



Learn, Live, Believe

*St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Santes Bernadette
We are a Christ centred community reaching out to
others. We learn, grow and celebrate together.*

Weekly Newsletter

10th Hydref 2025

Events coming up this half term at St Bernadette's

14/15.10.25	w/w	Parents evening	3.30-6pm
15.10.25	w/s	Shwmae Day	All day
16.10.25	w/s	Individual – family photos	All day
17.10.25	w/s	Show Racism the Red Card Day. Children to wear red to school	All day
18.10.25	w/s	St Bernadette's to support the Parish Mass at St Philip Evans Church	Saturday 5:15pm
21.10.25	w/s	Flu vaccinations	Am
22.10.25	Y6	Class Assembly	9.15am
22.10.25	Y1/2	Class trip to Dan Yr Ogorf Caves	All day
24.10.25	w/s	INSET day – no children. Training day for staff	

HALF TERM Monday 27th – Friday 31st October

Keeping Healthy

We really understand the importance of keeping our bodies fit and healthy at St Bernadette's and this week we have the opportunity to have two sets of visitors, helping us to enjoy the benefits. Thank you to the Old Illtydian rugby club and to Dance Fit Wales.



Our Y2, Y5 and Y4 were taught the basic skills of rugby and next week, Y3 and Y6 will have their turn. Thank you to the coaches for making the sessions so much fun

Grace Brooks a former pupil of St Bernadette's returned to us today to provide dance taster sessions from Dance Fit Wales. She worked with all Year groups from Nursery to Y6 and you can see by the photo, they all had a fabulous time.

Praying the Rosary

Each year on 7th October, the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Working with the charity 'Aid in Need to the Church' we prayed the Rosary and joined with one million children around the world sharing with each other the power of prayer.

The Rosary is a meditative prayer that as Catholics we use to reflect upon the life, ministry, and death of Jesus and on Our Lady. There are four parts to the rosary, known as 'mysteries':

The Luminous Mysteries

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Glorious Mysteries

The Joyful Mysteries





Wear Red Day is 17th October

Next Friday 17th October pupils are invited to wear something red to school. Throughout the day pupils will be taking part in activities to celebrate diversity, stand up to racism and promote inclusion.

Our pupil voice group has been busy planning tasks for every class, we are excited to take part in this day.

Wear Red Day is our chance to show that we are united.

TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER.

Dear Parents and Carers

We're excited to let you know that each week we'll be sharing a **Welsh language challenge** for you to enjoy at home with your child. These fun activities are a great way to practice Welsh together and help build confidence in using the language as a family.

We encourage you to take part, have fun, and make Welsh a part of your everyday routine. Whether it's learning a new phrase, singing a song, or playing a simple game – every little bit helps!

Diolch for your support

Criw Cymraeg

Consortium Canolbarth y De
Central South Consortium
Deddfwriaeth 1999 (1999 Education Act)

Tinggg ... Pwy sy'n tecstio?
Beth am decstio ffrind yn Gymraeg?

garddio
gardening

chwarae gemau
playing games

pobi
baking

mynd am dro
going for a walk

gwneud gwaith ysgol
doing school work

Her Cymraeg
Wythnosol
CCD

CSC Weekly
Welsh
Challenge

Sut wyt ti? *How are you?*
Dw i wedi bod yn ... *I have been ...*
Beth wyt ti wedi bod yn wneud? *What have you been doing?*
Hwyl am y tro! *Bye for now!*

Helo Tom, 🍌
Sut wyt ti?
Dw i'n grêt!
Dw i wedi bod yn pobi gyda Mam.
Beth wyt ti wedi bod yn wneud?
Hwyl am y tro! 🙌

Tinggg ... Who's texting?
What about texting a friend in Welsh?

This morning our newly appointed school council met for the first time with Mrs Jones and Mr Newman. Mrs Williams joined us and shared with us the important jobs we have to do this year. We are going to be so busy and we were all very excited about it. We can't wait to update you all with our work!

School Council (2025-26)



Meithrin

On Tuesday morning and afternoon nursery were joined by the year 3 children.

We took part in

'One million children praying the rosary'. We looked at the joyful mysteries and how Mary said yes to the angel Gabriel.

It was beautiful to share this special event with one million children and our year 3 children.



