

Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

Dear Parents and Carers,

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 28.05.21



Year 3 & 4 News ~ We are coming to the end of our first half of the summer term and we are ready for a nice week off school. We have all worked so hard this term and Mrs. Roosmalen has said we deserve a good rest. In class we have been coming to the end of our topic on growing plants and looking at bees. We have been researching interesting facts about bees and how they are so important to us. We have

drawn our own diagrams of bees and labelled them. We used a tutorial online and we were amazed at how well they turned out. In maths we have been revising and learning about time. We looked at analogue and digital time and converted between the two. We also looked at the digital 24 hour clock which was quite a challenge. In English we have been looking at letter writing. We looked at the structure of a letter and used our Chrome Books to word process our own letters. Last week we carried out a really fun activity linked to online safety. We had to log onto "Build Your Legend" and follow the instructions to build a robot. It

really was very challenging and we had to concentrate. The robot we built was amazing and we had so much fun doing it. We would like to wish everyone a lovely half term holiday and we hope the sun shines nice and brightly.



Year 1 & 2 News ~ In Mrs Giles' class this week in literacy we have been learning about animal collective nouns. Did you know a group of gorillas are called a band and a group of parrots are called a pandemonium? We have been using the internet to search for collective nouns and we have also been using the internet to research animal facts for Mrs White to write fact sheets. As well as this we have been working hard on our high frequency word spelling and applying them to our sentence writing. In numeracy we have



been working on measure, learning about perimeter and digital time. We have been measuring around the edge of a range of shapes to calculate the perimeter. Using digital time we have learnt about the minutes that represent o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter too and then matched them to analogue clocks. In humanities we have been thinking about schools and how they have changed over time. We looked at schools past and present and sorted school items into a Venn

diagram and then we googled old school equipment we no longer use today. Not many of us knew how an abacus was used for maths and this was fun to learn about, it is completely different to the numicon we use in class today to learn our maths. Last week year 1 & 2 had a Teams lesson from the Mid and West Wales Fire Service. They shared a story with us about a young dragon named Sbarc and we learnt all about the importance of keeping our homes safe from fires and that we should all have smoke detectors to help this. They said that if anyone needs help with getting smoke detectors for their homes they can phone 08001691234 and the fire service will be happy to help.



Year 2 & 3 News ~ We have been busy learning off by heart the lovely poem called Nature Trail by Benjamin Zephaniah. We have devised our own actions to the poem, it was great fun to do. If you want to watch some of us saying the poem with our actions, check out the QR code. We are the ones who said we wanted to be the best we can be to save our planet.

We wrote our own simile poem from the different animals, we wrote out our poems in our art books in any way we chose and then illustrated it with pictures of the animals and lots of native plants and trees. Some of us are writing adventure stories set in our garden, we are garden animals, or we have shrunk down to mouse size, they are all different and so exciting.

Nature and wild life are so important to our class, we are designing a wild life garden, doing lots of research to make sure all plants and animals have everything they need to grow and flourish. We will be able to use all our knowledge because we will be working with Bug Life Cymru and an artist, who are helping to make the grounds of St Catherine's Church a pollinator centre for Baglan. We are so lucky.

In mathematics we are practising and learning multiplication and division. We are doing data handling, drawing bar charts and finding explicit and implicit information.

Last week, we came into school and our sunflower plants had been strewn all over our corral. Luckily we managed to save some of them and put them in new pots. We felt sad but we thought how much worse it is for animals whose habitats have been destroyed and they have no-where else to go.



Nursery News ~ This week we have had a lovely time in P.E, we have been very busy bees. Through different movements we were calling our bee friends to the flowers to collect the nectar to make honey. To do this we performed a set of sequences, it was funny wiggling to call our friends, it was also fun buzzing about in all different directions. We really

enjoyed our Bug Hunt in the garden this week. We went searching for all different types of bugs that we have been talking about this term; we found lady bugs, butterflies and many more! Once we collected all the bugs we were very clever and named them all. We have loved singing our Bee



songs about the bees buzzing to the hive. In our free writing and drawing area we enjoyed using the different chinks on coloured paper. We hope you all have a wonderful safe half term. See you after the holidays.



