 & 2 News ~ Over the last two weeks in Blwyddyn 1 a 2, the children have been working incredibly hard as we prepare for our Welsh Heritage performance for parents, the community and our special judging visit. Their enthusiasm, talent and confidence have been wonderful to see, and Mrs Giles is very proud of how well they are learning the songs, actions and speaking parts. In Numeracy, we have been exploring 3D shapes, learning to recognise their properties and names, and even creating our own 3D models. The children enjoyed the hands-on challenge of building 3D flowers and cards using their instruction reading skills and cutting and sticking skills. We have



also been tackling some tricky vertical addition, focusing especially on calculations that involve carrying a ten. The class has shown brilliant perseverance and growing accuracy. In Literacy, we celebrated World Book Day with great excitement. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed writing detailed character descriptions based on who they came to school dressed as. We made bookmarks, designed book covers, wrote blurbs and shared our favourite books too. We learned this week that the meteorological spring began on March 1st, while astronomical spring starts on March 20th. Using this as our inspiration, we have been building a

rich spring vocabulary bank, and the pupils have been writing beautiful spring poems and descriptive sentences. The class has been wonderfully creative as we prepared cards and gifts for Mother's Day. They put so much care, thought and love into their work, and we hope these special keepsakes bring lots of smiles at home. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our mums and the special women in our lives a wonderful Mothering Sunday this weekend.



Year 3 & 4 News ~ This week in Year 3 & 4 we have started working with time in maths. We have been working with units of time, converting seconds, minutes and hours. As part of our language work, we are learning about the layout and features of diary writing. We



very much enjoyed performing our Welsh Heritage performance for parents and are looking forward to welcoming the judge on Monday. Recently, we have been taking part in cricket sessions with Cricket Wales. We had a wonderful trip to Big Pit last week. We took part in various tours and workshops and learnt about the history of coal mining in Wales.

Reception News ~ Our Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs learning has continued. We used our knowledge of the story to take part in a story map activity, and this has helped to understand the beginning, middle and the end of the story. In our outdoor learning we have been exploring our independent skills. We had fun being dwarfs and thinking of ways to move

different objects e.g. blocks, bricks and coal. Our role play makeup mirror was transformed into the magic mirror and we asked it "Mirror, mirror on the wall tell me what I am best of all?" The mirror then answered, sharing with us what we are best at doing. It was lots of fun and we loved hearing the mirror's ideas. Within our maths learning we have been busy using then gems the dwarfs had mined to estimate and count sets of gems. We also shared the gems between us and were challenged to think of ways to sort the gems. Some of us sorted them by colour and shape. World Book Day was a wonderful day, and we all looked amazing in our fantastic costumes. In class we created videos to share what character we were dressed as, what book we are from and why we dressed as the different characters. We also enjoyed performing for our families in the Welsh Heritage performance, thank you for supporting us.



Year 3 News ~ We continue to enjoy the cricket sessions and are steadily gaining more knowledge about the game, including its rules and the importance of hand-eye coordination when using the bat correctly. We certainly have some promising young cricketers in this class! We have also enjoyed adding to our working wall, focusing on the key features of a newspaper article such as headlines, captions, tense, quotation marks, and overall layout. As part of this work, we have been researching the Aberfan Disaster. Our discussions have shown great maturity and empathy toward those who lost their lives, and we have explored both the causes of the disaster and its impact on the village and local community. Our visit to The Big Pit was very successful. Although we were disappointed that we were unable to go underground in the lift, we thoroughly enjoyed the tour.





The guide was engaging and informative, and he was impressed by the prior knowledge we had about coal mines. Dressing up as members of a coal family during the workshop was also a highlight. World Book Day was a lovely celebration, giving us the chance to share our favourite books, discuss the stories, and explain why they are special to us. The costumes were

incredibly creative, and we enjoyed taking part in a range of World Book Day activities.



Nursery News ~ This week we have enjoyed reading the story Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. We had lots of fun singing the song "Hi Ho, Hi Ho, It's Off to Work We Go!" and even took part in some Snow White Cosmic Yoga, where we enjoyed moving our bodies in lots of different ways. In the maths area, we challenged ourselves with a game of Spot the Difference. We had to look very carefully at the pictures to find the six differences in each one - it was quite tricky! For Messy Monday, we had great fun playing in the foam. In the creative area, we have been busy making Mother's Day

cards, and we can't wait for our mums to see them. We have also started learning some Easter songs as we get ready for our upcoming Easter Bonnet Day with parents.



Year 5 News ~ In Year 5, we have learning how to tell the time on analogue clocks. We have started by recapping on the four main times (o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to). We then moved onto five-minute intervals, counting round the clock in jumps of five. Next week, we will be working on all times on an analogue clock.

We performed in the first of our Welsh Heritage performances this week. We were all very nervous to go on stage, but we all performed fantastically. We are looking forward to doing it again for the Welsh Heritage judge next week. We have a cricket session this week where we practiced our agility, throwing and teamwork skills. We then split in half and played a match. It was great fun and the score was extremely close, 46-43.

We met our new teacher this week, Mr Rees. We did a task where we got to know him and he learned more about us. We are looking forward to doing more with him next week too, as he will be with us every Thursday.

We have also completed some independent tasks this week. This week, the tasks we had to choose from were creative. We were able to either draw a very detailed, labelled picture of a miner; create a silhouette painting of either a miner or a mine; or using charcoal and chalk to draw a mining themed picture.

We were able to collect any resources we needed to complete the task and use our imaginations to create a piece of art.

We also went on another trip this week. We went to see a play called HOP - The Hopeful Hare, which dealt with the themes of loss and grief. We had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the show. We were able to discuss the moral of the story back in class and gained a lot from it.



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair

Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	River W ~ for using great questions linked to the story of Snow White. Ardderchog River. Harvey T ~ for always being a kind and helpful member of the class - a super role model. Da iawn Harvey.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Toby A ~ for his excellent estimating and counting skills when working with gems. Da iawn Toby. Anwen R ~ for sharing a number of gems with your friends from the story. Well done.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Avery L ~ for his excellent speedy reading in Read Write Inc. Ardderchog Avery. Arthur B ~ for sequencing and retelling the story 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs.' Bendigedig!
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Autumn I ~ for her great shape recognition in maths, bendigedig Autumn. Esme NW ~ for her creative poem writing on 'spring.' Gwaith gwyth.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 3	Ellis R ~ for writing a detailed recount sharing his experiences and views. Da iawn Ellis. Bodhi PW ~ for recalling his trip to Big Pit in such detail. Well done Bodhi.
Mrs H Selley ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Benjamin VN ~ for his super maths skills when converting units of time. Bendigedig! Harlee P ~ for her beautiful art skills when designing her Mother's Day card. Da iawn Harlee.
Miss Noon ~ Dosbarth 4 & 5	Jaxson M ~ for always being kind and helping friends. Da iawn. Ronny M ~ for his super completion of function machines in maths.
Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Thea E ~ for her beautiful silhouette painting based on mining. Da iawn Thea. Olivia J ~ for her fantastic effort during our cricket session, well done.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Ollie W ~ for his excellent participation in our cricket sessions, da iawn Ollie. Isabella M ~ for hitting the biggest '6' of the game in cricket. Bendigedig!
Mrs White ~ all classes	Daisy S and Ted H ~ for working so hard in our class music lessons. Da iawn both.

Dates for the Diary

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