



Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan



Baglan Primary News 06.11.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

School Website ~ <https://baglan-primary-school.j2bloggy.com/>

Our Right of the Month for November is:

Article 19 - The right not to be harmed and to be looked after and kept safe.

In class and in our assemblies, we will be looking at how we are kept safe in school. We will reflect on our class charters and discuss the importance of hand-washing and social distancing. We will be discussing how we can keep each other safe outside of school for example on Bonfire Night.



Walking to and from school alone policy ~ Thank you to all those who completed the survey as part of our consultation process. The results of the survey were sent to our school governors and it was agreed that the policy would be adopted and come in to operation on 01.12.2020. All children from Nursery to Year 4, will need to be brought to Breakfast Club, to school and collected at the end of the day by a parent, carer or a nominated person. All Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will need written permission for them to walk to Breakfast Club, to school or home alone from their parents or carers. Many thanks for your responses and support.

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PTA Halloween Trail ~ A huge thanks you to everyone who participated in the Halloween Pumpkin Hunt! We hope that you all enjoyed and would like to extend our sincerest thanks for supporting our school PTA. A huge thank you to the PTA for their hard work, a huge success in very unprecedented times.



Congratulations to Lottie who won the raffle.

With Christmas fast approaching, the PTA will be sending out the usual Christmas envelopes with an order form for lots of Christmas goodies!



Year 1 & 2 News ~ Just before half term, we had a very enjoyable day in Year 1 and 2 when we became pirates for the day to celebrate our learning on this topic. We got all dressed up in our pirate stripes; pirate t-shirts and our jeans to look like pirates. We took part in role-play, singing, storytelling, making recycled pirate hats and we hunted for treasure. Pirate jokes were a big hit on the day and our favourite joke told to us on the day was by Miss James the school secretary, she asked us, "Where is a pirate's favourite place to shop? Aaaaarrrrgos." We all found it very funny.



This week in maths, we have been working on measuring in cm using a ruler. We drew many lines and measured them, measured pencils and rubbers from our pencil cases and measured pirate poles in our math books. We also worked on addition using place value and how to set out vertical addition.



In Literacy, we looked at an instruction text. We talked about what instructions were, what features they have in written form and we highlighted these on the instruction text. Next, we had to read and sequence a set of instructions on how to brush teeth. We have learnt that instructions use bossy verbs to tell the person or reader what to do. We all became Miss and Mr Bossy to tell each other a bossy verbs to do.

Also, this week we shared the story of Guy Fawkes, read and answered questions on Bonfire Night Safety and created picture scenes of a Bonfire Night Sky.

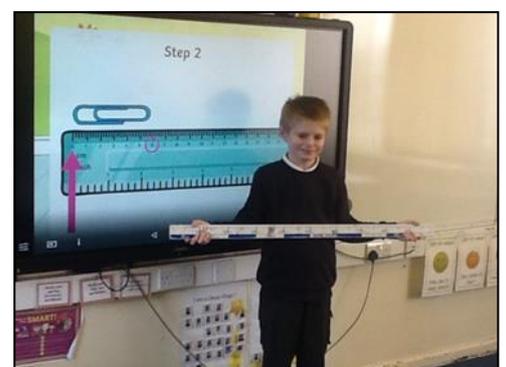
Nursery News ~ Our first week back after half term has gone off with a bang! We have had lots of fun learning about Bonfire Night and creating firework pictures. We watched fireworks on the whiteboard and described how they look in the sky and the sounds that they make. We have been using JIT paint to draw our own colourful



firework pictures using the Ctouch board. In the outdoor area we have been busy working with our friends to create firework splatter paintings. We talked about how we can stay safe on Bonfire night. We enjoyed singing a firework safety song and listening to the story of 'Fireman Fred's Safety Talk'. We have had sparkling time!



Year 3 & 4 News ~ We have all returned from our half term holidays and have been eager to continue with our studies. We have started our new historical topic on World War 2 and have been researching interesting facts about the war and Winston Churchill. Also this week we have celebrated and learned about Remembrance Day and poppies from the First World War. We carried out some problem solving maths tasks linked to buying and selling poppies. In class we have looked at Bonfire night, and the



dangers with fireworks, sparklers and bonfires. We have discussed ways of keeping safe during this time and have written instruction texts. In science we have also started a new topic and this term we will be learning about light and dark. We have already investigated how important light sources are to our daily lives and how we need light to see. We took part in a fun investigation using feely bags to help us get a good understanding. In maths we have been leaning about measure and have been using our rulers to measure objects accurately.



Harvest Appeal ~ A huge thank you, to everyone who made a contribution of food to our Harvest Appeal. The response as usual was fantastic and we have a huge amount of food to

donate to the local Food Bank. Mr. Davies will be collecting the food this week.



Baglan Eco Rangers ~ Baglan Eco Rangers would like to tell everyone that we have retained our Platinum Schools Status for the third year. Being awarded the Eco-Schools Platinum Status is a fantastic achievement for us all but of course especially the Eco Committee and the Eco Rangers. Our case study about Bees, called Bee-eautiful Baglan has been forwarded by Keep Wales Tidy to the Welsh Government to highlight the important work we as an Eco School are doing for biodiversity. Our new 2020/2021 Eco Rangers Committee members are, Mollie, Daisy, Abbie, Naia and Seren and they will be supported this year by our fantastic Eco Rangers. We are already busy planning the year.... So watch this space!



Year 2 & 3 News ~ We have weeded and prepared one of our flowerbeds and planted spring bulbs. As well as looking beautiful, we are hoping that the flowers will be open and full of nectar and pollen available for the early pollinator insects. Our other flowerbed will be prepared and planted with wild flower seeds that will flower all summer long. Along with our herbs and perennial plants we will have a bee-eautiful garden, all summer long.

