



Dear all,

It's been a great start to the half term - the pupils have settled and are engaging in their learning activities as you can see in the Class News section of our newsletter. Whole school activities have included: Dosbarth Mynydd's poignant Remembrance Worship (this will be uploaded on to Dojo for everyone to see), the Book Fair, Odd Socks Day, Children in Need and Parental Consultations. What a busy fortnight!

Headteacher Awards Gwobr y Pennaeth

Dosbarth Haul - Harper for her super work in phonics and Evan for his great effort in singing during concert practise

Dosbarth Enfys - Ella and Rupert for writing some fabulous toy catalogue pages for our client.

Dosbarth Blodau - Millie W for always working hard and producing outstanding work. Indy for always being willing to support others.

Dosbarth Seren - Harry B, for a great attitude towards learning and enthusiasm and Evie, for wonderful enthusiasm during her health and wellbeing lessons.

Dosbarth Afon - Oliver C and Gethin for collaborating well together when writing an ancient myth.

Dosbarth Mynydd - Eva and Jacob for showing a mature attitude to their learning in the classroom.



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

Dosbarth Haul-

We have been doing our final commission for our client Avocado Baby. He wanted us to design a feely board so he could practise touching the different textures with his hands and learning the new words to describe them. We worked in groups and chose two textures each to put on the board in our design. When we chose our textures, we had to tell the group one great word to describe them. We came up with some super words - bumpy, squishy, soft, scratchy, gritty, rough and so many more! We then copied our design onto a large board using bigger pieces, so they were easier to feel. We sent photos to Avocado Baby - he was so pleased with them and he was looking forward to making his own to explore with.



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Dosbarth Enfys-

Dosbarth Enyfs have had a busy few weeks back after half term continuing with our topic learning and now starting to practise for our Christmas Concert! In our science lessons we have been learning all about electricity by creating our own electrical circuits. We have also been thinking about what toys use electricity and how to be safe around electricity. We have started some new maths learning all about addition and subtraction, finding some parts tricky but we're enjoying challenging ourselves!

In P4C we have been working on our Caring Cwtch and Collaborative Carl and Karla skills by listening to others and learning to form our own opinions about themes like patience and giving and receiving gifts. We're looking forward to making items for the Christmas fayre to sell and to making our own toys in D.T! Da iawn pawb, a super fortnight!



Dosbarth Blodau-

We have been super busy preparing for our Christmas performance of 'The Inn Crowd' - We have been practicing our roles and the songs and are very excited to share the wonderful performance with others.

During our P4C session last week we focused on the question "What makes me, me?". It was lovely to think about what makes each of us unique. We all came up with some beautiful answers and created lovely work for our class P4C book.

This week we received a letter from our client 'The Colour Monster' - He brought us a new story to read called 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. We thoroughly enjoyed reading it! The Colour Monster sent us a new mission to write our own letters of complaint inspired by the crayons in the story.

Therefore, we have started to plan and prepare writing our own letters pretending to be a classroom or household object that isn't very happy about something. We are excited to get these complete and sent off to The Colour Monster.

Over the past fortnight in maths, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction - This week we started to work on adding 2-digit numbers. We have all been working super hard!



Dosbarth Seren-

This fortnight, we have been busy in Dosbarth Seren! During our literacy lessons, we have been learning how to write a set of instructions, which has been really helpful for our Design and Technology lessons. As part of our Castles and Courts topic we have been designing our own model castles that we will build out of recyclable materials. We have also painted our own people of the court that will live inside the castles we will build. In RE, we have learnt all about the liturgy of the

Word and looked at features of Mass. As it is anti-bullying week in P4C we discussed 'what makes a good friend?'. We then made posters describing characteristics of a good friend. This week, Year Four have begun their swimming lessons in Ynysawdre swimming pool and are very much enjoying these. We are very busy at the moment working on our Christmas production 'The Inn Crowd'! We can't wait to perform it and have been learning all the songs and practising our lines, not to mention some fantastic acting on show! Super work, keep up the good work Dosbarth Seren!



Dosbarth Afon-

In Dosbarth Afon, we have been working on our orienteering skills on the top yard and had to make faces using equipment and maps. We had to think about what made an effective team and then collaborate well in order to win.

In our English, we have been using our class reader, *The Story of Osiris*, as a stimulus for P4C. We know the story really well and thought about the concepts that it raised which were power, resilience, jealousy and revenge. We worked in groups to generate lots of philosophical questions for each concept. Next, we voted to focus on the concept of power first and chose the question: Does power change a person?

We explored lots of statements linked to power and said whether we agreed or disagreed, giving reasons and examples. Then we completed a power concept line and ranked different people

according to how powerful we thought they were. Finally, we shared our first thoughts about whether power changes a person and entered into our dialogue.

