



St Robert's Catholic Primary School



"Jesus in US"

Newsletter - 13<sup>th</sup> October '23



Dear All,

Today we celebrate our Welsh culture and language. The children wore red, white or green clothing, representing our national flag and we had a "Diwrnod Shwmae, Sh'mae" Assembly. Pupils will be practising their Welsh language skills and completing class-based activities relating to "Diwrnod Shwmae". Photographs from the day will be shared via X (previously Twitter) and our Facebook page. Remember the official day is on Sunday so try use welsh greetings when you are out and about at the weekend!

On October 24<sup>th</sup> Dosbarth Afon will be leading our Harvest Gweddiwn. Our social action, linked to the CAFOD Live Simply Award, is to help the needy in our community by collecting for Aberkenfig Foodbank. If you are able to support this appeal please send donations into school up until the Gweddiwn. See our whole School Dojo for the most needed items required by the foodbank. Diolch for all your donations!

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

**Dosbarth Haul** - Fleur for working hard on her pencil hold and control

Rupert for super independent maths work.

**Dosbarth Enfys** - Freddie for his fantastic knowledge of Baptism and Maisie-Rae for her brilliant maths comparison work.

**Dosbarth Blodau** - Ellie for showing great perseverance when completing her writing activities. Rhys for his brilliant maths work this week, especially when learning to count in 3s.

**Dosbarth Seren** - Dylan for a brilliant attitude towards his learning and using great expression when reading. Bella, for a wonderful attitude towards her learning and a great personal autobiography.

**Dosbarth Afon** - Emilee and Bailey for their dedication and support of daily lunchtime rosary during the month of October.

**Dosbarth Coed** - Alfie for contributing well to class discussions and always having excellent ideas and suggestions in class. Jack for his excellent RE work during the past week and for trying very hard with the presentation of his work.

**Dosbarth Mynydd** - Demi and Aoife G, who were both very eloquent in our class debate. We have two future Senedd members in the making.



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

### Dosbarth Haul-

This fortnight we've been doing some super maths! Nursery have worked hard on finding buttons to match ones they were given from a collection - with some having the same colour and shape but different number of holes. So lots of careful looking!

Reception pupils had to decide how to sort the same group of items - the different ways that they thought of were by colour, by shape and by size.

They sorted them independently and could say how they have been sorted and some suggested and showed a different way too!





### Dosbarth Enfys-

Dosbarth Enfys have been working very hard the last few weeks. In our maths sessions we have been focussing on our numbers within 10 and writing them beautifully. In R.E we have been learning all about Baptism. We thought about how we would welcome someone into our lives and then role played a Baptism! It really helped us to learn exactly what happens. We went on a lovely walk around our local area to spot some human and physical features for geography and were lucky enough to see lots of both! In English we have been practising our labelling skills and have been learning the importance of making lists.



### Dosbarth Blodau-

Over the past few weeks Dosbarth Blodau have really enjoyed sharing stories by an author called Ed Vere. We have fallen in love with his stories about 'Max', who we think is a funny but mischievous kitten. We also thoroughly enjoyed the story 'Bedtime for Monsters', this story certainly didn't have the ending we expected with the monster wanting a big goodnight kiss! All of our super literacy work has ended with us writing short story of our own about a cat. We have

decided we now want to use Ed Vere's Bedtime for Monsters story to help us write our own funny story. So, watch this space! We have super authors in Blodau!

Dosbarth Blodau have also had a very busy few weeks continuing to work with Dr Ranj in our topic work. We've been finding out; how we keep our bodies healthy by exercising, resting and through a balanced diet, how we wash our hands properly, how our body moves, how and why we blink and how we look after our teeth.

Here we are looking at the different types of teeth in our mouths. We counted the amount of each type of tooth we have and labelled them on our sheets.





## Dosbarth Seren-

These past few weeks Dosbarth Seren have been very busy! In our Humanities work, we have been contrasting and comparing our lives to that of someone who lived during the Stone Age. We also were independent researchers and used ICT to research a Stone Age settlement in the UK called Skara Brae. We discovered lots of fascinating facts. These tasks have helped us to prepare for our Stone Age Day on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, which we are all very much looking forward to! In expressive arts, we have created pictures of Stonehenge after we discovered that the stone arrangement lines up perfectly with the summer and winter solstice. We used oil pastels to create beautiful pieces of artwork. In science, we have learnt all about the fossilisation process. During our literacy lessons, we have been creating our own personal autobiographies! These were written to a very good standard, and the children all really enjoyed writing about their lives. As part of this unit we got to interview one another which was great fun! We found lots out about our friends such as the jobs they would like to have when they grow up. In our PE lessons, we have had a great time with our tennis coach who has taught us some great new ball and bat skills. Also, we have been having great fun in indoor PE creating dance routines as if we are wild animals and Stone Age hunter-gatherers. Da iawn Dosbarth Seren - keep up the good work.