A big thank you to all our parents for the fantastic donations we have received for Nursery and Reception. They're very much appreciated!

Stars of the week:



Morning Nursery is **Alba** - she is a quiet soul, and a very important member of morning nursery. She has been pushing herself forward in answering questions and taking part in our circle time. She is always keen to come and complete her work, tasks and jobs . Alba is really shining.



Afternoon Nursery **Hallie** - She has been a huge part of our nursery and has helped us settle the new nursery children in , she is both kind and thoughtful, a really good friend.

She is a great listener and contributes to every circle time and is 'our go to girl'!

Derbyn

Rosary

This week we have learning about the rosary. We joined our buddies to pray together and learn more about how we pray the rosary.



Stars of the week: Sophie and Delilah



Sophie has worked extra hard on her Phonic this week. Well done Sophie!



Delilah has done excellent listening in class this week. Good job Delilah!

Blwydynn 1

🌹 Year 1 and the Rosary 🌹

This week, our Year 1 and Year 5 children shared a beautiful moment of faith and fellowship as they came together to pray the Rosary.



For our Year 1 pupils, this was a special introduction to the Rosary. They learned that praying the Rosary is like holding Mary's hand—walking with her in prayer and love. Through gentle guidance, they discovered what the Rosary stands for, how it helps us reflect on the life of Jesus, and how each bead represents a prayer from the heart.



Year 5 played a wonderful role in this experience. They showed Year 1 how to pray the Rosary, leading by example with reverence and kindness. Together, the children joined in prayer and song, creating a peaceful and joyful atmosphere that was truly moving.



To continue this lovely connection, Year 1 have invited Year 5 to join them in their Prayer Garden before the end of term. We look forward to another special moment of reflection and unity.



Seren Yr Wythnos: Danny - Danny has truly shone this week! He's shown fantastic effort in his group work with Mrs. Dendle, contributing thoughtfully and working brilliantly with his peers. In Monster Phonics, Danny has been pushing himself and making great progress — his hard work is really paying off! Well done, Danny — keep up the amazing work!

Blwyddyn 2

Year 2 had a visit from Old Iltydian's rugby club to have a taster session in rugby skills. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and were excited to learn new skills. They learnt how to pass and catch a rugby ball correctly, communicate their team members and most of all have fun! The team are looking for children to join their club and a leaflet will be sent home with their details if our child wishes to join.



Seren yr Wythnos: Imogen.. Imogen has fabulous participating in class and has been full on enthusiasm. Imogen has been very good at speaking and listening. Well done Imogen

Blwyddyn 3

Blwyddyn 3 were treated to a great experience at Llys Herbert this week. After an enjoyable walk in the fresh Autumn air we arrived at Llys Herbert excited and ready to meet the residents. We said our hellos and got stuck into our task of painting bird boxes, it was so much fun!

We chatted to the residents and found out their names. We all agreed we loved painting and helping the birds.

Just look at our faces. It's hard to tell who enjoyed it the most!

Diolch Ms Woodward and Mrs Makan for taking us, can we go again please?



Isla, "it was fun and we painted with the elderly".
Poppy, "I really enjoyed it".



Tommy, "We painted bird boxes and we had a strawberry drink. I liked dancing there too".



Fran, "I spoke to Mary and she was nice. She helped me paint the roof".
Theo, "They put music on and we danced for the residents. They laughed!".



Stars of the week: Kora has demonstrated excellence throughout the week. She consistently engages thoughtfully in class discussions and approaches her work with enthusiasm and independence. Kora also collaborates effectively with her peers, contributing positively to group activities. She is a wonderful role model within our classroom, exemplifying both kindness and a strong commitment to learning.

Blwydynn 4

This week in Bl4 we have been finalising our biographies of Eugenie Clark. Using our IT skills, we completed a digital copy and we are looking forward to sharing these with one another. We have worked closely to peer assess our written biographies, offering support and next steps for each other. In numeracy, we have been looking at addition and subtraction. We used our knowledge of place value to help us identify which column we were focussing on—Units, Tens, Hundreds and Thousands.

As a whole class, we have been discussing what makes us who we are. We have started to create our bunting ahead of our linking topic. We thought carefully about the things we enjoy, the importance of our name, our age and what things we believe make us special.

