



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. The pupils and staff are looking forward to a well-earned rest.

As I've mentioned previously, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Murphy after the half term break. While we will be sad to see her go, we are incredibly proud of all that Mrs Murphy has achieved during her time at St. Robert's. She has become an integral part of our school family. We know that Mrs Murphy will take the same commitment to her new school community. On behalf of everyone at St. Robert's, we offer our heartfelt thanks and prayers as she begins an exciting new chapter in her vocation as a Catholic Headteacher.

May God continue to bless her in all that she does.

Headteacher Awards- Gwobr y Pennaeth

At end of each month, for pupils who have produced

"Quality Work" in either writing, digital competency or creativity will receive a certificate. Here are this month's winners:

Dosbarth Haul - Clemmie for writing her name independently. Mabel for great filming of friends dancing using the iPad. Millie for copying different emotion cards using the mirrors.



Dosbarth Enfys - Lucas R for using Google Earth well to find Paddington's locations in Peru and London! Fleur for writing some brilliant captions. Elijah D for using natural materials to print a beautiful rainbow.

Dosbarth Blodau - Jake for creating a fantastic graph linked to the language pattern, ble wyt ti'n byw? on J2Data. Aden for trying really hard with his writing in our writing challenge area. Myah for experimenting with different types of paint.



Dosbarth Seren - Harry for using the App Book Creator on the iPad to create a digital book on famous archaeologist Mary Anning. Willow for creating a beautiful piece of artwork on Stonehenge using mixed media. Oliver for writing a great personal autobiography including some brilliant facts.

Dosbarth Afon - Kingsley and Bella for their outstanding non-chronological report about dragons and their use of Adobe Express to generate an AI image of their dragons.



Dosbarth Mynydd - Erin for her diary entry from the perspective of a character from our class reader. Isabelle for her work on databases. Jemuel for his ideas and creative sequence in gymnastics.



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

Dosbarth Haul-

We have been working hard on our maths topic of making & comparing collections. We started making collections by gathering items that were the same, then we found hidden coins in the sand & compared our collections to see who had the biggest! We have been recognising which collections are larger and smaller just by looking at the amount, then checking by using our counting. We have made small groups bigger by adding more to the collection and making groups smaller by taking objects away. We worked on recognising when collections had the same amount too by doing careful counting and getting to the same number. We then made groups the same by counting the sets and making our own sets to match. Da iawn Nursery!



Dosbarth Enfys-

Dosbarth Enfys have been very busy the last fortnight and are definitely ready for a break over half term. We've ended the half term with our brilliant trip to St. Fagan's Museum of Natural History. Here we went to 'Betti Bwt's Washday Workshop' and learnt all about how people used to do their washing a long time ago! We think we prefer our washing machines! We also saw lots of different very old houses, shops and even an old school! We all had a lovely day and learnt lots. We have been learning all about captions in our Literacy lessons and we made some great captions for funny pictures. We used natural materials such as conkers, acorns and pine cones to practise our paint printing techniques and created some beautiful rainbows in our art lesson. In PE we have been learning how to run safely

and have played lots of running games to perfect our technique. Ardderchog pawb, you've worked really hard and enjoy your week off!



Dosbarth Blodau-

During this last fortnight we have been continuing to learn about how to keep our bodies healthy and strong in our topic, Marvellous Me! We have been exploring different self-portraits, looking at the work of Julian Opie and creating artwork in his style. We have also discussed what we need to do to keep our bodies healthy such as exercise, eat well, keep ourselves clean and have plenty of sleep. This half term we have also been learning lots of Welsh and this week we have been learning *ble wyt ti'n byw?* We carried out a survey in class of where everyone lived and presented our data in a graph. We also finished off our English unit linked to the book, 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and wrote a letter to persuade our own glue sticks and scissors to not go on strike! Finally, we have been practising and then sharing our *Gweddiwn* linked to Eloquent and Truthful with the school. Mrs Murphy has been very proud of us this half term and how well we have worked - she is going to miss us all very much when she leaves!



