



Dear all,

We have had another fantastic fortnight at St. Robert's with so many wonderful teaching and learning experiences happening in every class. We've had a whole school focus on Internet Safety and Children's Mental Health. It was wonderful to see how the pupils "Dressed to Express". Your donations raised £180 for the charity Place2Be. Diolch yn fawr pawb!

A big thank you to Dosbarth Seren for their beautiful whole school worship on being Eloquent & Truthful. They shared with us the parable of the two sons this emphasised the fact to us all that "actions speak louder than words". We reflected on how we can be eloquent and truthful in our thoughts, words and deeds. Dosbarth Seren created a wonderful prayer on being Eloquent & Truthful which was said at the end of the Worship by the whole school. Gwaith gwyh Dosbarth Seren.

We have a closure day tomorrow. Our focus is RSE (Relationships & Sexual Education). The staff will be joining online The Welsh National Catholic Conference Day for RSE. This will help Catholic Schools plan and deliver the Welsh Government R.S.E. Statutory Guidance and Code in way that reflects our Catholic faith. When we have formulated our R.S.E. programme we will hold workshops for you to see the content and resources we will be using.

Headteacher Awards Gwobr y Pennaeth

Dosbarth Haul - Oliver Ricketts for his super number ordering in C.L.I.C. sessions. Lillie James for her amazing effort with copying her name.

Dosbarth Enfys - Lucien and Rhys for sharing some fantastic animal facts with the class.

Dosbarth Blodau - Ellis and Oliver J for working so hard with their story writing work this week. Both demonstrated super persevering and concentrating to write a great story with adjectives and dialogue between characters.

Dosbarth Seren - Elis for a positive attitude to learning, particularly in our topic, The Romans. Amelie for a brilliant attitude to learning in all areas of the curriculum.

Dosbarth Afon - Leo for the huge effort he puts into improving his handwriting. Samson for always giving 100% to his learning and presenting his work well.

Dosbarth Coed - Gabriel and Philip for their consistent hard work and effort in all of their learning.

Dosbarth Mynydd - Cerise and Levi for working especially hard in their Maths lessons this fortnight.



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

Dosbarth Haul-

We've been busy with our Design and Technology project relating to our weather topic. Our client Weather Monkey wanted to make a book with rainbow salad recipes in and needed help to think of different fruits and vegetables that could be used for the different colours. Once we had thought of some great foods we each designed a rainbow salad, help chop the food and put the salad in a rainbow shape in the right order. We then got to eat our salads up - they were so delicious and very healthy!!



Dosbarth Enfys-

Dosbarth Enfys have been learning all about animals these past few weeks. We have been classifying animals into different groups by what type of animal they are, what they eat and where they live and have learnt lots of new fantastic vocabulary to describe these animals. We have finished off our literacy unit by writing a fact file all about alligators to go on our writing wall! We were fact investigators on Monday and learnt all about where alligators come from, the type of habitat they like to live in, what they eat and how long they are. Did you know that an American alligator can grow between 3-5 metres long?! Da iawn pawb, you've loved this topic and produced some brilliant pieces of work.



Dosbarth Blodau-

We've had an exciting week in Dosbarth Blodau. We've been developing our science and technology skills and have completed our design and technology unit of work and our final commission for our client, Iggy Peck Architect.

We have enjoyed using all of our science knowledge we have learned this half term to complete the final challenge for Iggy Peck in our outdoor learning session. We built bridges using natural things from our super grounds to build the bridges and performed simple tests to see whether they can hold weight. There are lots of budding architects in Blodau!

This week we also decided that we would like to make the 'big bad' character from our story writing work this week, where we have written our own alternative version to the traditional tale of the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf.

We have been busy identifying the correct terms for levers, linkages and pivots and looked for these mechanisms around our school. We have created functional linkages that produce the desired input and output motions and have investigated the most suitable card to help us make a moving character.

We have thought carefully about a design criterion of things that we must remember and include when making our moving character. We created two designs of our characters and evaluated our designs against the design criteria, using this information and the feedback from others in the class to help us choose our best design.

We are going to making our final designs in our class learner forum with our families on Thursday afternoon. We are very excited to share our learning from this half term with our families!