The life of Eugenie Clark

Early life

Eugenie Clark was born on the 4th of May 1922, New York City. Eugenie Clark wanted to be a Zoologist but because she was a girl no one believed in her. Her nickname was The Shark Lady. She loved the ocean since she was little.

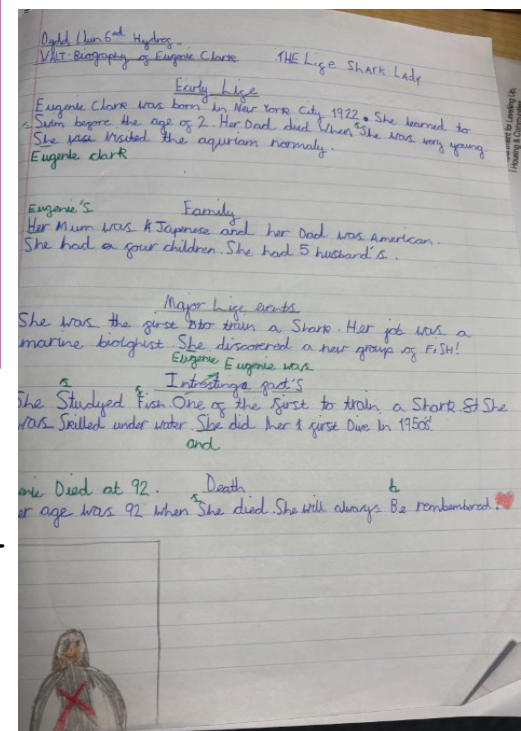
Eugenie Clark attended schools in New York and from an early age was captured by marine life when she was little her father died.

Family

Eugenie Clark had 4 children 5 husbands and her mum and dad Yumico Matomi and Charles Clarks.

Major life events

Eugenie Clark was a scientist who trained sharks to press targets.



In small groups we played games and activities that helped us develop a better understanding of one another. We are looking forward to our next activities and discussion with our partner school.



Star of the Week: Florrie has earned star of the week for her outstanding resilience in numeracy. Her positive attitude and determination to keep going, no matter the challenge, are clearly reflected in her work. Florrie sets a wonderful example for her classmates and continues to impress us all. Well done, Florrie! keep up the fantastic effort!

Blwyddyn 5



This week, we loved our rugby session with Old Illtydians RFC. We played lots of fun games and worked hard on our teamwork and communication as well as our rugby skills. It got very competitive!

On Tuesday we took part in 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary'. We paired up with Blwyddyn 1 to pray the Rosary with a focus on Peace. Year 5 came away as role models wondering: How can we be peacemakers?



Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 5: Seren yr Wythnos this week is Logan. Logan has given 100% effort and enthusiasm in all that he has done. He was an excellent role model for the Year 1 children, showing patience and kindness throughout our prayer session. In Maths lessons, he has been answering in class discussions and giving excellent reasons for his answers. Da iawn Logan, keep it up!

Blwyddyn 6

As part of our Religion work, pupils have been reflecting upon the message from Pope Francis about looking after our common home. We have discussed lots of little changes that we can make in our classroom; using less water, using the correct recycling bins and switching off the lights. We took part in a litter pick around our school grounds on Monday, helping to keep our school environment clean and setting a good example to others.



Tuesday afternoon we walked to Cardiff Met to take part in a hockey session. The pupils have been working on their hockey skills during our well-being sessions and it was great to see these applied yesterday. We played mini games including cat and mouse. We are looking forward to visiting again next Tuesday to play more small sided games.



Star of the week: Sofia-Grace you are our star of the week. Da iawn Sofia for your active role in our class litter pick, your group worked sensibly and responsibly. You have acted as a kind friend to others this week, looking out for your peers. Gwaith da Sofia, keep being the role model to others.



Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Alba & Hallie

Reception – Sophie & Delilah

Year 1 – Danny

Year 2 – Imogen

Year 3 – Kora

Year 4 – Florrie

Year 5 – Logan

Year 6— Sofia-Grace



SWIM SCHOOL SHORT COURSES

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

09.00 - 09.30 | 09.30 - 10.00

10.00 - 10.30 - Foundation Beginner

10.30 - 11.00 - Foundation - 9+

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