



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**

**7th Chwefror 2025**

Year 2 have had a wonderful week and shared with us in whole school assembly what they had learnt about 'The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple', also known as Candlemas Day. The children sang, danced, acted, prayed and read beautifully. I am sure the families that came to see the assembly would agree that they are a very talented and special group of children. Da iawn Bl2



and diolch for being such good teachers!



*When Simeon and Anna saw baby Jesus in the Temple, in faith they recognised Him as the Messiah, the fulfilment of God's promise. Children will come to know that Jesus is the light that leads us to joy, peace and truth.*

*'For my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'* Luke 2:30-32

### **Attendance**

As you are aware, attendance is monitored carefully at St Bernadette's. We want to ensure that all our children receive the right to their education and learn the life skills that attending school each day and being on time is preparation for their working life.

**If your child is unwell, a telephone absence message or email should be left before 9.30am, explaining the nature of the illness/reason for absence.**

#### **Attendance and Punctuality this Week:**

Class	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Attendance</b>	87.2%	89.7%	95.9%	97.3%	95.7%	88.33%	96%	94%
<b>Late</b>	2 Pupils	4 Pupils	4 Pupils	9 Pupils	1 Pupils	7 Pupils	3 Pupils	5 Pupils

**Da iawn Bl 2 for having the highest attendance this week.  
We hope to see improved attendance throughout the school.**

## Criw Cymraeg

Shwmae pawb!

Today we led assembly for the whole school. From Monday, all classes will be taking part in their Eisteddfod themed activities for two weeks. This includes completing school competitions to gain house points (ty pwyntiau) and compete for our Eisteddfod celebrations.

There will also be some competitions to complete at home. These will be worth double points – take a look at the points up for grabs below! Please check your child's google classroom for further information on the home competitions.

### 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

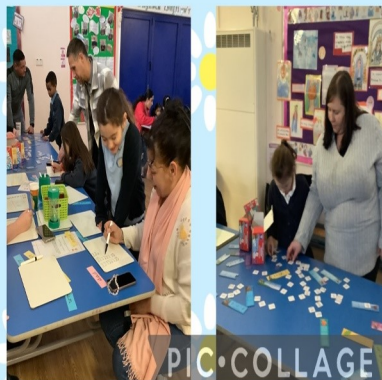
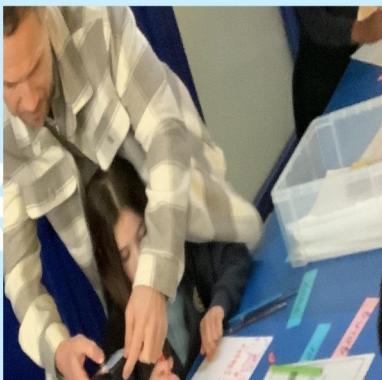
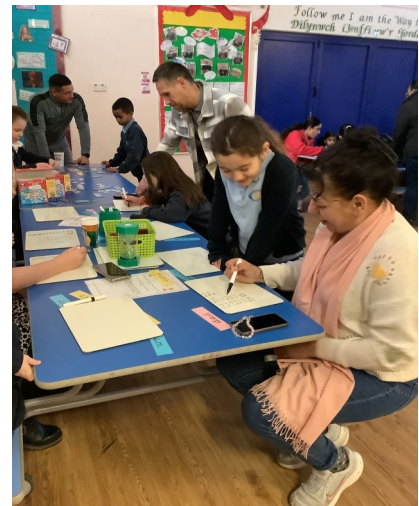
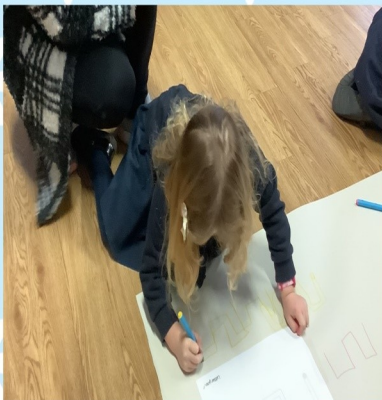
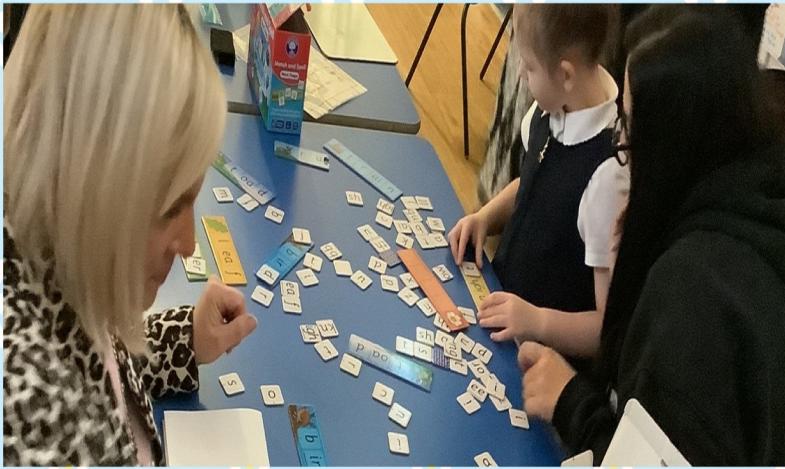
Our school Eisteddfod celebration will take place after half term on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. All children are invited to wear colours or traditional dress from Wales or their country of heritage.

