



Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 27.03.26

Pupils of the spring term 2026: Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following children who have received our 'Pupil of the term award.' The award is received by pupils who have a very positive attitude, work hard and persevere in making the school community a better place to be.

Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	William E Maeve S
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Sonny T Orla W
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Bleu L Harry C
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 a 2	Mila N David A
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 3	Elliot H Harper W
Mrs Selley & Mr Rees ~ Dosbarth 3 a 4	Harlee P Phoenix H
Miss Noon Dosbarth 4 a 5	Ronny M Isla H
Mrs Myatt Dosbarth 5	Sam T Hollie P
Mrs Smart Dosbarth 6	Lola J Oscar N
Mrs White - all classes	Sophia J Flynn P

Attendance ~ Congratulations to the following children who have achieved 100% attendance up until the 20.03.2026, we are very proud of you:

Class	Pupils
Nursery	Elias B, Evie D, Evelyn B.
Reception	*
Year 1	Catrin J.
Year 1 & 2	Lincoln J, Owen F, Rory D, Sam C.
Year 3	Gwennan J, Matilda G, Alfie BW.
Year 3 & 4	Olivia J.
Year 4 & 5	Evan R.
Year 5	Cobain W, Sam T, Hayden N, Olivia J.

Year 6	*
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Congratulations to the following pupils who have made the greatest improvement in attendance from the same period last year. Well done, keep it up!

Greatest Improvement in Attendance	
Wilf D	Reception
Myles D	Reception
Rowan C	Reception
Belle B	Year 1
Emilia E	Year 1 & 2
Autumn I	Year 1 & 2
Isaac S	Year 1 & 2
Lottie A	Year 3
Finnley D	Year 3
Maddox R	Year 3
Isabella G	Year 3 & 4
Benjamin VN	Year 3 & 4
Harry L	Year 4 & 5
Reeve W	Year 4 & 5
Isabelle N	Year 5
Pippa Mae B	Year 5
Brooke D	Year 5
Alfie G	Year 6
Noah T	Year 6
Oscar N	Year 6

This year we are striving to achieve 95% or above for the year, keep up the good work in helping us achieve this!

% Attendance	
99% ~ 99.99%	Oscar N, Penelope N, Rosie A, Luna P, Jaxson M, Curtis TP, Joshua J, Phoenix H, Luana R, Dylan W, Bradley A, Oscar M, Joshua F.
98% ~ 98.99%	Alfie G, Brooke D, Evan P, Ronny M, Blake R, Lyla H, James D, Joe M, Elliot H, Isaac S, Tommy R, Noah R, Mila N, Esme NW, Cordelia G, Ruby P, Perri D, Arthur Paul BP.
97% ~ 97.99%	Jesse E, Jack E, Iestyn W, DJ M, Xavier P, Arlo B, Zachary R, Lili M, Arlo M, Elsie D, Mason T.
96% ~ 96.99%	Javi M, Flynn P, Isabella M, Phoebe Grace K, Ted H, Romeo E, Lottie Mae F, James R, Hudson R, Isabella G, Rose C, Harper L, Teddy F, Maddie R, Eliza T, Rue P, Ava W, Chloe J.
95% ~ 95.99%	Carter P, Lola J, Tommy R, Rosie S, Ethan HSL, Harlee P, Iylah Leigh B, Evan H, Sebastian MW, Harry D, Isabella TM, Ellis R, Oliver E, Ralph D, Finnley D, David A, Anwen R, Bonnie R, Bleu L, Seren H, Jaxon AJ.

