



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

24th Ionawr 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday Bl1 and 2 presented their Prayer Service entitled, 'Special People'

They reminded us that Jesus taught us a new rule for living – to love one another: "You must love one another in the same way as I have loved you"

As special people they told us to follow our Jesuit Pupil Profile virtues and to be Generous and Grateful and follow in Jesus' footsteps. Lara told us our mission; to tell a special person in your life that they are special to you. We can all try and do that this weekend. Diolch Bl1 a 2 for sharing such an emotional prayer service with us and enabling us to see the importance of the 'special people' in our lives.



Jubilee Year of Hope

Today all schools will be marking the beginning of the Catholic Jubilee Year of Hope, set by Pope Francis, during which we will all try to be Pilgrims of Hope. The Year of Jubilee is an opportunity to return to God and grow our friendship with Him. We can all be Pilgrims of Hope by sharing the hope God gives us. The children learnt all about this special Jubilee year in whole school assembly today and each child will be given a sticker as a small reminder of this important year .



TEAM (Formerly known as National Theatre Wales) will be hosting a very exciting immersive theatre project at St Bernadette's next week, the week beginning Monday 27th January. They will be creating a mystical tree that will 'grow' out of the playground, and throughout the week many 'scientists in hazmat suits', 'government agents' and 'reporters' will be studying the tree (all of these roles are played by professional actors!). They will also be working with the children on activities linked to the STEAM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths). The aim of the week is to make it seem real, and immerse the students in this mystical story, which will then be revealed at the end of the week on Friday with a big party. It will be lots of fun, lots to learn, and hopefully will stay with the children for a long time. We ask, if you are able to, to go along with this immersive nature e.g. confirm that yes, you did indeed hear a radio broadcast about a mysterious power surge in Cardiff, if they ask you about it. Mostly, we wanted to let you know that if your child says that Government Agents came to their school - not to worry! It's all part of the magic of theatre.

BOOK YOUR PLACE

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025

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Meithrin

This week we have been celebrating all that is Chinese, through dressing up in traditional clothes and tasting traditional Chinese food such as noodles, prawn crackers and seaweed.

“ I love noodles I have them at home” - Adiwa
“ The seaweed is yucky” - Oliver G



We have also been looking at the differences between Wales and China, and talking about the different food, clothes, flags and utensils they use.



Stars of the week: James & Marlo

James for contributing in circle time and for working hard on his letter formation.

Marlo for making new friends, working hard on his pencil skills and enjoying our Chinese celebrations.

Derbyn

This week we have been talking about how we can show love to everyone like Jesus did.
Here are some of the ways we can do this

- “Hugs and Kisses” - Grace
- “Helping others if they fall” - Isabelle
- “Sharing out toys” - Bryan A

Here are some of the pictures we made to show Kindness and Love



Stars of the week: Nainsi. Nainsi has been a super friend to other children in this nursery this week and have been very helpful. Da lawn Nainsi!

Blwydynn 1

Bl 1 and Bl 2 gathered with their families and friends this week to share a very special prayer service. We shared the Good News of Jesus, the Boy in the Temple, shocking the teachers with his wise questions and answers whilst 'lost' in the Temple.



We also shared our own experiences of people who are special to us. We spoke about family members, friends, people who help us both in school and out of school. It is important to remember that Jesus was special to so many because he was generous, grateful and kind.



We asked ourselves how can we be just as Jesus was? How can we guide others to be this way?



Star of the Week: Amelia - Amelia is making great progress within her writing. She works so hard and has such a positive attitude towards her learning. Her resilience is something we are particularly proud of and she has impressed us immensely this week! Bendigedig!

Blwydynn 2

In our religion lessons we have been learning about John the Baptist.

Here is what we have learnt.