Diolch yn fawr for your ongoing support.

Mrs Jones and Criw Cymraeg.

## Reading and Writing Cafe

On Wednesday we welcomed some of our families into school for our Reading and Writing Cafe. It was a great opportunity for some of our children to share a range of strategies used in school to develop their skills in reading, spelling and handwriting. Staff were on hand to share tips and strategies to use at home and signposted links and resources that were available for families to access. If you are interested in finding out more on how to support your child at home, please contact the school and ask to speak to Mrs Ashworth or Mrs McFarland.



## Meithrin

This week in nursery we have been looking at the bible story "Feeding of the 5000" We used our threading skills to weave around a basket that carried the 5 loaves and 3 fish.

We have also had a lot of fun with science. We used straws to make bubbles and then blew water out of the straw, we got very wet!  
We are also beginning to develop our ball skills. We are learning to throw, catch and roll. What a busy week!



**Stars of the week: Esme & Joe.**

Esme has had a brilliant week, she is coming into school full of smiles and is completing all her learning tasks.

Joe has learnt how to put his coat on independently and has completed all his nursery tasks. Well done Joe!

# Derbyn

## Little Blue, Little Yellow

This week we have been listening to the story of two characters called Little Blue and Little Yellow who are best friends. We talked about how it makes us feel when we play with our friends and how we look after our friends. We talked about how we might give our friends a hug, smile or high five.



Glory be



to the Father



And to the Son



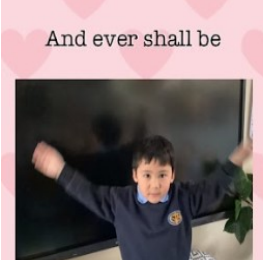
And to the Holy Spirit



As it was in the beginning



Is now



And ever shall be



World without end



Amen

## Glory Be

We have been learning the prayer Glory Be, we thought about what actions we could add to help us to remember the words. We have been praying the Glory Be after meditation every day.

## Stars of the week: Elianna & Giovanna



Elianna has really impressed us with her attempts to sound out new words in our dragon work this week. Da iawn Elianna

Giovanna has impressed us with her pattern work this week. Da iawn Giovanna!

## Blwydynn 1

Bl 1 have been listening and responding to the story of Jesus and the Fishermen this week from Luke 5:1-11.

We shared the story of Jesus asking the fishermen to join their boat as part of our Collective Worship. We then asked ourselves how we would have felt after Jesus came upon the boat and carried out the miracle of the fish in the net.



"I would have felt amazing." - Ryan

"I would have felt that Jesus was very special and magical." - Amelia

"I think I would have been a little bit scared because Jesus was so special." - Adam

"I would have been excited to see all the fish." - Sylvie

We then started creating our own scenes of the story using small world, material and blocks. We role played Jesus coming onto the boat and making the fish appear.

Using craft materials we then created our own fish and wrote the words "You will now be Fishermen of Men." Luke 5

We asked ourselves how we could be fishermen of men and help Jesus carry out his mission.

"I can give some birthday money to poor people." - Billie

"I could help my friends when they are sad." - Jelno

"I can help my Mum when she is sick." Joseph.

"I can be kind to everyone." - Benji



**Star of the Week:** Eve - Eve has made exceptional progress in her reading and writing and expresses such enthusiasm and enjoyment within her learning. She loves nothing more than writing stories in her spare time in school and we are so proud of her positive attitude. Bendigedig Eve.

## Blwyddyn 2

In Blwyddyn 2 we have been learning about the Temptations of Jesus in the Desert from Luke's Gospel.

We have discussed that sometimes we make bad choices and hurt others. This is when we are being tempted. We know there is a good angel and a bad angel on our shoulders and sometimes the bad angel wins and we make that wrong choice.

Everyone is tempted to make a bad choice sometimes but God loves us all and is always ready to forgive when we say sorry.

We have also been learning the Guardian Angel prayer as God has given us each a guardian angel to look after us and protect us from harm.

Here is some of our art work that we did to go with the story.

**Angel of God  
my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love  
commits me here,  
ever this day  
be at my side,  
to light and  
guard, to rule  
and guide.  
Amen.**



Stars of the week: Isla has been a joy in class. She is so kind and helpful and did a wonderful job as Mary in our class assembly.  
Ardderchog Isla

## Blwyddyn 3

This week in B13 we have been developing our knowledge of the Romans. We used chrome books and information booklets to research a range of facts. We created a re-search page and shared our Roman knowledge with one another.

