



Dear all,

We have had another fantastic fortnight at St. Robert's with so many wonderful teaching and learning experiences, especially the preparations the classes are making towards our St. David's Day celebrations and Eisteddfod.

We've had a whole school focus on Internet Safety and Children's Mental Health. It was wonderful to see how the pupils "Dressed to Express". Your donations raised £145. for the charity Place2Be. They emailed the school their appreciation.

"St Robert's Catholic Primary School, thank you for showing children and young people that they're not alone with their mental health - we are so grateful!"

Please remember we have a Closure Day tomorrow, our focus for the day is safeguarding and child protection, so today is the last day for pupils and they return from the half term break on Monday 3rd March.

Headteacher Awards **Gwobr y Pennaeth**

Dosbarth Haul - Robin and Elijah C for their great effort with learning our Welsh song for the Eisteddfod.

Dosbarth Enfys - Arthur & Oliver for really trying hard to involve themselves in our learning about Jesus' life and the people He met.

Dosbarth Blodau - Dorothy for always being kind to the other children and adults. Austin for working hard and using cursive writing.

Dosbarth Seren - Alfie for a good attitude towards his work and enthusiasm towards our topic Protect Our Planet. Noah for his growing confidence in his abilities and sharing more answers in class.

Dosbarth Afon - Rose and Evie for their use of figurative language.

Dosbarth Mynydd - Oliver and Florence for consistently working hard in class and having a great attitude to learning.



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

Dosbarth Haul-

This half term our PE unit has been gymnastics focussing on making still body shapes and then moving around the room and on apparatus using high and low shapes. We explored eight different shapes and gave them names so we remembered how to make them. We called the high shapes - pencil, number one, aeroplane and high knees. We called the low shapes - spider, snake, dog and table. We used these different shapes to travel over the apparatus making sure we changed them when the tambourine was shaken. When the squeaker was heard we had to freeze where we were, hold any body shape we had practised and tried very hard to keep it still for three seconds. Great job everyone!



Dosbarth Enfys-

Dosbarth Enfys had a wonderful time on our school trip to Fonmon Castle. We learnt all about Welsh storytelling and the Mabinogion, the famous Welsh folktales and learnt how to be excellent story tellers with our guide for the day Rhys. We explored the story trail and the castle itself then enjoyed some time in the dinosaur trail and the play park. All in all it was a wonderful day and we learnt so many new things! In R.E we have been learning the stories of Zaccheus and Simon and the fishermen and brought all our learning together by creating a fabulous booklet all about how Jesus guided different people in their lives. We have been busy getting our competition entries ready for the Eisteddfod celebrations after half term and have produced some beautiful pieces of artwork and tried hard with our best handwriting. In Literacy we have based our learning around the story of

George and the Dragon and we have been describing dragons and have even created our own dragon's eye art work. A lovely few weeks pawb, enjoy half term!



Dosbarth Blodau-

What a busy fortnight for Dosbarth Blodau - We have continued to work hard and have fun whilst doing so!

For Safer Internet Day we worked hard in groups in order to think about what information we can and cannot share online. We had great discussions and were very sensible with the decisions we made.

In RE, we have been learning about the parable of the lost sheep - We learn that no matter what Jesus will always love and look out for us! We have come to the end of our scheme Galilee to Jerusalem and took part in a game of snakes and ladders to put our knowledge to the test.

In literacy, we have been busy working on descriptive writing. Focusing on the story of 'The Dragon Machine' we thought about what our own dragon lands would look like using our five senses to write a creative description - They all sounded amazing!

We are now all ready for a well-deserved half-term. Have a lovely break all!



Dosbarth Seren-

What a lovely Spring half term we have had! We have thoroughly enjoyed our class reader the Iron Man, and even designed our own character based upon what we have already heard in the story. We completed our RSPB's Big Birdwatch and submitted our results. We then received a certificate from the RSPB to thank us for participating. We have been researching endangered animals and learnt about life-cycles. Then, we discussed how humans can sometimes affect life-cycles, by doing things such as deforestation. We used our computer skills and thoroughly enjoyed making Pic Collages of ways in which we can protect our planet. We used pictures of recycling bins and renewable energy and made sure they were nice and eye catching. We also thoroughly enjoyed our workshop delivered by CAFOD, where we learnt about how we can protect our planet and be good global citizens. For Safer Internet Day, we looked at the different examples of what is a scam and what is not a scam. Some were harder to decide than others and we came up with some top tips of how to stay safe online. In PE, we have enjoyed learning some traditional Welsh dancing and have been busy recreating Kyffin Williams artwork for our Eisteddfod. We have got a lot of lovely things planned for the next half term and are looking forward to more learning about our topic! Da iawn Dosbarth Seren, hope you have a lovely break!



