



Dear all,

We've had a fantastic fortnight with lots of exciting activities taking place both inside and outside the classrooms. Last week we had a fabulous time celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. The newly formed PFA gave a packet of seeds and a beautiful bookmark to all our pupils as mementoes of this occasion. The PFA, also held a Royal Tea Party for our school community and raised over £400.00. Diolch yn fawr!

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

**Dosbarth Haul** - Arthur and Ella for their super work on listening for ending sounds in words in our phonic sessions.

**Dosbarth Enfys** - Matilda for being a fantastic friend and going out of her way to help other children with their learning. Ellie for having a wonderfully positive attitude to her learning and taking real pride in her work.

**Dosbarth Blodau** - Kyra for her brilliant problem solving in maths this week. Athena for working hard in her maths tasks this week when learning to tell the time.

**Dosbarth Seren** - Norah for a fantastic in effort in her literacy work and working hard on her handwriting. Theo for wonderful enthusaism towards our topic, and sharing some great facts with the class.

**Dosbarth Afon** - Eva and Caleb H for their excellent biography presentations about King Charles III.

**Dosbarth Coed** - Demi and Brody for developing independence in their learning and in daily school life.

**Dosbarth Mynydd** - Oliver for consistent hard work and always being focussed in class. Tyler for working very hard in our Maths lessons.



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

### Dosbarth Haul-

We finished our RE topic *Good News* this fortnight by thinking about how the Holy Spirit makes us feel. We listened to the story *Teddy Horsley's Windy Day* to help us understand that even though we can't feel, see or hear the Holy Spirit we know it's around us making us feel safe, loved and happy. We then made wind spinners decorated with Pentecost colours and added a word to describe how the Holy spirit makes us feel. We had a lovely class worship celebrating and remembering all we have learned about our topic.



### Dosbarth Enfys-

Dosbarth Enfys have started exploring time this week. We explored duration and how long it takes to do different activities in seconds, minutes and hours. We extended our learning even further by thinking about days, months and years! We have continued our traditional tale work and in our groups re-told the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. We then linked our learning into our P4C sessions where we had a really good discussion about whether Jack was a goodie or a baddie. We were a bit undecided but we practised using our *Caring Cwtch* to listen to others' opinions.



### Dosbarth Blodau-

We've had an exciting week in Blodau carrying out some more challenges and tasks for our client Barti Ddu. We really put our skills to the test when we were sent a telling the time problem solving activity. We are all now working hard telling the time to the hour, half past and quarter times on analogue and digital clocks. We had to scan QR codes hidden around our classroom which gave us different times pirates visited different features on a map. We had to put the times in order to help Barti Ddu plan his route around the island.

This week we've really enjoyed using a range of materials creatively to develop our techniques in the different art forms. We looked at the work of J.M.W. Turner and explored the seascapes that he created. We noticed the colours he used really portrayed stormy seas! So, we decided to make our own stormy seascapes, we have worked hard to create beautiful collages of a sailing ship on a stormy sea. We even added a sprinkling of salt to the blue and green watercolour shades to add texture to the sea water because we always comment on how the sea tastes salty!



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### **Dosbarth Seren-**

In Dosbarth Seren we have been very busy this past fortnight. We have completed lots of lovely learning related to our topic, *Ancient Greece*. We have learnt about Alexander the Great and created a fact file upon him, we debated whether he was a good or bad person after discovering what he achieved through his reign. Also, we have designed our very own Ancient Greek vases. Our vases all told a unique story that we each personally created based upon our knowledge of Ancient Greek civilisation. We have also looked at *Greek Gods and Goddesses* and begun to understand how Ancient Greeks believed in them and the reasons behind their beliefs. During our maths sessions, we built upon our understanding of telling the time and learnt about money too. We have enjoyed classifying animals during our science lessons. We very much enjoyed our trip to Life Exhibition in the Gospel Hall, Bridgend. We learnt more about Jesus' life and how his life impacted on the lives of his disciples. In PE, we have been further developing our athletic skills, linking our learning to the Olympics, and we have been understanding how to jump for distance. Da iawn Dosbarth Seren, keep up the great work.



### **Dosbarth Afon-**

In Dosbarth Afon, we have been really busy with our commission and learner forum for our client, Sir Clive Alderton, the Private Secretary to King Charles III. We have worked hard exploring our enquiry question - What makes a good King? We have looked back through history at the two previous King Charles - I and II. We have seen how Charles II learnt from the mistakes his father Charles I made and the promises he made to the people in the Declaration of Breda. We were asked to create a biography about King Charles III by our client and to present it using our ICT skills. We researched Charles' life and looked to the future to predict if we think he will make a good King after the solemn vows and promises he made at his coronation. We all agreed that he will make an excellent monarch due to the good example that his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, set and because of all the good work he has done over the years in his role as the Prince of Wales. After we presented our commissions we celebrated with a coronation party.



