



Dear all,

What an eventful and exciting term we have had at St Robert's School. I would like to share with you the successes both within and beyond the classroom.

These have included:

- Worships - Virtues - Eloquent & Truthful (Seren)
- Peripatetic lessons have continued.
- Y5 and Y6 entered a competition to celebrate the King's Coronation and were tasked to design a commemorative bench.
- Ospreys Rugby sessions for Dosbarth Coed
- Visits to - Aberkenfig field trip (Blodau), Crucial Crew (Mynydd), South Wales Fire & Rescue (Blodau)
- Trips - National Museum of Wales - Art Gallery (Blodau)
- Visit to St Robert's Church to meet Father John (Afon)
- SHINE Parental Workshop - Child anxiety
- Recycling Workshop - for KS2 Classes
- Bridgend Schools Cross Country - KS2 pupils
- World War 2 Workshop (Mynydd)
- Roman Boot Camp with St Fagan's (Seren)
- After School Clubs - Stem Club Yr 4, P4C Club Y 3&4, Recorder Club, Cookery Club & Coding Club
- Lunchtime Knitting Y6 & 4
- Children's Mental Health Week
- Internet Safety Day
- Books Wales - books for pupils to enjoy at home
- Dress to Express fund-raising event
- Whole School St David's Day Mass
- Whole School Eisteddfod
- Learners' Forum - Dosbarth Blodau & Dosbarth Seren
- Eisteddfod Taster Sessions for parents
- Enrichment Days - WW2 (Mynydd)
- Sacramental Preparation
- Author visit - CC Brampton (Coed & Mynydd)
- Parental Consultations
- PFA- Eisteddfod Hamper Raffle, Mother's Day Gifts & Easter Chocolates.
- Three Year 6 children winning the World Book Day quiz at our local library.
- Assembly & Donation to 2Wish Charity
- Collecting our Siarter Iaith Bronze Award in Cardiff;

We've had a fabulous finish to Spring Term 2023-

We had our Holy Week Worship on Wednesday. The pupils found out about the events of Holy Week and how the symbol of Jesus on the cross demonstrates God's love for us all. Yesterday Dosbarth Mynydd led our Learned and Wise Worship, where the children reflected on the value of education for all children and heard the parable of The Wise & Foolish Builder. Our Faith in Action Mission is to pray for and donate money to our sponsor child, Stephanie.

Today we held our Easter Bonnet Parade and saw the all the decorated Eggs. What difficult decisions had to be made!!

The winners of our Easter Bonnet and Egg Decorating Competition were announced. The creativity and imagination behind the designs were incredible. Here are photographs of the winners with their entries and with their prizes.

### **Foundation Phase Winners- Egg Decorating**



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## Foundation Phase - Easter Bonnets Winners



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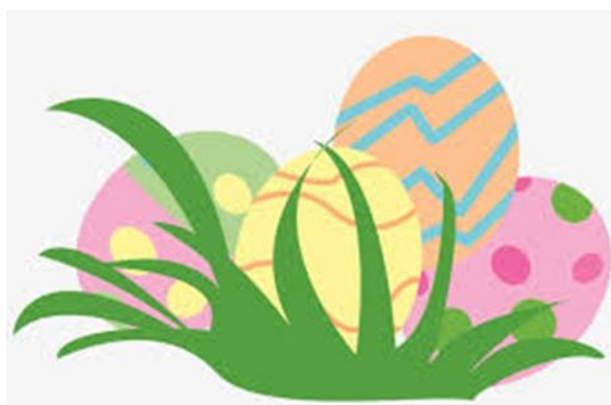




## Key Stage 2 Winners- Egg Decorating



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## Key Stage 2 Easter Bonnet Winners



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### Headteacher Awards

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 - Grace for her presentation, Oliver R for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Rupert for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Enfys - Georgia for her presentation, Joseph for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Isabella for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Blodau - Olivia for her presentation, Oliver B for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Jude for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Seren - Erin for her presentation & Nikodem for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Isabelle for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Afon - Alfie for his presentation, Sophie for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Caleb S for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Coed - Zach for his presentation, Aoife B for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Oliver W for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Mynydd - Isobel for her presentation, Reuben for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Max for "Marvellous Maths"



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

#### **Dosbarth Haul-**

We have enjoyed preparing for Easter by thinking how we can grow in love to be more like Jesus by helping with chores at home, tidying our toys and listening to our grown-ups. We also listened to the Easter story and made our Easter cards - we decorated an egg with tissue paper and then they were cut to make a cross in the middle. We learnt that the egg symbolises new life that Jesus was given. After the worship on Wednesday we visited the stations of the cross to remember the journey Jesus went on before he died, we said a little prayer to thank Jesus for his love.





