



Dear all,

Wishing you all a Happy New Year - Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! It's been wonderful to welcome back all our learners after the Christmas break and especially our four Little Learners who have joined us in Nursery. All classes have settled back to work and are enjoying their new topics.

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 - Henry for his presentation, Albie for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Jorge for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Enfys - Navaeh for her presentation, Jacob for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Orson for "Marvellous Maths";

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

Dosbarth Seren - Elijah for his presentation, Ollie for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Joseph for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Afon - Jacob for his presentation, Reese for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Bailey for "Marvellous Maths";

Dosbarth Mynydd - Erin for her presentation, Logan for the "Siarad Cymraeg" Award & Eira for "Marvellous Maths".



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

Dosbarth Haul-

Since being back, we have been working hard on our Maths skills especially with naming and recognising 2D shapes. Nursery have been sorting 2D shapes of different sizes and colours and knowing the difference between rectangles and squares as this can be tricky! They worked really hard to name them and to describe what is the same and different. The reception children were amazing at recognising squares and rectangles in the outdoor and indoor areas. They used the ipads to take photos of lots of squares and rectangles and could always tell which shape they were taking a photo of. Great work everyone!



Dosbarth Enfys-

Since coming back from the Christmas holidays, Dosbarth Enfys have got straight back in to working hard! We have been using our DCF skills to be able to search for things online using the alphabet and we created our very own picture dictionary. In maths we have been challenging ourselves by using bigger numbers to 20. We're now getting ready to use these numbers to add and subtract. In art this week we learnt about the artist Bridget Riley and how she used different types of lines to create her art. We used our understanding of drawing lines to then respond to a piece of music and consider how it made us feel. In Literacy we have been learning all about poems

with Mr Rendall and have made our own acrostic and alliterative poems. Even though these types of poetry were brand new to us we wrote some lovely poems about dragons and Springtime. A fantastic few weeks back at school pawb, da iawn.



Dosbarth Blodau-

What a great start to the spring term for Dosbarth Blodau - We have started our new topic 'Red Dragons and Rugby Balls' and met our new client Y Ddraig Goch/The Red Dragon. We mapped out our ideas and discussed what we would like to find out throughout this topic. We came up with some brilliant ideas, such as exploring castles and designing our own rugby balls.

During a topic session this week we worked hard in pairs to locate Wales and other location in the UK on a map using an atlas. We enjoyed exploring the atlas' together and some of us were even challenged to find Cardiff, Swansea and Newport. We used the laptops and iPads to research and create a Welsh snapshot - We found a lot of interesting facts!

During our RE sessions we have been learning about John the Baptist, we all enjoyed listening about his role and why he is so important. We then retold the story of Jesus' Baptism through art - We made sure to include key features such as, John the Baptist, the River Jordan and a dove that

represented the Holy Spirit. We all then discussed our pictures and explained what can be seen in them.

During our LLC sessions we have been focusing on the story of 'The Dragon Machine'. We took part in a dragon hunt and worked really well in teams in order to try and find them all. Once we found them, we wrote down their locations. Using this story, we have also made predictions on what we think the dragons did to get into trouble. We also designed our own dragon machines using the one in the story as inspiration.



Dosbarth Seren-

It has been a very busy time in Dosbarth Seren! We have all returned to school with enthusiasm and excitement for the rest of the year ahead! We had a lovely launch day for our new topic Protect Our Planet. We created pledges of how we will protect our planet by doing things such as recycling, completing a litter pick in our local community, and loving one another. We also created artwork depicting what our Earth would look like if everyone protected it. Throughout this topic, we decided we would like to explore pollution, renewable energy and ways we can help make our World a better

place. We have looked at different types of renewable energy and the advantages and disadvantages of it. Even though it has been cold, we have enjoyed wrapping up and getting outside for outdoor learning, we have been participating in the Big Garden Birdwatch. Sometimes at breaktime we have a look at our super grounds and see what birds we can spot. In RE, we have been looking at what the kingdom of God is. We sorted through situation cards and decided what the kingdom of God is and what the kingdom of God is not. We drew lovely pictures of what the Kingdom of God looks like. We have lots of lovely things planned for this half term and plenty to look forward to! Bendigedig Dosbarth Seren, what a super start to Spring Term we have had!



