



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

31st Ionawr 2025

We have had a very exciting week at St Bernadette's trying to work out why a strange and exotic tree suddenly grew in our playground. With support from a variety of visitors, the children discovered that it responded to kindness and needed protection. Well done especially to our B13, 4, 5 and 6 who learnt: how to work together to achieve your goal. How to report incidents. The importance of peacefully speaking up for something you strongly believe in and how to persuade someone to do the right thing. Thanks to all our children, everything has now been sorted and will resume to 'normal' next week.



### Playtime on The Junior Playground

We have noticed this week that behaviour on the playground has greatly improved. This week due to activities on the playground, football and equipment have not been allowed. This has encouraged the children to play imaginative or traditional playground games instead, resulting in far less discord. We will therefore be trialling the return of equipment and football for Tuesdays and Thursdays only from next week. We are hoping for more harmonious playtime sessions.

### Global Day of Prayer for Peace in Myanmar



Myanmar has been in conflict for four whole years. The people of Myanmar have suffered because they do not have a government that protects them. They want to live in a country where there is peace and where people live as good neighbours. Pope Francis has invited people around the world to pray especially for the country of Myanmar and its people on 1st February. If you can, please pray for the people of Myanmar. Our prayers can help support peace in Myanmar.

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God" (Matthew 5,9)*

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February 2025

# Newsletter

Thursday  
20th Feb

19:00 - 20:00  
FREE



## FREE SESSION

### Supporting Healthy Screen Use

A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

Monday  
3rd Feb

10:00 - 11:30  
£24



### Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
11th Feb

19:00 - 20:30  
£24



### Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday  
18th Feb

19:00 - 20:30  
£24



### Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness

Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.

Tuesday  
25th Feb

19:00 - 20:30  
£24



### Understanding the Teenage Brain

A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

# Meithrin

This week in nursery we celebrated "Chinese New Year" year of the snake. We invited our parents in to show them the things we learnt about the celebration. We tried Chinese food and made dragons.



**Stars of the week: Leo and Louis**

**Leo has grown more confident in the nursery and is now contributing during circle time**

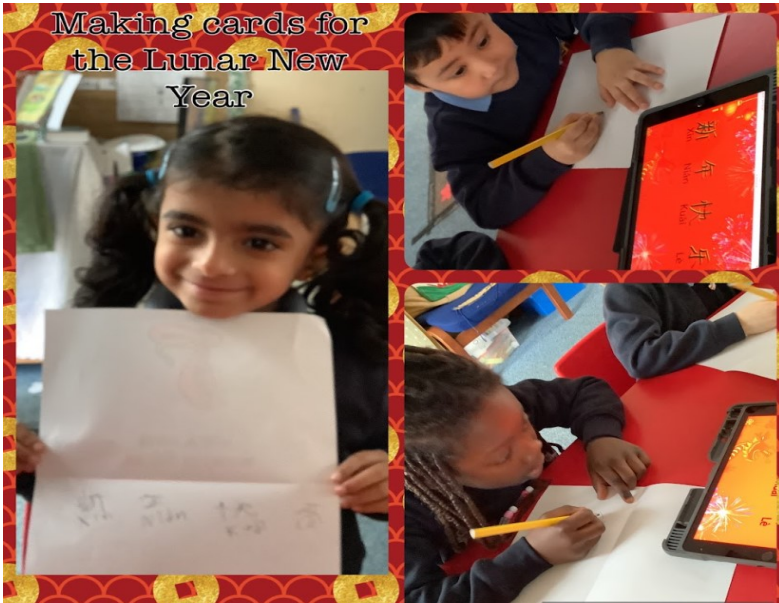
**Louis is becoming more independent and is making new friends every day**

# Derbyn

## Chinese New Year

This week we have been learning about the Lunar New Year. We listened to the story about the different animals for each year and that this year was the year of the snake.

