



Dear all,

We've had a fantastic fortnight with lots of exciting events happening, especially our transition day, when pupils have an opportunity to spend time in their new classes in readiness for the next academic year. In the class news section, you will be able to find out what activities were undertaken during transition, including the topic "launch" sessions. As an important stakeholder, we would really like your input into what the children learn about, so a proforma will be sent out by each class teacher for you to add any ideas and suggestions linked to the current themes outlined for each Area of Learning. This can include possible visits or visitors to support the learning going on in the class. Thank you for your support and any ideas will be gratefully received.

Headteacher Awards **Gwobr y Pennaeth**

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

Dosbarth Haul - Nevaeh for her presentation, Jacob B for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Jack D for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Enfys - Emily for her presentation, Harry for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Ava-Mae for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Blodau - Victoria for her presentation, Amelie for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Kity for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Seren - Gethin for his presentation, Evie for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Nikodem for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Afon - Leo for his presentation, Jack for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Tianna for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Coed - Sophie L-D for her presentation, Jayden for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Louie for "Marvellous Maths";

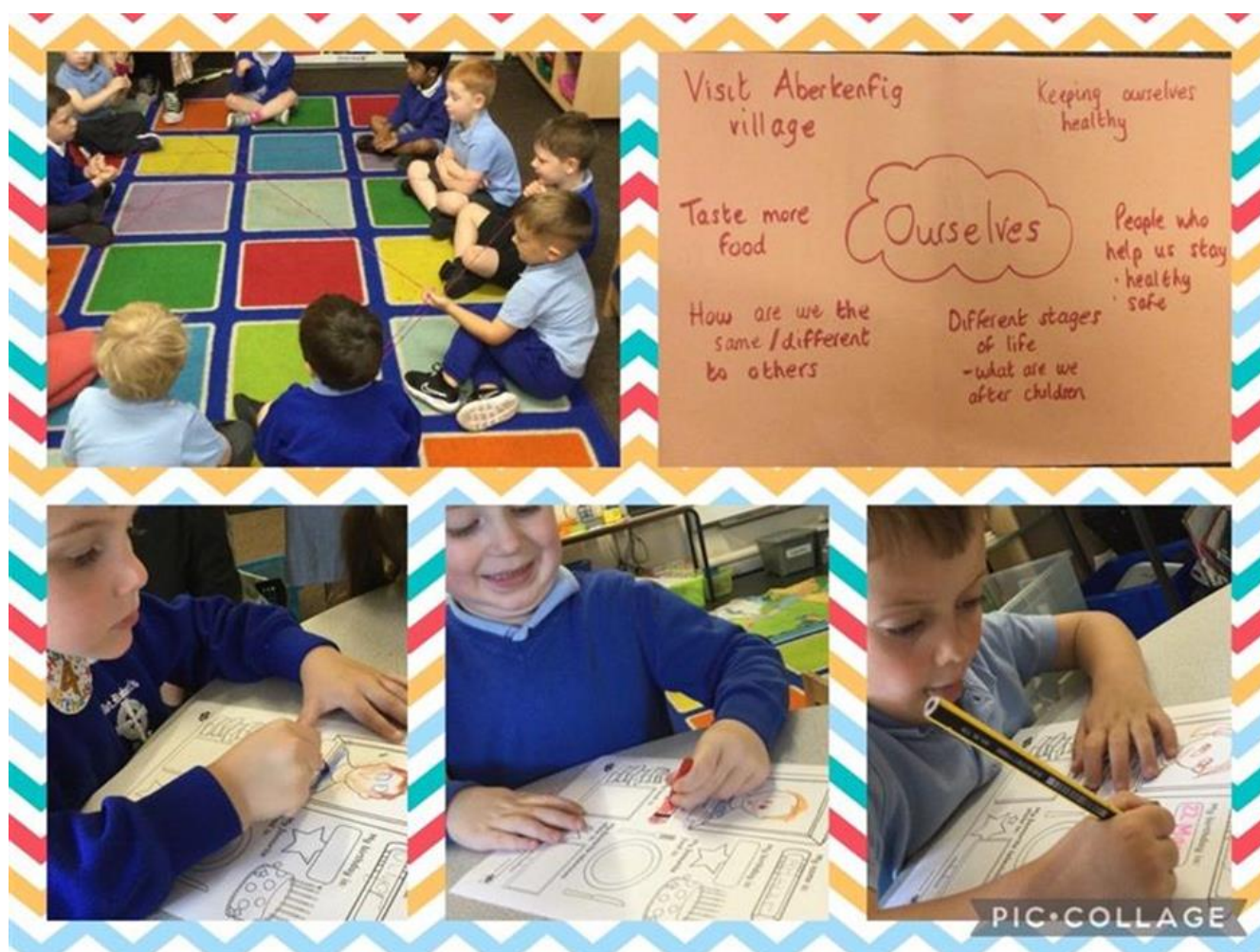
Dosbarth Mynydd - Ayla for her presentation, Savanna for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Jacob for "Marvellous Maths".



