

Dear Parents and Carers,

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Our Right of the Month for September is Article 28: The right to learn and go to school.

During this month, all classes will develop their own Class Charter. The Class Charter is focussed on the UNCRC Rights of the Child. Within the Class Charter, the pupils and staff will agree on a list of commitments, rules and standards that they promise to maintain throughout the school year.



**Nursery News** ~ This week in Nursery, we have started learning all about firefighters and how they help us. We read the storybook 'Charlie the Firefighter' and enjoyed listening to what the children in the story got up to on their visit to a fire station. Our favourite part was when the children used the hose to put out a pretend fire with water. We also explored a fact book about 'Firefighters' and learnt that firefighters are very brave and that fire can be dangerous. In the creative area, we have been busy sponge painting paper plates yellow, to create a fire helmet. We can't wait to



wear them and pretend to be firefighters. We have also been playing a firefighter matching game and have had lots of fun with our friends matching the pictures to our cards.

For maths this week, we have been exploring different types of patterns. We then had a try at following a 2 or 3 step pattern linked to our firefighter theme. It was a bit tricky but we all tried very hard. We also enjoyed playing the pattern game on the C-Touch board. Da iawn plant!



**Reception News** ~ In our class we have been discovering the people who help us in school and how they help us. We all know that Mrs Morgan is the headteacher of our school and she is here to keep all the children and adults in school safe and help us to 'Live Well, Laugh Together and Learn Forever'. In groups we took part in a diamond ranking activity. We used photos of the people who help us in school and then made a diamond shape putting who we thought was important at the top. We all had different reasons and all of them were good ideas. In maths we have been learning the Numicon shapes to ten. They are all different shapes and colours. In PE

we had fun playing a game to help us remember the Numicon shapes. We were doing 2 bunny hops, 5 star jumps, 10 jumps and lots more. We all thought it was fun doing number exercises. Within our creative learning, Mrs James the music teacher has been teaching us different songs about ourselves and our bodies. This week we have started to make paper plate faces, we used a mirror to look at our faces and it is amazing that we are all different. In our outdoor area, we helped Mrs Challenger to cut some sunflowers, which the children planted last year. We shared some with Mrs Morgan and Year 1 and we have some in our class. We enjoyed looking at the different parts of the flower and they look very beautiful.



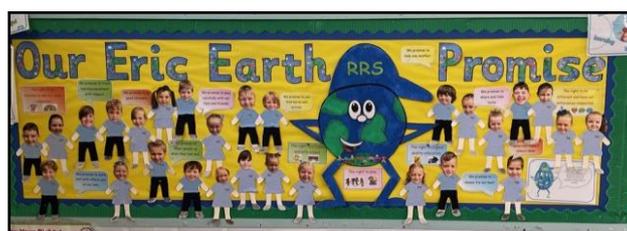
**Year 1 & 2 News ~** In the last two weeks, we have begun our Read Write Inc. sessions, revisiting our sounds to help us to read and write our words and we are working on our letter formation. In Literacy, we have been working on our new story 'Don't Hog the Hedge'. We have discussed vocabulary meaning, chosen our favourite characters, looked at nouns from the story, sorted them out into people/animals, places and objects, and written a character description on the main character Hattie the Hedgehog.



In numeracy, we have been counting, working on number formation with our rhymes to help us and sequenced numbers to 20, 50 and 100 in a variety of ways. We have been working on place value and identifying the number of tens and ones in a number to 100. We have begun addition using cups, reading, and writing addition math stories, working on setting them out in our books.

We learnt that on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September it was the first day of autumn and that on this day we had 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness. We have been thinking all about what we see, smell, taste, hear and touch during autumn and we are looking around us to find signs that autumn is here.

We shared our Rights and Responsibilities as a child and pupil in Baglan Primary at the start of term. We devised our class rules this way and included our right and responsibility to play nicely, share and to be kind to our friends. Here is our Eric Earth Promise Display in class.



**Year 2 & 3 News ~** We have been learning all about Queen Victoria, why she became queen, her early life, her life with her husband Albert, all her children and how long she reigned. So many of her children married into European royal families that she was called, the 'Grandmother of Europe'. We have learned that many changes happened during this time, at the beginning of her reign most people lived in the countryside. At the end of her reign, most people lived in towns and cities, working in factories and mines. We are now learning about the rich and the poor of the Victorian era, the rich people had everything and lived an easy life. Poor people however, had very difficult lives indeed, hard work, not enough food, poor housing and children, for most of Victoria's reign did not go to school. This month's article is 'Every child has the right to learn and go to school' so we have been thinking about the fact that in Victorian times only the rich had an education, which was so unfair.