We also had a lovely pupil led class worship which we used to celebrate the end of our Creation and Covenant topic. We gathered in darkness in the classroom and all received a tea light to hold. We made the sign of the cross in Welsh and then listened to the Word read by Corey and Rose. We chose Genesis 1 which was about creation. When God made the light, we lit our tea lights and then held them up when God created the stars in the heavens. As a response to the Word, we each took a Lego brick and placed it onto a base board and prayed a spontaneous litany of thanks for different elements of God's creation. For each prayer we responded - and God saw that it was good. Our Lego bricks became a representation of creation. We decided that our mission would be to do our best to be good stewards of the earth which God created for us.



Dosbarth Mynydd-

What a busy two weeks we have had! We started our new topic, 'Make your Voice Heard', with a trip to see a play entitled 'The Fight' by Theatr Na Nog. This play is about the discrimination that Welsh black boxer, Cuthbert Taylor experienced in the 1930s. As part of this production, we also carried out workshops at Swansea Museum and the National Waterfront Museum. We have also led the school in the Remembrance Day worship. We led our worship in a very prayerful manner and recited the poem 'In Flanders Field' by John McCrae to the school. During this fortnight the Year 5 children have been having daily swimming lessons and the Year 6 children had a transition visit to Archbishop McGrath where we did some artwork and took part in a Geography lesson.



Prayer Time-

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent - the four-week period of preparation before Christmas.

This prayer can be recited any time, but it's especially appropriate during this month of November.

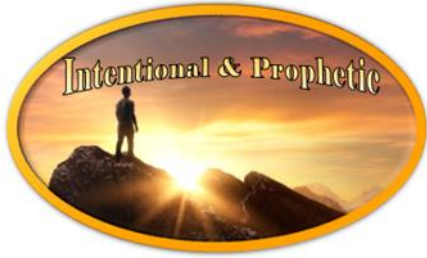
***Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and
let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.***



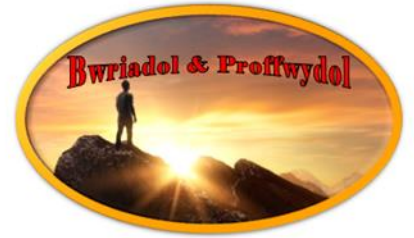
At Home-

Make a list of your family and friends who have died and each night during the month of November light a candle, remember your loved ones and say an Eternal Rest for them.





St. Robert's Pupil Profile
This week the following pupils have demonstrated the Virtues of being
INTENTIONAL & PROPHETIC
BWRIADOL & PROFFWYDOL



This half term we have been focusing on the virtues of **INTENTIONAL & PROPHETIC** as part of our St Robert's Pupil Profile.

Pupils in St. Robert's Catholic Primary School are growing to be . . . **intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.

When we are **INTENTIONAL**, we deliberately choose to live in a certain way. We don't just follow the crowd. We listen to God's voice deep inside us and choose to live by the values of Jesus. When we are **PROPHETIC**, we show by our words and actions that we choose to live the Good News of Jesus.

Dosbarth Haul- Ralph receives our prophetic virtue for making sensible and good choices throughout the school day. Lucas receives our intentional virtue for sharing the provision in class knowing his actions will have a positive impact on others.

Dosbarth Enfys- Ffion for making an intentional effort in her learning. Myah for working hard to relate Jesus' teachings to our own lives.

Dosbarth Blodau- Shammah for being prophetic and always setting a good example for others to follow. Georgia receives our intentional virtue for always being aware of her actions.

Dosbarth Seren- Maisie-Rae, for being intentional and trying to be more independent in her learning. Richie for demonstrating the virtues of intentional and prophetic with the answers he gives during RE lessons.

Dosbarth Afon- Daniel and Corey for helping us think about how we live our lives and need to care for God's creation when leading class worship.

Dosbarth Mynydd- Pretty and Jack who are both good examples to others in the class about how we should work and live.

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

Birthday to:

Albie (4), Harri (5), Nevaeh (6), Oliver J (9), Alfie (9), Dylan (9),
Oliver (11) & Mrs Neill



Other information: **Gwybodaeth arall**

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

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| W/C 11 th Nov- 23 rd Nov | Parental Consultations |
| 4 th December | Blodau's & Seren's Concert- "The Inn Crowd" 2pm & 6pm |
| 6 th December & 9 th December | Haul's & Enfys' Concert- "Whoops A Daisy Angel- 6 th Dec.@ 2pm & 9 th Dec.@6pm |
| 11 th December | Christmas Lunch Day- Pupils can wear their Christmas Jumpers and make a £1.00 donation to Stephanie, our sponsored child. |
| 13 th December | Our Christmas Fayre -1.30-3.30pm |
| SUNDAY-15th December | School Mass @ St. Robert's Church, 9.00am. (Bambinelli Sunday) Everyone welcome. |
| 20 th December | Last day of term- Christmas Celebrations. Pupils to wear Christmas jumpers |
| 6 th January | School resumes after the Christmas Break |
| 13th January | School Closure Day |
| 20 th February | Last day for pupils prior to half term |
| 21st February | School Closure Day |
| 3 rd March | School resumes after the half term break |
| 11 th April | Last day of Term |

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

Mrs C Beveridge