### Dosbarth Enfys-

We have had an extremely busy Spring term full of lots of learning and events. Our first topic was all about Amazing Animals! Our client David Attenborough commissioned us to help him find out more about animals to help him educate the nation. We classified animals into lots of different groups and learnt how to write a fact file all about alligators. We also explored Arctic and Antarctic animals and really enjoyed learning about the polar regions. Our second topic has been all about transport and we have explored how different types of transport have changed over the years. We thought it would be great fun to try and ride a penny farthing bicycle and loved reading Mrs Armitage on Wheels who turned out to be our client! She commissioned us to design a new futuristic bicycle for her and her dog Brakespear. We have learnt all about how wheels work and have designed and made some fantastic junk modelling cards. Aside from all of our in-class learning we have been very busy with lots of celebrations. We raised awareness for Children's Mental Health Week and dressed to express on our final day. We produced some super competition pieces for our



Eisteddfod by doing our very best handwriting of a Spring poem and painting a daffodil for our art competition. We have finished the term by rounding off our Easter learning in R.E and taking part in our Easter bonnet and egg decorating competition! What a half term! We are now ready for the Easter holidays! See you in two weeks pawb!



### **Dosbarth Blodau-**

Dosbarth Blodau have come to the end of our topic of 'All Around the World'. We have really enjoyed working for our client Buddy the Bee, who has taken us to visit each continent. We have been so excited to find out facts about different countries around the world and comparing each one of them. We've loved finding out facts about France, taking part in a quiz about features and characteristics of China, writing a postcard home from Australia, answering question about what we saw in Kenya, creating a poster to show features of North America, writing an acrostic poem about



Brazil and designing a flag for the continent of Antarctica as we were fascinated to find out that Antarctica doesn't have a flag. We ended our topic by writing a letter to a friend in a different part of the world.

Mrs Taylor and Miss Mordaunt are so impressed with our newly learned geographical skills and knowledge. *Gwaith hyfred pawb!*

This week in class we've also been busy preparing for Easter. We have really taken the time to think about the opportunity Lent gives us to change our ways and grow closer to Jesus. In class we have retold the story and events of Easter week and have particularly enjoyed visiting the stations of the cross placed around our new Marion grotto on our school super grounds.



## Dosbarth Seren-

Dosbarth Seren have been doing lots of lovely activities this half term! Our geography-based topic has led us to learn all about all the different continents. We independently researched the continents and all the major oceans. Also, we identified where they are located on the map. As part of our pupil voice, we decided we wanted to learn about different climates. So we explored the major climates, defined them and identified them on an atlas. Also, as part of design and technology, we created healthy fruit kebabs after we discussed where in the World the fruits are from. We also transformed our classroom into 'Parliament' for the morning, inspired by our class reader *The Accidental Prime Minister*. We discussed the various roles of parliament and held a very

interesting debate. One of the most special things we have done is lots of lovely learning about the special time of Lent and Easter. We understand it is one of the most important times in the Liturgical Year. We have looked at the importance of Holy Week and what happened on each day. Also, we visited the new beautiful outdoor worship area to learn about the Stations of the Cross. We looked at how Jesus gave himself for us. Then, we looked at how we can follow Jesus' example and give ourselves to others. Our Lenten promises we made at the beginning of Lent have been reviewed and followed very well. We have made lovely Easter cards and all thoroughly enjoyed our Easter bonnet and eggs parade! Da iawn Dosbarth Seren - what a wonderful Spring Term we have had! I hope you all enjoy your well-earned break and we will see you in Summer Term!



