



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

6th Rhagfyr 2024



Events in December at St Bernadettes		
Day & Date	Time	
Tuesday 10 th	9.30am	Y1/2 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 10th	3.30pm	KS2 Pray and Stay
Wednesday 11 th	Lunchtime	Christmas Dinner at St Bernadette's
Thursday 12th	10-1pm	Reception to the Sherman Theatre
Monday 16 th	2.15pm	Y3/4 Christmas Carol Concert
Tuesday 17 th	10am or 2pm	Nursery Christmas Concerts
Tuesday 17th	All day	Rudolph Run—to raise money for City Hospice and CAFOD

Gosh Christmas is a busy time! The staff and children are busy, performing, rehearsing, creating and learning. Thank you to all our friends and families that attended our Christmas fair on Wednesday. Through everyone's generosity of their time, energy and money we managed to raise for the children of St Bernadette's an incredible £2301.76.



This Sunday we will be lighting the second candle on the Advent Wreath in church. In this second week of Advent, we want the children to understand that our actions impact others as well as our relationship with God. In the Gospel, Luke 3:1-6 We are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus by opening our hearts to Him and to remember that no matter what we have done, God will always forgive our mistakes if we say sorry.



The time had finally arrived! On Wednesday we hosted our annual Christmas Fayre, and what a day it was!

After weeks of planning and preparation, the hall was buzzing with joy and festive cheer. The children had been working hard on designing and creating their individual enterprise items and I think that we can all agree that they were brilliant.

The School Council have worked extremely hard in advertising and planning the event and it was a huge success. They were great role models and managed the stalls professionally and were polite and courteous to all customers.



A big thank you to all those parents that helped run the stalls, without you it would not be possible. And a special mention to all of the parents that were there offering help and support, both during the planning process and for the Fayre itself. If you are interested in joining the PTA, please contact Mrs McFarland at the school office.

We raised an outstanding £2301.76. This total smashed last years and we couldn't be happier. All the money will go back to supporting the children. A big thank you to all of our donations of Bric a Brac, raffle prizes, bottles and Jolly Jars.

We are extremely grateful. We wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.





Advent Fundraising

The children will be taking part in a sponsored Rudolph Run this Advent to raise money for City Hospice.



TUESDAY

DECEMBER

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2024

ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO WEAR THEIR TRAINERS.
CHILDREN WILL ALL BE PROVIDED WITH A PAIR OF ANTLERS

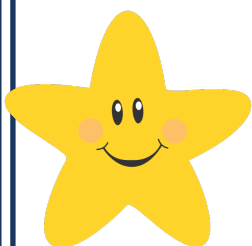
City Hospice
Caring for Cardiff



Meithrin

This week in nursery we have been talking about the nativity and who was born this time of year. We have been practising for our Christmas Concert. Parents you're in for a real treat!

We have also been taking about Christmas; why it's important and what we would like.



Stars of the week: Teddy and Oliver

Teddy for being a good friend with all the other nursery children. Teddy has wonderful manners and is sharing the toys with everyone.

Oliver for playing well with his friends in nursery and taking it in turns to use the different activities.

Derbyn

A Very Special Baby

This week the children told us the story of the birth of Jesus. The angels (who always get the latest news) had heard all about a special baby being born by listening to the stars. A very special star - 'Bright Star' helped show people the way to a very special baby called Jesus.



Stars of the week: All the children for all the work they have done towards their fabulous Christmas Concert this week. We are really proud of their attitude and enthusiasm during rehearsals and during the concert. Da iawn Reception!

Blwydynn 1

Bl 1 have been busy designing and preparing their enterprise items for the Christmas Fayre this week. We decided to create Christmas cards and copy them to create packs for our families. We used pattern and shape to create a Christmas tree design using paint and placed these into festive packs ready to sell.



We also created our own festive bracelets using pattern. This proved really tricky as it was difficult threading the string through the beads, but we worked collaboratively and stuck with it!



We also gathered together to share the Nativity story. We used songs, body percussion and small world items to help us tell the story together as a class. It was lovely to see so many children then visiting the altar to retell the Nativity in their own way with friends. Some children also shared their own prayer.

Dear God,

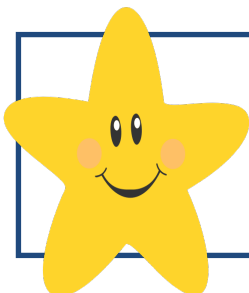
Diolch for sending us the special gift.

Jesus is the special gift.

Diolch for choosing Mary.

She is special.

Amen.



Star of the Week: *Joseph - Joseph has really impressed us this week with his contribution to whole class discussions and his enthusiasm towards his learning. He is trying really hard within his phonics lessons and we are so proud of his positive attitude. Bendigedig!*

Blwyddyn 2

On Wednesday Year 2 had a trip to Roath Park s part of their topic 'Scented Garden'. We had such a wonderful time. We had a tour of the conservatory. We saw many different fish and turtles there and we actually got to feed them. Whilst walking around the conservatory we saw lots of different plants from all over the world. We saw elephant ears from Africa, umbrella grass from Asia and many other interesting plants from India, Sri Lanka, Brazil and Mexico.



We had to be leaf detectives and we managed to find a sycamore, holly, field maple, ash, rowan, beech, hazel, birch, horse chestnut and oak. We also did tree rubbing. The best part was when we played nature bingo with the iPads. It was great fun and the squirrels and a baby robin were very, very friendly.



We played in the park and Lorenzo and Josef were the kings of the slide. Before we went back on the coach we had a delicious ice-cream from the ice-cream van.