We made new year cards, made a dragon and tasted different Chinese foods. We shared a tangerine together and described the different textures of the food we tasted. Most children enjoyed the noodles and prawn crackers but there were varied reactions to tasting the vegetable spring rolls!



**'Loved them' - Danny**  
**'There was too much carrot!' - Eleanor**  
**'Too crunchy' - Henri**



**'Delicious' - Corey**  
**'Fizzy on my tongue' - Sofia C**  
**'The best!' - Angelia**

### Stars of the week: Jacob



Jacob has really impressed us this week with his effort with reading, writing and contributions to our class discussions. He has made excellent contributions to our discussions about Chinese New Year and also tried very hard to sound out new words in our writing activities. We are so impressed with your efforts Jacob - da iawn!

## Blwydynn 1

Bl 1 have been investigating animals that lay eggs this week as part of our Science lessons. We began by creating a mind map of the animals that we already know lay eggs.

*"Dragons laid eggs, that's why we have one." - Billie*

*"Crocodiles lay eggs in the water." - Adam*

*"Snakes lay eggs." - Isla L*

*"Birds like Rachel the Robin lay eggs in trees." - Ezekiel*



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*"Spiders lay eggs and Miss McLaughlin hates spiders!" - Imogen*

We then went to visit our pond area and were amazed to find Frog eggs floating on the water! We discovered that this is called frogspawn and frogs lay them in the water. We took some time to observe them and made notes on what we could see.

*"They are slimy and see through." - Jelno*

*"It's called transparent when you can see through something." - Sylvie*

*"They look like jelly and they smell!" - Elis*

*"I can see a black dot in the middle. I think that is the egg." - Joseph*

*"I think the Frog had lots of babies because there are lots of eggs." - Anna*

We used the iPads to research the life cycle of a Frog and discovered that it takes 10 days for the eggs to turn into tadpoles. They sprout a tail and legs over the ten days and will eventually turn into frogs. We have placed some frogspawn into a tank and will keep a close eye on how they change over the next week.

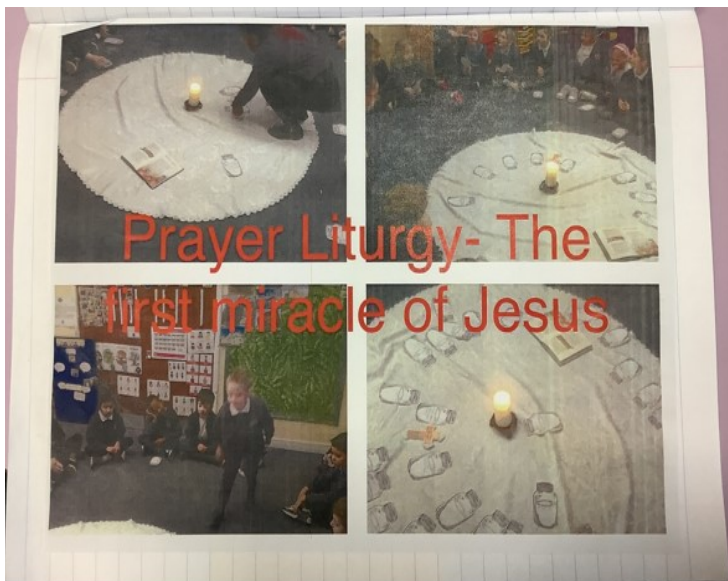
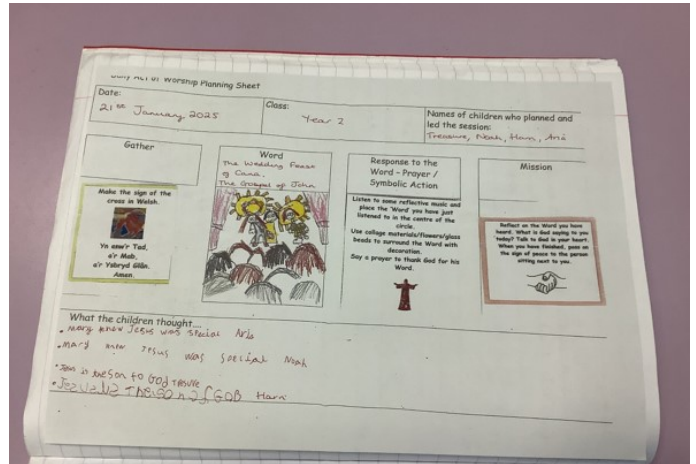