“John was Jesus’ cousin and he was a prophet”. - Noah

“John lived in the Wilderness and ate locusts and wild honey”. – Theo

“John travelled around telling people about God and he baptised them”. Esme

“One day in the River Jordan, Jesus came and was baptised by John”. Maddie

“Heaven opened and a dove came down”. The dove was the Holy Spirit. Poppy

God said, “I am pleased with you, my Son.” Joshua

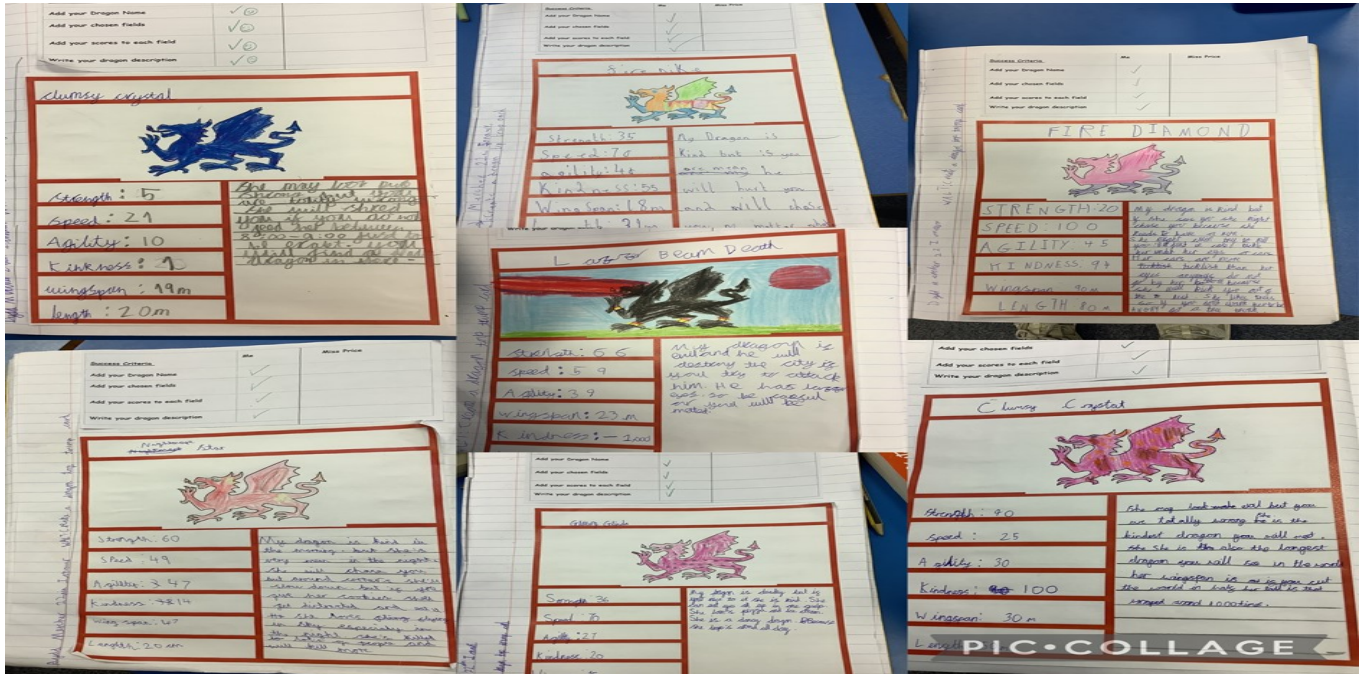
Here is some of our art work we did on the story of Jesus’ Baptism.



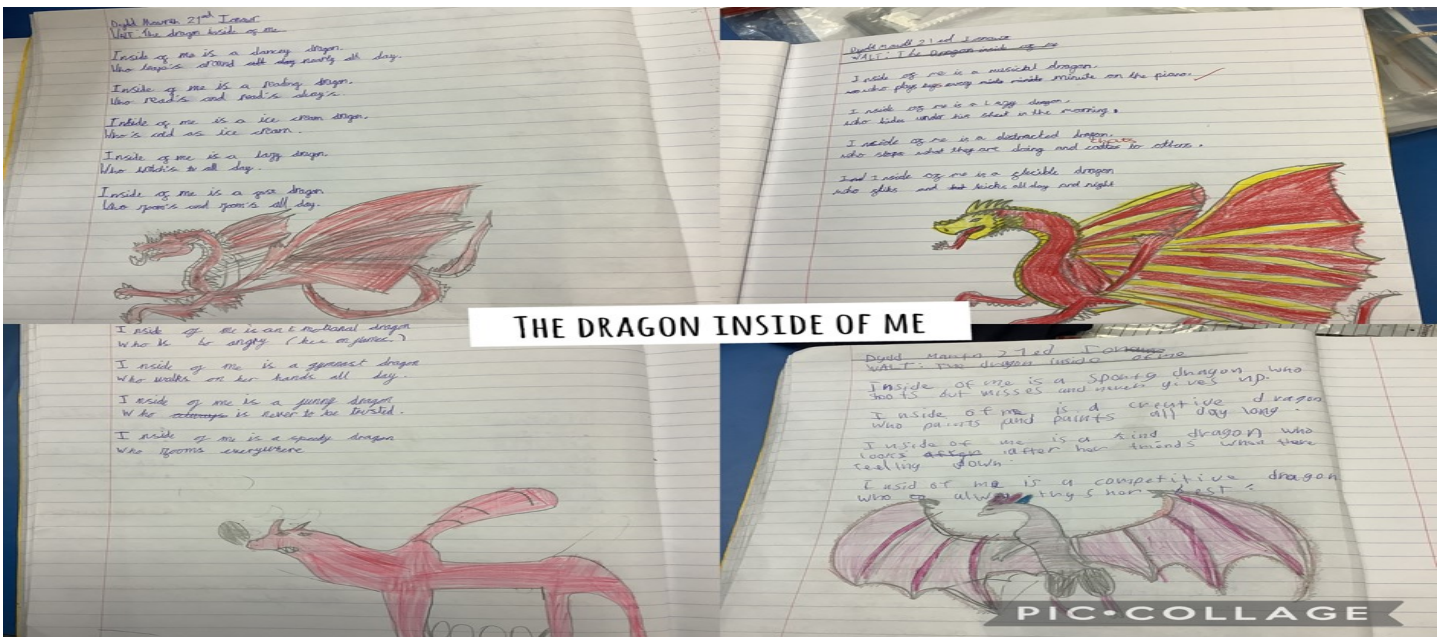
Stars of the week: Ravi. He has been working very hard in all his work and he wrote a wonderfully, detailed account of John the Baptist and Jesus; Baptism.

