

# Baglan Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Baglan

Dear Parents and Carers,

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

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Year 3 & 4 News ~ We only have a few weeks left in school and we have been working hard in class as usual. In maths we have been revising addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have been rounding up and down to the nearest hundred or thousand and practising times tables. We have also been looking at shapes and their angles and learning how to use a protractor. As part of our topic on the Olympics we have been researching the Ancient Greeks and the first Olympic games in Athens. We have also been looking at different stadiums around the world that have held the games.

In small groups we have worked together to design and make our own stadiums. We had to come up with a team name and a stadium of our choice. It has been great fun and we have used loads of glue and sticky tape. On Fridays we have been working with Lloyd from Swansea City Premier Stars. We have really improved with our ball skills and enjoyed the different games and activities we have done together. We look forward to seeing Lloyd again next year.



Year 1 & 2 News ~ In Year 1 & 2 these past two weeks, we have been exploring all things mini-beasts. We have been researching them on notepads and iPads to create fact-files and write non-chronological reports. We have also been writing mini-beast puzzles for our class friends to solve giving clues about the mini-beasts. We went on a mini-beast hunt where we worked in teams to search for mini-beasts in their habitats. We found lots, including spiders with their egg

nests, a dragonfly and an earwig. While on the hunt, Mrs Jackson hid several mini-beast wood cookies around our school grounds and we had to hunt for them, this was fun and exciting and there was one wood cookie hidden so well we could not find for a very long time.

@michaelsheen 🇨🇦 🏆  
Share our song 'Wales to Win'  
#TogetherStronger  
#TheRedWall #EURO2020 🏆  
#cymruambyth



23.5K views

After that, we took part in a spider web challenge where we had to get across a spider web that was electrified without touching it or the giant spider would come out and eat us. This was tricky and fun some of us made it across sadly lots of us did not. We have also been following Wales in their Euro 2020 football campaign and we learnt and sang the school song 'Wales to Win' that we shared on our school Twitter page. We were retweeted by the famous Baglan actor Michael Sheen and to date we have received over 23.5k views. We also got our song shared on the BBC Breakfast news. We are all enjoying our 5 minutes of fame.

Reception News ~ This week we have been busy preparing for and taking part in our sports day. We all looked amazing in team colours and we tried our best when taking part in the egg and spoon, hurdles and sprint races. It was great fun cheering on our friends and enjoying a cool ice pop. To finish off our



minibeast activities we decided to create a minibeast Olympics.

We decided on the events, used JIT paint to design medals and we created them using card, stickers and ribbon. Next week we will be taking part in the Olympic activities. One of the grandparents of a junior child has kindly donated toys to our school. We were lucky enough to receive some wooden train toys and we have had lots of fun playing with them. Thank you very much, diolch yn fawr!



Nursery News ~ This week we have had a wonderful week practising for our school Sports Day. We were lucky enough with the weather to hold our Sports Day in the big field. We completed an obstacle course where we balanced along the beam, jumped with two feet through hoops, hopped our way to the line, then we threw a bean bag into our target. It was so much fun and we cheered along for our team colours and friends. We really enjoyed receiving our certificate and award for taking part.

In maths we have been looking at shapes. We have learned all about the properties of the shapes, circle, rectangle, square and triangle. We looked at how many sides and corners on each shape. It was exciting to feel the shape in the bag to guess what it was. We were not allowed to peek in the bag!

We have read the story about Eddie's Garden and Fran's Flower. It is good to know what plants need to grow. We have been creative and made our own flower pots using our hands prints as the petals.

We have enjoyed learning about the right of the month - The right to have a name and nationality. We discussed that we all were named when we were born and that's the name we grow up with. We found out there are different nationalities in our class, we have parents from Russia, Portugal, South Africa, Wales and England.





