

Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

Dear Parents and Carers,

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Baglan Primary News 25.06.21

Mrs White's News ~ This week the children took part in a Science experiment outdoors. We wanted to see whether we could rescue a dinosaur from water. The class found this experiment very interesting and thoroughly enjoyed trying to save the dinosaur from the water by coming up with different ideas. The children discovered that when we dropped the stones in the bucket the water level rose and the dinosaur went to the top. This was because of the weight of the stones made the water rise. We needed six stones to make the water level rise up to the top. We compared this to when we have a bath in the house or when we wash the dishes and the water increases as soon as extra weight is added. We decided to push the stones together and make a tower to make the dinosaur fall over the edge of the bucket. Great ideas given, showing a good understanding of the topic, well done everyone.



Reception & Year 1 News ~ This week in Reception & Year 1 we have been learning about the history of the Olympics. We learned about where the first games were held, when they were held and what events were in them. We have learned about the Olympic Rings and what they stand for (the continents). We used Google Earth to find the continents and to find Japan and look at some of the venues for the games. We have also been learning about Euro 2021 and have looked for all the countries taking part on a map. We have also been learning about the Welsh football team and the players. We have chosen our favourite players by having a vote and recorded this using J2E. We then completed a biography for our favourite players and found out where and when they were born, what club they play for and how many times they have played for Wales. We have also coloured in some Welsh shirts and flags and sent the picture to Miss Colwill's cousin Reuben Colwill.



He has been called up to the Welsh squad for the Euros! Well done Reuben! In Maths we have been learning about 3D shapes and their properties. We have been working hard to remember their names and how many sides, corners and faces they have. We have also been matching the shapes to objects we use in everyday life. In music we have been having fun with Mrs James by acting out some sporting movements linked to music. We were very tired after the lesson! As you may have seen on a previous newsletter, we have very generously been donated some rainbow benches for the children to sit on and we'd like to say a huge thanks to CMP Carpentry for supplying us with the benches!



Nursery News ~ This week in Nursery we have been learning all about plants and flowers. We started the week by reading the story 'Eddie's Garden and How to Make Things Grow'. Through the story, we learnt that we need earth, water, sun and even some creatures to help a garden grow. We then looked at the different parts of a plant and we labelled each part correctly using the words flower, stem, leaves and root. Whilst outdoors, the children



have been picking and collecting a variety of flowers. We then used the 'I Seek' app to identify what each flower was. The children then worked together to sort the flowers into groups. We have enjoyed watching our 'indoor gardens' grow and this week the children practised their cutting skills and snipped the cress down with scissors.

The role play area has been transformed into a 'Garden Centre' and we have had lots of fun using money to purchase different items. We have flowers, seeds and even a lawn mower for sale in our garden centre.

We have continued to enjoy completing 'The 30 days Wild' activities, this week we 'read a wild book' out in the Nursery garden and had 'snack in the wild' using the new rainbow buddy bench.



Year 6 News ~ Last week, we participated in Money Week. We began by looking at average salaries. We had to match salaries to jobs. This proved very difficult! We were surprised to see that many of the doctors, nurses and carers who helped us through the pandemic, earned far less money than politicians. We were amazed at the millions earned by footballers and oil executives. We then looked at how we pay for things - cash, debit card, credit cards and store cards.

We investigated the advantages and disadvantages of the different methods. We also looked at different bank accounts. We all agreed that a Savings Account is vital as we grow older. We have enjoyed researching and comparing the old and modern Olympics. This week, we have been learning about Usain Bolt. We have also been researching the Welsh Olympic hopefuls Owain Doull and Elinor Barker. On Wednesday, we had a great transition morning in Ysgol Bae Baglan. It was great to visit the school and begin to experience what September will be like!



Year 4 & 5 News ~ This week in English Year 4 & 5 have been learning about play scripts. We wrote a scene together as a class based on Little Red Riding Hood. We wrote character descriptions, a setting description and then a script. We have taken part in a music session with Mrs James and have learnt about the Olympic fanfare and other fanfares written by John Williams. In maths, Year 4 & 5 have recently been working with ratio and function machines which included multiplication, division,

subtraction and addition. As the Olympics this year are in Japan, Year 4 & 5 have started making Japan travel brochures which include facts about the country, Japanese words and phrases and exciting places to visit. We have also been designing and creating mechanical books based on the Olympic Games. The mechanisms we are working with are a carousel, horizontal lever, vertical lever and a flap. We have been researching the Japanese artist, Takashi Murakami and his work called Flowers. We have also identified the similarities and differences between previous and the current Olympic mascots. We presented our findings in a Venn diagram. We then went on to design our own Welsh Olympic mascot for the Olympic games in Wales 2024.



| Dates for the Diary | |
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| 28.06.2021 | Year 6 Cycle Craft Week |
| 30.06.2021 | Nursery Sports Day - No parents/ carers are permitted to attend |
| 01.07.2021 | Reception to Year 4 & 5 Sports Day - No parents/ carers are permitted to attend |
| 06.07.2021 | Year 5 & 6 and Year 6 Sports Day - No parents/ carers are permitted to attend |
| 07.07.2021/ 08.07.2021 | KS2 Bike and Scooter Safety |
| 16.07.2021 | Whole School INSET; School closed to pupils |



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| Miss Wilson/ Miss Randall ~ Nursery | Fletcher W ~ for his excellent counting during our Oliver's vegetables activity. Olivia Grace B ~ for becoming more confident and independent in the classroom, da iawn. |
| Mrs Challenger ~ Reception | Florence P ~ for sorting spiders into two teams. Da iawn. Rosie G ~ for her excellent number skills when finding the missing 2's to 100. Da iawn. |
| Mr Atkins ~ Reception/ Dosbarth 1 | Georgina C ~ for her beautifully neat work in her writing book. Kenza E ~ for her excellent thinking and confidence when answering during our Read Write Inc. activities. |
| Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2 | Jesse R ~ for his excellent number investigating in mathematics. Jude B ~ for his fantastic work in symmetry in maths. |
| Miss Morgan ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3 | Noah H ~ for completing all of his Read Write Inc. Well done Noah. Amira H ~ for her fantastic Read Write Inc. results. |
| Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4 | Anabelle W ~ for the great progress in reading, adding beautiful expression. Well done Anabelle. Jeff CE ~ for working really hard when building words, Dal ati Jeff. |
| Miss Griffiths Dosbarth 4 & 5 | Jack O ~ for his clear and confident reading, da iawn Jack! Oliwia R ~ for her excellent work with ratio in maths, ardderchog! |
| Miss Peake Dosbarth 5 & 6 | Ronnie L ~ for his fantastic work drawing a bar graph in maths. Ella D ~ for a wonderful paragraph using the rule of 3 as a persuasive tool. |
| Mrs Smart Dosbarth 6 | Charlie C ~ for working so hard in mathematics and demonstrating great problem solving skills. Kian D ~ for always being polite and well mannered, excellent! |
| Mrs White Whole School | Isabelle D and Louis N (Year 5 & 6) ~ for working incredibly hard on their report about Japan. Well done both. |