## Dosbarth Afon-

In Dosbarth Afon, we have been lucky enough to go on our first trip of the year! We went all the way back in time to the time of Llywelyn the Great and visited Llys Llywelyn at St. Fagan's. Unfortunately, Llywelyn was delayed in North Wales but we did meet one of his peasant servants called Gwenllian. She welcomed us all as she knew we were friends of Llywelyn as we were wearing his coat of arms. She showed us all around Llywelyn's court and let us look at all of Llywelyn's special objects. We were also treated to a story from the Mabinogion called Culhwch ac Olwen which was very exciting. We saw the beautiful tapestry about the story on the wall of the Llys and have decided that we want to make a tapestry about the story of Gelert which we are studying at the moment. This was a perfect warm up for our Diwrnod Shwmae on Friday where we played 'Bang' which is our favourite Helpwr Heddiw game and Welsh Prize Bingo!

We have also been super scientists and carried out an enquiry where we asked the question: Does gas weigh anything? We planned our enquiry, predicted and then carried out a fair test. We were surprised to find out that a fizzy can of Pepsi weighed 342g and a flat can of Pepsi weighed 340g! So, the carbon dioxide gas weighed 2g! We have thought of other questions we would like to investigate like - Which pop is the fizziest? and Is more expensive pop fizzier than cheap pop? We have also been lucky enough to have tennis coaching with Mark and have really seen an improvement in our skills. Wimbledon next stop!

We had great fun learning about the geography of France on French Friday and also had some French sweets to take home from Miss Downie to celebrate.







### **Dosbarth Coed-**

Coed have been working very hard the past few weeks both in class and in their swimming sessions! Everyone really enjoyed their week of swimming lessons and had a lot of fun in the pool! In class we have been working on our topic of the Ancient Maya and learning more about the geography of where the Ancient Maya settled and what they did in their daily lives. We have created pic collage adverts, persuading people to visit Chichen Itza , the wonder of the world and we have also been busy as artists, making mosaic masks inspired by those which the Mayas wore. We have continued reading the Snow Spider and completed reading tasks about the mysterious and magical story of Gwyn and Arianwen the spider along with writing biographies about the author - Jenny Nimmo. We are working hard in RE, learning all about the 7 sacraments and miracles of Jesus, creating mind maps and information posters to understand the words, actions and symbols of Baptism, the Eucharist and Confirmation. A fun, busy and hardworking few weeks in Dosbarth Coed!



### **Dosbarth Mynydd-**

It's been a busy time in Dosbarth Mynydd! We have been continuing with our topic, Blowin' in the Wind. We have been finding out more about renewable sources of energy and carried out a debate in class on whether more wind farms should be built in Wales. We have used our numeracy skills to look at percentages and pie charts representing the UK's energy mix. We have researched eco-friendly homes and working with our peers have created models of these, ready to share with our client, Jo from Cenin Renewables, next week. We have also been busy being healthy, confident



individuals. There have been swimming lessons, games sessions developing our netball skills and gymnastics lessons focussing on matching and mirroring actions.



## **HEALTHY, CONFIDENT INDIVIDUALS - GYMNASTICS**



## **OUTDOOR LEARNING - NEGATIVE NUMBERS SCAVENGER HUNT**



## Prayer time- **Amser Gweddi**

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October was the Feast Day of John Henry. He was an English cardinal and theologian in the 19th century. St. John Henry Newman was renowned as a gentle, wise and courageous priest who showed great pastoral care for those living in poverty.

St John Henry Newman (Cardinal Newman was canonised in October 2019).



Let us pray-

**The Mission of My Life -St John Henry Newman**

God has created me to do Him some definite service.

He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another.

I have my mission.

I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good; I shall do His work.

I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place,

while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away.

Amen.

Saint John Henry Newman - **pray for us**



May we be inspired by his motto "**Heart speaks unto Heart**", "**Cor ad Cor Loquitur**" to help those in need with our words, actions & prayers.





## St. Robert's Pupil Profile

This fortnight the following pupils have demonstrated the Virtues of being **GRATEFUL & GENEROUS**



**Dosbarth Haul-** Piper receives our grateful virtue for saying thanks to his friends when they show kindness to him. Harper receives our generous virtue for showing great sharing of the toys in the class.

**Dosbarth Enfys-** Our grateful award goes to Jacob for always being thankful and our generous award goes to Lucien for being very generous with his time for others.

**Dosbarth Blodau-** Willow and Isabella for being grateful and generous to others in our class. They are always willing to help other children in class, especially during independent challenge time.

**Dosbarth Seren-** Elsie- May for being generous and always offering to help out in class and Zen, for being always being generous and having wonderful manners.

