



St Robert's Catholic Primary School



"Jesus in US"

Newsletter - 8.3.24



Dear all,

This newsletter is dedicated to our Eisteddfod, which we celebrated on St David's Day. It was a wonderful celebration of our heritage, culture and traditions. Classes performed songs, poems and listened to musicians playing the clarinet, the violin and the trumpet. Also, the pupils found out who had won the inter House Competitions of Art, Creative Writing and Handwriting. In the afternoon we held the "Crowning of Bard Ceremony", Demi Jewell was crowned this year's Bard. Ebony Ashong was presented with the Musician of the Eisteddfod Trophy for her trumpet playing. We ended our Eisteddfod with the inter House Choir Competition and the winning choir was St Andrew.

With all the points added up the Eisteddfod Shield was presented to the winning House.....

**St.David.** Da iawn Pawb!

## Competition Winners

Handwriting	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd
Dosbarth Haul	Matilda	Grace	Oliver R
Dosbarth Enfys	Issac B	Jacob B	Ffion
Dosbarth Blodau	Harry W	Matilda H-B	Rhys
Dosbarth Seren	Oliver C	Athena	Reese
Dosbarth Afon	Bailey	Theo	Daniel
Dosbarth Coed	Alfie B	Tianna	Leo
Dosbarth Mynydd	Megan J	Louie J	Sophie L-D

Art	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd
Dosbarth Haul	Harri G	Orson	Arthur
Dosbarth Enfys	Dotty H-B	Millie J	Seth T
Dosbarth Blodau	Indy K	Willow-Mae	Isabelle S
Dosbarth Seren	Amelie B	Olivia H	Kyra B
Dosbarth Afon	Amelie W	Norah	Erin
Dosbarth Coed	Caleb H	Scarlett	Logan
Dosbarth Mynydd	Freya L-D	Freya E	Morgan M

<b>Creative Writing</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3rd</b>
Year 2	Emily T	Oliver R	Elijah
Dosbarth Seren	Oliver B	Bella	Jake O
Dosbarth Afon	Nikodem	Florrie	Gethin
Dosbarth Coed	Raeya	Sophie R	William T
Bard Entries (Yr. 6)	Demi	Aoife B	Hector

<b>Cake Decorating</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3rd</b>
Year 6 only	Miarosa	Billy & Ruby	Oliver W & Zach

## House Results

<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
House	St. David	St Andrew	George	St Patrick

**Winning Bard Demi and our winning Musician Ebony**



**The winning Choir St Andrew.**



The Winning House- St David & House Captains



Parents enjoying our taster sessions on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March





## Dosbarth Haul-

We had a lovely time doing our competitions for the Eisteddfod. For the art we explored printing with different objects such as potato, bubble wrap and cotton reels. Then we picked the best ones to use to print a daffodil - choosing good shapes and the correct colours for the different parts of the daffodil. Reception children worked super hard on their letter formation for the handwriting competition. We sang our hearts out learning our song 'Bore da frindiau' and even sang in a round!





## Dosbarth Enfys-

Dosbarth Enfys loved celebrating St.David's Day! We worked so hard on our competition entries and our song Mr Hapus which was all about our different feelings! For our handwriting competition we wrote part of a poem all about our beautiful country Wales in our very best handwriting. Our winners were Ffion in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Jacob in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Isaac in 1<sup>st</sup> place. For our art competition piece we learned about the Welsh artist Dorian Spencer Davies and looked at his artwork of the sunflowers at Rhossili. We were only shown half of the picture and had to use our careful painting skills to paint the other half, paying close attention to the size of the sunflowers in the background and foreground and the different colours used. We loved doing this painting and Seth won 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Millie J won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Dotty won 1<sup>st</sup> place. A fantastic effort pawb and well done to everyone! We finished off our celebrations by singing Dragon on a Flag which we were able to share with the rest of the school and our grown ups! Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus pawb!









## Dosbarth Blodau-

Dosbarth Blodau have enjoyed focussing on our unit of work 'Wonderful Wales'.

We've worked so hard learning to recite our Welsh poem, 'Fy Nheulu i a fi!' and we thoroughly enjoyed performing this for the school and our families in our Eisteddfod events. We used our best handwriting to carefully copy out our 'Fy Nheulu i a fi!' poem for our Eisteddfod handwriting competition.

We loved listening to the story of 'The Little Welsh Dragon who couldn't fly.' We noticed that this story didn't have any illustrations and so we decided to use our artistic skills and

imagination to draw our very own little Welsh Dragon to illustrate the story. These were used as our Art competition entries for our Eisteddfod.

In our literacy work we have been enjoying our unit of work focussing on fantasy stories about dragons. We've loved hearing the story of 'The Dragon Machine' and thinking of our own ideas of a possible sequel to this story. We've enjoyed the story 'The Paper Bag Princess' and have worked so hard to develop our descriptive writing skills to write about the characters in the story.

We loved finding out lots of facts about Wales, we've explored some famous Welsh landmarks and thought about Welsh traditions and emblems. We had great fun in our class quiz to recap what we have learned about Wales.

We made our very own Welsh flags and enjoyed being part of the Foundation Phase choir and singing our Dragon on The Flag song in our whole-school Eisteddfod and our Eisteddfod celebration session with our families.







