

Dear all,

It's been a great start to the half term - the pupils have settled and are engaging in great opportunities, experiences and learning activities. These have included: Dosbarth Mynydd's poignant Remembrance Worship, Cycling Proficiency, the Book, Fair, the Urdd Jambori, Anti -Bullying week; the introduction of our new pair of virtues - Faith filled & Hopeful, our P4C Day and Children in Need. What a busy fortnight!

Headteacher Awards **Gwobr y Pennaeth**

Dosbarth Haul - Matilda and Jacob for thinking of super describing words for the Big Bad wolf in our literacy work this week.

Dosbarth Enfys - Ava for her super maths work. Nettie for being very thoughtful with her reasoning during our P4C enquiry.

Dosbarth Blodau - Oliver B for his brilliant ideas in P4C this week. Olivia for her super literacy work this week, she had amazing adjectives in her poem.

Dosbarth Seren - Alex for giving great answers in class during our P4C session. Gethin for settling into Dosbarth Seren so well.

Dosbarth Afon - William for excellent persistence in Maths when using column method to add and subtract. Alfie for giving excellent reasons linked to beliefs in RE.

Dosbarth Coed- Megan & Isla for working hard to develop their fantastic independent learning skills.

Dosbarth Mynydd - Reuben and Mya who are both very respectful and polite in their nature and work very hard in class.



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

Dosbarth Haul-

We've started our new topic of Where in the world? Learning about where we live and the different types of houses people live in. We listened to the story of The 3 Little Pigs and as part of our outdoor learning we used natural materials to build houses for our Peppa pig toys that the wolf wouldn't blow over! We made some sturdy structures and chose good materials for different parts of the houses.



Dosbarth Enfys-

Dosbarth Enfys had a wonderful welly walk down to Aberkenfig Village to explore the different types of shops the village has to offer. We saw lots of different types of shops and even spoke to the butcher who told us all about what he sells! We visited the War memorial and had a minute of reflection to think about Remembrance Day. We then visited our lovely St. Robert's Church to explore the inside of the Church and find all of the important items used for Baptism. We were quite tired on the way back but had a great afternoon!



Dosbarth Blodau-

In Dosbarth Blodau we have started our work for a new client. This half term we are working for Marlana, a Meteorologist. We have been given a new commission, to work with Marlana to explore and learn about the weather. We need to explore different types of weather and climates, by the end of our work we need to help Marlana create a daily weather news report - watch this space! We are all very excited about our new topic and have been busy at work this week exploring; What are countries, continents and oceans? We were brilliant at using an atlas to identify and place different countries, continents and oceans. We have also thought about; what is the weather like in the United Kingdom? We have been super at identifying key weather patterns in the UK and have started to learn about and identify five climate zones.



Dosbarth Seren-

This fortnight, we have been busy in Dosbarth Seren! In our Science lessons, we have been investigating different types of forces. We have investigated around our class to discover what objects in our class repel or attract magnets. We had some very surprising results! We have been having great fun during our PE lessons, practising our netball skills. During our English lessons, we have been learning how to write instructions and what we use instructions for. Also, we have used our DCF skills using Google Earth to locate cities in the UK. Da iawn Dosbarth Seren, super work! In other news, we have booked our school trip for this term. We will be visiting Techniquet and are all very excited! We will be attending a workshop all about forces, which is our current focus in Science.



Dosbarth Afon-

In Dosbarth Afon, we have had a busy fortnight as there have been so many special, exciting or interesting things happening in school. Last week we had a fantastic time at the Urdd Jambori where we all got together in the hall to sing Welsh songs in support of Wales at the World Cup. Our favourites were 'Yma o Hyd' and 'Aderyn Melyn' which we sang with great gusto! There was a complete change of tone on Friday when we attended our Remembrance Gweddiwn which was very reverently led by Dosbarth Mynydd. We had a two-minute silence after we listened to the Last Post and then placed our poppy crosses in the prayer garden to remember all who have died in conflict. On Friday afternoon, we ventured into our Google Classroom again for RE and worked together to collaborate on a conscience alley for James, one of Jesus' apostles, to help him decide if he should come and follow Jesus and be a fisher of men. We worked together to think of reasons why he should leave everything and follow Jesus and reasons why he might not. This week we celebrated World Philosophy Day by focussing on the concept of Friendship. Our stimulus was a poem called 'Friends' by Elizabeth Jennings which made us think about best

friends. We used our Caring Cwtch thinking by agreeing and disagreeing as well as being Critical Clydes when we gave reasons and diamond ranked the qualities we'd expect in a best friend. The P4C question we chose to focus on was 'Is it possible to have more than one best friend?' What do you think? This tied in well with it being Anti-bullying Week where we focussed on 'The Power of Words' which taught us about what to do if someone uses mean or hurtful words on the internet. We now know that we should:

S - Step away

T - Tell an adult

O - OK sites/games/apps first

P - Pause and think online before we say anything.



