



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

21st Chwefror 2025

We wish our families, a safe and enjoyable half term. And look forward to seeing everyone rested and energetic on Monday 2nd March

Mass to celebrate St Bernadette

On Tuesday morning, the school celebrated Mass in honour of St Bernadette, the patron of our school. Our Lady appeared to her as a young girl, in Lourdes over 160 year ago.

February 18th, marks Bernadette's third vision – during which Our Lady told her that she does not promise to make her happy in this world, but in the other.

The first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary happened in 1858 to fourteen-year-old Marie Bernadette (St. Bernadette) Soubirous.

Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin appeared eighteen times, and showed herself to St. Bernadette in the hollow of the rock at Lourdes. On March 25 she said to the little shepherdess who was only fourteen years of age: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Since then Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and many cures and conversions have taken place.



Bernadette was an ordinary girl, only fourteen years old, who although being uneducated and quite poorly always tried her very best, and Mary came to her because she recognised this. Although she would have had celebrity status for the time, she chose to spend the rest of her life in prayer as a nun. We also reflected on how Mary is special as the mother of Jesus, and just as Bernadette prayed to Mary, so we too, can ask Mary for God's blessings. Fr Keith reminded us that lots of people go to Lourdes to be healed. People travel from all around the world to Lourdes because they trust in God and

have faith that the spring that appeared where Our Lady appeared to Mary has healing powers.

Thank you to our families who joined us on the day. During Mass, the children prayed, acted and spoke so clearly. They sang beautifully and sat respectfully throughout. Thank you to Fr Keith and Deacon Steve for enabling us to celebrate our patron Saint who means so much to us.

Attendance and Punctuality this Week:

Class	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	85.6%	90.7%	95.2%	97.3%	92.3%	95.7%	94.3%	96.0
Late	2 pupils	2 pupils	7 pupils	3 pupils	0 pupils	8 pupils	2 pupils	4 pupils

Da iawn Bl2for having the highest attendance this week.

Let's see what we can do after half term.

Eisteddfod - Thursday 6th March

Dear Parents,

Our school Eisteddfod celebration will take place after half term on Thursday 6th March. All children are invited to wear colours or traditional dress from Wales or their country of heritage. We are looking forward to a day full of celebrations.

Eisteddfod announcement

Normal Competitions

1st place - 10 pwyntiau ty

2nd place - 5 pwyntiau ty

3rd place - 3 pwyntiau ty

Highly commended - 1 pwyntiau ty

1 pwyntiau ty if you enter.

Home Competitions

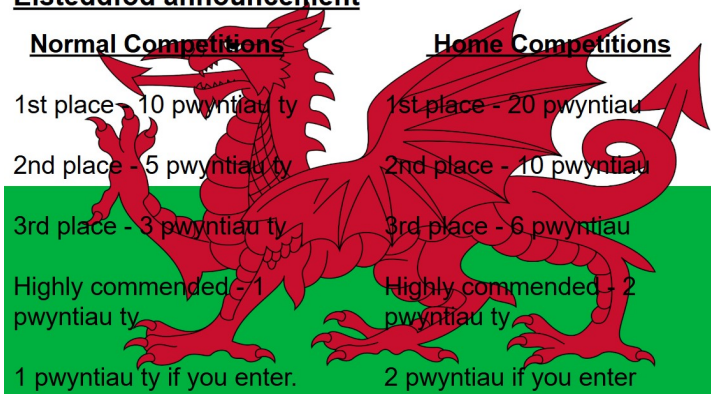
1st place - 20 pwyntiau

2nd place - 10 pwyntiau

3rd place - 6 pwyntiau

Highly commended - 2 pwyntiau ty

2 pwyntiau if you enter



Our aim is for every person in our school community to see themselves reflected as part of our school and, for every child to see themselves in our curriculum.



EISTEDDFOD

Whole School Cynefin DT Project

Cynefin - A Welsh word which means 'The place where we feel we belong'.



Show us in words, pictures and photographs what 'Cynefin' means to you.

What makes you, you?

Where do you belong?



Which place or places feel like home?



What foods, music, activities and things are important to you?



Who makes you feel included?



You will each have an A3 piece of card to take home to complete your task on.

REMINDER: The Cynefin DT project (A3 card) is due in on Monday 3rd of March. We have had so many wonderful pieces arrive in school already.

Diolch,

Meithrin

This week in nursery we have been making our Welsh ladies using the wooden spoons we brought in from home. We have also been making welsh flags by sticking on the welsh colours, and learning new Welsh phrases such as

“Sut wyt ti?”

