



Dear all,

We have had a great start to the summer term, as evidenced in this newsletter. The pupils have settled well and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning that we have planned for our pupils over this term.

Headteacher Awards

Dosbarth Haul - Jake and Seth for amazing independent counting and writing numbers this week.

Dosbarth Enfys - Louie for having a really positive attitude towards his learning. Joseph for really challenging himself in his extended writing.

Dosbarth Blodau - Evie for trying and working hard to be an independent learner in her tasks. Freddie for his brilliant ideas in our sails and directions experiment task this week.

Dosbarth Seren - Jacob for a fantastic attitude towards his learning and sharing great answers. Tomas for always having a fantastic attitude towards his learning.

Dosbarth Afon - Eira and Jacob for their excellent listening and engagement in our learning.

Dosbarth Coed - Halle for outstanding work and excellent progress in maths. Charlie for being happy, positive and making an excellent effort in all of his work.

Dosbarth Mynydd - Sienna for consistently working hard in class and for her happy, positive nature. Patrick for excellent biography writing during the last fortnight.



What's been happening in our classes.....

Dosbarth Haul-

This fortnight we have met our new client Waffle the wonder dog! We've talked about which animals make good pets and why some animals would not, plus how to look after pets properly. We brought in a soft toy animal to visit the vets role play area and then designed and made a collar with a name tag so everyone would know our toys' name. We had a choice of materials to choose from - felt, foam or beads, then we needed to choose which decorations to add or what colour beads to use. We also had to decide on the shape of the name tag. Lots of decision making going on! Everyone including the toys were so pleased with their collars!



Dosbarth Enfys-

Dosbarth Enfys have been fantastic artists this week exploring using mixed media and using their knowledge of 2D shapes to create geometric art! We have started our new topic in Literacy of narrative writing and have been learning all about traditional tales. We are really excited to learn how to write our own stories based on the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. In P.E we have been learning how to do under arm throwing and how to balance using a racket in preparation for sports day. Da iawn Enfys, a fun and busy week!



Dosbarth Blodau-

Dosbarth Blodau have had a great start to the summer term! We've received a new commission from our new client, Barti Ddu. We have enjoyed researching facts to find out about Barti Ddu. We used these facts to create our own non-fiction book about Barti Ddu. We particularly loved discovering that, in fact, he was a famous Welsh pirate! We've planned things we would like to find out about the oceans and seas and all about pirates. We've made a great start by exploring how many oceans there are and we now know the difference between a sea and an ocean. We've really enjoyed making mini pirate ships, using compass directions to direct our ship around the water tray and exploring the use of sails on a ship.

This week we've really enjoyed our outdoor learning session. We were great at identifying the different types of trees around our super grounds by looking closely at their leaves. Then we classified these by colour, shape and size. We reminded ourselves of the difference between natural and man-made objects and after looking at the great work of artist Andy Goldsworthy we used natural materials to make a picture.



Dosbarth Seren-

What a fantastic start to Summer Term we have had in Dosbarth Seren! We are all very enthusiastic towards our new topic Ancient Greece and have spent some time thinking about what we would like to learn. We have been learning about Aesop's fables and discovered how there were many stories about mythical beasts in Ancient Greece! We have made the most of the dry and sunny weather (when we can!) and have enjoyed outdoor learning lessons based upon literacy. We created mythical creatures, decorated with natural objects. We discussed how the creatures were feeling and what emotions they were displaying. We then made up a story to go with our creations. We have learnt about our new topic Ancient Greece and met our client Hercules. We have begun to learn some facts about Ancient Greece and what it would be like to live in various city states. We have very much enjoyed our new science topic Plants and Animals. We have begun classifying animals by their features. We have learnt about what things are essential for plants and animals to thrive and survive. In maths we have been learning about money and how to add and subtract amounts and find change. This involved a lot of problem solving. In RE, we have been learning about Jesus' ascension and Pentecost. We have discussed how we, as Jesus' disciples, are energised by His Word and will continue to live out Jesus' mission. What a lovely time we have had and a busy few weeks we have planned!



Dosbarth Afon-

In Dosbarth Afon, we have had a great start to the Summer term and even found some patches of sunny weather to develop our hockey skills. We have been working on improving our control and dribbling skills as well as shooting for the goal. In DT we have decided to design and make pencil cases. Our design brief was to design and make a pencil case for a child with a secure fastening. We will be learning to sew buttons and running stitch. We worked on design ideas and created a success criteria. We all chose our favourite design and made a prototype. Next week, we will start using felt to make our designs. We have also had fun researching Charles II, the 'Merry Monarch' or, the 'King of Bling'! After finding out about the Declaration of Breda and the promises and changes that Charles II made, we decided that he made a good King unlike his father before him. We have started researching our new King, King Charles III and are looking forward to creating digital biographies about his life before monarchy in celebration of his coronation.