Dosbarth Coed-

Dosbarth Coed have really enjoyed the start to our new topic 'The Swinging 60's!' We used pupil voice planning and began to think about the 1960's; what we already knew about the decade and what we would like to find out. We decided to split our planning into the different areas of learning. We came up with some excellent questions and ideas for topic activities under each learning area, such as: creating space stories, making lava lamps, creating our own pop art / comic art, researching the music and culture of the 1960's and also learning about NASA, the space race and the moon landing! It's going to be a very busy half term! We have also been using lots of technology during the past fortnight, creating pic collages on ipad apps and creating a 1960's timeline using Google docs. In maths we have started to work on multiplication and division and in Literacy lessons we have begun looking at science fiction based narrative writing

and are planning our own short stories! We also really enjoyed our PE lesson where we watched a 1960's dance tutorial and are learning the Twist! We have spoken about antibullying this week and focused on cyberbullying and also looked at what makes a good friend in our P4C session. A great start to the half term!



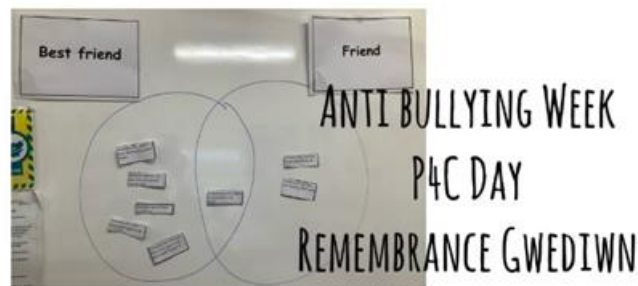
**Pupil
voice
planning.**



Dosbarth Mynydd-

Wow! What a fortnight! We have been SUPER busy! 16 in the class have had cycling proficiency lessons and we led the whole school gweddiwn for Remembrance Day. Also, during this fortnight, we started our new topic entitled Black Gold - Aur Ddu. We will be learning about children working underground during the Victorian era. To start our topic, we had a fantastic day at Big Pit, where we went underground and experienced what it was like to be in a coal mine. We also used drama to explore some of the causes of the industrial revolution. During the last week we have been discussing cyberbullying as part of our Anti Bullying Week activities. For our P4C day we enjoyed exploring the concept of being a best friend. We ended

our session with more questions than when we started and so will continue to explore this concept over the next half term. Finally, in art we continued to explore digital art, using the green screen to recreate famous pictures such as Edvard Munch's The Scream.



CYCLING PROFICIENCY
DIGITAL ART
DRAMA AND INDUSTRIAL
REVOLUTION





St. Robert's Pupil Profile
This half term the pair of virtues we
will be focusing on-
Faith filled & Hopeful



FAITH-FILLED:

We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our deeds. Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives us hope.



HOPEFUL:

We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope - that Jesus walks before us and gives us the courage to follow. Hope makes us unafraid to step into the unknown and face challenges. Hope can deepen or restore our faith.



Let us pray...

Lord Jesus,
Faith & Hope overcomes
Faith & Hope heals
Faith & Hope restores
Faith & Hope inspires
Faith & Hope conquers
Faith & Hope frees

Faith & Hope are your gifts to the world, they help us to follow in your footsteps and choose the right path.

Amen.



This fortnight the following pupils have demonstrated the Virtues of being

FAITH-FILLED & HOPEFUL

LLAWN- FFYDD & GOBEITHIOL



Dosbarth Haul- Ella receives our faith filled virtue for living life as God inspires us by always being kind to others.

Jack receives our hopeful virtue for always trying his best and having the courage to face challenges in his work.

Dosbarth Enfys- Austin received our Faith-Filled virtue this week for being very reflective during his prayers.

Oliver received our Hopeful virtue this week for demonstrating a positive attitude towards all of his work.

Dosbarth Blodau- Elsie-May & Cerys for always being a good friend and kind to everyone in our class, showing our virtues of being faith-filled and hopeful.

Dosbarth Seren- Erin and Finley for demonstrating the virtues of faith-filled and hopeful through every day actions.

Dosbarth Afon- Oliver and Jack for being faith-filled when making links to their beliefs in RE.

Dosbarth Coed- Iwan for being faith filled in his learning, rising to all challenges set. Gabriel for being hopeful and very positive about his work and school life in general.

Dosbarth Mynydd- Savanna and Harry for being positive, hopeful children who always see the best in everything and everyone.



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

Neveah (4), Alfie (7), Oliver J (7), Dylan (7), Emelia, Holly and Max (11)



Other information: **Gwybodaeth arall**

Siarter Iaith Bronze Award

On Wednesday 9th November we were accredited for our Siarter Iaith Bronze award, and we are delighted to announce that we achieved this award. A big **DIOLCH YN FAWR** to **Mrs Murphy** and our **Criw Cymraeg** (both past and present) for all their hard work towards this award. Our accreditor commented that 'a highly effective Criw Cymraeg has been instrumental in implementing, developing, and monitoring Cymraeg Campus. The pupils are extremely proactive and have a clear vision of how they would like to see Cymraeg Campus develop. This has ensured a very strong pupil voice throughout the process.'



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

26 th November	RED Wednesday - Pupils wear red to school - more information to follow
26 th November	Cross Country - Brynteg Comprehensive
SUNDAY 11th December	School Mass @ St. Robert's Church, 9.00am. (Bambinelli Sunday) Everyone welcome.
December 15 th	Christmas Jumper (£1.00 donation for Compassion/Stephanie- more details to follow) & Christmas Lunch
17 th December	Cross Country- Porthcawl Comprehensive
22 nd December	Last day of term- Christmas Celebrations. Pupils to wear Christmas jumpers
23 rd December	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
9 th January	School resumes after the Christmas Break

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

Mrs C Beveridge