“Pwy wyt ti?”



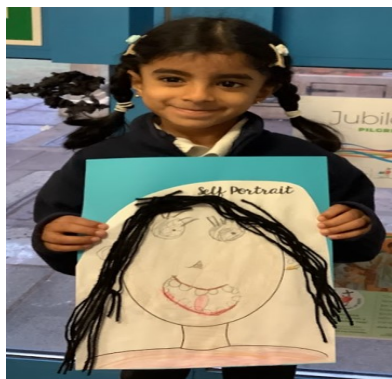
Stars of the week: All of Nursery

All the children this term have been amazing. Some children have learnt to put their coats on independently, they are all developing personal and social skills. Well done nursery!

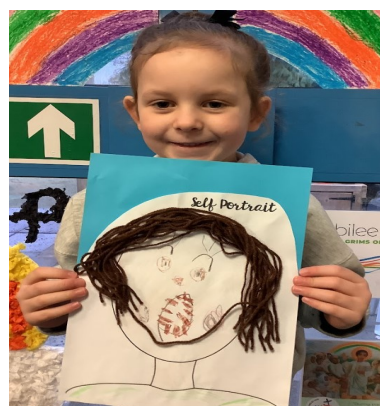
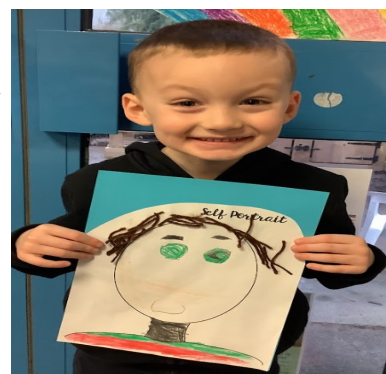
Derbyn

Hair Love

This week, we shared a story called 'Hair Love'. Zuri knows her hair is beautiful, but it has a mind of its own. It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Mum always does Zuri's hair just the way she likes it - so when Daddy steps in to style it for an extra special occasion, he has a lot to learn. But he LOVES his Zuri, and he'll do anything to make her - and her hair - happy. We enjoyed talking about how we are all different and special and how much we love our hair.



'I love it when mummy braids my hair. She makes it beautiful by putting hair oil and special beads in my hair.' Shania



'Sometimes I like my hair! I like my curls and when hairs is in two big puffs!' Maisie
'I love my hair because it is a beautiful colour' Grace

'It is very beautiful. I have beautiful curls!' Reina

'I love my hair because it is MINE!' Jacob

'I love it when I have pretty bows in my hair' Gracie Leigh



'I love it when I have my rainbow clip in my hair. It makes it look like my hair is rainbow coloured!' Jessica



Stars of the week: Mila - for her beautiful singing in Mass this week. She made our hearts happy with her joyful singing all the way through Mass. Da iawn Mila!

Sophia C - has really impressed us with how hard she has been trying to improve her letter formation. She really focused on our handwriting task this week. Da iawn Sophia!

Bryan F - really impressed us with the beautiful card he made for mummy. Bryan really enjoyed using paints and creating a lovely card. Da iawn Bryan!

Blwydynn 1



Bl1 have been extremely busy preparing themselves for the Eisteddfod this past week. We have been hard at work rehearsing our Welsh poem, practicing our class song, getting creative with water paints and sketching, on top of writing our very own acrostic poems. Both Miss McLaughlin and Mrs McFarland are so proud of our efforts and we look forward to celebrating them at the Eisteddfod on Thursday 6th March.



For our Art entries we have been observing the patterns, lines and textures of Daffodils. We used magnifying glasses to take a closer look before sketching our work onto card. We were amazed by the 'hidden' lines we could see and the beautiful shapes in the centre of the flower.

Once we had sketched our Daffodils we used oil pastels to add colour and depth to our work. We loved experimenting with mixing the colours by rubbing them together.



Star of the Week: Sylvie - Sylvie is a very imaginative and creative young girl who has impressed us this week with her art work. She pays such attention to detail and her completed Daffodil could easily be displayed in an art gallery! Keep on bringing the sunshine to Year 1 Sylvie! Bendigedig!

Blwydynn 2

In year 2 we have been thinking about the Jubilee Year and being pilgrims of HOPE. We completed our HOLY Door to our classroom and made promises to help us be the best that we can be this year.

We then thought about all the things that give us HOPE.