Reception News ~ Caterpillar News. Our caterpillars are now in their chrysalis. They have been in there for just over a week and soon they will be transforming into beautiful butterflies. Unfortunately, this may happen during the half term holidays. Mrs Challenger has promised to take photos and will show us when we return to school. She didn't want us to miss this amazing experience so as a surprise we now have more caterpillars in class and we can't wait to watch the life cycle of a caterpillar happen all over again.

Our bean plants have now grown so much and are now very strong. We checked the weather forecast and we thought they were ready to be planted outside. We planted them in our outdoor area and used bamboo sticks to help the plants grow very tall. We still need to ensure they have water and hopefully the plants will get lots of sunlight. Within our maths we have been learning about patterns. We used minibeast pictures to copy and continue 2 or 3 step patterns. Some of the patterns were tricky but we tried our best. As a class we enjoyed reading acrostic bee poems. We then worked together to create a class poem 'Bee Helpful'. We have taken part in lots of fun learning this half term and we are all ready for a little rest. We hope you all have a great half term holiday. Have fun with your families and stay safe.



Year 5 & 6 News ~ We have been writing newspaper reports in Year 5 & 6 this week. We had to choose from four local events that have happened recently, including the house fire on Church Road and Miss Peake's fiancé running the London Marathon in October. We had to create our own success criteria thinking about all the work we have done leading up to writing our reports, and we had to make sure that we included everything from our success criteria when we were writing.

In maths we have been adding and subtracting fractions. At the beginning of the week we were using fractions with the same denominators, but we have moved onto adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators which is a lot trickier! We have even learnt how to simplify our answers and turn improper fractions into mixed numbers.

We have been learning about Ancient Greece in preparation for our new topic after half term, the Olympics. We have learnt where Greece is located on a map and where the empire of the Ancient Greeks rules, before the Romans took over. We have also looked at Greek gods and goddesses, learning the names of the main ones and finding out a little bit about each of them. We read some Ancient Greek myths and legends, and chose one of them to create a storyboard, retelling the story in our own words. In PE, we have been playing tennis. We worked on our serving skills first, learning how to serve and hit the

ball. We have also been working on our agility, moving side to side quickly. We also played doubles, working with a partner to beat another team.

Dates for the Diary	
09.06.2021	Whole School INSET; School closed to pupils
16.06.2021	Whole School INSET; School closed to pupils
23.06.2021	Provisional date for Year 6 to visit Ysgol Bae Baglan
28.06.2021	Year 6 Cycle Craft Week
16.07.2021	Whole School INSET; School closed to pupils



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair

Miss Wilson/ Miss Randall ~ Nursery	Jaxson M ~ for his super sound work during our Read Write Inc. sessions. Aurora O ~ for her beautiful singing of our mini beast songs, da iawn.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Tommy R ~ for his excellent name formation, da iawn Tommy. Thea E ~ for counting to 100 in tens, amazing.
Mr Atkins ~ Reception/ Dosbarth 1	Kelsie J ~ for her lovely number and name work, well done. Reuben R ~ for using Minecraft for Education to build a home in the jungle.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Cassie L ~ for her fantastic digital time reading! Flynn P ~ for his super reading, working so hard on his expression.
Miss Morgan ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Joshua R and Frankie D ~ for making such good progress and working hard, well done both.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Samuel Y ~ for being very kind and considerate in class. Da iawn Samuel. Oliver S ~ for being a super IT monitor, great work Oliver.
Miss Griffiths Dosbarth 4 & 5	Eva N ~ for her great partner research when learning about the honey making process. Gwych! Jack O ~ for his great effort when reflecting shapes in a mirror line in maths, ardderchog!
Miss Peake Dosbarth 5 & 6	Ashton D ~ for writing a wonderful newspaper report. Kingsley B ~ for his fantastic work adding and subtracting fractions with different denominations.
Mrs Smart Dosbarth 6	Poppi K, Alice C and Charlie P ~ for their excellent work on reflective symmetry. Ardderchog!
Mrs White Whole School	Jacob Q and Seren C ~ for their hard work whilst studying our topic 'Japan' in geography.