Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 09.10.26

Please Close the School Gates ~ We kindly ask all parents, carers and visitors to ensure that the school gates are fully closed after entering or leaving the school site.

Keeping our gates closed is a simple but extremely important safety measure. Closed gates help us maintain a secure environment for all pupils, prevent children from leaving the site unsupervised, and reduce the risk of unauthorised visitors entering the school grounds. They also help to keep younger children safe during arrival, break times and at the end of the school day.

We appreciate that mornings and home time can be busy, but taking a moment to check that the gate has closed properly helps us to safeguard everyone in our school community.

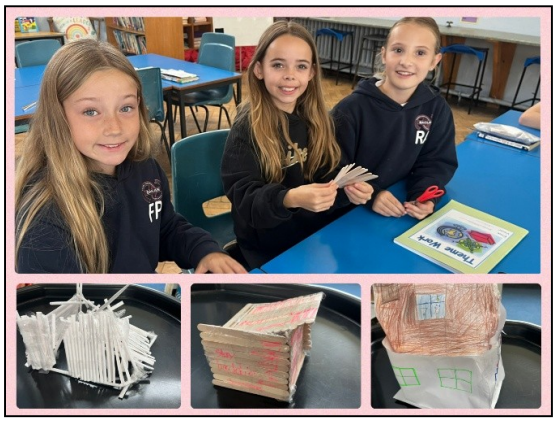
Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our children safe. Together, we can ensure that our school remains a secure and welcoming environment for all.



Year 6 News ~ Year 6 have been working hard across all areas of the curriculum. In literacy, we have been developing our non-chronological report writing skills through creating reports about Malala Yousafzai as part of our learning linked to Black History Month and inspirational individuals who have brought about change in the world. Pupils have worked hard to include key report features such as subheadings, past tense language and subject-specific vocabulary to engage and inform their readers. We have also been exploring similes and metaphors in English lessons, using these techniques to improve our descriptive writing and make our ideas more vivid and imaginative. In mathematics, we have been revising both short multiplication and long multiplication methods. Pupils have worked hard to strengthen their understanding of these key skills before applying them to more challenging reasoning tasks. One such activity involved solving problems linked to Olympic medal totals, where the children had to use their multiplication skills and mathematical reasoning to justify their answers.



In Welsh, we have been learning how to express our likes and dislikes about different school subjects and, importantly, how to give reasons for our opinions. The children have enjoyed practising these conversations and developing their confidence in speaking Welsh. We have also written letters to Mr Urdd. As part of our topic, Change, we have been investigating how schools have changed over time. We have compared schools from the past with schools today and considered whether these changes have been for the better. This has led to some thoughtful discussions, with pupils sharing a range of opinions and supporting their views with evidence from their learning. Da iawn, Year 6. Keep up the fantastic work!



Mrs White's News ~ Gwaith Da! The Year 5 and 6 children worked brilliantly in groups to explore different materials and design and build houses using cardboard, paper, straws, and wooden sticks. Through their investigation, they discovered that the house made from wooden sticks was the strongest. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the challenge, especially testing their creations against a large fan to see which houses could withstand the powerful gusts of wind! The activity encouraged lots of discussion, problem-solving, and teamwork. The class also made excellent links to the story of The Three Little Pigs and used a wide range of impressive vocabulary to describe the different houses and materials. Well done to all the young engineers for their fantastic effort and enthusiasm!



Year 4 & 5 News ~ In Maths in Year 4 & 5, we have been developing our understanding of greater than, less than and equal to. We have now moved on to rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. The children have been working hard and developing their confidence with these important number skills. In Literacy, we have started preparing to write our own newspaper reports. We have explored the key features of an effective newspaper report, practised using direct speech and developed our understanding of facts and evidence. The children will now use everything they have learned to plan and write their own newspaper reports. On Monday, the children brought in baby photographs of themselves for our 'Guess the Baby!' activity. The children had great fun looking at the photographs and trying to work out which of their classmates each baby was! Afterwards, we discussed the different ways we have grown and changed since we were babies. The children thought carefully about how their appearance, abilities and interests have changed as they have grown. It was a fun and engaging way to reflect on just how much they have developed! Year 5 have enjoyed taking part in a ukulele session, where they learned some of the basics of playing the instrument and began developing their music-reading skills. It was lovely to see the children enjoying the opportunity to learn a new musical skill.

Year 5 have also been enjoying Forest School sessions with Mrs Evans. The children have been developing their mathematical skills through fun, practical activities in the outdoor environment. This has been a fantastic opportunity to take their learning outside the classroom and explore Maths in a different way.

<u>Urdd Football Competition</u> ~ On Friday, some of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children took part in the Urdd football competition, where they played against several other schools. The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork, scored some great goals and celebrated several well-deserved wins. Most importantly, everyone had a wonderful time and represented the school brilliantly. Da iawn, pawb!





