



Dear all,

We have had another fantastic fortnight at St. Robert's with so many wonderful teaching and learning experiences happening in every class as you can see from the photographs in this newsletter. The highlight of this last fortnight was definitely our School Mass last Sunday. Thank you to all those who attended this wonderful opportunity for us to come together with our parish community and celebrate Mass. The children read and sang beautifully, and we have received many positive comments from the parishioners on how reverent and well behaved the pupils were. Also, we are starting our sacramental preparation programme, so please keep these pupils in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

### Headteacher Awards **Gwobr y Pennaeth**

**Dosbarth Haul** - Priti for her amazing number recognition work and Aeron for his super effort with his letter formation.

**Dosbarth Enfys** - Orson and Piper for doing some brilliant labelling of a castle and describing the different features of a castle.

**Dosbarth Blodau** - Gethin for producing outstanding work in maths and using his skills to help his classmates. Ellie for working hard and always producing work of a high standard.

**Dosbarth Seren** - Elsie-May for always being polite and sharing some fascinating facts linked to our topic. Kaylen for having lovely manners and having a positive attitude towards his learning.

**Dosbarth Afon** - Kaima and Max for their beautiful handmade booklets about their understanding of being poor in spirit.

**Dosbarth Mynydd** - Osian for fantastic coding on our trip to Sony Pencoed and Angela for always working very hard in class and giving her best.



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

### Dosbarth Haul-

This half term our artwork has been focussing on painting. We have explored finger painting and had the freedom to create a piece which either didn't represent an object or did show a particular object - we learnt the WOW words abstract and figurative. Everyone chose to paint something different and our paintings were very unique. Next, we explored art outdoors by making our own paintbrushes using natural materials of sticks and different kinds of leaves. We then made mud paint of different consistencies and used our natural paintbrushes to make marks using the mud. We had great fun making muddy pictures and kept the brushes so we can use them when we play outdoors.