Here is some of our beautiful work:



Stars of the week: Alexander. Alex is a lovely little boy who is so loving and caring. He has been working so hard in class especially with his handwriting. Bendigedig Alex!

Blwyddyn 3

This week BL3 we have been looking at fractions. We have been exploring key vocabulary to describe our answers. We took our learning further by creating our own fractions using play dough. In small groups we ordered our fractions from smallest to biggest. We were able to identify and compare the different fractions.

Ella "We learnt that all parts must be equal".

Lola "The bottom number is called the denominator and the top number is called the numerator".

Sophia "When the bottom number gets bigger, the fraction is actually smaller!".


Mia "I have enjoyed shading in the different fractions".

Erin "I enjoyed using play dough to create the different fractions".



This week we have been busy preparing for our Eisteddfod. We have been listening and performing our Welsh poems. As a whole class, we identified what would make a good performance.

Individually, we performed our Welsh poem using clear, loud voices. We are all looking forward to celebrating the Eisteddfod on our return!

 **Seren yr Wythnos:** This week in BL3 our star of the week is Kingsely. He has worked exceptionally hard with his fractions in numeracy this week. Keep it up! We are so proud of you.

Blwyddyn 4



Maisie: “I enjoyed decorating my jar of hope with the different stickers and flowers. I also enjoyed writing my prayer of hope. I am keeping my jar of hope in my kitchen on the windowsill”.

Daniel-Lee: “I love making my jar of hope, especially writing my prayer. I have taken it home and added more colour to it using my own pens at home and have put it on my windowsill in my bedroom”.

Ola: “I really liked writing and decorating the boarder of my prayer. I enjoyed decorating my jar of hope with flowers, they were very pretty. The jar is currently at home on my desk”.

Star of the Week: Johanna

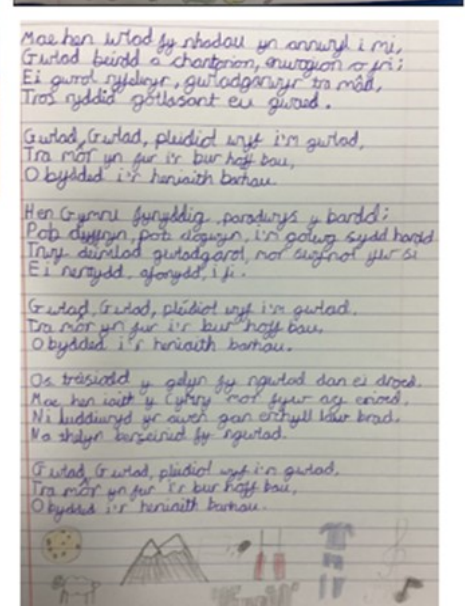
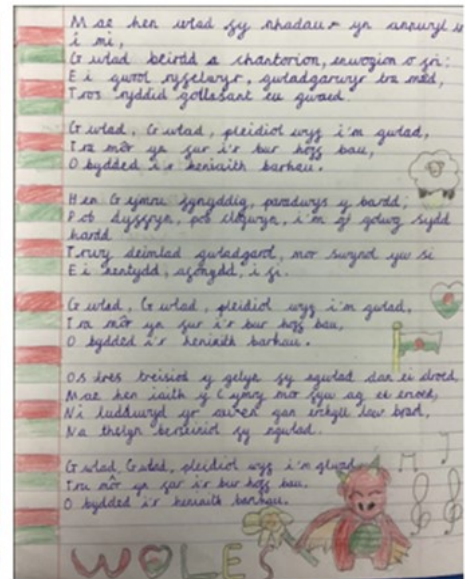


Johanna has been working extremely hard in all areas of her learning. Johanna gives everything she tries 100% effort and is always looking to improve. She works well both individually and in a group. Da iawn Johanna, keep it up!

Blwyddyn 5

We have been feeling very patriotic in Blwyddyn 5 this week, sharing Cynefin in so many ways. We have loved sharing music, songs and dance, learning and celebrating together.

This week we have played violins, learnt Welsh dances and Welsh clog dancing! Along with that we have listened to and written the Welsh National Anthem as our handwriting task. We have also practised our class song 'Calon Ian'. Our ICT competition has been a real highlight this week 'What Wales Means to Me'. Take a look at some of our work below:



My Favorite Places In Wales

1. Barry island
2. Roath park
3. Penarth
4. The bay
5. Town



Seren yr wythnos this week in blwyddyn 5 is Warren who has completely immersed himself into our Eisteddfod fortnight. We have loved hearing about what Wales means to you along with your links to Pakistan, and what gives you a sense of 'Cynefin'. You have encouraged others so much this week through Welsh Dancing and your ICT task especially. Da iawn!

