



St Robert's Catholic Primary School



"Jesus in US"

Newsletter 2nd December '22



Dear all,

This week is the first week of Advent. During Advent, we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus. On Thursday the whole school joined Cafod's Advent Assembly for Primary Schools. The theme was "Light Shines in the darkness". We heard how we should spread Love, Hope and Peace during Advent. We prayed for all those, throughout the world in need and especially for the people of Ukraine. Our social actions following this assembly are to make Advent pledges to support those near and far in need of Love, Hope and Peace.

Headteacher Awards **Gwobr y Pennaeth**

At end of each month we have certificates for Pride in Presentation, Marvellous Maths and Siarad Cymraeg, here are this month's pupils:

Dosbarth Haul- Myah for her presentation, Jake for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Nevaeh for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Enfys - Oliver for his presentation, Isaac for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Elijah for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Blodau - Freya R for her presentation, Bella for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Joey for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Seren - Rose for her presentation, Florence for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Reggie for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Afon - Eira for her presentation, Tianna for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Sophie for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Coed - Hector for his presentation, Morgan for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Max for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Mynydd - Cadie Jayne for her presentation, Henry for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Morgan for "Marvellous Maths".



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

Dosbarth Haul-

We had a lovely day finding out about Mexico! We made a Mexican flag each practising our neat colouring in. Tasted different Mexican dips with tortilla chips - sour cream and chive was the favourite! The children chose which from rice, lentils, chickpeas, beans or pasta to fill their shaker with - they explored each shaker and decided which sound they liked the best for their shaker. Once decorated we had a lovely dance with our shakers to Mexican music! Bien hecho!



Dosbarth Enfys-

Dosbarth Enfys have been very busy practising for our Christmas concert but we have still found time to do some fantastic work too! We have been busy designing hand puppets for our client Santa, based on the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We have been starting to learn all about the time of Advent in R.E lessons and how it links in with our Christmas performance and have been doing some hard work in maths on addition and subtract and our number formation.



Dosbarth Blodau-

We've had a lovely week in Dosbarth Blodau as we enter into the season of Advent. We have learned how the Advent wreath is a religious symbol and what each of the parts of the wreath represents. We know; the circular shape reminds us how God's love for us never ends, the ever-green leaves remind us that God's love for us never changes and the candles remind us that Jesus brings us light. We know there are three purple candles, one pink candle and the white candle sits in the centre of the wreath and this candle is lit on Christmas day.

We enjoyed setting our class altar with purple cloths and have worked hard to create our own natural advent wreath using ever-green leaves, which takes pride of place on our altar.

In our prayer area we have enjoyed setting up our own Worship focus using the advent resources and have been thinking carefully about the time we are spending preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Everyday we are going to choose a mission to complete to bring light to others during advent.

Gwaith hyfryd yr wythnos hon!



Dosbarth Seren-

What a busy time we have had in Dosbarth Seren. We have been learning how to write a diary entry from the perspective of a fictional character. Our class reader is *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl and we have been creating diary entries from his perspective and describing his adventures stuck underground trying to protect his family from the farmers and the machinery above ground. The diary entries were very descriptive and full of great imagination- da iawn Dosbarth Seren!. In our mathematics lessons, we have been working hard practising our 2, 5, and 10 times tables! We have worked hard developing our multiplication and division skills. We have been learning lots about Advent during our RE lessons. We looked at the Jesse Tree and created a symbol that could represent our families. We are working really hard working on our Christmas nativity too, we are enjoying singing all the lovely songs and reading out our parts. Bendigedig Dosbarth Seren, super work!



Dosbarth Afon-

In Dosbarth Afon, we have been very busy rehearsing our Christmas concert. We have all got our parts and we are busy learning all the songs and lines. Our singing is already sounding really good so all the mums and dads are going to be in for a treat. In English, we have been learning about haiku and tanka poetry and wrote some 'Guess Who?' tankas by adding two, seven syllable lines to a haiku. This is Eira's tanka. Can you guess who it's about?

Honey-maker hums
 In the golden hexagons
 Wing songs of the hive
 Collects pollen from flowers
 Stings people in self-defence

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Afon too! We were really excited when our Advent wreath and calendar appeared but the arrival of our Christmas tree with a hidden visitor in it really got us in a Christmassy mood!

In RE we discussed the P4C question, 'Is it always good to be chosen?' Most of us thought that it wasn't always good to be chosen because sometimes you might not want to do what you've been chosen to do. However, Cohan changed our thinking when he said that it is always good to be chosen

by God to do something because he knows us so well so we can be confident that we will be able to do it.



Dosbarth Coed-

Dosbarth Coed have continued to enjoy learning about the 1960s. We studied John Lennon's song: 'Imagine' and wrote our own versions. We looked at what problems there are in the world nowadays and tried to imagine an ideal world and then wrote about our ideas using John Lennon's song as a writing frame. We were very creative in our word choices and ideas. We have also learnt about the space race using Google classroom and made our very own 1960's inspired lava lamps! We researched, designed and then created them. In Literacy we have written our own narratives based on space, using a video clip from the Literacy shed as our stimulus. We have been working hard on our new RE topic also, which focuses on Advent and the theme of waiting in hope. We have continued to look at multiplication, division, multiples, factors and prime numbers in maths and have spoken about Y Dref in Welsh, where we have tried to extend sentences using directions. We have also enjoyed following Wales on their World Cup journey and updating our football results table in class!



Lava lamp fun!