Dosbarth Seren

This fortnight, we have been very busy in Dosbarth Seren! We have finished our rugby sessions delivered by Charlie from Ospreys Rugby and have thoroughly enjoyed the fun, team-building games we played during the sessions. On Wednesday, we had a wonderful trip to Dan-Yr-Ogof Caves. We got to experience what it looks and feels like inside three real-life caves and were amazed just how incredible these natural structures are! We also got to see a model Bronze Age village which helped us understand what life would be like during that time period. We even spotted some dinosaurs, thankfully the dinosaurs had been fed and were too busy to notice Dosbarth Seren roaming around!! The whole class were so well behaved and a total credit to our school. In art, we created our own pictures of Stonehenge using mixed media and tried to pick colours that reflect this beautiful and mysterious monument. We discovered some facts about this ancient monument and were intrigued by the mystery of the place! In RE, we have been thinking about how we are stewards of the Earth, and explored ecological Virtues. We have been thinking about the things we can do to help protect God's World. We have had a great first half term, and the children have all worked very hard and have had some great fun along the way! Da iawn Dosbarth Seren, fantastic work and a great start to the new academic year!



Dosbarth Afon-

Dosbarth Afon have had a very busy couple of weeks as we have been planning and leading our annual Harvest Gweddiwn and Foodbank appeal. We did some research about hunger on CAFOD Family Fast Day and what we found out was quite shocking.

Did you know:

- 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 8 people in Dosbarth Afon.
- 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.



- 20% of households in Wales experience food insecurity and don't always have enough to eat.
- A third of all food produced globally is thrown away.
- The UK wastes approximately 9.52 million tonnes of food every year. This total is enough to feed 30 million people a year.
- WRAP estimates that 70% of food waste comes from households.
- The value of food wasted by UK households each year is estimated to be around £14 billion.
- Three quarters of food waste is still actually edible. That means that there is more than enough edible food waste in the UK to feed those who are hungry.
- The average household spends £470 on food that ends up in the bin every year.

We would like to thank everyone for their very generous donations - diolch yn fawr pawb!

We have also been very busy using our technical skills to write non-chronological reports about dragons and using Adobe Express to generate AI images of our dragons!

One of our highlights of this week was going on an outdoor Viking Rune Treasure Hunt! Luckily, we are all fluent on ancient Norse and Runes so we managed to find the treasure!

We are all looking forward to another exciting half-term after we have had a rest!



Dosbarth Mynydd-

We have been working hard on our gymnastics unit this term. The last few lessons we needed to work on the different balances and body shapes we can make on the floor and on low apparatus to add to the few we remembered from previous learning. We practised each one in a small group and holding them for at least 3 seconds, then we needed to put a sequence together of six balances using the floor and the mats. All groups were great at demonstrating excellent teamwork and control throughout their balance sequences. Each member put lots of effort into holding good body tension and awareness, helping to create stable and visually impressive shapes. Their transitions between balances were smooth and they supported each other confidently. Bendigedig Year 6!



Prayer Time - **Amser Gweddi**

As Autumn unfolds around us, we are surrounded by the beauty of God's creation—the golden leaves, the crisp air, and the harvest.

Dosbarth Afon's Gweddiwn last week helped us to explore the meaning of Harvest—not just as a time of gathering crops, but as a time to gather gratitude, kindness, and generosity. We are reminded that everything we have is a gift from God, and that we are called to share these gifts with others, especially those in need.



Harvest Prayer

Loving Creator

We thank You for the beauty of Autumn and the gifts of the Harvest.

Bless those who grow, prepare, and deliver our food.

Teach us to be grateful and generous, to care for Your creation, and to help those in need.

May our homes be filled with peace, our hearts with kindness, and our lives with Your love.

Amen

As a family reflect-

What are we most thankful for this season?

How can we share our blessings with others in need?

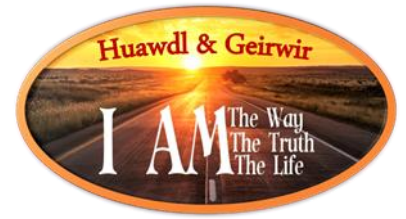
What signs of God's presence do we see in nature during Autumn?

How can we care for the earth as part of our faith?





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Dosbarth Haul- Archie H & Olivia receive our eloquent virtue for expressing lovely clarity when they answer questions on the carpet.