### **Dosbarth Afon-**

In Dosbarth Afon we have been very busy preparing ourselves for the joy of Easter. We visited the beautiful new prayer garden to witness the Stations of the Cross. Also, we have made Mother's Day cards using 3D knowledge to make our cards stand out. We had great fun making pan pipes out of straws, cutting them at different lengths and experimenting with the sounds. We listened to different instruments too, and carried out a School Sound Survey detecting noises inside and outside the school building. We then decided if noises were louder or quieter, higher or lower



depending on where we were. Also, we explored how does sound travel. The children had a great time making videos as if they were TV presenters discussing how vibrations work and amplitude. We have thoroughly enjoyed our class reader How to Train Your Dragon. In PE, we have had great fun developing our gymnastic skills. To finish our Spring term we also made beautiful Easter cards with Mrs Sadd this week using pastels and are looking forward to celebrating Easter with our families.



### Dosbarth Coed-

Dosbarth Coed have had a very busy few weeks! This week we have continued learning about Tudor Wales and England. We have completed activities such as designing a royal Tudor garden for Henry VIII, using area and perimeter - and also diamond ranked important events that happened in Tudor Wales. We are looking forward to concluding our topic after Easter with our virtual workshop and learner forum. In literacy we became text detectives in our search for connectives and generalisers during grammar tasks, we have worked very hard to research Anne Boleyn, ready to write a discussion text and we are still enjoying all of our class reader sessions! In readiness for Easter we have also completed work on the stations of the cross and walked around our prayer garden, talking about the different stations of the cross. We have also planned and completed science investigations about properties of materials and enjoyed outdoor learning and PE sessions where we have focused on orienteering skills. A fun filled and happy half term once again, with lots of hard work from everyone! Pasg Hapus to all!







### **Dosbarth Mynydd-**

What a busy couple of weeks in Year 6! The highlights of our last couple of weeks have been:

- Visiting Crucial Crew and listening to talks from lots of different organisations about how to keep safe when we are out and about;
- Our WW2 day where we dressed up as evacuees, made carrot cookies and had a VE party;
- D+T - we have been researching and making automata toys that use cams to make an object move;
- Easter Crafts - making fabulous stained glasses crosses as a feature of our Easter Card;
- Leading the whole school Gweddiwn on our virtue pair Learned and Wise.

We have been working really hard in class and are definitely ready for our Easter break and lots of chocolate!!



Our Gweddiwn  
Learned and Wise





## St. Robert's Pupil Profile

This week the following pupils have demonstrated the Virtues of being **LEARNED & WISE**.



**Dosbarth Haul-** Jacob receives our wise virtue for his sensible decisions in class, Chella receives our learned virtue for her positive attitude and enthusiasm when doing tasks.

**Dosbarth Enfys-** Ava-Mae received our Learned virtue for working hard on her learning consistently. Elijah received our Wise virtue for always considering his actions carefully.

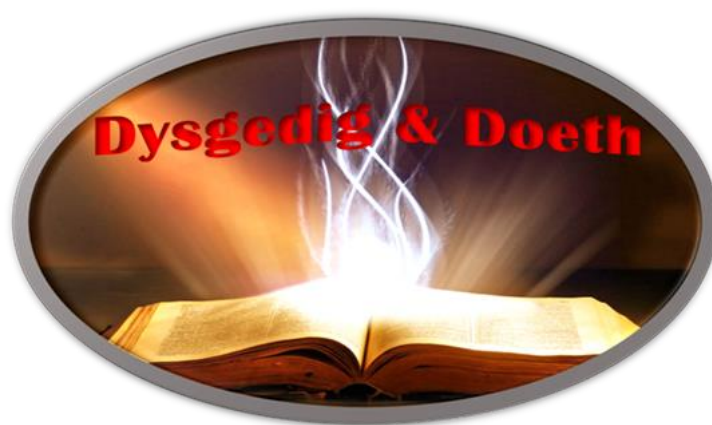
**Dosbarth Blodau-** Vicky & Kaylen for demonstrating our virtues of being learned and wise with their enthusiastic approach in our topic sessions when exploring different countries around the world.

**Dosbarth Seren-** Max for being learned and showing enthusiasm in all areas of learning. Bailey for being learned in lessons and wise in his decisions in class.

**Dosbarth Afon-** Griff and Lukas for having great attitude across all areas of learning.

**Dosbarth Coed-** Isla and Beth for making good, sensible and well-informed contributions in class, explaining their thinking well.