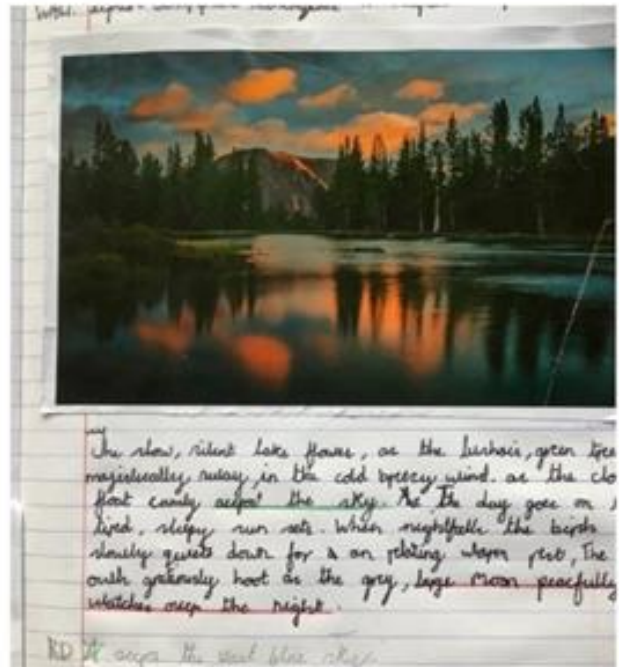


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Dosbarth Mynydd-

During the last fortnight, Dosbarth Mynydd have taken on the role of pit inspectors working for Lord Ashley Cooper in 1842. We are investigating the working conditions and lives of young children working underground. So far, our investigations have led us to find out more about the jobs children did, family budgets and what homes were like. We are looking forward to sharing our findings with parliament shortly! We have also been enjoying the book *Gaslight* by Welsh author Eloise Williams and were thrilled when she responded to our recent Tweet. We are planning to ask her some questions about her work. In Maths, we have been making fantastic progress in our unit on Fractions. We are now looking forward to our final couple of weeks looking at Victorian Christmas traditions and *A Christmas Carol*!



Well done!



This fortnight the following pupils have demonstrated the Virtues of being
FAITH-FILLED & HOPEFUL
LLAWN- FFYDD & GOBEITHIOL



Dosbarth Haul- Arthur receives our faith filled virtue for putting Gospel values into his actions - he's always so considerate and helpful.

Matilda receives our hopeful virtue for her determination and perseverance with tasks in class.

Dosbarth Enfys- Dorothy received our Faith-Filled virtue this week for being thoughtful during our class worships.

Harry received our Hopeful virtue this week for always demonstrating a positive attitude.

Dosbarth Blodau- Zen and Jude both demonstrated how they are faith-filled and hopeful when sharing their great examples of how they are going to bring light to others during the season of advent.

Dosbarth Seren- Evie for always being positive and hopeful every day and demonstrating kindness to other. Tomas for always being positive and hopeful, and being reflective during worships.

Dosbarth Afon- Cohan for being faith-filled when explaining his thinking in our P4C RE lesson. Osian for being faith-filled and hopeful when lighting the first candle on the Advent wreath in Mass on Sunday.

Dosbarth Coed- Philip and Zach for showing these virtues of faith filled and hopeful through their daily life in school; with their friends and in their learning.

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



Advent Wreath Reflections

First Sunday of Advent

According to tradition, each candle on the Advent wreath has a special meaning. The first one, usually purple, is called the Candle of Hope. People in the Old Testament knew that God had promised to send a Saviour and we're filled with hope because we know that Jesus came to us on that first Christmas.

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13.

Response: Family members share one way they have experienced **hope** this week.

If you have an advent wreath light the first purple candle or if you don't just light a candle and say,
One candle, burning bright,
Chasing away the darkness from light.
One candle, glowing light,
The blessing of God, giving new sight.

Let us pray.

Dear God, we pray for the hope that is in Christ to come into our lives in a new way. May we become hope that is alive in our world.
Amen

Second Sunday of Advent

The second week of Advent we remember the gift of Peace we have in Jesus.

Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for and must work for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to him working together in faith. Through John the Baptist and the prophets God speaks to us;

"As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'. "

Part of our preparations for Christmas can include letting other people know what Christmas is all about-the birth of our Saviour. we look with hope for the day that Jesus' peace will reign in our hearts, in our homes, in our communities and in our world.

Response: Family members share how they have experienced **peace** this week.

After sharing, light the first and second purple candles or any two candles that you have and say,
Two candles, burning bright,
chasing away the darkness from light.
Two candles, glowing light,
The blessing of God, giving new sight.

Let us pray.

Dear God, we pray that our hearts will be ready for your coming through your Son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Help us to see how you call us to prepare ourselves by following your example by being channels of peace.
Amen.



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

Jacob (4), Orson (4), Freddie (7), Vicky (7), Halle (10), Morgan (11) & Miss Richards.



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



Christmas Jumper Days

- Thursday 15th December- Christmas Lunch. Pupils can wear a Christmas Jumpers/Clothes or even just add tinsel to clothing. This event is in order to raise money for our sponsorship of Stephanie, a young girl living in Ecuador, through the charity Compassion. Please make a £1.00 donation.
- Thursday 22nd December (last day of term)- Christmas Party/Celebration Day. Pupils can wear Christmas jumpers and party clothes to school. No donation required

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

Thank you for your continued support. Diolch yn fawr iawn!

Mrs Beveridge

