

Dear all,

Welcome back to the start of a new year. It has been wonderful to see the children so happy returning to school. I would like to welcome our new pupils in Nursery and their families to St. Robert's School. We are delighted that they have chosen to come to our school and welcome them as part of our community. We also welcome new staff members, Miss Rossi (Class Teacher - Coed) and Miss Bird (LSO support in KS2).

We were all very saddened to hear about the death of Queen Elizabeth II last Thursday. Throughout this period of mourning we have shared prayers and information about the Queen during whole school worships. We prayed that all of us should follow The Queen's example of service, faith and Christian discipleship.

Yesterday, all pupils received a beautiful book from the Department of Education to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These were ordered prior to the sudden death of the Queen and are a wonderful memento of her life and her reign.

The school will be closed on Monday, 19th September due to the state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



Headteacher Awards: Gwobr y Pennaeth

Dosbarth Haul - Ffion for her sensible attitude when doing her special 'jobs' in school. Louie for his beautiful sitting on the carpet and super listening.

Dosbarth Enfys - Elijah for being extremely sensible on his first two weeks in Year 1. Mithra for doing a super job settling into Reception and a new classroom.

Dosbarth Blodau - Elsie-May for her super RE work this week. She had lovely ideas to share in our group discussions. Zen for his brilliant literacy work when creating a poster all about himself.

Dosbarth Seren - Mariia for fantastic effort with our learning and making new friendships. Tomas for excellent effort with his learning and willingness to share answers in class.

Dosbarth Afon - Caleb H for sharing his excellent general knowledge in class and being very focussed on his learning.

Tianna for her excellent attitude to learning this week and doing so well in swimming.

Dosbarth Coed - Jayden for his very polite and always respectful and hardworking nature. Gracie for always working hard and making excellent, articulate contributions to class and group discussions especially in RE sessions.

Dosbarth Mynydd - Jacob and Connor who are very focussed in class and are ready to work straight away at the start of every lesson.



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

Dosbarth Haul-

Our nursery pupils have all settled into the new school year so well!! It's been a busy fortnight learning the rules and routines in the classroom, sharing toys and making friends. They've had lots of lovely play indoors and outdoors with a variety of different areas to play in - the mud kitchen, play dough and the home corner are definitely the most popular at the moment! We're looking forward to you all staying for lunch next week and having a full day of fun! Bendigedig pawb!



Dosbarth Enfys-

Dosbarth Enfys have had a very busy start to the school year. We have been learning all about our new classroom and teachers and finding our way around. We already know how to come in in the morning and put all of our things away and have been learning all the different provision areas inside and outside the classroom. In P.E we have been learning why exercise is good for our bodies and how to warm up and cool down safely. We have practised our moving around quickly but safely and have played some fun games!



Dosbarth Blodau-

Dosbarth Blodau have had a very exciting first two weeks back at school! We are all settling well into year two and have been working very hard in class.

We were all very excited this week, when a letter was delivered to our class! We've got a new client and commission for our work this half term. Dr Ranj from Cbeebies has written to us asking us if we would work hard as Junior Doctors to find out how to keep our bodies strong and healthy. Of course, we all agreed and are very excited to get underway with our work! This week we had a great P4C session to start our topic work and we thought about 'What if we looked like everybody else?' Lots of us agreed that it would be quite boring if we were all completely the same and think that it's so great that we all have differences and are unique.

Here we are busy with our maths work. We've been brilliant number wizards when recognising the place value of each digit in two-digit numbers and reading and writing numbers to 100 in numerals and words.

Bendigedig Dosbarth Blodau, a great start to this academic year.



Dosbarth Seren-

What a fantastic start to the year Dosbarth Seren have had! Over the past fortnight, Dosbarth Seren have been very busy. During our outdoor PE sessions, we have been learning how to effectively collaborate as a team and what characteristics we need to be a good team member. In our indoor PE sessions, we have been becoming 'wild animals' by exploring dance and moving our bodies to music and using expressions. Our topic in RE is 'homes', we have been discussing what makes a house a home. In P4C we made a 'compassion-o-meter' and ranked what things were most to least important when demonstrating compassion. We have been busy developing our mathematical skills and recognising place value. We have very much enjoyed meeting our client Indiana Jones and beginning to explore our topic 'Rocks and Fossils'. Many of the children have enjoyed bringing in rocks they have found in nature and sharing them with the class. We have also begun classifying rocks and grouping them. What a busy fortnight we've had- well done everyone, keep up the great work!