Dosbarth Enfys-Chimdindu for always expressing himself clearly & Layla for always being reliable and trustworthy.

Dosbarth Blodau- Louie HW and Ollie who speak very kindly to their friends and are polite to others.

Dosbarth Seren- Sonny for being eloquent and always using kind words & Dotty, for being eloquent and always using beautiful manners.

Dosbarth Afon- All Dosbarth Afon for being eloquent and truthful through their Harvest Gweddiwn and Foodbank appeal.

Dosbarth Mynydd- Rose and Elis receive our eloquent virtue for explaining their views in P4C sessions clearly and respectfully.



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

Birthday to:

Chimdindu (6), Myah (7), Isabelle (8), Jemuel (11)
& Miss Robbins



Health & Safety Warning: Rhybudd!

Parents/carers are reminder not to drive up Danylan (the road leading up to the school) either at the beginning or end of the school day. Please use the car park or surrounding streets/roads

Other information: Gwybodaeth arall

Parental Consultations

Please ensure you have booked your parental consultations.

These sessions will run over a fortnight, W/C November 3rd- 14th November.

Engagement with these sessions is important, as teacher will-

- ✓ Provide an up-to-date report on how your child is progressing.
- ✓ Comment on your child's attendance.
- ✓ Comment on your child's attitude towards learning and their
- ✓ classwork.
- ✓ Comment on your child's general behaviour and their behaviour
- ✓ for learning
- ✓ Review your child's response to homework
- ✓ Share your child's next steps for school and ways in which parents
- ✓ and carers can support children's learning at home.

Please respond to via Class Dojo to your Child/rens class teacher.

Online Safety Parental Workshop

This session has been arranged by our FEO, Julia Tomlinson in response to parental requests.

It will be delivered by Mathew Jones, BCBC Lead Officer for Digital Learning

Date & Time- November 17th @ 9.45-11-15am

Location St Robert's School

The parent/carer online safety learning session will cover:

- Mobile apps children are commonly using.
- Mobile apps to be aware of and those that pose risks.
- Mobile app age-restriction settings.
- Are children ready for social media and over-aged apps (consequences, responsibilities, digital footprint)?
- The risks of under-aged children using social media and video games
- Bridgend learner context
- How to report and remove harmful content.
- Family agreements for our devices and our time spent online.

We would be grateful if you could attend and please confirm your attendance via Class Dojo to your Child/rens Class teacher.

Nursery Places for September 2026

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 2026 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

Half term Activities at Aberkenfig Library



WHAT'S ON @ HALF TERM

All week - Treasure Hunt

Monday - Lego Club 330 - 530pm

Tuesday - Film Club 1030 - 1230pm

Thursday - *Mayhem Making and Mummies

Friday - Bounce and Rhyme 10am and
Afternoon Fun 230pm

Saturday - *Story and Craft 11am *

MUST BE BOOKED

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Diary Dates Dyddiadau Dyddiadur

13 th October	School Nurse- Flu vaccinations
22 nd October	PFA- Halloween Disco
24 th October	Last day of school before the half term break
W/C 27 th October	Half term break
3 rd November	School resumes after Half term break
3.11- 14.11	Parental Consultations
10 th November	Pupils can wear ODD Socks to school in support of Anti Bullying week. Activities, based on celebrating the difference & uniqueness of everyone, will be taking place in all classes during this week
14 th November	Children In Need- Pupils can wear home clothes and any Children In Need merchandise to school -no donation needed.
17 th November	Parental Workshop focusing on Keeping Children Safe online. At school, 9.45-11.15am
28 th November	Wallich Onesie Day- Homeless appeal. Children can wear home clothes/Onesies. £1.00 donation per child.
2 nd December	Haul & Enfys Christmas Concert 2pm
4 th December	Haul & Enfys Christmas Concert 6pm
10 th December	Blodau & Seren Christmas Concert 2pm & 6pm
12 th December	Christmas Fayre Afternoon
14 th December	Sunday- School Mass at St Robert's Church 9am
19 th December	Last day of term before the Christmas break

Thank for your continuing support **Diolch am eich parhad cefnogaeth**

Remember

The clocks go back this Sunday!

Have a lovely half term break everyone.

Mrs C Beveridge