In literacy, we have been listening to 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' about a baby barn owl called Plop. We have thought about what we are afraid of and why we are afraid. We have been practising writing sentences with capital letters full stops and using capital letters for proper nouns.

In mathematics, we have been doing lots of assessments to find out what our next steps are in our learning. However, we have also been practising fist counting and writing the maths stories, counting on and back and applying these facts to larger numbers. We have been revising the properties of 2D shapes and learning new properties and vocabulary, such as vertex and vertices, acute angles, obtuse angles and right angles.



Our games are complete and the method and scoring all written up, next week we will do a round robin of the games with 2 people staying behind to explain the games to the next group.

Our new Class Charter is nearly complete and we all understand how important it is and how it will help us enjoy school more.

**Year 3 & 4 News** ~ What a busy few weeks we have had since starting our new term. We have been working extremely hard in our studies and Mrs. Roosmalen thinks we are super enthusiastic. In English we have been learning about the features of a letter. We have been practising our addresses and looking at how to set out a letter properly. In maths we have been doing lots of number work. We have been practising our times tables every day, learning our number bonds to 100 and recalling addition and subtraction sums. In Welsh we have been learning about where we live and looking at different houses. We have also been reading a funny Welsh poem. With Mrs. James in music, we have been creating our own rap music and learning a Victorian chant. The weather has been very nice so our P.E. has been taking place outside. We have been developing our ball skills with Lloyd from Swansea Premier Stars.



**Year 5 & 6 News** ~ This week in year 5 and 6, we have continued reading our class novels. Some of us are reading 'Street Child' and some of us are reading 'Oliver Twist'. The group reading 'Street Child' had to draw a picture of the chapter, showing what we thought Jim's house would look like. The group reading 'Oliver Twist' created wanted posters for the character Fagan. We learnt what complex sentences were this week, and how sentences are broken into main and subordinate clauses. We had to underline each part of the sentence to show we knew the difference between them. We have also been working on formal and informal writing, learning the difference between the two. We were given jigsaw puzzles where we had to match the formal version of words and phrases with the informal version.

In maths, we have been working on rounding numbers. We began by rounding whole numbers to the nearest ten, hundred and thousand. At the end of the week we introduced decimal numbers too, rounding to the nearest tenth and hundredth.

We have learnt about the Victorian designer William Morris this week. We researched all about him and create a fact file on him. We then looked at some of his wallpaper designs and tried to create our own in the same style.

For PE, we are developing our ball skills this term. We have been working on passing the ball and dribbling the ball with control.



### Dates for the Diary

04.10.2021	School Fluenza nasal spray programme 2021
08.10.2021	#HelloYellow day; supporting the Young Minds #HelloYellow campaign about the importance of mental health.
15.10.2021	Diwrnod shwmae Su'mae Day
25.10.2021	Half term break



### Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson/ Miss Randall ~ Nursery	Olivia J ~ For following a three step pattern confidently and independently. Da iawn. James D ~ For following a three step pattern confidently and independently. Da iawn.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Luna P ~ For trying hard to write 0 - 9. Jaxson M ~ For trying hard to tidy the classroom.
Mr Atkins ~ Dosbarth 1	Hollie P ~ For blending sounds to read words in her book independently. Ralph P ~ For reading high frequency words with confidence and for his understanding of sounds.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Romeo E ~ Fantastic descriptive words used in a character description of Hattie the Hedgehog. River W ~ Lovely reading with expression. Bendigedig.
Miss Morgan ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Grace W ~ For always trying her best at everything. Ted H ~ For fantastic mathematics.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Kara G ~ Working really hard to practise her number skills. Gwaith da Kara! Miles F ~ Beautifully presented work and taking pride in all school tasks. Da iawn Miles.
Miss Griffiths Dosbarth 4 & 5	Hollie B ~ For your excellent place value work in maths. Bendigedig! Taylor H ~ For your great work with adverbs in English. Ardderchog!
Miss Peake Dosbarth 5 & 6	Leo P ~ For excellent work rounding numbers in maths. Oliver W ~ For giving lots of contribution to the science lesson.
Mrs Smart Dosbarth 6	Alfie M, Sylvia H, Ella D ~ For their excellent work on Queen Victoria's Family Tree.
Mrs White Whole School	Costa B and Aras M ~ For their lovely research work on the Caribbean islands.