Dosbarth Afon-

Dosbarth Afon have had a very successful start to the new academic year. We have received an email from our client, Joann Fletcher, who is a famous archaeologist and Egyptologist asking us to help her find the lost tombs of the Pharaohs by becoming Junior Egyptologists. We have planned out our enquiry and have started work on exploring the world of ancient Egypt by reading our Class reader - *The Secrets of the Sun King* by Emma Carroll, composing Egyptian music and studying hieroglyphics. We will be working on an archaeological dig site in the woodlands next week and will let you know what we discover. We have also started to find out about the organs of the human body as we will need to learn about the process of mummification. We began by researching the digestive system and tracked the journey of our food which was very enlightening! We have also been swimming this week and have already made excellent progress and are loving every minute of it. We have focussed on Queen Elizabeth II in our worships this week and have prayed for her eternal rest and thought about how she was compassionate and loving by serving our country.



Dosbarth Coed-

Dosbarth Coed have made a fantastic start to year 5! They have had to get used to being part of a new class, working in a new classroom and having a new teacher! During the last fortnight we have started working on our new topic- In the beginning - which focuses on the history and geography of Bridgend, our local community and Wales and how this has changed over time. We started our topic by using pupil voice to create a KWL grid, full of information we already know about Bridgend and questions which we would like to research and find answers to. In R.E, as part of our topic 'Ourselves,' we have been learning about qualities and talents and have written some beautiful poetry about the qualities and talents we have in our class! We have also started to learn more about place value in maths, forces in science, answered comprehension questions in reading sessions and have worked on our Welsh oracy skills by talking about our hobbies and what we like to do in our free time. In addition to this we have also been swimming this week... a very busy start to the term indeed! We are looking forward to lots more learning and fun in class!

Our class is special each one of us unique
 We have many talents, just read on to see!

We are good at sports,
 climbing and tennis,
 swimming and dancing,
 singing and cooking,
 writing and poetry.

Our class is special each one of us unique
 We have many talents, just read on to see!

We are fun and imaginative,
 positive and happy,
 brave and cheery,
 kind and funny,
 witty and smart.

We use these gifts for good
 for the rest of the neighbourhood!
 We are always fun with family and friends
 And now I'll bring this poem to an end!



Our class is very special, each one of us unique,
 We have many talents, just read on to see!
 We are good at sports,
 singing and dancing,
 climbing and tennis,
 swimming and cooking,
 writing and poetry,
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Dosbarth coed 😊



Dosbarth Mynydd-

We have had a great start to the academic year in Dosbarth Mynydd! We have all settled very well into our final year at St Robert's and have been working very hard. As well as practising our handwriting and develop our knowledge of place value in Maths, we have also started our new class topic entitled, Desert Kingdom. Our client is the BBC natural History Unit and we have taken on the role of TV researchers, finding out about life in the desert and how this is changing due to climate change. Already, we have learnt about what a desert is, where cold and hot deserts are found and created climate graphs in Microsoft Excel. We have also been learning outdoors, exploring different soils in our locality and testing their pH levels.





St. Robert's Pupil Profile

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The St Robert's School Pupil Profile is made up of pairs of virtues or qualities we aspire to grow in, to be the person God wants us to be.

Each half term we will explore a different pair of virtues.

This half term's focus is: **COMPASSIONATE** and **LOVING**
Pupils in St. Robert's Catholic Primary School are growing to be . . .
.. **compassionate** and **loving** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving word.

To be **COMPASSIONATE** is not only to CARE about someone else but to be moved to DO SOMETHING to help them.

To be **LOVING** is to be kind, not only to our friends but everyone we encounter.

If we are **COMPASSIONATE** and **LOVING**, we show we are concerned about others. We are sympathetic to others. We care about others. We forgive others and we try to do something to help them.



Jesus says "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:34-35



Prayer Time : **Amser Gweddi**

This fortnight's prayer reflects the Virtues of **COMPASSIONATE** and **LOVING**



A Prayer of Compassion (St Teresa of Calcutta)

Lord, open our eyes
that we may see you in our brothers and sisters.

Lord, open our ears
that we may hear the cries of the hungry,
the cold, the frightened, the oppressed.

Lord, open our hearts
that we may love each other as you love us.

