

Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

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Dear Parents and Carers,

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Right of the Month

Our Right of the Month for June is Article 7 - The right to a name and nationality. As part of our work on this article, we will be looking at what it means to be Welsh, looking at nationalities, languages and flags of the countries competing in the Olympics, The British Lions and Euro 2020. We will also be looking at Welsh sporting stars from the past and present.

Reception News ~ In class we have been exploring ladybirds and spiders. Last week we were developing our doubling skills to 10 using ladybird spots and we used numicon shapes to check. This week we have enjoyed the story Spinderella. Just like in the story we have been doing lots of counting and sharing spiders to make an equal amount in each team. We have also been using the spiders to create number lines and find the missing numbers up to 100 and we even found the missing numbers in two's to 100. We also enjoyed sequencing images of the story, we then read story sentences and matched them to the correct image. Within our creative learning we enjoyed making ladybird potato prints to practise our doubles to ten. On Tuesday all of our caterpillars had transformed into butterflies. We were fascinated by how beautiful they were and then we released them in our outdoor area. We'll be looking out for them in our garden area.



magic water! Did you know it disappears in the sun? We had lots of fun in the sand pit, digging to find treasure. Also, we have been playing in the outdoor kitchen area and making our friends cups of tea, what a treat! There were lovely little tents for us to play in, it was great fun.

Nursery News ~ What a wonderful week we have had in Nursery. We have enjoyed exploring our outdoor garden in the lovely warm sunshine. We also enjoyed painting on the ground using our





We have been watching our cress and mustard seeds growing tall, they now have thin stalks and green leaves. The celery also has flat leaves growing from the bottom of it. We have had fun scattering cress seeds on cotton wool and if we water them, we will see them grow too.

In maths we have been counting and adding different vegetables and characters from the book 'Oliver's Vegetables, we enjoy our counting songs and rhymes. We have enjoyed listening to our welsh song 'Pwy y ti' from Flic A Fflac. For

P.E. we used the different size balls to throw and catch, we are getting good at this.



Year 1 & 2 News ~ This week in Year 1 and 2 we have been working on our Rights Respecting Right of the Month, Article 7 - The right to a name and nationality. For homework we had to gather data about our grandparents, parents and our own birth places. We learnt that our families come from many destinations all around the world and using the data, Mrs Giles created a flag sheet to celebrate all the nationalities in our class families. We had to research the flags, name them and colour them in the correct colours.

We are all proud of our heritage and our nationalities. Also this week we learnt that the Welsh Football team are currently taking part in the EURO's 2020 tournament. We have been re-learning the song that our school learnt at the start of 2020 with Bronwen called 'Wales to Win'. We have been cheering them on last weekend and on Wednesday and hope they do well in the tournament. In Literacy we have been writing our Sidney Spider Friendship stories a paragraph at a time. In humanities we have been learning all about the Spider. We have researched facts on the iPads and notebooks, labelled a spiders' body and watched spider videos of spinning webs, the trap door spider catching its prey and identifying poisonous spiders. In maths we have been calculating math stories with missing numbers and estimating where numbers go on number lines. In PE we have been playing rounder's, we are learning the rules and really enjoying playing the game.



Year 2 & 3 News ~ We have all taken a sunflower seedling home to plant in our own gardens. They had a slow start, however, the seedlings were finally a good size so we can now plant them out, helping bees and pollinators and then birds once the seeds are ready to eat. Our other flowers are doing well too, our sweet peas, Sweet Williams, wild flowers as well as our strawberries and herbs.



This week we listened to a fantastic story about Duffy, the sea turtle. The title of the story was Duffy's Lucky Escape, written by the author Ellie Jackson.

She is from Australia and writes environmental stories about the plight of animals as a result of pollution and global warming and habitat destruction. Ellie now lives in Cardiff. The illustrator is Liz

Oldmeadow and her illustrations are so beautiful too. The story has inspired us to write our own stories and to find out all we can about sea turtles. Turtles have been around since the time of the dinosaurs, they are such fascinating animals and so incredibly beautiful. Leatherback turtles, which are the largest of all the turtles, are found off the coast of Wales!

