

Dear all,

Last Friday Dosbarth Afon led a moving and thought-provoking Harvest Gweddiwn. Our social action following this was to help the needy in our community by collecting for Aberkenfig Foodbank. Dosbarth Afon will be taking our collection to the Foodbank today. Diolch for all your donations!

Today we will celebrate our Welsh culture and language. The children wore red, white and green clothing, representing our national flag and we had a "Diwrnod Shwmae, Sh'mae Assembly". Classes have practised Welsh language skills. The Criw Cymraeg will produce a special newsletter to share with you, photographs and activities classes undertook to celebrate this event. Remember the official day is on Saturday so try use Welsh greetings when you are out and about at the weekend!

Just a reminder next week is a four-day week, as we have an INSET day on Friday October 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

**Dosbarth Haul** - Jack for his super independent sorting in Maths.

Piper for thinking of some super describing words for how objects feel.

**Dosbarth Enfys** - Isaac for using lovely adjectives to describe his outdoor photo frame. Sonny for being really focussed in class and trying hard to answer lots of questions.

**Dosbarth Blodau** - Kity for trying really hard with her writing tasks in class. Victoria for always having a positive approach to her learning. She always tries her best in everything she does.

**Dosbarth Seren** - Evie for always showing enthusiasm to her learning.

Niamh for showing enthusiasm during group discussions and being always willing to share her thoughts.

**Dosbarth Afon** - Eva for always being ready to learn and offering excellent contributions to class discussion. Jacob for his enthusiasm in all subjects and mature attitude to learning.

**Dosbarth Coed** - Miarosa and Zach for always working hard in class and being very enthusiastic with their learning!

**Dosbarth Mynydd** - Ben for some fantastic writing in our English unit on the Three Little Pigs - syniad da! Florence for a great work ethic, being very focussed in class and always striving to produce work of a high standard.



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

### Dosbarth Haul-

As part of our topic of Marvellous Me we have been exploring with our senses. We used our sense of hearing outdoors, listening to the sounds we could hear in the supergrounds. We also used our sense of smell outdoors by collecting small pieces of natural materials and grinding them to draw out the scent to make 'Nature's perfume'. Indoors we used our sense of touch to feel different objects, we used some super words to describe them such as squishy, hard, and prickly. Super work!



### Dosbarth Enfys-

This week Dosbarth Enfys have been exploring the outdoors again! We read the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and practised joining in with the repeated phrases. We then went up into the super grounds and we collected lots of different sticks to make a beautiful outdoor photo frame. Thankfully we didn't find a bear! We created our photo frames and then wrote sentences using adjectives to describe the different things on our photo frame. Super writing pawb!





### Dosbarth Blodau-

We've been busy developing our art skills in Blodau! We've experimented with charcoal to find out how we can use it to draw different marks, it was very messy, but lots of fun! In our outdoor learning session, we looked at experimenting with mark-making to create textures, we found lots of different textures outside and enjoyed texture rubbing to capture all of the different types we found.

All of this learning helped us to develop our observational drawing skills. We looked carefully at our soft toys, we could recognise and describe shapes in them. We used our drawing pencils to sketch in the basic shape outlines and then added detail and textures by using a range of different marks. What brilliant artists we have in Blodau, bendigedig pawb!



### **Dosbarth Seren-**

This past fortnight, Dosbarth Seren have been wrapping up warm and getting outside into nature! We have been investigating layers of soil and taking a closer observation at how soil looks different in various areas. This exploration of nature helped us to develop our understanding of Earth science by investigating types of soils and rocks. In our Humanities work, we have been contrasting and comparing our lives to that of someone who lived during the Stone Age. We now understand just how different aspects such as our 'wants and needs' differ from life millions of years ago. These tasks helped us to prepare for our Stone Age Day a week next Tuesday, which we are all very much looking forward to! Our focus in literacy is currently story writing, we have been creating story mountains in readiness to create our own stories after half term. We are basing our stories on 'The Stone Age Boy'. Lastly, we have created pictures of Stonehenge after we researched and discovered that the stone arrangement lines up perfectly with the summer and winter solstice. Bendigedig Dosbarth Seren- brilliant work!





## Dosbarth Afon-

In Dosbarth Afon, we have been working hard to lead our whole school worship for Harvest. We decided to support our local Foodbank in Aberkenfig this year after we did some research about people in need in our area. We'd like to share some of the information we found with you.

- A quarter of the people in our area live below the poverty line and often don't have enough to eat. That's equivalent to 6 people in our class.
- More than 10 million people in Britain live in households that struggle to put enough food on the table.
- Over 5 million people regularly go a whole day without eating in the UK.
- August 2020 saw the United Nations agency UNICEF begin to fund charities helping to feed hungry UK children for the first time in its history.
- Foodbanks gave 2.5 million three-day emergency food supplies to people in crisis in 2021. That has doubled since 2017.
- 7260 people visited Bridgend food bank last year - 1796 were children.

Instead of feeling worried or sad about this we decided to do something about it and organised a collection for Aberkenfig Foodbank. We know how compassionate, loving and generous our school

community is and we weren't let down. As a school we collected an amazing 173.5 kg of dried and tinned for people in need in our area! We walked to Aberkenfig Foodbank on Thursday to deliver all the donations and met the lovely people who volunteer there.

