



Dear all,

We have had another fantastic fortnight at St. Robert's with so many wonderful teaching and learning experiences happening in every class as you can see from the photographs in this newsletter.

Yesterday our whole school worship was led by our St. Bob's COGs - St Robert's Community Outreach Group. Their mission is to reach out to our local and global neighbours; care for our common home and to continue Jesus' mission of spreading the Good News of God's love through our actions.

They launched an exciting new challenge - CAFOD's Live Simply Award. This means as a community we are going to try our best to:

1. **Live simply** by being grateful for what we have instead of always wanting more;
2. **Live sustainably** by looking after our world and remembering it is for everyone;
3. **Live in solidarity** by seeing everyone in the world as part of one big family.

Each class has been asked to complete an actions proforma on how we can achieve these three aspects. The suggestions will be the basis of our action plan. These will be shared with you at a later date.

The whole school gave this challenge a thumbs up and were confident that we can make a difference!

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- Jacob B for his presentation, Rupert for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Seth for "Marvellous Maths";

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

Dosbarth Blodau - Cerys for her presentation, Gwennyth for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Freddie for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Seren- Lilah for her presentation, Corey for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Finley for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Afon - Leo for his presentation, Alfie for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Cillian for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Coed- Mairwen for her presentation, Brody for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Aoife G for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Mynydd- Annie for her presentation, Holly for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Lois for "Marvellous Maths".



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

Dosbarth Haul-

This week we have been exploring objects that sink or float in water. We firstly needed to learn that sinking is when objects go to the bottom of the tank and that floating is when objects stay on the top of the water. We had a great go at having a guess if objects would sink or float by using the picture cards and trying to remember to use the special words - sink and float. We were surprised when some big objects floated and some small objects sunk! From our work we found out that objects made from plastic, foam and wood float and that objects made from glass, metal and rock sink.



Dosbarth Enfys-

Dosbarth Enfys have been super measurers this week! We started off our week by exploring the outdoor area and comparing the length and height of natural objects that we found on the super grounds. We then practised measuring lots of different items in our classroom using cubes. We practised our estimation skills and then measured the different items really accurately. We used the comparative language we had learned in the previous lesson to discuss which items were longer, shorter and taller. Ardderchog pawb, you've been great mathematicians!



Dosbarth Blodau-

Dosbarth Blodau are continuing to work hard for their client Iggy Peck, Architect. We've really enjoyed our outdoor learning sessions linked to our science unit of work about materials and their properties.

We have been identifying and comparing the sustainability of a variety of everyday materials and testing materials to see which is the most waterproof. We made stick houses in our outdoor classroom, we chose three different materials to make the roofs with, we hypothesised and predicted which one would be the most waterproof, we were all brilliant at linking our learning to what we already know about the different properties of materials. It was great fun using watering cans to make it rain on our houses for us to see which was the most waterproof.

We have also been discussing towers we have seen in real life. In another one of our outdoor learning sessions we were brilliant architects and demonstrated how we were super, creative contributors in our group work when creating towers using different materials. We created towers using paper and thought about how we could make them taller or stronger. We also created towers using sticks and string and thought about what we already know about the properties of wood, how we could make the towers stronger and what might be challenging about fixing the tower using string. Super collaboration and group discussions everyone!



Dosbarth Seren-

What a lovely fortnight we have had in Dosbarth Seren. The children have enjoyed using ICT to research about the Roman legacy. We have also been learning how to march like a Roman Soldier, which was great fun! We listened and followed the Emperor's instructions and marched off to 'invade' another country!! We have learned the Latin commands that Roman Emperors would shout at their army in order to march accurately. We used our imagination skills to think how we would feel if we were Roman Soldiers ourselves off to invade a country in a far-away land and applied this to our literacy work. We also made beautiful mosaics out of natural resources in our Outdoor Learning session. We also made mosaics in our expressive arts lessons out of colourful paper. We really enjoyed our science colourful shadows experiment, it was great fun! We used torches covered with translucent paper to see if it effected the amount of shadows that appeared. During our Literacy lessons, we have been focusing on informal letter writing. This week, we imagined that we were Roman Soldiers based in Caerleon writing letters back to our friends and family who were still living in Rome. The letters were of a very good quality and you could really see the children's understanding of our topic shining through. Da iawn Dosbarth Seren- great work!



Dosbarth Afon-

In Dosbarth Afon, we have been using the Chromebooks again to create Branch Databases to sort different vertebrates and invertebrates. We have also continued to develop our bridges in Gymnastics by incorporating apparatus. Last Wednesday we walked to St. Robert's Church for Mass and met our new Parish Priest Father John Boye. We have been learning all about the different ministries in the Church and helped out with some of the ministries by cleaning the Church and helping Mrs Reynolds our Sacristan to prepare the altar for a funeral by changing the cloths to purple and getting the cross ready. We also had a chance to have a chat to all the lovely parishioners and saw Mrs Roberts, Mrs Dunphy, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Took who have all taught at St. Robert's school over the years. We also got the Chromebooks out again and went onto the Archdiocese website to research all about the Parishes and Priests in our Deanery.



Dosbarth Coed-

Dosbarth Coed have enjoyed working on their Paddington newspaper reports during the past 2 weeks and learning how to use a journalistic style of writing! We produced some wonderful newspaper articles! In class reader tasks we have also used our inference and prior knowledge to think about Paddington and what he may have packed in his suitcase as he travelled from Peru to and around London. We created our very own suitcases for Paddington, describing what they may have in them. In maths, we have focused on multiplication and used written methods to solve calculations and word problems. During topic time we have learnt about mountains, how they are formed and the different types that we can find today. We have also linked our expressive arts lesson with our topic - Natural wonders from around the world - and are currently learning about music from around world. We have enjoyed listening to salsa and samba music so far and are learning to play some notes from a piece of salsa music on the glocks! We have also enjoyed learning new rugby skills in our Ospreys workshop session and have been practising our eisteddfod dance aswell! Another hardworking and fun week in Dosbarth Coed!