Dosbarth Afon-

In Dosbarth Afon, we have been busy investigating the effect of exercise on heart rate. We made predictions using our scientific knowledge and then carried out the test. We had to measure our resting heart rate by feeling our pulse and using stethoscopes. Then we went outside to do some PE and measured our heart rate using a pulse oximeter. We collected the data on

tables and then displayed it on line graphs. The next question we want to test is: Which exercise is best to raise heart rate?

When we came back to school we learnt about the Feast of the Epiphany. We had a special blessing of the door liturgy in class where we all made special blessing signs for our doors at home.

In our topic work, we have been making news reports about Howard Carter's discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun where we had to report the discovery and interview him. We have also written our own diary entries as Junior Egyptologist about discovering the tomb of a lost or unknown Pharaoh.



Dosbarth Mynydd-

What a great start to the new year! In class we have been focussing on creating our final commission for our topic, 'Make Your Voice Heard'. Throughout this topic we have been focussing on people who have stood up for the rights of others. We are now in the process of creating a piece of artwork about an issue that is important to us. We will be sharing this artwork with our families in our learner forum next week. We also developed our digital competency skills in this topic by exploring different protest songs before writing the lyrics to our own and accompanying these with music made using the GarageBand app on the iPads. In class we have also started a poetry unit in readiness for St David's Day. As part of this unit, we are using the outdoors to explore different poetry techniques as well as poems such as 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear.



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church holds a Jubilee Year. All members of the global Church family are called to participate in this Holy Year. It is a time to grow in our faith and prayer life. A time too to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. Key aspects of a Jubilee Year include how we treat one another and how we live out the mission Jesus states in Luke 4:16-21;



"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor"

Jubilee Prayer-



Father in Heaven,
May the faith you have given us,
in your Son Jesus Christ,
and in the the Holy Spirit,
reawaken hope in us.

May your grace transform us
and your glory shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
be with us, as Pilgrims of Hope,
so we may spread the joy and
peace of Jesus throughout the Earth.

To you our God,
be glory and praise forever.

Amen



St. Robert's Pupil Profile

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



This half term we have been focusing on the virtues of **GRATEFUL** & **GENEROUS** as part of our St Robert's Pupil Profile. Pupils are growing to be:

'Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; generous with their gifts'

Dosbarth Haul- Layla receives our generous virtue for sharing her gift of always being happy with others - she always makes the people around her smile.

Nola receives our grateful virtue for always showing her gratitude by using her manners with her peers and the adults in school.

Dosbarth Enfys- Aden for being grateful for the gifts of other people.
Seth for being extremely generous with his time with other people.

Dosbarth Blodau- Ellie for always being generous towards her friends. Ollie for being grateful for the blessing of each day. He is always so positive and helpful towards the adults in the classroom.

Dosbarth Seren- Jude for showing generosity and encouraging his friends to make good choices.
Olivia for being generous and always being willing to help her teachers.

Dosbarth Afon-Kingsley and Jake for being generous learners and sharing their ideas.

Dosbarth Mynydd- Leo and Makanaka who have excellent manners and always are grateful in class, thanking others.



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

Ralph (5), Ffion (6), Ellie (7), Harry W (8), Oliver (10), Lukas (11), Rory (11), Caleb S (11), Mrs Clarke & Mrs Beveridge



School News: **Newyddion Ysgol**

Nursery Places for September 2025

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 2025 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.

Diary Dates: **Dyddiadau'r Dyddiadur**

29 th January	Meeting for the Parents of pupils being prepared for the Sacraments- 3.30pm @ school
2 nd Sunday February	Whole School Mass 9.00am @ St. Robert's Church
20 th February	Last day for pupils prior to half term break
21 st February	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
3 rd March	School resumes after half term break
11 th April	Last day for pupils prior to Easter Holidays
18 th April	Good Friday
20 th April	Easter Sunday
28 th April	School resumes after Easter Holidays

Thank you for your continued support
Diolch yn fawr iawn!

Mrs Beveridge