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

Dosbarth Haul-

On our transition day we had a lovely session talking about ourselves, how we are unique and what makes us special. We had a P4C session looking for similarities between each other so that the piece of string connected us all. We then thought of differences between us which makes us unique and special. We spoke about our favourite things and filled in a fact sheet for our class display using all the great writing and drawing skills they have learnt in nursery! During our feedback session we discussed what they already know about ourselves, I was really impressed with how much they have remembered! We made a list of some of things we would like to find out about when we do our Autumn topic of 'Ourselves' as reception children.



Dosbarth Enfys-

All of our children had a lovely transition day in Dosbarth Enfys. We explored the classroom and made lots of new friends. We talked all about our first topic in September, Me, Myself and I and then the children got to think about the type of things they would like to learn all about themselves! We made

some lovely Enyfs clouds thinking about our positive attributes and started to make some super displays.



Dosbarth Blodau-

We had a very exciting transition day in Dosbarth Blodau.

Mrs Taylor was all in a muddle with a problem that needed solving, she had a big pile of pictures of bones and didn't know what to do with them or if they were of a human or an animal skeleton!

We all came to the rescue and worked collaboratively to piece together the skeleton. We were excited to tell Mrs Taylor all of the things we already know about bones and bodies. We easily identified that the pictures were of a human skeleton because of the hands and the feet.

On Monday we gathered back together and reflected on our discussions during our transition day. We created a mind map of all of the things we would like to learn about in our topic, 'Marvellous Me', when we come back to school in September. As you can see from our photograph below, we had some brilliant ideas and questions of things we would like to find out and are all now very excited for our learning next term!



Dosbarth Seren-

What a fantastic launch day we had with our lovely soon to be Year Three pupils! On our transition day, we investigated different pictures and created prehistoric art. The prehistoric art was inspired by our lives. When we entered the class, it was in total darkness and there were some intriguing objects on our tables which included coal and rocks! We did wonder what they were for but soon discovered they were to create pieces of artwork. We looked at some pictures of cave art and then used some sugar paper, pastels and coal to create our own cave art, where we incorporated prehistoric style drawings of ourselves, our families and pets. We listened to some Stone Age music and sounds tried to imagine things that matched the sounds that we could hear. We then regathered to share pupil voice and decide what we would like to learn and share ideas. We then came up with some wonderful ideas that range from Stone Age dancing to exploring how fossilisation occurs. Da iawn Dosbarth Blodau, you are definitely ready for Year 3! We are all very excited and looking forward to learning fascinating things in our topic Rocks and Fossils, especially

now we have had a big think about what we are going to learn and guided our learning as ambitious, capable and independent learners.



Dosbarth Afon-

Class of Dosbarth Afon 2023-2024 came for a transition visit last Wednesday and felt right at home straight away! We had a fantastic launch day for our 'Cool Castles and Courts' topic which will be our first topic in September. We started off finding out about the Welsh Princes and Princesses and then we did some research about Welsh castles. Did you know that Wales has more castles per square mile than any other country?

We found out about the different features of castles and labelled a picture of a castle. One feature was called a murder hole! That was a hole above the castle gates where molten tar and boulders would be dropped on any enemy who was brave enough to try to raid the castle. We also found out about the importance of a moat which made it very difficult to approach the castle. We used Minecraft Education to go into a Castle World and work collaboratively to build a moat and a drawbridge to help protect the Prince and Princess.

We also looked at the coat of arms for Llewelyn the Great and then designed our own coats of arms for our families using four symbols of things that are meaningful to us. Finally, we got to make our own crowns because we found out that through our legacy of rich culture and history, we are all Welsh princes and princesses.

On Monday we met again to gather our ideas of what we want to learn about on our Pupil Voice Areas of Learning & Experience grid. We are looking forward to building castle models, designing and making trebuchets, creating castle art, visiting a castle, finding out more about the Age of Princes and the life of a knight of the court.

We are all very excited and can't wait for September!



Dosbarth Coed-

We have had a busy few weeks in Dosbarth Coed practising for our end of term production with Year 6. We are very much looking forward to performing our show this week for the school and our grown-ups! We have also been busy with our whole school transition day. We have had several transition sessions to our new classes and last week we met our new teachers for next year and spent some time in our new classrooms! Dosbarth Afon came into Dosbarth Coed and were introduced to their new topic for September - The Ancient Maya civilization. Our first task was looking at clues from that period of time to work out what we might be learning about in September. We also created Maya designs on tiles, using patterns and symbols inspired by Mayan art and language and then used Mayan glyphs and symbols to create emblems which represented us and our

class. We enjoyed the day and also loved sharing our ideas for what we would like to learn during our pupil voice planning session. We came up with lots of thoughts about our topic and we can't wait to get started in September! Everyone worked very hard in class and we are all looking forward to getting to know each other more after the Summer break!