In maths we have been finding out about different ways of asking the same question, it is fun. We have also had a real life maths story about..... Yes a turtle!!

Mrs White is helping us to find about the Olympics, past and present and in PE we are working in groups to make up sporting games with a range of equipment such as cones, hoops and balls. We have to give it a name and we are making up rules and a fair scoring system. When they are finished we will be to show our game to the other groups, help them to play it and everyone will vote to find out which was the most popular game.

Year 3 & 4 News ~ In our class this week we have started our topic on the Olympics. We know that they are being held in Tokyo this year but we were unsure where they had been



held before. We used our Chrome books to research all the countries that had hosted the Games from 1896 to our present date. We found out that they had been postponed three times before the pandemic due to World War 1 and World War 2. Also in class we have been checking on our garden and keeping an eye on our lovely plants and flowers. Over the half term holidays Mrs. Roosmalen set us a project to make a water feeder out of junk material. There were so many fabulous designs and they were all different. We have started to put them into our garden to keep our plant hydrated during the warm weather. Also in class this

week we have been talking about holidays and days out. In Welsh we have been learning how to write postcards. Over the past two weeks we have taken part in our sessions with Premier Football Stars and Lloyd. It has been such fun and we look forward to seeing him every Friday until the end of term.

Year 5 & 6 News ~ This week in Year 5 & 6 we have been working on persuasive writing. We have learnt how to write conditional sentences using modal verbs. We found out how to structure a persuasive paragraph and how to use different sentence starters to vary our vocabulary.

We have continued our class novel, 'Sky Song'. We thought of questions that we would like to ask the evil character, the Ice Queen. We took it in turns being the role of the Ice Queen to answer the questions in the way that we thought she would.

In maths, we have been working on symmetry and reflection. We started off by drawing the reflected image of different patterns. Then, we moved onto finding lines of symmetry in shapes and flags from around the world. We have also been rotating different shapes around a point, learning the difference between clockwise and anti-clockwise.



We have been learning about the first Olympics this week, comparing the sports from the Ancient Olympics with the sports in the Olympics today.

We also tried out some of the sports from the athletics in the Olympics, seeing how fast we could run 200 metres and how far we could throw a bean bag like a shot put. We will practise these skills over the next few weeks and test ourselves again in the last week to see if we have improved.

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
21.06.2021	Year 6 Cycle Craft Week
07.07.2021/ 08.07.2021	KS2 Bike and Scooter Safety
16.07.2021	Whole School INSET; School closed to pupils



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson/ Miss Randall ~ Nursery	Nancy T ~ for sequencing the story Oliver's Vegetables independently. Jaxson M ~ for being kind and helpful to his friends while playing.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Ralph P ~ for excellent doubling to 10. Da iawn. Rosie S ~ for finding missing numbers to 50. Da iawn.
Mr Atkins ~ Reception/ Dosbarth 1	Carter P ~ for checking his answers in maths by himself. Kenza E ~ for independently writing about where we live.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Sophia J ~ for working really hard on reading her high frequency words. Lili-Mai R ~ for great estimating in maths. Bendigedig.
Miss Morgan ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Kara G ~ for blending her sounds to write words. Finley W and James E ~ for fantastic story writing about a turtle.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Sophie May L ~ for participating so well doing our Premier Football Stars lesson. Da iawn Sophie. Carter E ~ for working hard to improve his maths. Dal ati Carter.
Miss Griffiths Dosbarth 4 & 5	Megan M ~ for your excellent contribution to class discussion when writing a scene for a play script as a class. Noah W ~ for your great work with mechanical books this week.
Miss Peake Dosbarth 5 & 6	Lewis C ~ for excellent work reflecting shapes in maths. Kingsley B ~ for designing a beautiful Greek Olympic vase.
Mrs Smart Dosbarth 6	Morgan P and Jackie CE ~ for working hard in maths.
Mrs White Whole School	Owen W and Lily-May J ~ for working hard on their Titanic topic in English and maths.