We'd like to pass on a huge DIOLCH YN FAWR PAWB to everyone!

For more information about how to support or get support from the Foodbank in Aberkenfig go to <https://www.communitychurchaberkenfig.org/foodbank.htm>



### **Dosbarth Coed-**

We have been working hard in Dosbarth Coed to be independent and ambitious learners! In Literacy lessons we have worked on our poetry skills and have started to find the features of figurative language in poems based on our class novel - *The Snow Spider* by Jenny Nimmo. We have enjoyed creating similes, metaphors and phrases which include personification! In RE we have begun to talk about friendship and what this means in terms of commitment, service and loyalty. We have also completed our parachute science investigation, where we found out that the bigger the surface area, the slower our parachutes fell. We have also studied and interpreted data about the population of different cities and towns in South Wales during our topic lessons, creating graphs using Excel. Dosbarth Coed have also shown great creativity by using Banksy as an inspiration for their 'Welcome to Bridgend' artwork...a very talented class! We have also earned over 2,000 dojos and we definitely enjoyed our reward of extra play!





***Our parachute investigation***



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***Using excel to input data and create graphs in topic work***



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## Dosbarth Mynydd-

We continued to work hard and be busy in Dosbarth Mynydd! During the last couple of weeks, we have been using the outdoors to learn more about animal and plant adaptations. We focussed on how plants and animals give warnings that they are dangerous and then used our ICT skills to create warning signs for our local environment. In PE, we have been continuing to focus on health-related exercise by focusing on developing our muscle strength. In our English work we have been writing newspaper articles for an alternative version of the Three Little Pigs and have produced some fantastic writing.



Outdoor learning



Making warning signs



HEALTH RELATED EXERCISE





**Prayer Time: *Amser Gweddi***

For the past fortnight we have been collecting for the Aberkenfig Foodbank as part of our Harvest Appeal, let us think about this time of year when we celebrate harvest. We need to value the beauty of God's creation and all that is good in the world.

Say this prayer together:

**Dear God,  
Each season brings something new for use to see and enjoy,  
With sunny days and rainy days,  
Our crops grow larger,  
Fruit and vegetables ripen, ready for us to harvest.  
Thank you for all of the food we have to eat,  
Let us remember people who may not have enough.  
Help us to be kind to others in our thoughts, words and deeds.  
Amen**





This fortnight the following pupils have demonstrated the Virtues of being  
**COMPASSIONATE & LOVING**  
**TOSTURIOL A CHARIADUS**



**Dosbarth Haul-** Oliver & Rupert receive our loving and compassionate virtue for sharing the toys in class so beautifully.

**Dosbarth Enfys-** Willow received our Compassionate virtue this week for always considering others. Emily received our Loving virtue this week for being a very loving friend to all.

**Dosbarth Blodau-** Bella and Oliver B for sharing their brilliant ideas in our P4C session. They had great ideas to share of how our love is different for different people and they gave brilliant examples of how we can show compassion and love in our daily lives.

**Dosbarth Seren-** Elis for being loving and compassionate to both teachers and peers. Florence for always using kind manners to both her peers and teachers.

**Dosbarth Afon-** Lukas and Leo - for helping to spread our Harvest message of compassion and love through their beautiful dramatisation of 'The Feeding of the Five Thousand.'

**Dosbarth Coed-** Olivia Grace for showing compassion to her classmates when they are upset. Morgan for being compassionate and loving by always showing kindness and helping others, adults and peers in class.

**Dosbarth Mynydd-** Cerise and Emelia who always demonstrate a loving and caring manner to those around them.





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

Matilda (6), Jake (7), Norah (8), Noah J (9), Charlie (10), Ruby (10) & Patrick (11)



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



Are you able coach football, rugby, netball or cricket? Do you have a hobby/ interest in crafts/sewing, gardening, athletics, fitness, singing or playing a musical instrument?

If so, volunteer to support an extra-curricular session at school.

What does it entail?

Six sessions delivered weekly from 3.30- 4.15pm. A staff member will be present and help to run the club.

The more volunteers we get the more after school clubs we can provide for our pupils.

Please dojo your child's class teacher if you are interested in helping us out!

**Pupil Participation: School Council** **Cyfranogiad Disgyblion: Cyngor Ysgol**

This year's School Council has been elected. We had hustings and a secret ballot. The successful candidates for 2022-23 are:

Dosbarth Blodau Members- Amelie and Bella

Dosbarth Seren Members- Corey and Amelie

Dosbarth Afon Members- Samson and Eva

Dosbarth Coed Members- Demi and Morgan

Dosbarth Mynydd Members- Savanna and Patrick

The School Council plays an important part in voicing the opinions of the pupils and helping to improving the school. I am sure this year's council will be very active in all areas of school life.

Also this year's Super Ambassadors are Isobel & Reuben who will be championing the work of the Children's Commissioner for Wales, by promoting children's rights and the [U.N.C.R.C.](#) in school.

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

21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>CLOSURE DAY</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Cross Country - Bryntirion Comprehensive</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Last Day in school prior to half term</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Pupils return to school after half term break</b>

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

*Mrs C Beveridge*