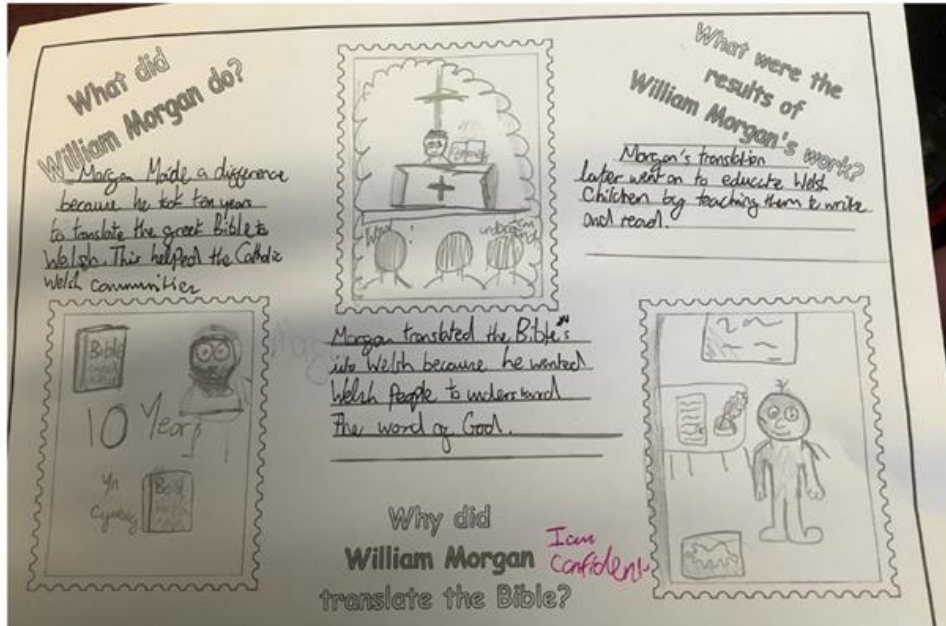
Dosbarth Mynydd-

We have been continuing to work very hard in class. In our topic, Their Finest hour, we had a workshop from Heulwen at St Fagan's Museum about the Home Front during WW2 and have been learning lots about the Blitz. We found out about the Three Night Blitz in Swansea and marked these on a map. We have also been finding out more about William Morgan, who translated the Bible into Welsh. We have been reflecting on why this was important for Christians in Wales and the Welsh language. In our Science and technology learning we carried out a yeast race and have been writing about ourselves in Welsh and sending this in an email.



Science and Technology

The Blitz and the Home Front



Prayer Time-

The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus (also known as the Feast of the Purification of Mary or Candlemas) is celebrated on February 2. In the Old Rite, this day marked the official end of the Christmas Season. While many Churches and people take down Christmas decorations around the Epiphany, some choose to wait until February 2. This prolongs the Christmas spirit several more weeks.

Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after he was born and according to the Law of Moses, they presented him to the Lord. The Holy Family followed the Law and the Jewish customs faithfully and humbly.

Simeon and Anna were present in the temple. They were good people, who served God. That is why they were able to identify Jesus as the Lord, even though Jesus was only a baby. To these two-holy people, he was special.

Simeon described Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

We too are called to recognise Jesus as Lord and follow him.

At home: think about how we can be of service to others and recognise Jesus in everyone we encounter in the coming weeks.



Loving Lord,

**As we recall the presentation of Jesus in the Temple,
and the beginnings of a life His of love and service to all men and women,
we open our hearts and minds to Him and bring our cares and concerns for your
world and your people.**

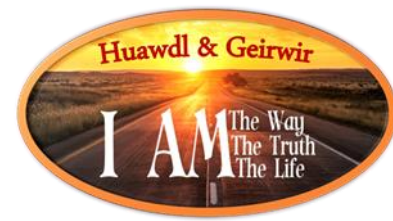
Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer





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Dosbarth Haul- Nevaeh receives our eloquent virtue for explaining her ideas clearly in class.

Marley receives our truthful virtue for showing honesty when playing games on provision.

Dosbarth Enfys- Freddie received our Eloquent virtue this week. Isabelle received our Truthful virtue this week.

Dosbarth Blodau- Joey and Kity for writing beautiful prayers in their RE work this week. They were eloquent and truthful in the way they described their feelings and beliefs.

Dosbarth Seren- Rose for being eloquent when speaking in class and sharing her ideas with her classmates.

Gethin for being eloquent and truthful in his everyday actions.

Dosbarth Afon- Sophie and Lukas for showing eloquence when contributing ideas to class discussion and moving our learning on.

Dosbarth Coed- Gwen and Ebony for their excellent contributions during class discussions and truthful nature.

Dosbarth Mynydd- Connor for eloquently talking about Jesus being the Lamb of God and Rhoda for the eloquent way in which she speaks and read aloud.



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

Ffion (4), Chella (5), Mithra (5), Annabelle (7), Jacob (11), Mrs Sadd & Mrs Taylor



School News: **Newyddion Ysgol**

Nursery Places for September 2023

St Robert's Governing Body are currently accepting applications for our Nursery for next 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.

Relaunching of St. Robert's PFA (Parents and Friends Association)

For those parents who expressed have expressed an interest in being part of St. Robert's PFA, we are calling an initial meeting on February 9th at 2.15pm to plan an overview of future events and activities that could take place during the remainder of this school year.

Please Dojo your child's class teacher to let them know if this date is convenient and that you will be attending.

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
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