Blwyddyn 6

Titanic Exhibition Trip

On Wednesday we visited the Titanic Exhibition in Newport at the ICC. It was a fantastic day out; the pupils were greeted by a captain before being given an activity pack and a boarding ticket to explore the exhibition. We looked at real life artefacts, photos and film footage. We found out about the different lives of some passengers as well as meeting a diver, Dik Barton, who was the first Briton to ever dive to the wreck of the Titanic. It was a wonderful way to conclude our 'Frozen Kingdom' topic and apply our knowledge of the Titanic disaster.



WEEK 3 ONGL PROJECT



PIC-COLLAGE

On Monday we continued with our design project, this week focusing on modelling, painting and lines. The children took part in a carousel of hands-on activities to promote creativity and design.



Star of the week: Llongyfarchiadau to Moli for all of her efforts this week.

Moli you have impressed us all with your hard work and your enthusiasm.

You give 100% in everything that you do. Continue being a role model to others Moli, we are very proud of you!



Seren Yr Wythnos

Nursery - Warren

Reception– Mila, Sophia C & Bryan F

Year 1– Sylvie

Year 2– Alexander

Year 3– Kingsley

Year 4– Johanna

Year 5– All of Nursery

Year 6—Moli



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

**CREATIVE
COMPETITION 2025**

HOW TO ENTER

Each class is allowed to submit **3 entries** per category.
Pupils can only submit 1 entry per category due to the large
number of entries we receive every year.

**Competition entries need to be submitted by
Monday 3rd March 2025.**

**Entries after this date won't be included in the judging.
You **MUST** attach the following information for each entry. Details below:**

- ✓ Name of entrant(s)
- ✓ Year group
- ✓ Name of school
- ✓ Email
- ✓ Category entered
- ✓ Contact number

A panel of judges will pick a winner and runner-up in each category.

We will be hosting our prestigious awards ceremony on

Tuesday 13th May 2025.

Entries for the Creative Competition may also be published in future editions of the Show Racism the Red Card magazine and calendar or turned into posters.

To enter, all you need to do is send a photo or scanned image of the entire entry via email or via file transfer to events@theredcardwales.org



GIRLS

FOOTBALL FESTIVAL!

EASTERN HIGH COMMUNITY CAMPUS



SCAN ME

Wednesday 26th Feb 2025

Juniors: 10AM-12PM(mid-day)

High Schoolers: 12.30PM-2.30PM



Gwasanaethau
Chwarae Plant
Children's
Play Services



Local Play Session

Come and join us for half term fun at

Pentwyn Leisure Centre
Bryn Celyn Road, CF23 7EZ

Friday 28th February

3:00-4:55pm

Ages 5-14

We ask that parents fill out a registration form at the first session, then the child is allowed to attend sessions as they choose

This document is available in Welsh

*All of the open access play sessions are designed with children aged 5-14 in mind. *



Prosiect Gwyliau Gwaith Chwarae
Playworks Holiday Project



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The Childcare Offer

and starting nursery in Cardiff



The Childcare Offer provides 30 hours a week of early education and funded childcare for 3 to 4 year olds of eligible parents

To apply for Childcare Offer funding visit:

gov.wales/childcareoffer

Tel: 03000 628 628

The Childcare Offer

What is it?

Childcare funding in registered childcare for 48 weeks of the year

39 term time weeks = 17,5 hours per week

9 holiday weeks = 30 hours per week

Who is it for?

Eligible parents working or in education/training

For further details visit gov.wales/childcareoffer

(some exceptions do apply)

When does it start and finish?

From the start of the school term after your child's 3rd birthday* until the end of August before your child starts full-time school

*Based on local authority term dates

Starting part-time nursery education



What is it?

Foundation Learning in a school nursery class is:

12,5 hours a week in term time

2,5 hours a day - 5 days a week

Who is it for?

All 3 to 4 year olds in Cardiff are eligible for Foundation Learning

This is not based on parents earnings or education status

When does it start and finish?

From the school term after your child's 3rd birthday until the end of the summer term before your child starts full-time school

You will need to re-apply for a full-time school place



Applications open 75 days before the start of the term

To apply visit: gov.wales/childcareoffer

To apply visit:

cardiff.gov.uk/nurseryadmissions



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