<u>Nursery News</u> ~ We have had a fantastic week continuing our learning all about farm animals. We explored a range of fiction and non-fiction books to find out more about different animals that live on a farm. We used our new knowledge to name and identify a variety of farm animals and had lots of fun matching the animals to their babies. We already knew some of the baby animal names, but we also discovered lots of new ones too! During our sensory activities, the farm animals had got themselves into a bit of trouble! The children had great fun helping the animals escape from a variety of different materials. This encouraged lots of problem-solving, perseverance and wonderful conversations. In the creative area, we talked about our favourite farm animals and used different coloured paints to create our own fantastic animal pictures. We loved seeing everyone's different ideas and creations! In the construction area, the children have also been very excited to explore and play with some of our new cars and toys. They have enjoyed building, creating and using their imaginations within their play.



<u>Reception & Year 1 News</u> ~ This week in Reception & Year 1, we have been practising counting in 2s and 5s, sequencing number patterns and identifying multiples of 5. We also enjoyed playing addition games using dice, helping us to develop our mental maths skills in a fun and practical way. The children have also been matching numbers to number quantities and objects to strengthen their understanding of number. In Literacy and Fine Motor Development, we have been continuing to work hard on our name formation and letter formation. We have also been developing our cutting and sticking skills through a range of creative activities, helping to improve our hand strength and control.

In PE, we have been playing a variety of fun games designed to develop our gross motor skills. The children have enjoyed practising movements such as running, balancing, jumping and changing direction, whilst learning the importance of working together and following instructions. In Rights Respecting Schools, we explored Article 19, which teaches us that children have the right to be safe and protected from harm. We had some thoughtful discussions about what makes us feel safe both at school and at home, and the children shared some wonderful ideas about the people, places and routines that help them feel secure. As part of our Harvest learning, we sorted different harvest foods into food groups and discussed whether they are healthy or unhealthy choices. We learned about the benefits of different foods and how they help our bodies to grow, stay healthy and have energy for learning and play.
Reception children had a wonderful opportunity to take part in a music session with Mrs Challenger's class. They joined in enthusiastically as they sang a range of fun animal songs and had great fun using musical instruments to accompany the music. It was lovely to see their confidence and enjoyment grow throughout the session.

Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair

Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Harri F ~ for naming and matching all the baby farm animals to their mummies. Da iawn Harri. Amelia L ~ for matching all the mummy and baby farm animals together and naming lots of the baby animals correctly. Ardderchog!
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Halle H ~ for her excellent knowledge about fruit and vegetables during our sorting activity. Well done Halle. Harriet W ~ for engaging with such enthusiasm during our carpet activities. Super work!
Mr Atkins ~ Reception & Dosbarth 1	Theo T ~ for his excellent name formation, super work Theo. Orla W ~ for showing great perseverance in all areas of learning. Da iawn Orla.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Bleu L ~ for always being polite, kind and helpful in our classroom. Diolch Bleu. Rowan C ~ for his excellent addition in maths, bendigedig!
Miss Randall ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Rosie M ~ for working extremely hard on her times tables, well done Rosie. Edith BG ~ for showing such perseverance with her subtraction sums, keep it up Edith.
Mrs Selley & Mr Rees ~ Dosbarth 4	Samuel L ~ for showing more confidence in himself, keep it up Sam. Matilda G ~ for always being so kind and sensible, thank you Matilda.
Miss Noon ~ Dosbarth 4 & 5	Molly B ~ for working really hard on her spelling. Da iawn Molly. Evan H ~ for working hard in rounds numbers in maths. Gwaith da!
Mrs Myatt ~ Dosbarth 5 & 6	Reeve W ~ for his excellent work on subtraction, da iawn Reeve Nancy T ~ for excellent contributions when reading our class novel.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Robin I and Lottie Mae F ~ for their super letters to Mr Urdd, ardderchog! Harlow P ~ for his excellent contribution to our Welsh lesson. Da iawn Harlow.

Mrs White ~ all classes	Alex D ~ for his fantastic independent work describing materials. Da iawn! Cari T ~ Ardderchog, for her excellent teamwork in PE, well done Cari.

Baglan Primary School is a 'Rights respecting school.' The article of the month for October is Article 19, the right to be protected from harm.



Schoop: Please may we ask if parents/carers check their Schoop app for any daily messages or updates.

Dates for the Diary	
13.10.2026 – 14.10.2026	Year 4 Urdd sleepover
15.10.2026	NHS Fluenz Vaccination (For the pupils attending the football competition, we will try to get the vaccination when they return from the tournament. If this is not possible, we will have a mop up sessions on 20.10.2026)
15.10.2026	Year 3 & 4 Urdd mixed football competition – all day
15.10.2026	Year 5 & 6 Urdd girls' football competition – all day
16.10.2026	Urdd cogurdd and poburdd (Urdd cooking and baking competition)
16.10.2026	'Wear Red for Racism Day' donation of a £1 via ParentPay.
20.10.2026	Friends of Baglan – Halloween disco
26.10.2026 – 30.10.2026	Half-term break
13.11.2026	Children in need charity day
26.11.2026	Year 5 & 6 Urdd mixed netball competition – all day
07.12.2026	Year 1 – Year 6 Christmas concert 1:15 pm
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11.12.2026	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
14.12.2026	Odeon Cinema Trip for Key Stage 2 (Year 3 – 6 pupils) Cost of trip is £11.00 via ParentPay.
15.12.2026	Nursery – Year 2 'Winter Wonderland' day in school.
17.12.2026	Party on a plate – whole school