Blwyddyn 3

This week in BL3 we have used our knowledge of the story of the Red and White dragon to create a dragon that represents us! We created our very own top trumps, highlighting our strengths, weaknesses and our appearance. We used our dragon description to help us write a short summary of our dragon. As a whole class, we explored the poem 'The Dragon inside of me'. In small groups we discussed how we are different and what type of dragon we would be. We created our very own dragon inside of me poems and showed off our artistic skills with our dragon drawings!



In Welsh we have started to explore rooms in the house. We have been working in groups to ask one another questions and labelled in Welsh the different rooms.



Seren yr Wythnos: This week in BL3 our star of the week is Niamh. She wrote a fantastic poem about her dragon and included the Chinese flag to represent her family. A very thoughtful and creative piece. Keep it up! We are so proud of you.

Blwyddyn 4

Bl4 have learnt about how heaven is more important than earth. We have talked about death and the afterlife. We understand that everything must come to an end but heaven is eternal. We have discussed that grief can have many different forms.

Ola: Grief can be really sad but also angry too.

Xavier: Grief is very confusing, you might ask yourself, how did that happen?

Dan: Grief can be lonely, sad, puzzled or angry.

Marnie: Grief can happen at anytime and it can disappear but you may still feel waves of it coming back.

Lucia: Grief can come in many different forms, such as confused, sad, angry and lonely.



Hallie: It's important to cheer someone up if they are grieving and tell them they are having a better life in heaven. Jesus said, heaven is full of light, there's no bad feeling there.

Tegan: Heaven is full of light and colours and you get to see people you haven't seen in a long time.

Elliot: If someone is grieving it may help to sit with someone, give some of your time up for them, give them happiness with a hug.

Year 4 agree that: It is ok to grieve. Jesus grieved when he learnt that Lazarus died. We know that God's love will always support us.

Star of the Week: Hallie



Hallie has been a role model in our Year 4 class, showing great persistence and always giving 100% effort towards all areas of her learning. Hallie arrives to school every day with a great big smile on her face and a positive attitude. Da iawn Hallie, keep it up!

Blwyddyn 5

Jesus shared important messages with his friends about what makes a life blessed. These were called the Beatitudes.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the Earth.
 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, there is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.



THE BEATITUDES MATTHEW 5: 1-12



Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are you when people insult you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.



Seren yr wythnos this week is: Joe who has had an incredible week full of hard work, determination and good humour. The efforts Joe has put into all of school life this week has been clear for all those around him to see. In particular in GGR where he has organised the children and Mrs Jones! Da iawn Joe, keep it up.

Blwyddyn 6

Titanic Survivor Diary

This week we have been concluding our 'Frozen Kingdom' topic by writing diary entries as if we had survived the Titanic disaster. We have applied all of our historical facts and knowledge and mixed it with some creative writing to produce fictional diary entries from 1912. Pupils explored the many features of diary writing beforehand. We planned and drafted our diaries before editing our final piece of work.



We have shared some of our opening lines below:

Dear diary,

These last few days have been a ghastly adventure and I am lucky to still be alive ... Ralph

Dear diary,

Six days ago was the greatest story of my life. Yesterday was the greatest grief ... Seb



Star of the week: Llongyfarchiadau to Carter Robinson for all of his learning efforts this week. Carter, you have worked so hard, contributing in lessons and being noticed by many staff for your engagement. Keep up the good work, we are very proud of you!



Seren Yr Wythnos

Nursery - James & Marlo

Reception– Nainsi

Year 1– Amelia

Year 2– Ravi

Year 3– Niamh

Year 4– Hallie

Year 5– Joe

Year 6— Carter



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