



St Robert's Catholic Primary School



"Jesus in US"

Newsletter - 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023



Dear all,

I can't believe that we are in DECEMBER- the countdown has begun!!! Foundation Phase and Lower K.S.2 are busy practicing their Nativity concerts in readiness for their performance over the next two weeks. Please ensure you have bought your tickets, as due to Health & Safety we have to restrict ticket numbers to 2 per family for each performance.

I hope you have found the parent consultations, that have been taking place over the past fortnight, useful and you have a clear idea of your child's progress, their next steps and ways you can support them at home.

Also, thank you for your support with our CAFOD "Brighten Up" Appeal. We raised over £130.00. Diolch Pawb!

### Headteacher Awards **Gwobr y Pennaeth**

At end of each month we have certificates for Pride in Presentation, Marvellous Maths and Siarad Cymraeg, here are this month's pupils:

**Dosbarth Haul** - Piper for his presentation, Lucas R for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Sofia for "Marvellous Maths";

**Dosbarth Enfys** - Ffion for her presentation, Issac for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Layla for "Marvellous Maths";

**Dosbarth Blodau** - Willow-Mae for her presentation, Ava for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Oliver R for "Marvellous Maths";

**Dosbarth Seren** - Zen for his presentation, Harry B for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Oliver B for "Marvellous Maths";

**Dosbarth Afon** - Florrie for her presentation, Niamh for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Gethin H for "Marvellous Maths";

**Dosbarth Coed** - Leo for his presentation, Osian for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Noah for "Marvellous Maths";

**Dosbarth Mynydd** - Isla for her presentation, Miarosa for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Max for "Marvellous Maths".



**What's been happening in our classes.....***Beth sy'n digwydd yn ein dosbarthiadau*

### **Dosbarth Haul-**

This week we have been talking about where we live and that we live in different areas of the town Bridgend. We discussed how we come to school different ways as some of us live too far away to walk. We then practised our painting skills by using thin brushes to paint along the different shapes that a house could have. We used rectangles, squares and triangles for the different parts and painted carefully on the pencil lines drawn for us making sure we didn't add too much paint! What an amazing job!



### **Dosbarth Enfys**

Dosbarth Enfyfys have been enjoying practising for our Christmas concert and are very excited to perform for all of our grown-ups! We have been outdoor explorers again and this time made a house out of sticks and used our adjectives to describe what the natural materials felt like. We have also been designing some hand puppets in D.T lessons based on our clients, the three Little Pigs. In R.E we learnt the Psalm, The Lord is my Shepherd and used our KETTS box to re-tell the Psalm. Super learning Enfyfys!





### **Dosbarth Blodau-**

Dosbarth Blodau have had a very exciting week! We have been busy working on our topic of 'Food and Farming' We have been developing our knowledge of healthy foods. We decided to make healthy wraps, and after lots of discussions about the different food groups, we decided healthy wraps should contain some protein and dairy products as well as some fruits or vegetables. We then designed our own healthy wraps and had fun making them. We have also been working hard developing our Welsh vocabulary for foods.



### **Dosbarth Seren-**

What a busy time we have had in Dosbarth Seren. We have started our new topic 'What A Wonderful World'. Last week we had our launch day, we listened to music from around the World, utilised atlases to identify various countries, and had a P4C session on 'what makes our World wonderful?'. The next day we then examined the different AoLEs to map out our pupil voice. We came up with some wonderful ideas that we shared in class. In our mathematics lessons, we have been working hard practising our 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables! We have worked hard developing our multiplication and division skills, creating arrays to help us with our learning. We have been learning plenty about Advent during our RE lessons. We created our Advent promises and discussed the importance of preparation. We are working really hard working on our Christmas production too, we are enjoying singing all the lovely songs and reading out our parts. Bendigedig Dosbarth Seren, super work!





### **Dosbarth Afon-**

In Dosbarth Afon, we have been learning about the Solemnity of Christ the King. We had a special class worship where we shared the First reading and Gospel. We reflected upon how Christ is both Shepherd and King and read the words of Pope Benedict XVI when he spoke about Christ's power as King. We shared Psalm 23 through lectio divina (meditative prayer) and then passed around a beautiful crown and said a personal prayer of thanks for the past liturgical year and told God of our hopes for the coming new liturgical year.

We have also been very lucky to have been swimming for a whole fortnight! We have all made amazing progress and have had such fun. We'd like to say a big thank you to Miss Holder for organising it and to Halo for teaching us to be super swimmers and how to be safe in the water. Last Thursday, we had a visit from David Brin, a CAFOD representative who came to teach us all about Catholic Social Teaching. We Brightened Up by wearing our favourite colours and raised money to support CAFOD in their very important work. We were lucky enough to have a workshop with Mr Brin who helped us learn about the Catholic Social Teaching principles and how to live the Gospel in today's world. We learned about Pope Francis' encyclical letters called Fratelli Tutti and Laudato Si and how we need to put our faith into action which we feel very strongly about. Today we had a bit of a surprise when Bob the Elf turned up in our classroom! He hasn't made a very good start in Dosbarth Afon as he scribbled on the whiteboards and tipped all our Christmas tree decorations all over the table! However, he did also bring treats for our advent calendar so we were quite grateful. We hope that he doesn't cause too much trouble so watch this space for updates on Bob!



