



Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 20.03.26

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 6 News ~ In maths, we have been working on ratio, using our understanding of fractions to solve the word problems. We have also been learning how to find the area and perimeter of rectangles, compound shapes and triangles. In English, we have written a persuasive letter to the manager of a colliery to ask him to improve safety standards in the mine. We included lots of persuasive techniques including power of 3, facts and figures, and rhetorical questions. As part of our work on coal, we learned about the inspirational Aneurin Bevan who established the NHS in Wales and who fought tirelessly for the rights of others. In Welsh, we created a database of our likes, dislikes and favourite and least favourite subjects. We then learned how to carry our single and double searches of the database. We have really enjoyed our cricket skills sessions with Steve Maddock and our skills are improving each week. In music, we have been studying two Welsh choirs and evaluating the voices used and how they harmonise.



Year 4 & 5 News ~ In Year 4 & 5, we have been learning about position and direction in maths. The children first completed questions in their books, followed by a practical activity where they had to guide a blindfolded partner through an obstacle course. This helped them develop both their communication skills and their understanding of position and direction. In English, we have been planning to write a persuasive letter. The children explored rhetorical questions and other persuasive techniques before writing a letter to the government, urging them to stop the production of coal mining. In our topic work, we have been investigating push and pull forces. We compared different objects and tested whether they could be pushed, pulled, or both. The children also



performed their Spring concert, *Black Gold Beneath Baglan*, all about coal mining. They read a poem and sang a song—thank you to everyone for your support this term.

Sports News ~ Pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 attended the Ysgol Bae Baglan hockey and rugby festival last week. The boys took part in the rugby tournament, putting their skills into practice by competing against a range of teams, scoring numerous tries, and demonstrating excellent teamwork. They thoroughly enjoyed their final rugby event at YBB. The girls participated in the hockey tournament for the first time. Despite having only three training sessions beforehand, they performed exceptionally well and managed to score two goals. Many thanks to all parents and carers for providing gum shields for the event. After a challenging first match, the girls developed a stronger understanding of the game and went on to win two fixtures. They greatly enjoyed the experience and are eager to take part in another hockey tournament in the future.



Nursery News ~ This week, we continued exploring the story *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, with a focus on the dwarfs' emotions and feelings. The children worked in small groups to take turns acting out different emotions. "Happy" and "sleepy" were clear favourites, and everyone had lots of fun while building confidence in expressing themselves. We have also been developing our independence skills. The children have been practising finding their own wellies and getting ready to go outside. They remembered to put their shoes in the correct



drawer with their picture before putting on their wellies.

It has been lovely to see the sunshine this week. We enjoyed singing "Mae hi'n heulog" during carpet time and made the most of the warm weather by spending lots of time outdoors together. We even had our snack outside, which made it extra fun for the children.



Mrs White's News ~ In groups, Year 4 & 5 really enjoyed our practical lesson exploring shadows. They needed to work out how shadows were formed and they did this by moving the light in and out and making shapes with their hands. They discovered that if you moved your hand closer to the baking paper the shadow was smaller and if they moved it away from the baking paper it became bigger. They measured the distance and found that the shadows were very small at 10cm and at 80cm the shadow filled the baking paper sheet. Great work carried out by the three groups, they worked hard exploring shadows and created a lovely shadow puppet show, at the end of the lesson. Da iawn!



Year 1 News ~ This week in Year 1, we have been incredibly busy preparing for our Welsh

Heritage Show. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the history of mining in our local community, and they were so proud to share their performance with families and the judges. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it! In literacy, we continued our work on Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs. The children sequenced the story using pictures, then worked cooperatively in groups to write their own sentences to retell the story. It was wonderful to see them taking turns, sharing ideas, and supporting one another. In maths, we



focused on number bonds to 10. We practised our mental maths skills and used Numicon and blocks to deepen our understanding. Some children showed such fantastic progress that they moved on to exploring number bonds to 20—well done, Year 1!

With the first signs of spring appearing, we have been learning all about seasonal changes. The children brainstormed what they already knew and then headed outdoors to explore our school grounds in search of even more signs of spring. While outside, we also took the opportunity to tidy up our garden area. The children loved rolling up their sleeves, putting on gardening gloves, and getting stuck into weeding the flower beds to prepare them for new planting. To finish the week, we celebrated Red Nose Day on Friday. Everyone looked fantastic dressed in red, and we enjoyed taking part in a range of fun Red Nose Day activities throughout the day.



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



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| Miss Wilson ~ Nursery | Frankie B ~ for finding all the differences in the Snow-White spot the difference game. Da iawn Frankie. Harrison D ~ for developing his independence skills in class - ardderchog! |
| Mrs Challenger ~ Reception | Asees K and Oscar D ~ for their beautiful singing and actions during our Welsh Heritage performance, ardderchog. |
| Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1 | Rosie P ~ for a super job sequencing the story Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs and retelling it in lots of detail. Da iawn Rosie. River C ~ for knowing every word in our Welsh Heritage performance for the judges. Ardderchog River! |
| Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2 | Sebastian S ~ for settling so well into his new class. Da iawn ti. Maddie R ~ for her excellent spring poem and presentation. Bendigedig! |

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| Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 3 | Andrew J ~ for working hard for his reward and completing his tasks. Well done Andrew. Lola P ~ for researching facts about the Aberfan disaster and sharing this with the class. Da iawn Lola. |
| Mrs H Selley ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4 | James D ~ for his great work with time in maths when working with analogue clocks. Gwych! Isabella G ~ for her understanding when learning about the layout and features of diary writing. Gwych Bella. |
| Miss Noon ~ Dosbarth 4 & 5 | Luna P ~ for her excellent persuasive sentences, bendigedig! Harry L ~ for his awesome position work in maths. Da iawn. |
| Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5 | Harlow P ~ for his great Kennings poem describing himself. Da iawn Harlow. |
| Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6 | Xen L and Morgan P ~ for their great work on area and perimeter. Da iawn, |
| Mrs White ~ all classes | Evan P and Olivia D ~ for their great work exploring shadows, da iawn! |

| Dates for the Diary | |
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| 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 |