

Dear all,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the half term. It has been a busy half term with lots of great teaching and learning taking place. On Tuesday Dosbarth Afon led a moving and thought-provoking Harvest Gweddiwn. Our social action following this was to help the needy in our community by collecting for Aberkenfig Foodbank. Dosbarth Afon and our St Bob's Cogs will be taking this collection to the Foodbank. Diolch yn fawr for all the items you have donated over the past few weeks!

Over the course of the next half term you will have a chance to discuss your child's learning and progress with their class teacher. Make sure you book either for a face to face or virtual meeting. Finally, we are saying good bye to Miss Richards, who after half term is taking up a new role in Family Support. We thank her for being a fantastic staff member and wish her the very best in her new career.

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 - Chella for her presentation, Arthur for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Lillie for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Enfys - Sonny for his presentation, Dorothy for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Louie J for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Blodau - Indy for his presentation, Lynette for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Elijah for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Seren - Kingsley for his presentation, Kaylen for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Alfie HW for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Afon - Amelie for her presentation, Daniel for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Finley for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Coed - Cillian for his presentation, Cohan for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Lukas for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Mynydd - Ebony for her presentation, Morgan for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Bethan for "Marvellous Maths".



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

Dosbarth Haul-

This fortnight we've been exploring with our senses. Nursery pupils have been doing lots of activities using their senses - going for a sound walk, collecting natural materials to make 'Nature's perfume', using the feely tubs to describe how things feel, playing Kim's game and saying which tastes they like and dislike.

Reception pupils had great recall of their senses work from nursery and could remember the parts of the body we use our senses for. They enjoyed the challenge of sorting salty and sugary food and finished the topic by having a great P4C session on deciding which sense was the most important and thought about what it would be like to not have a certain sense.



Dosbarth Enfys-

Dosbarth Enfys have had a lovely last week before half term. On Friday we visited St. Fagan's and had a wonderful time looking at all of the different types of houses from the past. We have been learning lots about houses this year so far but it was great to put our learning into practice. We learned from Betti Bwt all about how people used to do their washing in the past and it was very hard work! We even went into a Victorian school and sat at the desks. When we got back to school we wrote a lovely recount all about our trip and wrote about our favourite parts.



Dosbarth Blodau-

In Dosbarth Blodau we have been busy developing our ICT skills this week.

We've been sharing and exploring some more stories by Ed Vere. A big favourite is 'Bedtime for Monsters'. We've loved writing our own versions of the story in our literacy lessons.

In our ICT sessions, we started by taking photographs of the monster characters we've created.

We then typed sentences to describe them and used some super adjectives in our work.

We decided that we would like to make an animation of our own 'Bedtime for Monsters' story. We thought carefully about what we mean by animation. We used JIT to edit and organise multimedia components of text and images to create our animation.

Gwaith Bendigedig Pawb!



Dosbarth Seren-

This fortnight, we have been very busy in Dosbarth Seren! On Tuesday, we had a wonderful enrichment Stone Age Day that we all thoroughly enjoyed, on this day we celebrated all we had learnt during our topic Rocks and Fossils. We created prehistoric art, looked at how the Stone Age people survived and really gained a better understanding of what it would be like to live during the Stone Age! We created Stone Age jewellery, created cave art, investigated different weapons and tools, and explored the Super Grounds like hunter-gatherers. It was a really lovely enrichment day which celebrated a topic that we have all enjoyed. Many thanks to our families for your support- the children all looked fantastic! In other areas of learning and experience, we have explored ballads, used column method and begun writing narratives based upon our class reader, to name a few! This

half term we have thoroughly enjoyed our tennis lessons with coach Mark. We have had a great first half term and the children have all worked very hard. Da iawn Dosbarth Seren - fantastic work and a great start to Year Three!



Dosbarth Afon-

In Dosbarth Afon, we have been working hard on our first action for the CAFOD 'Live Simply' Award by leading whole school worship for Harvest. The St Bob's COGs challenged us to open our eyes to the needy and gave us some scripture to reflect upon. We read Matthew 25:31-46 and unlocked the scripture, thinking about what Jesus was teaching us and what it means in our lives today. The key verse we focussed on was:

"Whatsoever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me."

We researched food insecurity in our area and would like to share some of the information we found with you.

- A quarter of the people in our area live below the poverty line and often don't have enough to eat. That's equivalent to 6 people in our class.
- More than 11.3 million people in Britain live in households that struggle to put enough food on the table.

- Over 5 million people regularly go a whole day without eating in the UK.
- August 2020 saw the United Nations agency UNICEF begin to fund charities helping to feed hungry UK children for the first time in its history.
- Foodbanks gave 3 million three-day emergency food supplies to people in crisis in 2022. That has more than doubled since 2017 and is half a million more than the previous year.
- 7260 people visited Bridgend food bank last year - 1796 were children.