Year 2 & 3 News ~ We were so lucky with Sports Day, the weather has been so mixed so far this summer but we had a lovely day. It was a shame that parents were unable to attend this year but we followed guidelines to make sure everyone was as safe as they could be. We had a great time. We were so

inspired by the story of Duffy the Green turtle that we are finding out about all turtles and they are truly fascinating animals. For instance James found out that leatherback turtles can dive over 1000 metres and if they are sleeping they can stay under water for over 5 hours. They are incredible animals, but unfortunately most of the turtle species are endangered. Hopefully though as there are now so many people who are aware of this and are trying to protect and save them they will begin to increase in number and be safe. We have also had stories about a puffin called Marli and an orang-utan called Buddy, all by the same author. In maths we have been practising multiplication and division and because they are the inverse of each other we have been using them to check answers. We have been thinking about our favourite sports and activities for Article 7 as a Rights Respecting School, and collecting and presenting data.

We have learned about the British and Irish Lions and about Wimbledon with Mrs White. We watch these events but there is so much history and tradition. We enjoyed learning about them. We will be practising our ball and racquet skills until the end of term.



Year 5 & 6 News ~ This week in Year 5 & 6, we have been writing persuasive letters to the Olympic committee, trying to persuade them to hold the next Olympics in Wales. We had to research all the good things about Wales first and then used our research to help us plan out our letters. We then spent the rest of the week writing our letters, trying to use a range of sentences starters, persuasive techniques and vocabulary.

In maths, we have been recapping on perimeter and area. We looked at perimeters of shapes first,

adding up all the sides to find out the total length all the way round. We then learnt how to calculate the area of squares and rectangles, then used this knowledge to calculate the area of difficult compound shapes.

We have looked at two of our human rights this week. We learnt about Article 7 - the right to a name and a nationality, and article 31 - the right to relax and play.

We discussed as a class why it is important for everyone to have a name and to feel like you belong to a place with your nationality. We spoke about how these things are part of our personalities and are what helps to make us unique. We designed our own coat of arms to show the different things we thought were important about ourselves and our personalities.

We also designed games this week to help us relax and play. In groups, we needed to create our own sport or game, thinking about the rules, the numbers of players, the equipment and the scoring system. We then had the opportunity to play our games and test them out.

We had a music lesson from Mrs James this week too. She taught us about an Olympic composer, who also created music for the Harry Potter, Jurassic Park and Star Wars films. We analysed the music and created our song listening maps for it.

We started our DT project on Olympic stadiums at the end of the week, researching different stadiums and beginning to compare them.

Dates for the Diary	
05.07.2021	Year 2 Kerb Craft
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
08.07.2021/ 09.07.2021	Virtual Jambori ~ please wear red clothing
16.07.2021	Whole School INSET; School closed to pupils



### Shining Stars ~ Ser Disclair



Miss Wilson/ Miss Randall ~ Nursery	Amelia E ~ for showing great enthusiasm when learning about how plants grow and what they need. Oliver P ~ for showing good listening skills during our carpet time and joining in with our new songs.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Theo R and Emilie L ~ for making a fantastic minibeast Olympic medal.
Mr Atkins ~ Reception/Dosbarth 1	Charlie L ~ for his great football skills during our football sessions. Reuben R ~ for his excellent speed and technique over the hurdles, well done.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Melia L ~ for being a super kind friend. Bendigedig. Jonathan VN ~ for his fantastic maths, calculating missing numbers within maths stories.
Miss Morgan ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Sahib K ~ for such an improvement in his reading, fantastic! Oscar H ~ for his enthusiasm for our current class topic on turtles.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Zoe M ~ for having a mature attitude in class and for being a good role model. Bendigedig Zoe. Olleigh Y ~ for concentrating well doing our maths lesson on symmetry. Dal ati Olleigh.
Miss Griffiths Dosbarth 4 & 5	Eva N ~ for her excellent work with translation in mathematics, bendigedig! Costa B ~ for his great work when comparing previous Olympic mascots in a Venn Diagram and then designing his own mascot.
Miss Peake Dosbarth 5 & 6	Leo N ~ for his fantastic work on area and perimeter. Jamie Mae H ~ for a wonderful persuasive letter to the Olympic committee to support the next Olympics being held in Wales.
Mrs Smart Dosbarth 6	Christian C ~ for an excellent drawing of Andy Murray. Naia L ~ for her excellent research on Andy Murray.
Mrs White Whole School	Lily T (Year 1 & 2) ~ for her excellent work learning about ponds. Emily P (Year 2 & 3) ~ for working very hard researching the Lions players and the Wimbledon tournament.