Year 6 News ~ In English, we have been revising features of a diary and used this to write a diary of a miner. We focused on using the past tense, our senses, thoughts and feelings and historical accuracy. In maths, we have calculated the area and perimeter of squares, rectangles and triangles. We have also been revising long multiplication. Last week, we had a 'Free Choice' afternoon where we were given the opportunity to showcase everything we have been learning about coal. We were challenged to create a database of coal mines in Wales, create a PMI grid to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of working in a mine or write a poem about a miner. It was fantastic to see how the children were able to add so much detail to their work based on what they have learnt throughout the afternoon. We have also created databases based on workers in a mine. We can now



confidently create a database, add a record and search a database. On Monday, Steve Maddocks came into school for another cricket session. This week, we focused on bowling. It is great to see how our skills have improved throughout the term.



Mrs White's News ~ Gwaith gwyth Year 6, great work on their choice board activity. All children were very enthusiastic and were challenged to fill a glass jar showing the different layers of the earth. They used various things which were found in our outdoor areas around the school. They labelled the jar showing what each layer was. Well done all, a lovely activity where they worked as a team and researched the topic well.

A huge thank you to Friends of Baglan (PTA) ~ We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful Friends of Baglan for their continued hard work and dedication this term. From organising an uplifting Blue Monday event and hosting the hugely popular Mother's Day Market to running a fantastic two-day cake sale, their efforts have brought so much enjoyment to our pupils. We are also grateful for their support in funding transport for our Key Stage 2 sports day and for providing delicious Easter eggs for all of our children. Their commitment truly enriches our school community.



Year 1 & 2 News ~ In Blwyddyn 1 a 2, the children have continued to shine with their enthusiasm and effort across all areas of learning the last two weeks. On Friday we supported Comic Relief, where pupils proudly came to school dressed in red and took part in completing their special Comic Relief booklets, which included reading challenges, puzzles and problem-solving tasks. In Literacy, we have been learning when to use 'a' or 'an' in a sentence, and the children have impressed Mrs Giles with how quickly they have picked up this important skill. We also explored the Easter Story, sequencing the key events and



discussing their meaning. The class showed great understanding as they ordered pictures, retold the story in their own words and took part in follow up writing activities. Alongside this, the children enjoyed playing Easter and spring themed spelling and memory games on the notebooks with Word Wall games, helping them develop both accuracy and recall in a fun and interactive way. Our Numeracy lessons have been full of challenge. We tackled some tricky addition and subtraction involving bridging and borrowing. We also began some perimeter work, learning how to measure the distance around a shape. In Construction, the children have been building 3D models using spaghetti and marshmallows. They experimented with cubes, cuboids and pyramids, discovering for themselves which structures were sturdy and why (smaller models were most sturdy). The class created delightful shape chicks and carefully assembled 3D paper bunnies in the creative area. It has been another busy, happy and productive term, and we wish you all a happy Easter holidays.



Year 3 News ~ We have been working hard in maths.

To begin with, we have been grouping items to find out how many. As our confidence has grown, we have been using our knowledge of number to work out division sums, using the bus stop method with 2- or 3-digit numbers divided by a single digit. As we are very confident with our times tables, we have been using the inverse (multiplication) to check our answers. From this, we have been multiplying numbers by 10 and then 100, understanding that we can add a zero to the answer when multiplying one-digit numbers. In English, we have been writing our newspaper reports using our detailed plans. We have been making sure to include all the key features and write with detail. We have also begun to use quantifiers in our writing, understanding that these words tell us how much or how many of something there are. We have been using the words a lot, much, many, any, and some to complete sentences and ensure they read correctly. We have been reading the



Easter Story and gaining an understanding of Christian beliefs and traditions. We have been researching symbols of Easter and spring, explaining the meaning behind each symbol. We enjoyed celebrating Red Nose Day and learning about the meaning behind the event. We now understand that charities need money to continue supporting people across the world. We were extremely impressed with the class during their Welsh Heritage performances for parents and judges. We told our story with confidence and enjoyment and the judges were very impressed. We hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Sporting News/ Table tennis ~ Huge congratulations to Alfie who enjoyed an outstanding weekend at the U11 Butterfly National Championships in Cardiff, claiming the national title and also taking an impressive 3rd place in the U13 category. He will now go on to represent Wales at the Linz AG Youth Championships in Austria in April, competing in the U13 event—a challenging but incredibly exciting opportunity that he's very much looking

forward to. Soon after, he'll travel to Glasgow for the Primary Schools International. We would like to wish Alfie every success!