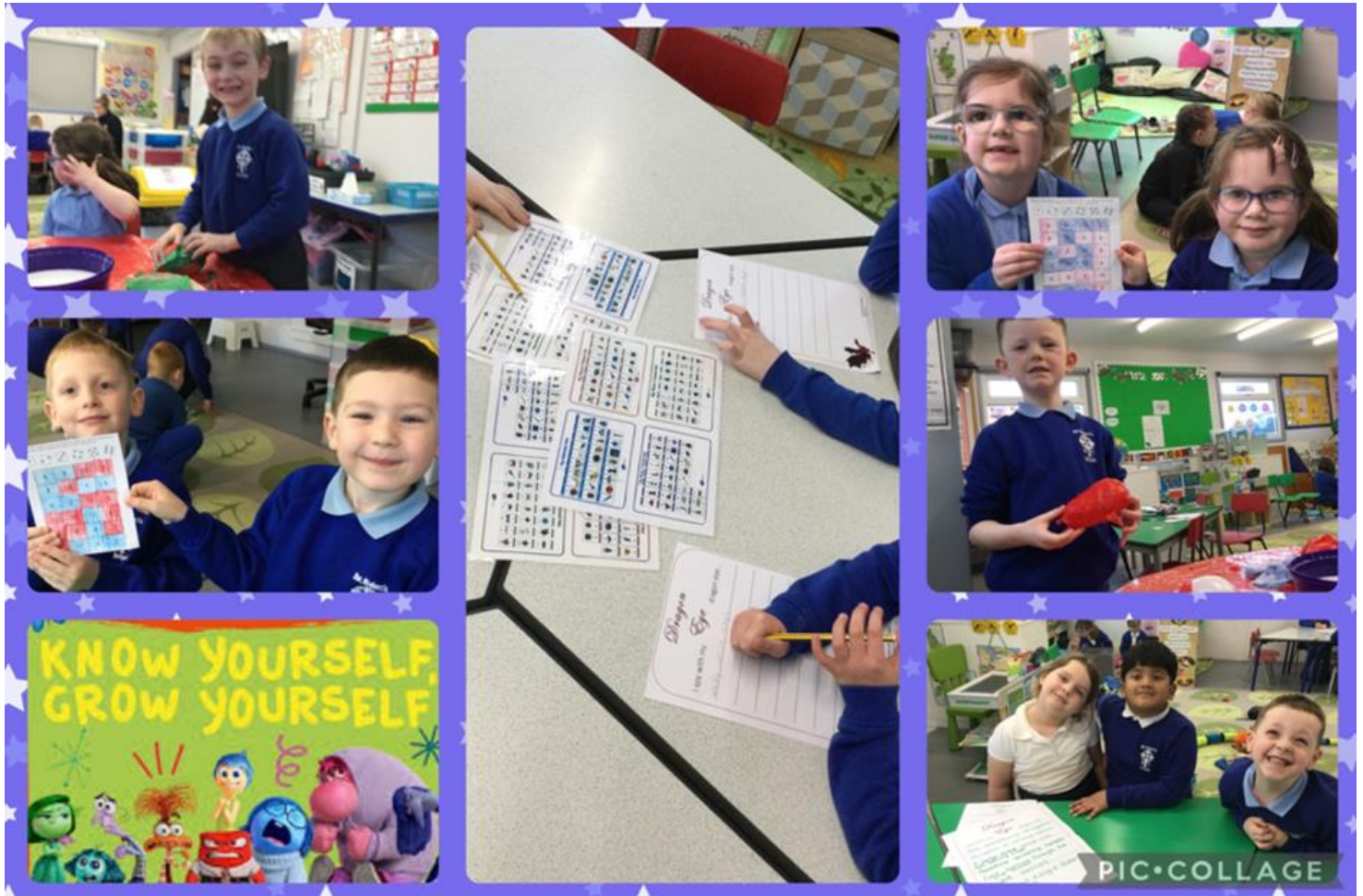


### Dosbarth Enfys-

Dosbarth Enfys have had another busy fortnight starting our learning all about Wales! We started by learning the difference between human and physical features in our country and we have been learning about castles in readiness for our trip to Fonmon Castle which we're all really excited about! In maths we have been using our knowledge of addition to solve number sentences to 20 and have



been getting better scores each week in our Big Maths Beat That challenges. We wrote a wonderful list poem all about dragons and have enjoyed learning about The Presentation of the Lord in R.E and how we can spread the Good News of Jesus. To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week we talked about identifying our emotions in different situations and thinking about how we can manage our feelings. A brilliant two weeks of hard work pawb, bendigedig!



### Dosbarth Blodau-

In Dosbarth Blodau we have been working hard on our maths skills. We have been looking at multiplication and division, we have enjoyed putting our two times tables to the test in order to answer some tricky questions.

We have been working hard during our topic sessions - this week we carried out some research in order to create a leaflet advertising Cardiff. We all found some great information to include and liked discussing what makes our capital so great.

During our music sessions we have been looking at developing an understanding of structure by exploring and ordering rhythms. We have been building this skill up over the last couple of weeks and this week we performed our compositions to the rest of the class.

This week we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health. The Well-Being Warriors from our class took part in a great assembly explaining the importance of the week to others - Da iawn pawb! Back in class we took some time to focus on ourselves and discussed what makes each of us unique and important. We had a lovely discussion and it was great to hear how we are all so different and amazing.





## Dosbarth Seren-

What a lovely couple of weeks we have had in Dosbarth Seren! We have been really interested in our topic Protect Our Planet! We have learnt lots about how to be planet protectors and how we can do simple actions such as reduce, reuse and recycle to help our environment. Also, we learnt about different endangered animals and how at risk they are at becoming extinct. We thoroughly enjoyed our activities based upon children's mental health week. Inspired by the film Inside Out we designed our own personality islands and really considered what makes us unique and special. We really thought about what it means to 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. We discussed what it meant to be self-aware and talked about different types of emotions we may experience in our daily lives. This has linked really nicely to our RE lessons where we have explored changing behaviours and learnt about how Jesus' example teaches us how to love one another and be respectful to each other. In our expressive arts lessons, we have enjoyed exploring with different media and finding out how to use different tones in painting. We have also begun practising our Welsh dancing and are having great fun doing so. Da iawn Dosbarth Seren- great work!