Dosbarth Seren-

It has been a super busy time in Dosbarth Seren! We all thoroughly enjoyed our activities during Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. We talked about making connections, and who we can talk to if we have any worries, both at home and at school. We also ended every day with a song and dance, which was great fun! On Safer Internet Day, we looked at scenarios based upon gaming and group chats, we discussed what we would do in those particular situations. Also, we had to answer questions with 'Tech or No Tech?', identifying whether in certain situation it's easier to use technology or not, helping us to become ethical and informed digital citizens. On Wednesday, we had our learner forum Roman Day and what a brilliant day it was! We started off with a Roman Solider boot camp delivered by St.Fagan's, where we marched like soldiers and explored Roman armour with a real Roman Solider!! We really enjoyed inviting the parents in to join in with our learning. We created beautiful Roman shields, incorporating learning that we gained over the topic, enjoyed a quiz, that recapped our learning and performed some Roman marching. We have had a great half term together Dosbarth Seren, enjoy your week off!



Dosbarth Afon-

In Dosbarth Afon, we have been so busy having fun while learning! We have been refining our passing skills in Basketball by playing 1V4 Piggy in the Middle. We have really enjoyed exploring shades and tints in Art. We applied these skills to our topic work and when we expressed ourselves on our Wellbeing Day. For Safer internet Day, we reflected on the positive uses of the internet and what we love about being online by creating an Alpha-Net, thinking of all things internet related that we enjoy. We have responded to our client's commission in our topic by making carbon footprint pledges for home and school and have spread the message of finding local solutions to the global problem of climate change on social media. We are also very excited about our celebrations for St David's Day and have been practising our Jac-y-do Welsh Folk

dance, singing our Welsh parody of We Will Rock You and participating in our Eisteddfod competitions. Phew!



Dosbarth Coed-

Dosbarth Coed have been very busy during the final 2 weeks of half term. We have finished our class reader 'Paddington,' which we thoroughly enjoyed! To conclude our work on the novel we have written letters to Aunt Lucy, imagining we are Paddington Bear and have even had a Paddington party, complete with marmalade sandwiches! We think Paddington would definitely have approved! We have also been busy with our topic work, creating adverts using persuasive language to advertise some of the most famous and popular mountains in Wales as our natural Welsh Wonders of the world. We have also created information posters using pictures and facts to showcase the mountains we think should be voted as the 8th Natural Wonder of the World. We have learnt a lot about Snowdon, Pen y Fan and other Welsh mountains. We also enjoyed completing a science investigation about how the height of a drop affects the width of a crater formed and have been working hard on our multiplication and division. In PE sessions we have been practising Welsh dancing and we have also completed our Eisteddfod art and handwriting competitions. Dosbarth Coed are looking forward to St David's Day celebrations when we return to school after half term!



Dosbarth Mynydd-

We have had a busy fortnight in class! In our PE sessions we have been practising our Welsh Dancing ready for St David's Day as well as developing our ball skills in our football sessions. We have been developing our orienteering skills in our outdoor learning and in Science we have been honing our classifying skills by creating a classification key for sweets - yum! We have had lots of important events to celebrate over the last week or so, including Safer Internet Day, Express yourself Day (Children's Mental Health Week) and Dydd Miwsig Cymru, where we listened to and rated some contemporary Welsh language songs. Fy hoff can yw Amser Partri gan Sywel Nyw! Maybe you can have a listen on Spotify and let us know what you think - wyt ty'n hoffi 'Amser Parti' hefyd?



Jukebox Jury	
Com - Song	Birth wyl t'n feiddol o berdddwyl?
O Hwytford (O Hwytford) - Rhydychen	<p>Da i'n dda o blyd i'w gwydd nadau mawr hysgus a ffrwyth</p> <p>$\frac{6.5}{10}$</p>
Cerynna N'n Dda Lloer - Ellis Hughes	<p>Nadau ym da fu i'w hysgus nadau mawr a ffrwyth a ffrwyth</p> <p>$\frac{7}{10}$</p>
Bure Di - Eurus Chidley	<p>Da i'n dda o blyd i'w gwydd nadau mawr hysgus a ffrwyth a ffrwyth</p> <p>$\frac{8.5}{10}$</p>
Fy hoff gân yw	



Prayer time - Amser gweddi- As we celebrated Valentine's Day this week may we be thankful for all the people we love and who love us. Let us reflect also, on St Paul's letter to the Corinthians on what love is.