### Dosbarth Coed-

It has been a busy half term so far for Dosbarth Coed! We have continued to learn about climate change and global warming in our new topic, *Global Goals* and enjoyed reading factual information about these issues and creating questions for our partners to answer. When reading the story of 'The Great Kapok Tree,' during Literacy lessons, we have also learnt about the rainforests, some of the animals that live there and the dangers they face due to deforestation. We will be using this text to inspire our narrative poems later this term. In science we have drawn line graphs to present thermal insulator investigation results and reflected on our findings. We have also learnt more about the Holy Spirit transforming and shaping lives through carrying out many RE tasks based on

scripture readings, through discussions and through drama/role play and we have been curious outdoor learners, searching for signs of Spring in the super grounds. Last week we also had great fun celebrating the upcoming coronation through completing coronation tasks in class and we also had our very own class coronation party!



### **Dosbarth Mynydd-**

Dosbarth Mynydd have been working hard over the last fortnight. In our games sessions, we have been practising our skills of passing and defending within the game of rugby. Our P4C sessions have linked to our virtue pair, *Active and Curious*. We are being curious about our beautiful outdoor area and this week have talked about what is beauty, finding examples in our local area. In English, we have started exploring spooky stories and have really enjoyed reading an anthology of spooky stories entitled *Short* by Kevin Crossley-Holland. We are very excited to write our own spooky stories over the next fortnight! Finally in our topic, *Make your Voice Heard!*, we have been finding out about people who have stood up for the rights of others including; St Oscar Romero, Owain Glyndwr and the suffragettes. We will be using these people as influences for our artwork, which we will share with you soon!



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

**Happy Birthday** to:

Theo (8), Samson (9), Miarosa (10) & Mrs Lewis





Prayer Time- **Amser gweddi-**



Remembering our blessed Mother during May, please pray this litany for Mary with your child this week:



The response is:

Pray for us: **gweddia drosom ni**

Mary so happy: **gweddia drosom ni**

Mary so patient: **gweddia drosom ni**

Mary so hopeful: **gweddia drosom ni**

Mary so wonderful: **gweddia drosom ni**

Mary so courageous: **gweddia drosom ni**

Mary, Queen of Heaven: **gweddia drosom ni**

Mary, Mother of God: **gweddia drosom ni**

AMEN



## St. Robert's Pupil Profile

This week the following pupils have demonstrated the  
Virtues of being

**CURIOUS & ACTIVE**

**CHWILFRYDIG & GWEITHREDOL**



**Dosbarth Haul-** Orson receives our curious virtue for asking great 'Why' questions in P4C this week. Oliver receives our active virtue for helping me pack away Helpwr Heddiw games without being asked - so helpful!

**Dosbarth Enfys-** Gethin received our Curious virtue for really exploring our topic of plants and growing. Lucien received our Active award for actively trying to focus and improve his learning and behaviour.

**Dosbarth Blodau-** Alfie and Kingsley for being curious and active in their engagement with the world. They shared great examples when describing and giving reasons of why we should go out to tell everyone the Good News of Jesus in our daily lives, they really demonstrated how they are active in changing what they can for the better.

**Dosbarth Seren-** Megan for being an active member of the class and always being willing to help others. Reggie for being an active learner and always being prepared to share great answers

**Dosbarth Afon-** Olivia and Rory for being curious and active participants in all our learning.

**Dosbarth Coed-** Gracie and Hector for being curious and active in all learning but especially during outdoor learning tasks and science investigations.

**Dosbarth Mynydd-** Emelia for being really interested in our class topic and sharing items linked to the suffragettes with the class and Cadie-Jayne for always asking interesting questions about our learning.



## Daily Rosary for the Month of May

The Junior children have been leading daily rosary at lunchtime on the Supergrounds throughout the month of May. We have a beautiful new Marian Grotto which is almost completed and will soon be officially blessed when our new statue is placed. If you would like us to remember anyone in our prayers, please contact school through Dojo.



## Diary Dates: **Dyddiadau'r Dyddiadur**

20 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion @ Our Lady's & St. Patrick's Church
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Home clothes - £1.00 Donation for Isla Howells to represent Wales in the World Dance Competition in Portugal.
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Closure Day - Staff Training</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Pupils return from half term break
7 <sup>th</sup> June	St Robert's Feast Day- wear party clothes
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Pupils break up for the Summer Holidays
24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Closure Day- Staff Training</b>

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

Mrs C Beveridge