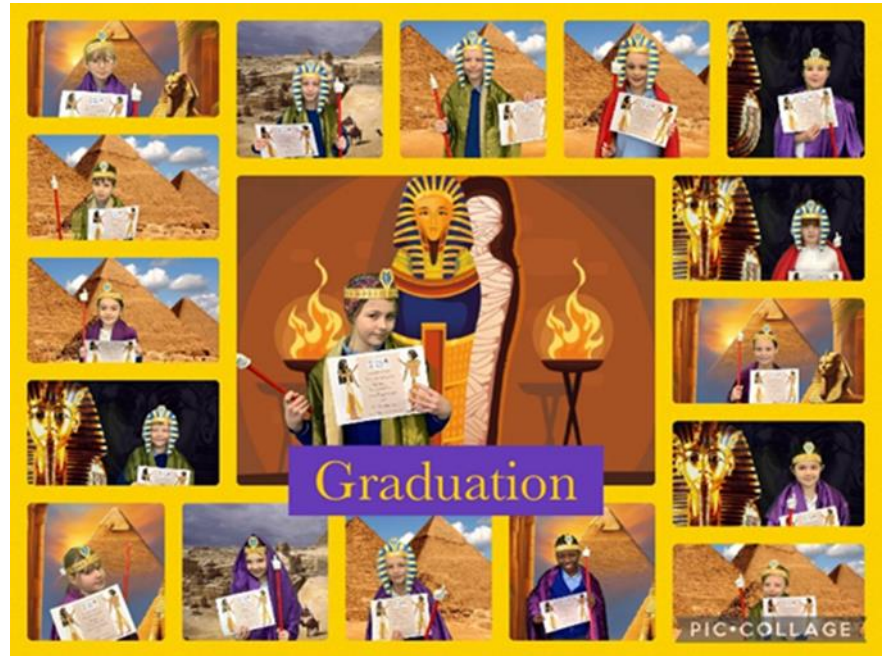
## Dosbarth Afon-

Dosbarth Afon have had a very exciting couple of weeks as we have graduated as Junior Egyptologists! We had to sit our final exams and we were very relieved to find out that we all got 100% and we graduated with honours! We had a special graduation party to celebrate and played a 'Make a Mummy' game where we had to use toilet roll to make the best mummy in teams. We also had an Egyptian themed feast and ate lots of fruit, vegetables, bread and honey just like the ancient Egyptians did.

Finally, we had our graduation photos taken using the green screen.

We have also been having fun in PE, playing dodgeball and we are all getting better with our aim. We're also enjoying learning our Welsh Folk dance called Cylch y Cymry and are looking forward to performing it at the Eisteddfod.

This week we had a lovely pupil planned worship all about the theological virtue of hope. This also linked well with the Jubilee Year of Hope.



We are now looking forward to our new topic - Charles, Charles, Charles which is all about governance and how it has changed since Charles I and II were on the throne to today when Charles III sits on the throne.





## Dosbarth Mynydd-

What a busy couple of weeks we have had. Last week, we welcomed our parents to our Learner forum for our topic, 'Make your Voice Heard'. We shared a presentation of learning with our families and our artwork about an issue that is important to us. This week, we visited Sony Pencoed. We had a tour of the factory and got to see the robots making Raspberry Pis as well as create a disco by coding LED lights. We even got to learn some Japanese and make origami hearts. Back in school we have been making clay owls as part of our English unit looking at poetry in the outdoors.





**St. Robert's Pupil Profile**  
This week the following pupils have demonstrated the Virtues of being  
**GRATEFUL & GENEROUS**



**Dosbarth Haul-** Harper receives our grateful virtue for lovely manners used throughout the day without a reminder.

Layla-Rae receives our generous virtue for spending time with her friends when they need her.

**Dosbarth Enfys-** Oliver for always using beautiful manners and being thankful and Jacob for always helping his friends.

**Dosbarth Blodau-** Isabella receives our grateful virtue for always being polite and thanking others. Isaac is always generous; he shares his skill of being creative with others by making things we can display in class for our topic.

**Dosbarth Seren-** Annabelle for being generous and willing to help her friends.  
Zen for being grateful and thankful.

**Dosbarth Afon-** Athena and Elis for being generous in their learning and their friendships.

**Dosbarth Mynydd-** Georgie and Caleb H who are very polite and always say thank you in class.





Prayer Time-

Our virtues this term are **Grateful and Generous** so here is a prayer to reflect on the true meaning of these virtues.

### Prayer for Generosity

*Jacques Sevin SJ (1887-1951)*

Lord, teach me to be generous:  
to serve you as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost;  
to fight and not to heed the wounds;  
to toil and not to seek to rest;  
to labour and to ask for no reward  
save that of knowing I do your will.

Amen.



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

Henry (4), Chella (7), Mithra (7), Annabelle (9), Amelie (9), Zen (9) & Mrs Sadd



## Diary Dates: Dyddiadau'r Dyddiadur

20 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day for pupils prior to half term break
21 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	School resumes after half term break
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day for pupils prior to Easter Holidays
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday
28 <sup>th</sup> April	School resumes after Easter Holidays

Thank you for your continued support

**Diolch yn fawr iawn!**

Mrs Beveridge