Dosbarth Afon-

We have been very busy preparing for St. David's Day and our Eisteddfod recently. We have really worked hard on our Welsh folk dance, *Cylch y Cymry*, which is quite challenging as it is very fast and involves swapping partners! We have been focussing on daffodils again this year but we decided to sketch and paint them this time. We only had the primary colours and white which meant that we had to mix different colours, tones and shades to get the range of colours we needed. We have been learning about figurative language in English and have looked at simile, metaphor and personification so we decided that our writing competition would be to create a figurative pen portrait of the Welsh dragon, *y ddraig goch*. It is going to be very difficult for whoever judges them as we've all tried our very best!

We were so lucky this week as we were the first school to have a CAFOD visit about the Jubilee Year of Hope. Afon were lucky enough to have a workshop where we considered how we can all be signs of hope in our world and take action as Pilgrims of Hope in building a better world.



Dosbarth Mynydd-

We have been preparing for St David's Day in class this fortnight. As well as practising our Welsh dancing and learning a poem in Welsh, we have also been writing our own poetry to enter into our Bard competition. We have been working collaboratively to create a steady hand game, making sure that we make a complete electrical circuit. We have also started our new class topic entitled 'Mission to Mars'. In this topic we have taken on the role of astronauts working for NASA and are going to be exploring the possibility of life on Mars. As part of our topic work, we used our numeracy skills to create a scale model of the solar system on the yard. We have also created some mission patches and looked at how we get day and night.





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



Dosbarth Haul- Chimdindu receives our generous virtue for sharing his talent for drawing with others when using the group drawing activity in provision.

Sofia receives our grateful virtue for her consistent and beautiful manners.

Dosbarth Enfys- Jake for always trying hard to use good manners and being thankful.
Ella for always being happy to help her friends when they are stuck.

Dosbarth Blodau- Lucien and Millie W receive our grateful & generous virtues award for always giving their time and support to others.

Dosbarth Seren- Amelie for being generous, by always being polite to both her teachers and peers.

Oliver R for using lovely manners and being generous in how he shares great ideas in class.

Dosbarth Afon- Bella and Finley for always demonstrating a generous nature and showing gratitude through their beautiful manners.

Dosbarth Mynydd - Cillian and Scarlett who are very polite and always say thank you in class.



Prayer Time- Amser gweddi

This is our School Prayer, we will be saying this daily in classes and during our worships.
It would be lovely if it could be said at home too.



Heavenly Father,
We give thanks for our school and parish of
St. Robert's.
Bless all those who live and learn in our
community.
Be near us and lead us as we learn.
Be near us and watch over us as we play.
Be near us and support us in happy times and
sad times.
Be near us and guide us when we get things
right and get things wrong.
Grant us strength to face new challenges;
Grant us wisdom to know your way;
Keep us safe in your arms and give us your
everlasting peace.
Amen.

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

Austin (7), Layla (7), Freya (9), Bella (9), Gwennie (9), Bailey (10), Niamh (10), Eva (11), Emilia (11) & Raeya (11)



St David Day & Eisteddfod Celebrations- **Dathliadau Gwyl Dewi Sant**

We start our St. David's celebration on **Thursday March 6th** with our Gweddiwn on St David. This is followed by, in the afternoon, with a whole school Twmpath.

On **Friday 7th March** we will hold our whole school Eisteddfod. The Eisteddfod celebrates our Welsh culture and traditions. Items include recitations, songs, the crowning of our Bard, House Choir Competition and the results of the inter- house competitions.

On **Monday 10th March** we will be putting on Eisteddfod taster sessions for parents/carers to be able to join in with our celebrations.



FOUNDATION PHASE - Dosbarth Haul, Enfys & Blodau are invited to join us in the hall from 9.30am.

JUNIORS - Dosbarth Seren, Afon & Mynydd session is in the hall from 2.15pm.

The PTA will be organising a Welsh themed raffle. Tickets cost £1.00

********* *The pupils can wear national costumes, Welsh rugby/football shirts (school trousers/bottoms please) to each of these celebrations. ******

Diary Dates: **Dyddiadau'r Dyddiadur**

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
5 th March	Ash Wednesday Mass at school- 2pm <i>parents are welcome to join us. Please dojo your child's class teacher to inform them of your attendance.</i>
6 th March	Whole School Twmpath- <i>pupils to wear Welsh costumes Welsh rugby/football shirts etc.</i>
7 th March	Whole School Eisteddfod- <i>pupils to wear Welsh costumes Welsh rugby/football shirts etc.</i>
10 th March	Parents' Eisteddfod Taster sessions- <i>pupils to wear Welsh costumes Welsh rugby/football shirts etc.</i>
W/C 10 th March- 21 st March	Parental Consultation sessions
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