Sporting News/ Gymnastics ~ Rosie G, Luna R, Rose C and Olivia J proudly represented the school at the NPT Schools Gymnastics Competition last week. They took part in a range of challenging categories, including tumble, vault and trampette. The competition was incredibly fierce, but their hard work and determination shone through as they came away with ribbons and medals. We are incredibly proud of every one of them and look forward to seeing them compete again next year in their own age groups.

Reception News ~ This week we have enjoyed lots of springtime and Easter activities. We know that Easter is a special time exploring new life. Last week we enjoyed spring books, poems and a sensory walk around the outdoor school areas. We then worked in cooperative groups to create Spring acrostic poems and used J2e to record our fantastic work. We have also been observing the springtime weather and decided to use a pictogram to record



the weather each day. It has been a mixture of weather and unfortunately the most popular was bwrw glaw. It was fun to take part in some STEM activities, we had a choice between building an egg bridge, balancing/weighing eggs or exploring an egg drop. We each chose the activity we wanted to do and they were all lots of fun to carry out. Within our number learning we took part in Easter egg pattern activity, we explored copying and continuing different step patterns. We also made a paper plate chicks, we sponge painted plates and made yellow handprints, they all look very cute. Our final treat was to go on an Easter egg hunt; we followed clues which took us all around the school and we finally found a basket of Easter treats. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break. Pasg Hapus pawb!

Year 4 & 5 News ~ This week, the children have enjoyed a wonderful mix of creative and active learning. Our Easter crafts were a big hit, giving pupils the chance to get imaginative while also practising key reading comprehension skills through themed activities. In class, the choice board offered engaging drama and speaking opportunities, helping build confidence and expression. Sport has been just as exciting, with lively cricket sessions and Year 4 taking part in multisport, developing teamwork and coordination. In maths, the focus has been on tackling worded problems, encouraging children to apply their reasoning skills in practical contexts. In Literacy, we have been focusing on grammar lessons looking at using adjectives in sentences and changing them into the past tense. We have had a lovely Spring term and are looking forward to our last term in Year 4 and 5.





Nursery News ~ We had a great end to the term with our Easter celebrations. The day began with our Easter Bonnet Parade, where the children enjoyed displaying their creations they made with their parents. The children sang some beautiful Easter songs before a visit from the Easter Bunny with some treats. In the afternoon, we held our Easter Egg-stravaganza. The children took part in a range of crafts, enjoyed singing together and were excited to have a visit from the Easter Bunny. It was lovely to see so many parents join us and

share the day with the children. We also appreciate the positive feedback from this term's parental engagement sessions and look forward to more opportunities in the future.



Year 3 & 4 News ~ Blwyddyn 3 a 4 have been learning about time in maths. We have been working with 5-minute intervals and 12/24 hour time. As part of our language work, we have written a diary entry as a miner, describing what a typical day down a Welsh mine was like. Recently, we have been taking part in cricket sessions with Cricket Wales for PE. As part of our science and technology work, we have been building pit heads out of recycled materials. We have sequenced the Easter story in cooperative learning groups. Year 4 attended a PASS Multisports Festival at Llandarcy. We dressed in red for Red Nose Day. Pasg Hapus i bawb!