Renew in us your spirit.

Lord, free us and make us one.

Amen.





This fortnight the following pupils have demonstrated the Virtues of being
COMPASSIONATE & LOVING
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Dosbarth Haul- Seth receives our loving virtue for playing with the new nursery children and making them feel welcome

Myah receives our compassionate virtue for helping the new nursery children around the classroom.

Dosbarth Enfys- Indy receives our Compassionate virtue this week for always looking out for others in and around the classroom.

Ellie receives our Loving virtue this week for demonstrating love and care for her friends.

Dosbarth Blodau- Reese for always being so caring and considerate to her peers and adults in school.

Jake for demonstrating his love and compassion to those around him in his caring and gentle ways.

Dosbarth Seren- Emilee for demonstrating the virtues loving and compassionate in her actions during the school day.

Lilah for demonstrating the virtues loving and compassionate in her words and actions during the school day.

Dosbarth Afon- Logan and Griff for always setting an excellent example and showing compassion and love to others.

Dosbarth Coed- Charlie for his compassionate, kind nature and for always considering how others are feeling.

Freya L-D for showing kind words and actions in class and when playing outside.

Dosbarth Mynydd- Lois and Ayla who are loving, who take care of other members of the class and support them in their learning.



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

Athena (7), Reggie (8), Logan (8), Jacob (8), Freya (9), Savanna, Sienna & Reuben (11)



Other information: **Gwybodaeth arall**

School Photographer

The school photographer is coming into to school on **FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER**. Individual photos will be taken of all pupils unless we are instructed otherwise. Sibling photographs (only of siblings attending St Robert's) will be taken at your request. Therefore, please Dojo message your child's class teacher if you **DO NOT** want individual photographs of your child **OR** if you want sibling photographs.

Local Residents

I have had a number of complaints from local residents about children running onto to their driveways at the end of the school day. Please make sure you supervise your children and ensure they respect people's property.

Parental Questionnaire Findings

I would like to thank all those parents that took their time to complete the questionnaire and here are the main findings and how we are going to address the areas to develop:

Areas of Success

- We were thrilled with how positive many of the responses were. It's great that nearly every statement on the questionnaire was agreed with.
- 20 questions scored a 100% agreed response. We are especially thrilled to see this for statements like 'The school reflects the ethos and practices of a Catholic School', 'The school is welcoming' and 'Staff expect my child to work hard and to achieve his/her best'.
- 100% of parents agreed that the teaching is St Robert's was good. We are constantly monitoring the teaching and learning in our school, to ensure that it is to a good standard.

- 100% of parents feel that overall the school promotes good behaviour and that the behaviour of children in the school is good.
- There were a number of highly positive comments from parents - thank you for these!

Areas to Develop

- **Being kept up to date with school events and information** – Our newsletter has a list of dates for the Autumn term. Dojo and Twitter are also used so please make sure you follow these. Our Twitter handle - @strobertsrc
- **Homework** – As we continue with our curriculum journey we will be reviewing our homework policy. We want to ensure that homework is manageable for family life so will review the amount given and ensure homework is not given over holidays and half terms.
- **Complaints Procedure** – A copy of the school's complaint policy can be found on our school webpage at <http://www.strobertscath.co.uk/documents.html> In all incidences of complaint we would ask you to speak to your child's class teacher first.

Diary Dates Dyddiadau Dyddiadur

2022-23 Term Dates

Autumn term 2022

- Start: Monday 5 September 2022
- Half-term: Monday 31 October 2022 - Friday 4 November 2022
- End: Friday 23 December 2022

Spring term 2023

- Start: Monday 9 January 2023
- Half-term: Monday 20 February 2023- Friday 24 February 2023
- End: Friday 31 March 2023

Summer term 2023

- Start: Monday 17 April 2023
- Half-term: Monday 29 May 2023 - Friday 2 June 2023
- End: Monday 24 July 2023

School Training Days 2022-23 (School closed to pupils)

- 21st October 2022
- 23rd December 2022
- 17th February 2023
- 17th April 2023
- 5th June 2023
- 24th July 2023

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

23rd September	Whole school photographs
26th September	First day at School photographs (Gazette photographer) NURSEY & RECEPTION PUPILS ONLY
21st October	CLOSURE DAY
28th October	Last Day in school prior to half term
7th November	Pupils return to school after half term break

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

Mrs C Beveridge