



*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

16th Mai 2025

This Saturday (17.5.25) at 5:15pm, St Bernadette's will be celebrating Mass with our parish community at St Philip Evans Church. These are always special occasions and usually very well attended. We look forward to seeing our families there.

We are delighted that so many children achieved 100% attendance in the Spring term. We are also pleased to see huge improvements in attendance for some of our children. We all know how important it is to be in school and on time so keep it up everybody! Da iawn!



Congratulations to three boys who made their first Holy Communion last weekend at St Philip Evans Church. We look forward to celebrating the Eucharist with you all in our school community masses.

We also wish all the very best to Audrey-May, Rose and Ella who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at Christ the King this Saturday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Diversity Group Coffee Club



On Tuesday afternoon the Diversity group held a coffee afternoon and delivered a short presentation about 'Cynefin'. Our mission is to make everyone feel welcome and included in our curriculum. Cynefin is a Welsh word that translates to 'The place where we feel we belong'. The pupils showcased the Cynefin projects that all pupils completed during Welsh week. The pupils sold

cakes to raise money for school, so far they have raised £135.00. Diolch yn fawr to everyone that attended this event.

A Prayer from the Mini Vinnies

Dear God,

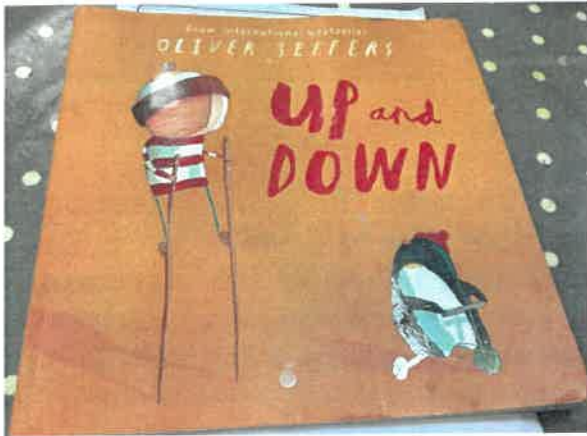
We thank you for making us all different, unique and special in our own way.

We pray for all of the people that get treated differently because of their race or culture. We pray that they know they are loved and were created in God's image.

Help us to see the beauty in our differences.

Amen

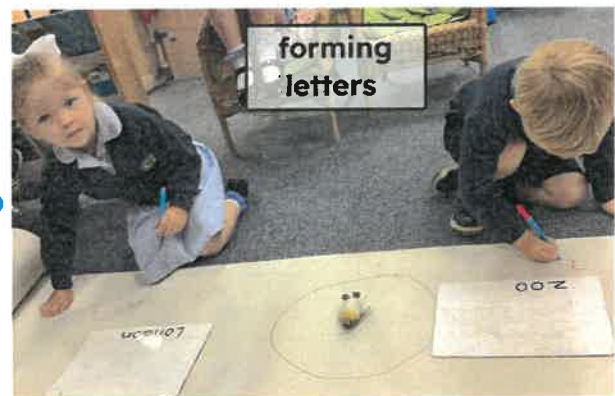




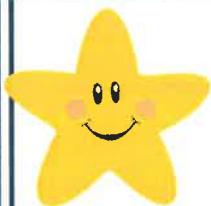
Meithrin

We have been reading the book 'Up and Down' written by Oliver Jeffers about a penguin who wants to fly. He asks his friend to help him make this happen. His friend tries his best to help him succeed. The penguin spots a poster that might help him fulfil his dream but in his excitement he rushes off leaving his friend behind who thinks they have lost him.

Nursery have had a wonderful time using different fruits to make prints. We have been looking at the shapes and patterns these fruits make. We have also been using these shapes to form different letters.



We have also joined Reception this week to learn about 'The Ascension' when Jesus went to Heaven to be with his Father. We listened to a story with Mrs Nicholson which was fun.



Stars of the week:

All of the children in Nursery have been amazing this week. We have all enjoyed the sun and exploring the mud kitchen

Derbyn

Farmer Duck

This week we have been enjoying the story of Farmer Duck, the Reception children were shocked at how unkind the farmer was to Farmer Duck. The children talked about how the farmer should have been fair. We discussed how we should say thank you to the people who help us. George had a brilliant idea, to make a card for the people who help us to say a big thank you!



Stars of the week: Nainsi and Elianna - both children have really impressed us with their writing in the enhanced provision this week. They have been trying hard to sound out new words independently and have proudly been sharing with us their attempts. Da iawn Elianna and Nainsi!