**Star of the Week:** Billie - Billie is enthusiastic, curious and engaged in all areas of learning. She asks such inquisitive questions and shows great enjoyment in her learning. She works exceptionally hard, and is becoming increasingly confident in working independently. Bendigedig Billie!

## Blwydynn 2

This week our Year 2 pupils were introduced to the Gospel reading about The Wedding Feast at Cana. They prepared the prayer liturgy with some adult guidance and support.

**“This was the first miracle of Jesus.” Kiyah**  
**“Jesus turned the water in the water jars to wine.” Amina**  
**“The wine had run out and the bridegroom would be embarrassed”. Joshua**  
**“The story reminds us to ask Jesus for help if we need it.” Ravi**



**“It was a miracle because Jesus is the Son of God.” Aria**  
**“Mary tells the people at the wedding to have faith in her Son, Jesus.” Jacob Z**  
**“Jesus shows us that the Kingdom of God is for everyone”. Poppy**

In response to the Word, our Year 2 pupils wrote on a jar template to show their understanding of the important messages of this first miracle. We placed them on our class altar to use in further times of prayer.

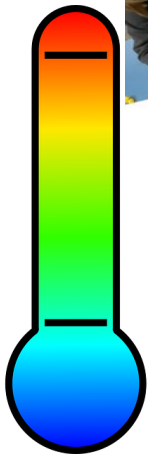
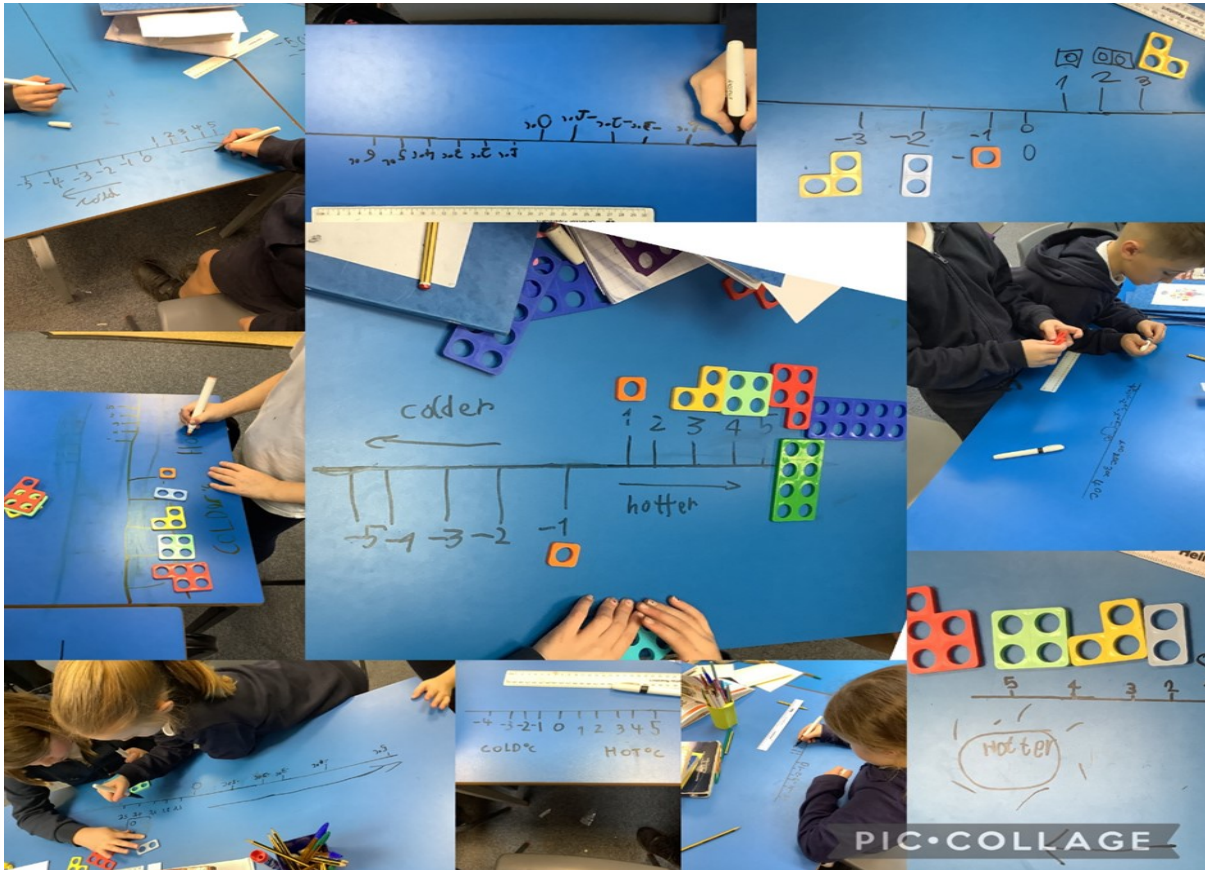
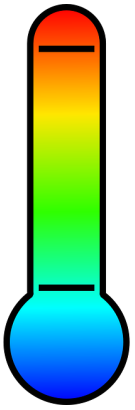
Stars of the week: Year 2 star of the week is Jacob.