In the classroom we have also been developing our map skills. We have started to look at the location of Italy on a World map. Using the map, we identified the different cities that are located in Italy.

The Roman did not have much free time. However, when they did some Romans enjoyed hunting, watching gladiators race and watching gladiators fight.

The Romans could eat three meals per day.

Boys wore: A knee length tunic; A special piece of jewellery called a bulla.

Girls wore: An ankle length tunic; A special piece of jewellery called a lunula.

The Romans thought that bulla and lunula would protect the child from evil spirits.

For breakfast they had bread, pancakes, dates, honey and for lunch they had fish, cold meat, bread, vegetables and for dinner they had a fast and drink wine but poor Romans would get vegetables and porridge.

Sometimes a knight would be allowed to retire. The Roman army was huge. It was divided into units called legions. Each legion had between 5000 and 6000 soldiers.


The Romans lived in Rome, a city in the country of Italy. The Romans invaded and conquered many countries in Europe before heading to Britain.

The Shows were held in huge arenas called amphitheatres. The Roman army was the longest fighting force in the ancient world.

They had game bottles sometimes to death. They trained at special schools. Over 100,000 people died during games in the colosseum.

The Romans introduced roads, public baths, amphitheatres and temples, which can be seen around Britain today. Julius Caesar was the first emperor who tried to invade Britain by using a powerful army.

Gladiators were usually slaves and criminals. A Roman soldier was a well-trained warrior. He could march 20 miles a day during all his work and way into battle. He could swim or row in a boat. He'd bring and smash his

 Seren yr Wythnos: This week in BL3 our star of the week is Emma. She has been working hard on her handwriting and resilience in the classroom. Keep it up! We are so proud of you.

## Blwyddyn 4

Year 4 have been focussing on electricity in their science lessons and have been discussing and creating circuits. We have been talking about 'insulators' and 'conductors' and testing a variety of different materials to discover whether they allow the electricity to flow or not. We have also investigated broken circuits and discussed at what point has the circuit broke and how can we fix it.



**Marnie:** !! I have learnt that the energy flows around the circuit, if it is broken or incomplete it will not work!.

**Lucia:** "In science we have learnt about insulators and conductors. For example, when a rubber is used in the circuit, it will become broken as it is an insulator and therefore the light bulb will not turn on".

**Elliot:** "We learnt that energy flows all the way through the circuit. When you use 1 battery and 1 light bulb the bulb will shine brighter than if you added a second light bulb because the electricity is being shared between the two bulbs".



Star of the Week: **Corben + Rory**

Both Corben and Rory have worked extremely hard in all areas of their learning this week. They have worked well in both a group setting as well as independently. Da iawn bechgin, keep it up!

## Blwyddyn 5

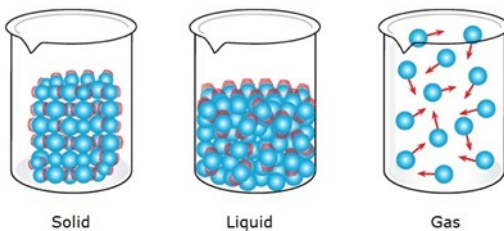
This week in Blwyddyn 5 we have been exploring states of matter also known as solids, liquids and gases.

"All states of matter are either solid, liquid or gas and they are all made up of particles" Kuzi



"I have learnt that the particles in a solid stay where they are, they can't move only wiggle (or vibrate)" Leo

"The particles in a gas move quickly, they bounce into each other and off any solid around them." Joshua



Here are diagrams of a solid, liquid and gas. Can you match them to our demonstration?



**Seren yr wythnos this week is:** Gabriela. This week, Gabriela has shown great enthusiasm in all that she has done and her confidence has been wonderful to witness. In the playground she has been kind and thoughtful to those around her, a great friend to all. Da iawn!

## Blwyddyn 6

Year 6 pupils have worked with architects from Ongl Studio in Cardiff on an exciting project.

On Monday the children became junior designers, investigating the school and in particular, the space outside their classroom. Together we looked at site plans, floor plans, measured the outside area and created keys for our maps.

We started to mind map ideas for how we could best utilise the space outside. We are looking forward to continuing with our design project next week.



**Keegan - "I enjoyed the measuring because it was the first time that I had done that with a big tape measure."**

**Frankie - "I learnt how to come up with more ideas from my imagination, working in a group."**

**Abi - "I liked how we are going to redesign our outdoor space and I am excited to see what it is going to look like in the future."**



**Star of the week:** Seren yr Wythnos

Llongyfarchiadau to Abi Haile for all of her efforts this week. Abi you have worked collaboratively with your peers this week and given 100% in all of our lessons. Da iawn, well done for being a role model to others.



# Seren Yr Wythnos

Nursery - Esme & Joe

Reception– Elinna & Giovanna

Year 1– Eve

Year 2– Isla

Year 3– Emma

Year 4– Corben & Rory

Year 5– Gabriela

Year 6— Abi