## Dosbarth Seren-

In Dosbarth Seren, we have thoroughly enjoyed our lovely Eisteddfod work. Everybody worked really hard on their competition entries and the standard of work was very high- da iawn! For our creative writing competition entry, we created a poem titled 'What A Wonderful Wales', in which we each created a poem using various rhyming techniques. The poem included all the things we think of when we think of our wonderful country. These poems were very well thought out, we tried to remember to use some alliteration and rhyming couplets. During the art competition we were inspired by our previous topic What A Wonderful World. For this task they had to create an art piece utilising a blank outline of Wales, upon the outline we had to sketch things that make Wales wonderful and unique. We aptly titled our art pieces 'What A Wonderful Wales'. We made a giant mind map of all the lovely things that are unique to Wales and tried to incorporate these things into our work! This activity helped us think about tourism and the impact of tourists, so we considered how we would advertise Wales to its full potential to attract tourists. For the handwriting competition, we rewrote the poem that we read during our class recital in the Eisteddfod. The poem is called 'Parti' and it is written by a poet called Gwyn Thomas. We all very much enjoyed going to our house choirs and practising the song Sosban Fach! We also loved dancing

the Jac Y Do in our school Twmpath! Bendigedig Dosbarth Seren, you all worked extremely hard on your competition entries and showed great enthusiasm towards our Eisteddfod!



## Dosbarth Afon-

Dosbarth Afon have had great fun preparing for and celebrating St David's Day. To begin with we read a famous poem called 'I wandered lonely as a cloud' by William Wordsworth in which he describes seeing a field full of daffodils. As a result of this, we decided to have a focus on daffodils and used these beautiful flowers as a stimulus for our poetry writing. We



created a Padlet to gather similes, metaphors and personification to describe daffodils and then crafted them into syllabic poems called Haiku, Tanka and Cinquain. These poems have a very strict syllable count and are a snap shot in words which perfectly describes a moment in time. We also used daffodils as our stimulus for our art competition too. We observed daffodils closely and used clay to make daffodil candle holders which we painted. This was great fun and was well worth all the mess, we're sure you'll agree when you see the photos of our creations! We also took part in the handwriting competition where we used our best Berol handwriting to copy the Welsh National Anthem. Competition was very stiff as we all tried our very best! Check out the results of our competitions here in the newsletter.

The day before St. David's Day, we had our Twmpath which we had been working towards since the beginning of the Spring term. We performed quite a complicated Welsh Folk Dance called Cylch y Cymry with great enthusiasm and really enjoyed watching all the other Junior classes performing their dances too.

During our Eisteddfod on St. David's Day, we performed our parody of the Katy Perry song 'Roar' called 'Cymru' and had a fantastic time celebrating our Welsh identity by watching our whole school's performances.







## Dosbarth Coed-

Dosbarth Coed have had a busy couple of weeks back in class! We participated in a whole school Twmpath on February 29<sup>th</sup>, where we danced together and heard the Foundation Phase sing "There's a Dragon on the Flag". On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March we loved celebrating with the rest of the school in our Eisteddfod. We watched musical performances, Welsh poems and songs being sung and heard who the Eisteddfod winners for the creative writing, handwriting and art competitions were! We also performed our recitation "Mynd i Dre". Then we took part in the Junior choir competition singing 'Sosban Fach' We also really loved performing for parents this week. A fantastic few days! Da iawn pawb!



## Dosbarth Mynydd-

We have had a fantastic fortnight enjoying our St David's Day celebrations and whole school Eisteddfod. We enjoyed taking part in the various Eisteddfod competitions especially the art. We focussed on the artwork of two different Welsh artists: Gayle Rogers and Rhiannon Roberts. We also really enjoyed taking part in the school twmpath. We danced Ffansi Ffarmer. It was great fun and an intense workout! Finally, the best part of our Eisteddfod was the Bard ceremony. This ceremony is based on the crowning of the Bard or Poet at the National Eisteddfod. As a class we all submitted poems under a pseudonym. These were judged and as a class, we crowned the Bard. Llongyfarchiadau to our winner! We really enjoyed your last St David's Day in St Robert's.



Crowning Our Bard



Prayer Time-

An Eisteddfod Prayer to dedicate all our efforts to our country and to St David.



Ein Tad,

Diolch i Ti am ein gwlad - Cymru

Ac Ddewi Sant.

Helpa ni i wneud y pethau bach mae

Dewi wedi dysgu i ni.

Amen

Our Father,

Thank you for our country - Wales

And St. David.

Help us to do the little things as

St. David taught us.

Amen



On behalf of all the children and staff at St Robert's Primary School **Happy Birthday** to:

Austin (6), Layla (6), Indy (7), Freya (8), Bella (8), Vicky (8), Gwennie (8), Freya J (8), Bailey (9), Niamh (9), Raeya (10), Eva (10), Cillian (10), Jayden (11), Philip (11), Ebony (11) and Miss Holder



**Diary Dates:**

21 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Bonnets & Decorated Egg Competition
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Last day for pupils prior to Easter Holidays
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Sunday
8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> April	School resumes after Easter Holidays

Best wishes Dymuniadau gorau

Mrs Beveridge