When preparing our child-led prayer liturgy about The Wedding Feast at Cana, Jacob showed great sensitivity and respect towards the responses of his friends. Jacob is showing that he can be quiet and still during times of prayer and reflection. Da iawn Jacob for being an important role model.

## Blwyddyn 3

This week in B13 we have been developing our numeracy skills. We have been looking at temperature and negative numbers. As a class we have been estimating and reading the different temperatures of water. In small groups, we used a number line and Numicon to help us understand negative numbers further. We drew on the tables and explored what happens when the temperature drops and gets colder.



**Deklan "The temperature has dropped".**

**Sam "Water freezes at 0 degrees"**

**Florrie "We use a thermometer to measure temperature"**

**Seren yr Wythnos:** This week in BL3 our star of the week is Ala.

She is a delightful member of the class who is always smiling and willing to help others. Keep it up! We are so proud of you.



# Blwyddyn 4

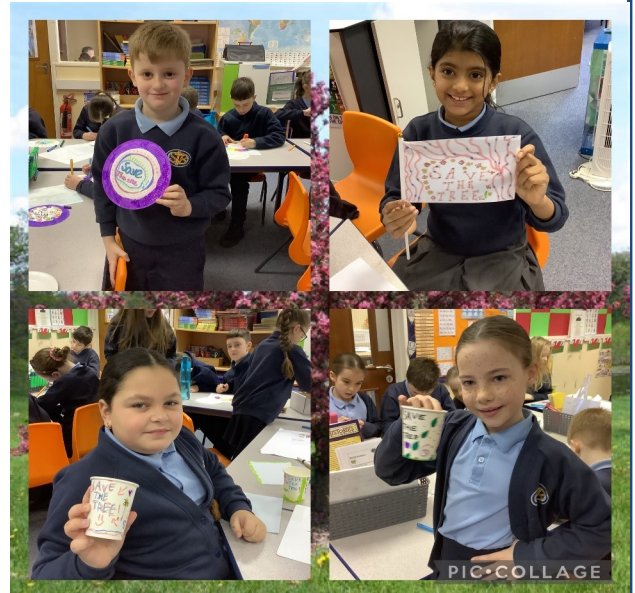
This week is all been about the Mystery Tree!