**Dosbarth Afon-** Alex and Corey for demonstrating generous team spirit and good sportsmanship when playing our Helpwr Heddiw games.

**Dosbarth Coed-** Eira and Sophie for always showing generosity when working and playing with others at break and lunch times.

**Dosbarth Mynydd-** Iwan and Brody for their excellent manners and being so grateful for the hard work of others in the room.



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

Willow (6), Matilda (7), Jake (8), Joey (8), Finley (9), Corey (9), Amelie (9)  
Noah (10), Aoife G (11), Megan (11), Isla (11) & Charlie (11)



Other information: **Gwybodaeth arall**



Try and use Welsh greetings this weekend!

Cyfarchion <b>Greetings</b>		
English	Welsh	Phonetical
How are you?	Shwmae?	Shoo'my
Good morning!	Bore da!	Boh-reh-dah
Good afternoon!	Prynhawn da!	Prin-houn <b>dah</b> (formal) P'noun <b>dah</b> (casual)
Are you alright?	Ti'n iawn?	Tee'n eeawn?
Thank you	Diolch	Deeolch
Please	Os gwelwch yn dda	Os gweloo-chun tha
You're welcome	Croeso	Croy-so
Goodbye!	Hwyl fawr!	Hooil vowr

**MENTER BRO OGWR**  
DEFNYDDIWCH EICH CYMRAG - USE IT OR LOSE IT!



## Pupil Voice: Llais y Disgybl

### Pupil Groups 2023-2024

Name	Pupil Group
Finley Peters	<b>School Council Members</b>
Erin Rooney	
Aoife Geehan	
Oliver Watkins	
Rhys Standing	
Osian Morgan	
Scarlett Dix	
Oliver Bowling	
Freya Rees	
Demi Jewell	<b>Super Ambassadors</b>
Iwan Fryer	
Evie Alston	<b>Philosophy for Children Champions</b>
Emilee Rowsell	
Ruby Powell Hughes	
Gwen Price	
Alfie Brett	
Logan Jones	
Olivia Harris	
Max Joshua	
Daniel Dobris	<b>Criw Cymraeg</b>
Niamh Kinsella	
Halle Goss	
Mairwen Camacho	
Bethan Hunter	
Megan Jones	
Aoife Buchanan	
Olivia John	
Eva Clark	
Athena Edwards	
Kity Protheroe	
Gabriel Daniels	<b>Eco -Committee</b>
Louie Jones	
Ebony Ashong	
Megan Ashong	
Alex Evans Piper	
Lynette Hackman	
Matilda Haines-Burke	
Joseph Banks	
Cohan Randall	
Tianna Short	

Noah James	
Amelie Bhagotra	
Oliver Jenkins	
Kingsley Carter	
Dylan Jones	
Philip Zajac	<b>Digital Leaders</b>
Brody Woolls	
Isla Howells	
Freya Evans	
Max Evans Piper	
Billy Jones	<b>Wellbeing Warriors</b>
Miarosa Healy-Rowe	
Morgan Moore	
Florie Jenkins	
Norah Dyke	
Lukas Bevan	
Eira Farnham	
Reese Carter	
Kyra Bevan	
Bailey Hart	<b>St Bob's COGs (Community Outreach Group)</b>
Corey Thomas	
Amelie Williams	
Jacob Byrne	
Lilah Pulvirenti	
Florence Bowditch	
Theo Murphy	
Elis Dyer-Jones	
Reggie Morgan	
Sophie Roberts	
Samson Taylor	
Cillian Geehan	
Joey Jewell	
Bella Thomas	
Alfie Harris-Waters	
Layla Harris	

### **Meet the Teacher Cwrdd â'r athro**

Thank you for your attendance at our "Meet the Teacher" sessions held over the past fortnight. The feedback has been extremely positive. Parents found the sessions very informative. They felt it was good to see the classrooms and also meet the other parents.

For those parents/cares unable to attend the PowerPoint will be shared via Class Dojo.



### **Parent Governors: Rhieni Lywodraethwyr**

Mrs Harris-Waters and Mrs Bowditch have been elected as your "Parent Governors". Parent governors play a vital role on our Governing Body as they hold the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through their children, they have a first-hand experience of the school and how the school is perceived. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic direction of the school.

### **Diary Dates: Dyddiadau Dyddiadur**

#### **School Training Days 2023-24 (School closed to pupils)**

- 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023
- 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024
- An additional day TBC

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

16 <sup>th</sup> October	School Nurse- Flu vaccinations
26 <sup>th</sup> October	PFA- Halloween Disco
27 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>CLOSURE DAY</b>
W/C 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
6 <sup>th</sup> November	School resumes after Half term break

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

*Mrs C Beveridge*