Dosbarth Coed-

Over the past 2 weeks Dosbarth Coed concluded their topic of the Tudors, with a very engaging virtual workshop facilitated by The Drama Hut and presented their learning to parents/ carers through a Tudor learner forum! We really enjoyed having our parents and carers in the hall with us last Friday where we presented our learning, worked with them to complete some Tudor themed tasks and showed them a Tudor dance we had been working on. A very big diolch yn fawr to all who were able to make it! Since then, we have also started our new topic 'Global Goals!', which focuses on sustainability, our environment and climate change. We are looking forward to learning more about this topic and seeing how we can help the environment and make people more aware of issues affecting our world today. We have also started a new narrative writing genre in literacy and have completed a science investigation also, testing thermal insulators and conductors, which we really enjoyed! In PE we have worked hard on our counter balances using apparatus to help us and we are enjoying using our football skills in outdoor PE sessions.



Dosbarth Mynydd-

Year 6 are looking forward to their final term at St Robert's Primary School and it has already been very busy! We have been writing biographies about inspirational people in our English unit and this has linked to our topic work. Our topic is entitled 'Make Your Voice Heard!' and is all about people who have stood up for the rights of others and have brought about a change in the world. We have been focussing in particular on Nelson Mandela and his work to bring about the end of apartheid in South Africa. What was his lasting impact on the world? In our Science, we have been finding out more about renewable energy and visited Parc Stormy to look at wind turbines and solar panels. We have also been on a visit to the Life Exhibition in Bridgend to find out more about the life of Jesus.



On behalf of all the children and staff at St Robert's Primary School

Happy Birthday to:

Rupert (4), Maise-Ray (6), Kyra (7), Max (8), Elis (8), Sophie (9), Osian (9), Tianna (9), Zach O (10) & Lois (11)





This half term we are exploring the virtues of
being

CURIOUS & ACTIVE

CHWILFRYDIG & GWEITHREDOL



This half term we will be focusing on the virtues of **CURIOUS** and **ACTIVE**.

Pupils in St. Robert's Catholic Primary School are growing to be . . . **Curious** about everything and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

At St. Robert's Catholic Primary School, we help our pupils to grow by leading pupils to be **curious** about the universe and all human activity and take increasing responsibility for their own learning, by providing opportunities for them to be **active** in the life of this school, the Church and the wider community.

What does this mean to us?

Curious:

Exploring God's creation and asking questions to find out more. God created everything around us. Being curious about these things - from tiny insects to enormous planets, from the languages of the Earth to the patterns made by numbers - brings us closer to God.



Active:

Working to make things better where we can. As we use our curiosity to explore, we find things that could be better: a friend is unhappy; a neighbour is lonely; there is litter in the playground; the whiteboard needs wiping. Some of these problems we can fix. By being active, we take responsibility for these tasks and look after God's creation





Prayer Time-

This fortnight's prayer reflects the Virtues of **CURIOUS** and **ACTIVE**



Say this prayer together:

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for the virtues of being **CURIOUS** and **ACTIVE**.

Help me to take responsibility for my learning, to listen well and to ask questions.

Help me also to become more active in making this world a better place to live in.

Amen.

At home: Decide on one thing you will do this half term to help you be more **CURIOUS**. Will you listen more carefully? Will you work more independently? Will you cooperate better with others? Decide how you will become more **ACTIVE**. Will you be more helpful? Will you show you can be trusted? Will you notice if others are in need?



St. Robert's Pupil Profile

This week the following pupils have demonstrated the
Virtues of being

CURIOUS & ACTIVE

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Dosbarth Haul- Matilda receives our active virtue for always getting involved with keeping our classroom tidy during tidy up time.

Louie receives our curious virtue for asking great questions when he is wondering about something.

Dosbarth Enfys- Layla received our Curious virtue for working really hard to improve her phonics sounds. Mithra received our Active award for always immersing herself in her learning.

Dosbarth Blodau- Freya J and Olivia for being curious and active in our outdoor learning session. They were great at taking responsibility for their own learning when thinking about natural resources.

Dosbarth Seren- Nikodem, for being curious and active about our new topic Ancient Greece. Isabelle, for being active and engaged in all areas of her work.

Dosbarth Afon- Oliver and Logan for being curious and active participants in all our learning.

Dosbarth Coed- Billy and Max for always asking sensible questions about our topics and learning to find out more and deepen their understanding.

Dosbarth Mynydd- Florence and Morgan, who are curious with our learning in class and always want to find out more!



Time to Celebrate!



On Friday 5th May we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. We are inviting the children to wear party clothes or to wear red, white and blue to school that day. Pupils will enjoy activities, celebrations and a party to mark this special historical occasion.

PFA Coronation Celebration

From 3.45pm on Friday 5th May the PFA are holding a Royal Tea Party. Refreshments and cakes will be on sale, as well as activities for the children and a Coronation Raffle.

The PFA will send out further details next week.

Diary Dates

1 st May	May Bank Holiday
5 th May	Coronation Celebration Party - Wear Party Clothes or Red, White and Blue
5 th May	PFA- Royal Tea Party from 3.45pm
20 th May	First Holy Communion @ Our Lady's & St. Patrick's Church
26 th May	Break up for half term
5 th June	Closure Day - Staff Training
6 th June	Pupils return from half term break

7 th June	St Robert's Feast Day- wear party clothes
21 st July	Pupils break up for the Summer Holidays
24 th July	Closure Day- Staff Training

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the Bank Holiday Weekend. Diolch yn fawr iawn!

Mrs Beveridge