PRAYER TO SAINT VALENTINE

DEAR SAINT AND GLORIOUS MARTYR;
TEACH US HOW TO LOVE UNSELFISHLY
AND TO FIND GREAT JOY IN GIVING.
ENABLE ALL TRUE LOVERS TO BRING
OUT THE BEST IN EACH OTHER IN GOD
AND IN GOD IN EACH OTHER.



LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND,
IT DOESN'T ENVY OR BOAST AND
IT'S NEVER PROUD,
LOVE IS NOT RUDE OR SELFISH,
IT DOESN'T GET ANGRY EASILY OR
KEEP TRACK OF WRONGS.
LOVE DOESN'T DELIGHT IN BAD THINGS
BUT IT REJOICES IN THE TRUTH.
LOVE ALWAYS PROTECTS, TRUSTS,
HOPES, AND PERSEVERES.
LOVE NEVER FAILS.

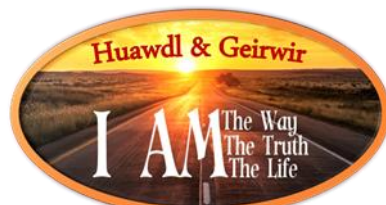
ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

The Society of Saints





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Dosbarth Haul- Jake receives our eloquent virtue for using lovely vocabulary in his class work. Myah receives our truthful virtue for telling the truth when asked about a situation in class.

Dosbarth Enfys- Joseph received our Eloquent virtue this week.
Emilia received our Truthful virtue this week.

Dosbarth Blodau- Kyra and Dylan for being eloquent and truthful in the way they care for others with their kind words and ways on the playground.

Dosbarth Seren- Jacob for being eloquent when speaking in class and sharing his ideas with his classmates. Norah for always being helpful and truthful in all areas of school life.

Dosbarth Afon- Caleb H and Osian for showing eloquence when contributing excellent thinking to class discussion and moving our learning on.

Dosbarth Coed- Jayden for trying hard to contribute and participate in class discussions in an eloquent way. Miarosa for always having insightful, kind and caring words which she conveys with eloquence in class and group discussions.

Dosbarth Mynydd- Jacob, who is always eloquent especially in RE lessons where he speaks about his faith in a beautiful way. Tippi who speaks in a considered and thoughtful manner, always considering her words before she speaks.



School News: **Newyddion Ysgol**

Relaunch of St Robert's PFA (parents & Friends Association)

Thank you to all the parents who attended the PFA meeting last week.

Future events include: A Mother's Day Sale, Easter Raffle/Hamper & Disco.

Please support these events as all money raised goes to providing the extra resources for our pupils.

St David Day & Eisteddfod Celebration

On **1st March** we will begin our celebrations with a whole school Mass. Followed by a whole school Twmpath in the afternoon.

On **Friday 3rd March** we will hold our whole school Eisteddfod. The Eisteddfod celebrates our Welsh culture and traditions. Items include recitations, songs, the crowning of our Bard and the results of the inter-house competitions.

On **Tuesday 7th March** we will be putting on Eisteddfod taster sessions for parents/carers to be able to join in with our celebrations.

FOUNDATION PHASE- Dosbarth Haul, Enfys & Blodau are invited to join us in the hall from 9.30am.

JUNIORS- Dosbarth Seren, Afon, Coed & Mynydd session is in the hall from 2.30pm.

********* *The pupils can wear national costumes, welsh rugby/football shirts (school trousers/bottoms please) to each of these celebrations.* *********

Nursery Places for September 2023

St Robert's Governing Body are currently accepting applications for our Nursery for September. If you have a child who will be three before September 2023 contact the school for an application. Also, if you are aware of family, friends or neighbours who may be interested in giving their child an education rich in catholic ethos, please encourage them to contact the school on Tel: 815515.

Diary Dates: **Dyddiadau'r Dyddiadur**

16 th February	Last day for pupils prior to half term break
17 th February	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
27 th February	School resumes after half term break
1 st March	St David's Day Celebrations
3 rd March	Whole School Eisteddfod
7 th March	Eisteddfod Taster sessions for parents/carers
31 st March	Last day for pupils prior to Easter Holidays
7 th April	Good Friday
9 th April	Easter Sunday
17 th April	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
18 th April	School resumes after Easter Holidays

Thank you for your continued support Diolch yn fawr iawn!

Mrs Beveridge

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