Instead of feeling worried or sad about this we decided to and put our faith into action by organising a whole school Foodbank collection. We know how generous our school community is and we weren't let down. As a school we collected approximately 200kg of dried and tinned foods for people in need in our area! We will walk to Aberkenfig Foodbank to deliver all the donations and meet the lovely people who volunteer there.

We'd like to pass on a huge DIOLCH YN FAWR PAWB to everyone!

For more information about how to support or get support from the Foodbank in Aberkenfig go to <https://www.communitychurchaberkenfig.org/foodbank.htm>

We have also had great fun looking at castle art and found the work of Paul Klee. Our favourite piece is called 'Castle in the Sun.' It is a piece of abstract art using the Cubism technique. Paul Klee used a warm/hot palette. We experimented with warm and cold palettes and different mediums to make our own castle art after researching the features of medieval castles.

We also really enjoyed our Shocktober visit from the South Wales Ambulance Service where we learned all about the emergency services and when to call them. We also learnt how to put someone in to the recovery position - ask us about flamingos!





Dosbarth Coed-

Dosbarth Coed have had a very busy lead up to the half term holidays! We had a visit from a team of Community first responders where we learnt a great deal about CPR and how to call for help and act in an emergency. We really enjoyed the visit and learnt valuable life skills. We have also been lucky enough to participate in Osprey rugby sessions over the past few weeks and have loved learning fun new skills and games with Charlie from the Ospreys. This week, along with our usual learning in class we have celebrated the end of our topic - The Ancient Maya civilization. We completed a workshop of activities focusing on different aspects of our topic and showcased our learning in the form of iMovies and PowerPoint information presentations! We have learnt a great deal about this ancient time period and have thoroughly enjoyed the topic!



Rugby skills



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Visit from first responders team



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Dosbarth Mynydd-

We have been working hard on our final commission for our topic, Blowin' in the Wind. We have worked together in groups to make a model of an eco-friendly home. We then created a PowerPoint presentation about our home and shared this with our client, Jo from Cenin Renewables. Not only was she really impressed with our designs and our knowledge of how we can make our homes more sustainable and better for the environment, she was also impressed with how

we spoke and our ICT skills! We have also been using our literacy skills to write arguments for or against more wind farms being built in Wales. We have really enjoyed this topic as we have been able to build on our previous knowledge on climate change! We are now very much looking forward to a well-deserved break!





Prayer Time: Amser Gweddi

For the past fortnight we have been collecting for the Aberkenfig Foodbank as part of our Harvest Appeal, let us think about this time of year when we celebrate harvest. We need to value the beauty of God's creation and all that is good in the world.

Say this prayer together:

Dear God,
Each season brings something new for use to see and enjoy,
With sunny days and rainy days,
Our crops grow larger,
Fruit and vegetables ripen, ready for us to harvest.
Thank you for all of the food we have to eat,
Let us remember people who may not have enough.
Help us to be kind to others in our thoughts, words and deeds.
Amen





St. Robert's Pupil Profile

This fortnight the following pupils have demonstrated the Virtues of being **GRATEFUL & GENEROUS**



Dosbarth Haul- Orson receives our grateful virtue for always saying 'diolch' without being reminded Aeron receives our generous virtue for giving others a chance to play in an area by finding a different activity to do.

Dosbarth Enfys- Our Grateful award goes to Louie HW for always using beautiful manners to show his gratitude and Myah receives our Generous award for her positive attitude and kindness towards her friends.

Dosbarth Blodau- Georgia and Isabelle for sharing their lovely ideas in our P4C session when we explored what we are grateful for.

Dosbarth Seren- Oliver C for being generous and making an effort to help others with their learning. Layla for always being generous and kind to her friends and teachers.

Dosbarth Afon- The whole of Dosbarth Afon for leading our virtues worship and the first action for our CAFOD 'Live Simply' Award and organising a whole school Foodbank appeal.

Dosbarth Coed- Oliver B and Olivia for always showing generosity in their words and actions.

Dosbarth Mynydd- Louie and Philip who are immensely polite and always say thank you! Thank you boys, for your politeness!!



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

Myah (6), Isabelle (6),
Kity (8), Ruby (11) & Miss Robbins



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

26 th October	PFA- Halloween Disco
27 th October	CLOSURE DAY
W/C 30 th October	Half term
6 th November	School resumes after Half term break

Other information: **Gwybodaeth arall**

Remember

The clocks go back this Sunday and we return to school on Monday 6th November.

Have a lovely half term break everyone!

Mrs Beveridge