Year 1 News ~ We can't believe it's the end of another term and what a busy one it has been! The children have

worked incredibly hard on their mining concept and did a superb job learning their parts and the songs for our Welsh Heritage performance. They should all be very proud of themselves. This week, we have been taking part in lots of Easter activities. We have made Easter cards, listened to the Easter story, and sequenced the events together. On Friday, we had great fun on an Easter egg hunt. The children loved searching for the eggs – and of course, eating them afterwards! In maths, we have continued our work on number bonds and have now



extended this to numbers within 20. We have also been spending time outside looking for signs of spring. We've noticed the weather getting warmer, the trees beginning to sprout new leaves, and the grass growing very long! We have been hard at work tidying up our garden area too. The children have been sweeping and weeding using our gardening tools. We've prepared our planting beds ready for next term, when we will be planting vegetables as part of our new topic, where we'll be learning all about farming and our environment. Have a fantastic Easter, everyone, and make sure you enjoy the eggs!

Year 5 News ~ This week, we finished our class novel, 'Coal Dust and Dreams'. We have thoroughly enjoyed this book and loved reading more of it each week. We created graphs to show the levels of tension at different points throughout the story. The graphs helped us to visually see how the tension peaked and dropped continuously which helped to keep us engaged in the story until the end. We also wrote book reviews to summarise the novel and evaluate how we felt about it. In maths, we have been learning to read and write different times. Last week, we concentrated on analogue time, reading times from clocks and drawing the hands for a given time. This week, we moved onto digital times, converting digital into analogue and vice versa. We have learnt about the Easter story this week, understanding why the festival is important to Christians. We retold the story in a comic book style strip showing that we remembered and understood the main points. We have been doing lots of work on technology this week. We have completed databases with Mr Rees, collecting information about our peers in class and entering this into a database format on HWB. We have also been creating quizzes on a website called Kahoot all about our topic on coal mining. We took turn presenting our quiz to the class for them all to try. We have also taken part in a digital carousel with the Year 6 class. We spent the morning moving around different stations to try out different pieces of technology and software to get a feel for them and see what we could create. In PE, we have been playing cooperative games to work on our teamwork and communication skills.



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Trillbea H ~ for her great contributions during our carpet time. Da iawn Trillbea. Tommy B ~ for great counting and ordering of numbers. Ardderchog Tommy.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Amalie Rae P ~ for creating a lovely Easter picture on JIT paint. Da iawn. Oscar D ~ for always taking part in our morning routines with enthusiasm. Bendigedig Oscar.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Evan R ~ for his excellent independent work when sequencing the Easter Story. Well done Evan. Belle B ~ for giving great answers during our patchwork quilt activity, ardderchog Belle.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 a 2	DJ M ~ for his great counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to start times tables. Gwych! Sam C ~ for his super creative cutting and sticking as part of our Easter activities. Da iawn Sam.
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 3	Harry D ~ for his excellent understanding of division using the 'bus stop' method. Da iawn Harry. Arthur W ~ for using his maths skills to solve problems, super work Arthur.
Mrs Selley/ Mr Rees ~ Dosbarth 3 a 4	Ella W ~ for her excellent effort and attention to detail in her work. Ardderchog Ella. Phoenix H ~ for always being kind to others and polite to everyone, da iawn Phoenix.
Miss Noon ~ Dosbarth 4 a 5	Jacob W ~ for awesome worded problem work in maths. Bendigedig Jacob. Nancy T ~ for her good ideas during our debate and discussions session. Da iawn Nancy.
Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5	Tommy R ~ for a lovely book review on 'Coal Dust and Dreams', da iawn Tommy. Isabelle M ~ for sharing fabulous information on how she celebrates Easter with her family, diolch Isabelle.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Ted H and Javi M ~ for working so hard on their diary entries about life as a miner. Excellent descriptive writing and use of similes. Ardderchog!
Mrs White ~ all classes	Javi M ~ for his excellent leadership skills whilst working in a group, ardderchog Javi. Kenza E ~ for working so hard on her research activities, da iawn.

Dates for the Diary

13.04.2026	All pupils return to school
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

As we head into the spring Break, we want to wish all our parents, carers and children a restful and enjoyable holiday. Whether you are celebrating Easter or simply taking some well-earned time to relax, we hope the break is filled with fun, family time and plenty of sunshine. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school refreshed and ready for the summer term on Monday 13th April.