**Dosbarth Mynydd-** Harry and Zack who demonstrate they are learned by their work ethic and enthusiasm for the learning that takes place in the classroom



## Holy Week

The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Holy Week, is the most sacred time of year. During this special time, we enter into the passion of Christ, his crucifixion, death and resurrection. While the season of Lent is a very important time in the Church, it is helpful to remember that our Lenten practices (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) are meant as preparation for the three days of the Triduum. The Triduum begins at dusk on Holy Thursday and continues through dusk on Easter Sunday.

### **A Holy Week Prayer**

Dear God,

As we enter Holy Week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Give us joy in our hearts as we shout Hosanna, welcoming Jesus our King with palms, celebrating all that we hope for as the Easter story unfolds.

Then, as the story of Jesus turns to Good Friday, help us know that you are with us when celebration turns to sadness.

Give us the faith we need to follow you on the way of the cross, which leads to life.

Amen

## **Family Holy Week Reflections**

### **Palm Sunday: Reading John Ch.12**

*So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"*

On Palm Sunday we remember that Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, with crowds of people welcoming him with palms. They shouted 'Hosanna!', acknowledging God's saving presence. Yet the moment of joy did not last. Jesus had travelled to Jerusalem before, but this would be his last time. He would be betrayed, tried as a criminal, and executed in the Roman way: death by crucifixion.

**Family Activity:** Find a palm-like branch in your garden. Place it at your sacred space.



### **Thursday of Holy Week - Maundy Thursday: Reading John Ch.13**

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."*

This reading describes the Last Supper, Jesus praying in Gethsemane, the arrest and trial.

Imagine yourself in each scene, maybe as a disciple, maybe trying to understand the hostility in those who arrest Jesus, and try and understand the strength, character and love in Jesus who suffers this ordeal.

**Family Activity:** Talk about how Jesus is really present in Holy Communion and how sharing in his body strengthens us to become the Body of Christ and to follow him each day.

### **Good Friday - Reading Matthew 27: 11-61**

*"It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.*

Matthew describes many scenes, events across the first Good Friday. Good Friday is a sombre remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. It is a day of fasting and penance and a time to examine all of the places in our lives where we fail to follow Christ and fall into sin.

**Family Activity:** Pray the Lord's Prayer at bedtime on this night in remembrance for Christ's gift of salvation to all.





## Holy Saturday- Reading Matthew 27

*"So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away."*

After all the detail of the last two days, there is not so much to say today. Jesus is dead, his body in a tomb; the authorities seal the tomb, lest someone steal the body. This is not a sort-of death, or a pretend death. 'Jesus died and was buried', as our Creeds succinctly put it.

The disciples observe the Sabbath as best they can, in shock and disbelief.

**Family Faith Activity:** Talk together of a time when you were waiting for an event or special occasion. Describe your feelings of expectancy. Easter Saturday is a time of anticipation- draw a cross and cover it in flowers to show how our feeling of sadness fading away to the excitement of the resurrection and the hope it brings.



## Easter Sunday - The Day of Resurrection - Reading Luke Ch.24

*"He is not here; he has risen!"*

The most important first day of the Church's year. But it begins quietly. As the dawn breaks and lights come back to the world, two women go to the tomb. They went to mourn and maybe to complete the burial ceremonies which had not been done on Friday evening. In the quiet of the dawn, Jesus meets the grieving women and tells them to go and tell others.

In God's plan, it is for us to spread this good news. There is still freedom for people to accept it or reject it.

**Family Activity:** Take a walk around your local community looking for signs of new life in springtime. Talk about how Jesus rising to new life brings us new life with Him.



Thank you God for the joy and wonder of Easter Sunday: that Jesus is risen from the dead!

What an amazing thing to have happened!

Be with us as we celebrate on this wonderful day.

Amen



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

## Happy Birthday to:

Matilda D (4), Elijah (6), Cerys (7), Jude (7), Evie (7), Oliver B (7), Cillian (9), Thomas (9), Leo (9), Philip (10), Ebony (10), Brody (10), Gracie (10), Billy (10), Gwen (11), Cadie-Jayne (11)



### Diary Dates:

31 <sup>st</sup> March	Pupils break up for Easter Holidays
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Palm Sunday
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Closure Day- Staff Training
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school after the Easter Break
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
20 <sup>th</sup> May	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Closure Day- Staff Training
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Pupils return to school after half term
7 <sup>th</sup> June	St Robert's Feast Day
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Pupils break up for the Summer Holidays
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Closure Day - Staff Training

Pasg Hapus Pawb!

Mrs Beveridge