## Dosbarth Coed-

Dosbarth Coed have been working hard and having lots of fun in their learning during the past fortnight. We have continued our work as 'mini monarchs' in our Tudor and Stuart topic and have researched some of the mightiest monarchs of Tudor and Stuart times by watching videos, listening to information online and reading research notes. We are still unsure who the mightiest monarch is so we will have to carry on with our research over the next few weeks. We have also enjoyed being critical, creative, collaborative and caring thinkers during our P4C sessions. During



one session, we focused on our virtues of being discerning and attentive and thought about the question "Am I always responsible for my actions?" We talked about this in class, shared our opinions and built upon each other's ideas. We have also completed some more French outdoor learning tasks. We have been on a Winter scavenger hunt: 'Chasse au trésor d'Hiver,' learnt a French song about the different parts of the body and labelled chalk drawings using this new vocabulary. During our literacy sessions we have worked hard on our newspaper report writing and we are now ready to write our own news report, based on the protagonist of our class reader 'Spy Master!'



### **Dosbarth Mynydd-**

The visits and trips continue in Dosbarth Mynydd this fortnight. We had a great virtual workshop with Claire from the UK Parliament. She chatted to us about how the government in Westminster works and how a law is passed. We then visited the Senedd. We got to interview our MS member, Huw Iranca Davies and find out about his role, we were able to carry out our own debate (on changes to school holidays) in the Youth Parliament and listen to MS members during the Senedd plenary. We had a great day and really enjoyed our time down Cardiff Bay! We have also had a transition visit to Archbishop McGrath where we enjoyed listening to the various musical

ensembles and learnt more about various instruments with the Bridgend music service. Phew a very busy time indeed!



## OUR VISIT TO THE SENEDD



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## MUSIC VISIT TO ARCHIES



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## Advent

Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> Dec) marks the start of Advent. Advent is the start of the new liturgical year. The word Advent comes from the Latin 'adventus,' which means 'coming' or 'arrival' to signify the birth of Jesus. During Advent, we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus.

### Advent Wreath Prayers

#### **Week One: The Candle of HOPE**

The first week of Advent we remember the gift of **Hope** we have in Christ.

The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a saviour would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations. As followers of Christ, we wait with hope for his return. As we light this candle, we remember that it was from the manger at Bethlehem that he came and gave light to the world. As we light this candle, we are reminded to be alert and to watch for the light of Christ even in the most unlikely places and people.



*Family members share one way they have experienced hope this week.*

Let us pray -

Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by being open seeing to the light of Christ in others. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.

**Amen**

#### **Week Two- The Candle of PEACE**

The second week of Advent we remember the gift of **Peace** we have in Christ.

**Peace** is a gift that we must be prepared for and must work for. God gives us the gift of **peace** when we turn to him working together in faith.

Through John the Baptist and all the other prophets, God asks us to prepare the way of the Lord, whom the prophet Isaiah calls "the Prince of **Peace**." As we light the second candle we look with hope for the day that Christ's **peace** will reign in our hearts, in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. As we light this candle, we are reminded to work for that **peace** of Christ to come and take root in us.

*Family members share how they have experienced peace this week.*

Let us pray -

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of **peace** you give us through Jesus. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by working for Christ's peace to take root in our family. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem.

**Amen**



**St. Robert's Pupil Profile**  
This half term the pair of  
virtues we will be focusing on-  
**ATTENTIVE & DISCERNING**



This fortnight the following pupils have demonstrated the Virtues of being  
**ATTENTIVE & DISCERNING**

**Dosbarth Haul-** Nola for making sensible choices during provision time and thinking of others,  
Robin for being attentive during carpet time sessions

**Dosbarth Enfys-** Maisie-Rae for being really focussed on her work in class and Mithra for actively  
trying to make good choices each day.

**Dosbarth Blodau-** Rhys and Emily for being attentive and discerning in showing great enthusiasm and  
sharing great ideas in their topic work.

**Dosbarth Seren-** Dylan for sharing attentive answers during P4C and giving wonderful reasons for  
his answers. Kity for demonstrating the virtues of attentive and discerning, and making good  
choices.

**Dosbarth Afon-** Norah and Tomas for always listening to the message of the Gospel and living out  
the Gospel message in their lives in the way they treat others.

**Dosbarth Coed-** Eva and Caleb H for always being very attentive in class and in their learning.

**Dosbarth Mynydd-** Megan and Sophie who are always very attentive in lessons in class and listen  
carefully to all around them.





On behalf of all the children and staff at St Robert's Primary School **Happy Birthday** to:  
Orson (5), Jacob (5), Freddie (8) & Vicky (8)



**Other information:** **Gwybodaeth arall**

**Nursery Places for September 2024**

St Robert's Governing Body are currently accepting applications for our Nursery for next September. If you have a child or know who will be three before September 2024 contact the school for an application. Also, if you are aware of family or friends who may be interested in giving their child an education rich in Catholic ethos, please encourage them to contact the school on Tel: 815515.

**Up and coming events:** **Digwyddiadau i ddod**

8 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15pm Foundation Phase Nativity
11 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9.00- 10.00am Coffee Morning in the Hall
11 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm Foundation Phase Nativity
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day & school Christmas lunch - £1.00 donation for our sponsored child Stephanie
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Lower KS 2 Nativity @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Cross Country - Porthcawl Comprehensive
<b>SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Mass @ St. Robert's Church, 9.00am. (Bambinelli Sunday) Everyone welcome.
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term - Christmas celebrations. Pupils to wear Christmas jumpers.
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> January	School resumes after the Christmas Break

Thank for your continuing support **Diolch am eich parhad cefnogaeth**

*Mrs C Beveridge*