In maths, we have been practising vertical addition and subtraction maths stories, some with tricky columns. We are getting really good at remembering the correct procedure. We have also been learning about sharing and

grouping embellished real-life division stories. We love doing these and drawing our maths stories. We are also learning to understand halves and quarters and learn our facts by heart. We have written a story-board about the Gunpowder Plot, we all love Bonfire Night and we know how to be safe near fireworks. However we have also been thinking about cause and effect. James was a bad king to the Catholics and so they wanted to get rid of him. He didn't like them because they were Catholic and he was a Protestant. We thought about being cruel and unkind to people just because they are a bit different from us, that is not a good way to behave. We learned the word was prejudice or intolerant and none of us want to be like that. Mrs White is teaching us Geography this year and this

week we have been learning mapping skills, which is so interesting and fun. This week we learned the compass points. The Flipgrid videos are fantastic. Our voices have become clearer and more confident. We have enjoyed making them and watching them. This half term Mrs James will be doing Music with us every Tuesday. It is going to be fantastic.



Children in Need; Together we can change young lives 2020 ~

To support 'Children In Need' this year, we are asking children to wear Pudsey clothes, spots or non-school uniform to school on Friday 13th November 2020. We are asking for a £1 donation to support the charity. Children will take part in wellness lessons in their classes to support Healthy Schools. Many thanks for your support. Baglan Primary School Council.



Reception News ~ This week we have had lots of fun learning about Bonfire Night. First, we found out why we have bonfire night and how we celebrate it today. Within our maths learning, we created 2D and 3D shape rockets and sang a firework counting song. We used our senses to think about the things we see, hear, touch, taste and smell on Bonfire Night. We then thought of lots of adjectives to describe our experiences. Within our creative activities, we had fun making a handprint bonfire and flick painting fireworks. We also used the paint tool in JIT to create fireworks. In PE we used lots of energy to be different fireworks, it was exciting to be a

Catherine wheel, jumping Jack, firecracker and rockets. Linked to Article 19: the right not to be harmed and to be kept safe. We enjoyed a book about safety on bonfire night and we know how important it is to keep safe. We have enjoyed lots of sparkling fun.

Year 5 & 6 News ~ In English we have been writing poems. We have written Kennings poems about ourselves and acrostic poems about World War 2. We have also been studying narrative poems by analysing the poem 'The Highwayman'.

We have started work on fractions in maths. We have learnt how to work out equivalent fractions and how to put fractions in order from the smallest to the largest.



In history, we have learnt about the holocaust this week. We learnt about the awful things that Jewish people, as well as some other minority groups, went through during World War 2. We were all shocked and saddened by the events that took place. We completed research to find out how many people lost their lives in concentration camps throughout the war and what type of living conditions the people would have had to endure.

We have continued our topic of forces in science, this week looking at water resistance. Our task was to build a streamlined boat and see how long it took to cross from one side of a tray of water to the other. We had a competition as a class to see whose boats would be the most streamlined.

Monday was National Stress day, so this week for PE, we took part in a yoga session, as a way of calming our minds and de-stressing. It was a lot of fun, but we found the balancing quite difficult!

As Thursday was Bonfire night, we learnt about the story of Guy Fawkes and the gun powder pot. We even learnt the rhyme! We also designed posters to help people understand how to stay around very dangerous bonfires and fireworks.

Dates for the Diary	
13.11.2020	Children in Need; Together we can change young lives 2020. Pudsey clothes, spots or non-school uniform. Donation £1
17.12.2020	School Christmas Dinner
18.12.2020	Last day of school for pupils
21.12.2020	INSET Day ~ school closed to pupils
22.12.2020	INSET Day ~ school closed to pupils

Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair

Mrs Davies/Miss Wilson ~ Nursery	Reeve W ~ for creating a super fireworks picture using JIT paint. Lyla H ~ for being a fantastic helper in the classroom.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Archie S ~ for knowing lots of his 2D shapes when making a firework rocket. Emilie L ~ for making fantastic firework movements in PE.
Mr Atkins ~ Reception/Dosbarth 1	Rachel Ann T ~ for working so hard in Read Write Inc, super work! Luna R ~ for using excellent descriptive words for fireworks.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Aston J ~ for his excellent number sequencing in 2s, 5s and 10s. Ella E ~ for her fantastic reading and identifying 'bossy' verbs.
Miss Morgan ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Gabriel M and Molly P ~ for their consistent commitment to their learning, well done both.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Amelia D ~ for her beautifully presented work on our rights respecting work. Isaac W ~ for working so hard on his instructional text writing, dal ati Isaac.
Miss Griffiths ~ Dosbarth 4 & 5	Dexter M ~ for his excellent understanding of median and range when handling data, ardderchog! Olivia R ~ for her fantastic work when organising events in chronological order in a World War 2 timeline. Bendigedig.
Miss Peake ~ Dosbarth 5 & 6	Evie J ~ for the fantastic improvement with her multiplication tables. Leo N ~ for his excellent kennings poem about himself.
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Abbie C ~ for working hard in all areas of the curriculum. Naia L ~ for being so kind and caring to her peers, ardderchog! Liam H ~ for working so hard in mathematics, well done!
Miss Randall Dosbarth 5 & 6	Lily May J ~ for always showing enthusiasm in all subject areas. Jackie CE ~ for showing a very good understanding of equivalent fractions.
Mrs White ~	Heidi C and Alfie G ~ for their excellent work when answering

All classes

questions about *Guy Fawkes*.