Blwydynn 1

Bl 1 have been investigating the features of a storm this week as part of their R.E. We asked ourselves the following questions...

What does it look like?

What does a storm feel like?

What does a storm sound like?

How does a storm make us feel?

We shared our thoughts.

"A storm can be loud and scary." - Ephraim

"A storm has dark clouds." - Eve

"It sounds like there are drums in the sky." - Jelno

"I saw a storm and it made me jump!" - Nile

We have been learning about onomatopoeia as part of our Literacy and created a mind map of words we could use to describe the sounds a storm make.

BANG!

CRASH!

BOOM!

WALLOP!



We then experimented with water paint and created our own storm scenes. We mixed colours to create different shades of purple, green and grey.



Seren Yr Wythnos: Eve works exceptionally hard 100% of the time. She never fails to put her all into all aspects of her learning and has made fantastic progress. Her handwriting has improved dramatically, and she is an absolute pleasure to have in the class. Gwaith da Eve!

Blwydynn 2

This week, Year 2 have been involved in organising and celebrating a prayer liturgy around Mary, Mother of God.

We think about Mary in the months of October and May.

We can pray to Mary using the rosary.

Mary worried about Jesus just like all mothers can worry.

In her life, Mary was kind and patient.

In her life, Mary was thoughtful and prayerful.



During our prayer liturgy, we prayed together the Hail Mary and the litany below.

Mary Mother of Jesus. Pray for us.

Mary so happy. Pray for us.

Mary so patient. Pray for us.

Mary so hopeful. Pray for us.

Mary Queen of Heaven. Pray for us.



Stars of the week: Lilly-Mae. Lilly-Mae is a kind and warm-hearted girl. She is very focused when responding to questions in class. Lilly-Mae is always curious about new learning and comes to school with a smile on her face every day. T'in seren lilly-Mae.

Blwyddyn 3

This week BL3 have been looking at unplugged sequences in numeracy. We have explored a range of algorithms and worked together to identify and debug the sequence. In small groups, we looked at the importance of vocabulary when creating and inputting keywords/symbols into our sequences. We challenged ourselves further by creating sequences for one another. In groups we looked at each sequence and debugged it, writing the correct sequence.



As a class, we looked at the importance of titles and subheadings to help support us with our fact file. We brainstormed a range of ideas using a mind map. Using our fact file plan we drafted out our key subheadings and chosen title. We are looking forward to finding out key information for our chosen predator!

Well done to these two boys, who were both signed up for Cardiff City Football Academy on Saturday. Well done to you both, we are very proud and wish you all the very best!



Seren yr Wythnos: Star of the week in BL3 is Sam! He has shown a real enthusiasm for his learning. Sam has used his IT knowledge to research and gather information about his chosen predator. I'm looking forward to reading his finished fact file. Keep it up! We are so proud of you.

Blwyddyn 4

This week in Year 4, we had the fantastic opportunity to welcome Mrs Gibbs, who came in to talk to us about dental care. Her visit was both educational and engaging, and we all learned so much about the importance of looking after our teeth.

During her talk, Mrs Gibbs shared some valuable tips on the best techniques for brushing our teeth. We discussed how brushing twice a day can help keep cavities at bay and keep our smiles bright. She really emphasised the importance of not just brushing, but also paying attention to those hard-to-reach places in our mouths.

As a special treat, we left with some dental goodies—floss and disclosing tablets! The disclosing tablets were especially fun; when we chewed them at home, they showed us where plaque might be lurking. It was a real eye-opener! Many of us discovered that we could improve our brushing skills, and we're all looking forward to practicing what we learned.

We're so grateful to Mrs Gibbs for taking the time to share her knowledge with us. Remember, everyone, taking care of our teeth is super important, and we all want to have healthy, happy smiles!

Emma: We learnt how to floss our teeth correctly. We also learnt the correct choices of food that we should eat. Which foods we can eat regular and which foods we should eat less. We also learnt how often and the best way to brush our teeth.