Dosbarth Mynydd-

For those children coming into Dosbarth Mynydd in September, we had a fantastic launch day for our topic, Blowin' in the Wind. This topic focusses on renewable energy and electricity and so our activities included; making an anemometer to measure the wind; making electrical circuits and researching wind energy online using iPads. On the day the children also made graffiti style name tags to go on display ready for September. The children had a fab day and have lots of great ideas for our learning in September including writing poetry linked to renewable energy and climate change; researching renewable energy in different countries; creating detailed drawings of wind turbines and developing our measuring skills through different science investigations.



Meanwhile for our Year 6 leavers there have been lots of transition days over the last couple of weeks and although we are sad to be going we are also very excited for their future! Our big job these past couple of weeks has been rehearsing for our concert! We can't wait to perform for our friends and families this week!

On behalf of all the children and staff at St Robert's Primary School

Happy Birthday to:

Oliver (4), Jake (4), Reese (7), Kinglsey (7), Elsie-May (7), Lilah (8), Evie (8), Nikodem (8),
Isabelle (8), Cohan (9), Eira (9) & Alfie (9).



Prayer Time- **Amser gweddi-**

This half term we have been focusing on the virtues of **INTENTIONAL** & **PROPHETIC** as part of our St Robert's Pupil Profile.

Pupils in St. Robert's Catholic Primary School are growing to be . . . **intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.



When we are **INTENTIONAL** we deliberately choose to live in a certain way. We don't just follow the crowd. We listen to God's voice deep inside us and choose to live by the values of Jesus. When we are **PROPHETIC** we show by our words and actions that we choose to live the Good News of Jesus.

Say this prayer together:

For the times we have rejected others:

Mae'n flin'da fi. Arglwydd, trugarha wrthym.

(I am sorry. Lord have mercy.)

For the times we have not protected God's world and shared our resources fairly:

Mae'n flin'da fi. Crist, trugarha wrthym.

(I am sorry. Christ have mercy.)

For the times we have not been intentional and prophetic disciples:

Mae'n flin'da fi. Arglwydd, trugarha wrthym.

(I am sorry. Lord have mercy.)

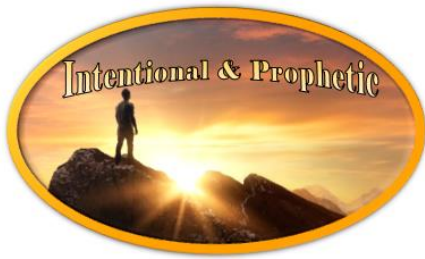
"The Lord gives each of us a vocation, a challenge to discover the talents and abilities we possess and to put them at the service of others"

Pope Francis



At home:

Listen to God in your heart. He calls us to a life that is full of compassion, faith, hope and love. How will you choose today to be an **INTENTIONAL** and **PROPHETIC** disciple?



St. Robert's Pupil Profile

This week the following pupils
have demonstrated the Virtues of
being

INTENTIONAL & PROPHETIC

BWRIADOL & PROFFWYDOL



Dosbarth Haul- Grace receives our intentional virtue for always making sensible choices during the school day. Arthur receives our prophetic virtue for thinking of some great ways to look after our world in our RE lesson.

Dosbarth Enfys- Layla for making a really big, intentional effort in her learning. Mithra for working hard to relate Jesus' teachings to our own lives.

Dosbarth Blodau- Ellis & Layla for being intentional and prophetic in the example they set to others. They worked hard in our outdoor learning when we were exploring different plants growing in our environment.

Dosbarth Seren- Charlie for being intentional and purposeful with his learning. Erin for always being intentional and actively looking how to share her skills to help others.

Dosbarth Afon- Cohan and Noah for making excellent suggestions for how to be a water hero showing that they are intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth and prophetic by spreading the message to conserve water to others by producing a leaflet for parents.

Dosbarth Coed- Max and Billy for making good decision and choices and encouraging others to do the same.

Dosbarth Mynydd- Reuben and Holly being a good example to others by having a polite and considerate nature.



School News: Newyddion Ysgol

We are looking to recruit lunchtime supervisors with a view to start in September, full time (6.25 hours per week) and part time (1.25 hours per day) available. If you, or anyone you know would be interested in the opportunity of joining our school staff please refer to our advert on the BCBC website or eTeach for more details and an application form.

Diary Dates: Dyddiadau'r Dyddiadur

21 st July	Pupils break up for the Summer Holidays
24 th July	Closure Day- Staff Training
4 th September	Closure Day- Staff Training
5 th September	Pupils return to school after the Summer Break

Thank you for your continuing support **Diolch yn fawr iawn!**

Mrs C Beveridge