

Baglan Primary School/ Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

Baglan Primary News 13.11.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Our Right of the Month for November is:

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



Harvest Contributions ~ A huge thank you from one of our school governors, Mr P Davies, who collected the Harvest contributions for the Foodbank this week. Mr Davies wishes to thank the staff, parents and everyone at Baglan Primary School for their tremendous generosity. The total weight of the donations was 254 Kg which will certainly be a great help to the local Foodbank during these difficult times.

Mrs White's News ~ This term Year 6 have enjoyed their Design and Technology project where they were researching different types of bridges and locating different bridges around the world. The children worked hard to come up with a group design and then they carried out a practical lesson of building a bridge out of paper. We agreed on the success criteria as a class and we made the lesson into a competition to see which group had built the strongest bridge. The class thoroughly enjoyed this project and they are looking forward to their next D & T project. Well done Year 6!

Year 6 News ~ In English, we have been learning all about Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. We researched the traditions involved such as: the last post, the unnamed soldier and the wearing of poppies. We have begun writing explanation texts about the topic. In maths, we have started our fractions topic. We have found equivalent fractions and learnt how to simplify fractions. We have also learnt how to calculate a fraction of an amount. In Welsh, we have read the poem "Parti" by Aled Richards. We wrote the poem in our books and decorated it with all the food mentioned in the poem. We then answered questions about the poem. In history, we have been learning all about Anderson Shelters. We were surprised to hear that Anderson



Shelters didn't have toilets and you were expected to use a potty!

Nursery News ~ In the Nursery we have been exploring the Hindu festival of Diwali this week and learning about how it is celebrated around the world. We found out that Diwali is the festival of light and that during this festival people light up their homes and have fireworks. We practised our

cutting skills by making our own paper lanterns. We decorated them with bright colours and glitter. We listened to the story of Rama and Sita who are remembered during Diwali. We have enjoyed learning about shapes and identify 2D shapes in a traditional Rangoli pattern. We watched video clips and had lots of singing our 'It's Diwali' song.

A big thank you to Chloe from Road Safety for our virtual session this week. We learnt all about how to cross the road and stay safe.



Year 4 & 5 News ~ In Year 4 & 5 we have been working with fractions in maths. We have focused on equivalent fractions and fractions of quantities recently. We have been learning about World War Two in history. We have learnt about the Battle of Britain and The Blitz and have written a descriptive text based on a night in an Anderson shelter. We have gone on to learn about evacuees this week. We have thought about precious items we would take in a suitcase if we were evacuated. We have also completed a hot seating task, a pupil took on the role of an evacuee whilst the rest of the class asked them questions. We also took on the role of an evacuee when writing a letter home to our families based on our evacuee experience. We have translated vocabulary relating to evacuees into Welsh, these are our new drilio words. In PE, we took part in a yoga session for National Stress Day, it was


very relaxing. We have been completing silhouette art as part of Remembrance Day. We have also read the World War One poem, In Flanders Fields. We completed various tasks and activities on this poem. We have taken part in a Road Safety session online. We have had a great time celebrating Children in Need today!



Reception & Year 1 News ~ Last week in Reception & Year 1 we have been learning about the story of Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We learned that it was a long time ago and looked at pictures of how people dressed then. We agreed we wouldn't like to dress like that! After learning about the history of Bonfire Night, we talked about

how we celebrate it today. We thought of lots of descriptive words to describe fireworks and the sights, sounds and smells that go with bonfire night. We wrote these words down in our books. We then all discussed the importance of staying safe during bonfire night and we watched a PowerPoint presentation on staying safe and then answered some questions. When we came back to school after celebrating Bonfire Night we shared our experiences of it together and wrote a short recount in our books or told our teacher about it. We also made firework pictures using chalk and finally we wrote a class acrostic poem together.

Dydd Mercher 4 Tachwedd 2020
L.O. Answer questions about Guy Fawkes



1. What month is Bonfire night celebrated?
November
2. What do people see on Bonfire night?
Fireworks
3. What year was the Gunpowder Plot?
1605
4. What city did the Gunpowder Plot Take place in?
London

London 1605 November Fireworks

Mrs. White

Miss Randall's News ~ Throughout the week in English we have been looking at writing non-chronological reports. We have linked this to our topic; World War Two. The class have read

and researched information about air raid shelters and the differing types. We have addressed all the features required for a non-chronological report, including writing in first person and distinguishing between facts and opinions. Our final non-chronological report is going to be about 'How to use a gas mask.' In maths, we have been concentrating on finding decimal, percentage and fraction equivalence. Everyone had a good understanding of finding the equivalent of a percentage to a decimal, and vice versa. We are continuing to work on finding the equivalence to a fraction. The class enjoyed finding a percentage of a quantity, by using the given calculation. Times tables will help in these areas. We celebrated the ending of the war with a 2 minute silence on the 11th hour of the 11th day.

Dates for the Diary

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	Isla H ~ for being a super 'Helpwr y Dydd' and confidently answering our Welsh questions. Ella W ~ for her excellent cutting skills during our Diwali lantern activity.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Rosie G - for creating an amazing fox drawing and finding out lots of facts. Da iawn. Ronny M - for finding out lots of facts about bats and hedgehogs and presenting the information in JIT. Da iawn.
Mr Atkins ~ Reception/ Dosbarth 1	Jack B ~ for his excellent work blending CVC words. Heidi C ~ for working independently with her firework writing.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Javi M ~ for his excellent comparing numbers to 100. Jake D ~ for his fantastic remembering and applying his Read Write Inc. sounds. Well done.
Miss Morgan ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Sahib K ~ for his fantastic attitude to improving his work. Holly C ~ for her perseverance when learning things.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Aiva LW ~ for always putting in a great effort and taking pride in her work. Dal ati Aiva. Taylor H ~ for making very good progress in reading, bendigedig Taylor!
Miss Griffiths ~ Dosbarth 4 & 5	Ava J ~ for working so hard when learning her multiplication tables. Dal ati! Luke C ~ for his excellent work with fractions. Bendigedig!
Miss Peake ~ Dosbarth 5 & 6	Ronnie L ~ for his excellent work finding 10% of numbers. Lily F ~ for carrying out extra research on Anne Frank and the Holocaust in her spare time, fanastic!
Mrs Smart ~ Dosbarth 6	Aaron J ~ for the excellent progress he has made with his multiplication tables. Daisy PK ~ for her super research on Anderson Shelters. Seren C ~ for working so hard across all areas of the curriculum.
Miss Randall Dosbarth 5 & 6	David T ~ for demonstrating a clear understanding in fractions, decimals and percentage equivalence.

	Ashton D ~ for showing a good knowledge and understanding when writing in the first and third person.
Mrs White ~ All classes	Carter E and Aiva LW ~ for their excellent work on recycling!