Star of the Week: Star of the week: Lilah and Gracie

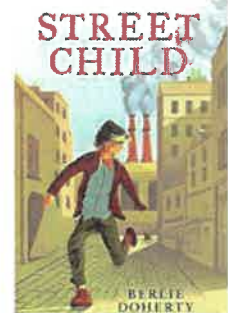
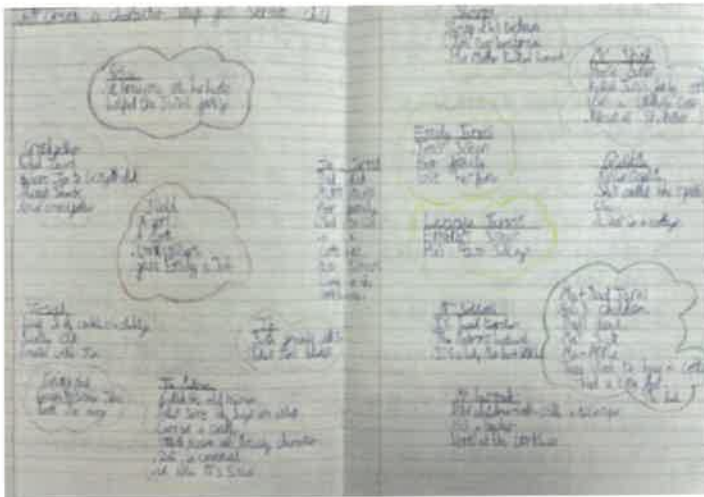
Lilah has been the star of the week! She's been working extremely hard this half term, truly pushing herself in the classroom and taking on challenges outside as well. Her dedication and determination are inspiring; keep up the fantastic work, Lilah! We're all so proud of you!

Congratulations to Gracie, also our Star of the Week! She always arrives at school with a fantastic positive attitude and works with incredible enthusiasm. Her cheerful spirit and dedication inspire everyone around her. Keep shining bright, Gracie! We're so proud of you!

Blwyddyn 5

Famous Victorians and Inventions

We have been working collaboratively this week, using our ICT skills to share a document with our group and work together to research and present information on Famous Victorians and Victorian inventions. We can't wait to share more next week.



As we come to the end of our class text 'Street Child' we have enjoyed adding to our character map. Look how many characters there are to study and compare!

We are extremely proud of our group of year 5 children who took part in the annual Book Slam project. They competed in the reading discussion this week, sharing their thoughts on the poetry text 'And I Hear Dragons'. They showed great enthusiasm, and maturity. Da iawn pawb!



Seren yr wythnos is: Nico this week who has worked extremely hard in all his work. He displayed his leadership skills during our microbit lesson and he has also enjoyed his Victorians tasks and represented the school in the football competition. Da iawn Nico.



Blwyddyn 6

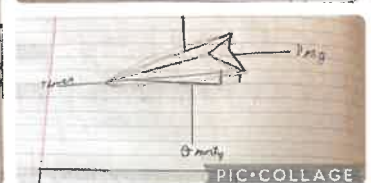
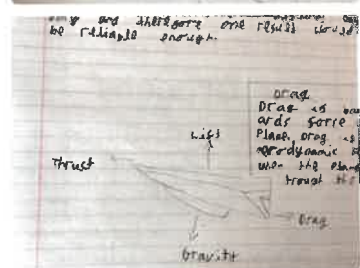
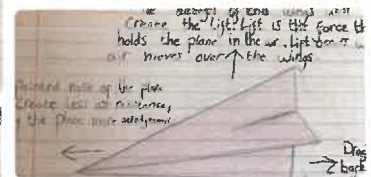
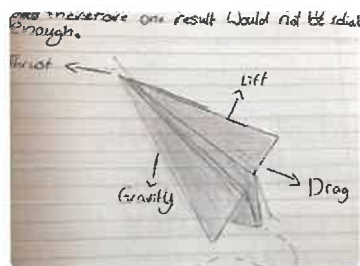
Investigating Forces and Flight

This week we completed our investigations into air resistance. We tested three different types of planes in our groups, recorded our results in a table and then calculated the averages. We drew detailed diagrams to show the forces that are acting on the paper planes.



Oly - "I learnt that the design of the plane at the front could help the plane to travel further."

Seb - "I found out that to make a good prediction, you don't need to look at one factor. You need to look at lots of factors altogether. For example, this plane has big, wide wings, which will create less air resistance and keep the plane in the



Star of the week: Llongyfarchiadau to Keegan for all of his efforts this week. Keegan, you supported the Reception buddies prepare for their Sports Day by being a dedicated goalkeeper. You were kind and enthusiastic. Keep up all of your hard work!



Seren Yr ythnos

Nursery - All of Nursery

Reception – Nainsi & Elianna

Year 1 – Eve

Year 2 – Lilly-Mae

Year 3 – Sam

Year 4 – Lilah and Gracie

Year 5 – Nico

Year 6— Keegan