Kuba: "It has been chaos this week because this tree has appeared in our playground. Firstly we had to make sure this tree is safe for us to be around, which it is. We also had to participate in a peaceful protest because two business men from an electric company tried to harm the tree and make up lies that it is poisonous. Thankfully, our protest won".

Daniel: "Last weekend, on Saturday, a mysterious tree appeared on our playground. In school we have carried out science experiments, where we took samples from around the tree and we added a reactor fluid to them. We also made small animal homes and placed them around the playground".

Cassie: "This week a tree appeared on our playground due to a power cut over the weekend. We have been involved in science investigations throughout the week to find out what the tree actually is and why it is in our playground, but most importantly how we can take care of it".



Amelia P: "This week has been a very, very strange week. A tree appeared in our playground, but the tree was unusual as it looked like a purple elephant. We had to decode a script that was recorded from the tree. We worked out it was trying to say 'Good energy is endless'".



Star of the Week: Lucia

Lucia has been a brilliant role model this week. Lucia give 100% in everything she does and is always looking to learn and improve. Lucia is also a great friend to others in the class, always looking out for everyone. Da iawn Lucia, keep it up!

## Blwyddyn 5

What a week we have had at St Bernadette's! On Monday when we arrived in school we were met with a complete mystery. We had so many questions: What is it? Where did it come from? Why is it here?

What was the cause for the energy surge? Why St Bernadette's?

We had a number of visitors in our school including scientific investigators, journalists, cameraman, inventors, businessmen and the Department of Inexplicable Phenomena (DIP).



We have spent the week investigating, making predictions, testing matter and creating theories. Following the arrival of our businessmen, we were invited to pitch ideas 'Dragons Den' style. We have taken part in live radio broadcasts, sharing our thoughts and theories. However, on realising that our businessmen weren't all that they seemed, we were asked by DIP to peacefully protest to remove the businessmen and their requests to take ownership of the tree. Here we are with our protest messages on banners and placards.

"Save the tree, let it be,

Must remember there's no plan B!"

It worked and the businessmen were asked to leave.

Today we have celebrated as a class and remembered the power of positivity is endless.



**Seren yr wythnos this week is:** Kuzi who has fully embraced the whole week with such a great enthusiasm for all the tasks we were set. His positivity and hard work has inspired not just those he has worked with, but everyone in our class. Da iawn Kuzi we are so proud of you!

# Blwyddyn 6

## Our School Tree Created a Wave of Creativity!



What an exciting week we have had! We have worked on many different challenges and used many skills. We created nature gifts to put outside, making tree decorations and bird boxes.

We worked in groups to come up with a new business idea and created a pitch to present to others. We thought about costs, investment, profits and designs.



We also undertook individual research projects on a number of different countries around the world. We explored similarities and differences between the countries and Wales. We used atlases to locate continents, discover populations, flags and climates.



**Star of the week:** Llonyfarchiadau to Amelia for all of her efforts this week. Amelia, we have loved watching your energy and enthusiasm for all of our tasks, including making your pitch in front of the Dragon's Den. Gwaith da Amelia!



# Seren Yr Wythnos

Nursery - Leo & Louis

Reception–Jacob

Year 1– Billie

Year 2– Jacob

Year 3– Ala

Year 4– Lucia

Year 5– Kuzi

Year 6— Amelia



# Have you claimed all the support you can get with school costs?

The Welsh Government offers support with Free School Meals and School Essentials such as uniform, kit and stationery.

Even if your child already receives Universal Primary Free School Meals, more help could be available!

If eligible, you could get:

- up to £200** per child for School Essentials
- extra funding** for your school

Search: **Get Help with School Costs**