We had a 'bendigedig' time!
'I loved playing in the park.' Kiyah
'My ice-cream was incredible.' Eliso
'I loved seeing the turtles in the conservatory'. Kali
'I really enjoyed doing the tree rubbing'. Jewel

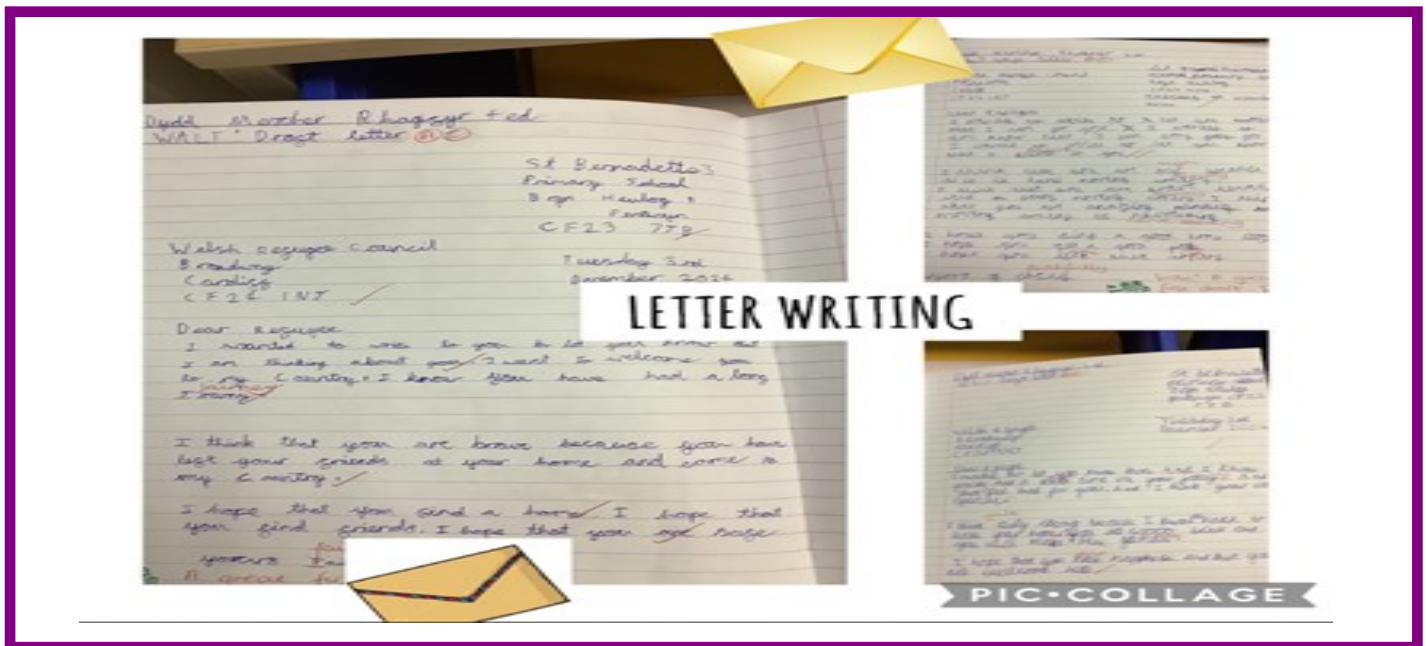


Star of the week: Amina is the Star of the week. She has been wonderful all week as well as being amazing in our Christmas practice for our Christmas concert. I'm so proud of you Amina!!

Blwyddyn 3

This week BI3 have continued to explore our story, My name is not refugee. We have used our emotion graph to identify adjectives that we would include in our letter of compassion to a refugee. Using this knowledge, we have planned and written our first draft of our letter. Together, we discussed the main features of our letter including the address and structure.

We demonstrated our creative flare this week, designing our enterprise product for the Christmas fair. Using acrylic pens and paint, we created a Christmas themed design for our Christmas bauble. In numeracy, we have started to look at multiplication. We have explored different arrays and discussed the difference between rows and columns. Next week, we will be creating our own arrays to explore multiplication further.



Deklan- "I enjoyed the Christmas fair".

Joel- "I enjoyed using the different acrylic pens".

Mia- "I had fun using the pink acrylic pen for my snowman".

Elinor- "We included the address in our draft letter".

Arlo- "I enjoyed colouring my design".

Erin- "We have been using green pen in our maths books".

Seren yr Wythnos: This week in BI3 our star of the week is Kingsley. Kingsley has shown a real desire and dedication to his numeracy this week. Independently, Kingsley was able to problem solve using 3- and 4-digit numbers! We are so proud of you. Keep up the good work!



Blwyddyn 4

Year 4 have been creative making their enterprise for the Christmas fair. As a class we decided on making Christmas tags, we all made a variety of different styles using our creativity.



Seren yr Wythnos in Blwyddyn 4 this week : Rory



Rory has been an excellent role model in our Year 4 class. He always give 100% in all areas of his learning and is always demonstrating to his peers what good behaviour looks like at St Bernadette's .Da iawn Rory, keep it up!

Blwyddyn 5

This week blwyddyn 5 and 6 presented the Advent Prayer service to the whole school and to their families. They shared important messages and showed us all the true meaning of Christmas.



We must prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus.



We prepare for your coming at Christmas. Come to us Jesus, Dere atom ni Iesu.



Seren yr wythnos this week is: Kayle who has shown great effort and enthusiasm towards all areas of school life this week. He spoke eloquently during our Advent Prayer Service and has played a key role in our Religion lessons. Da iawn Kayle!

Blwyddyn 6



Advent Prayer Service

Bl5 and Bl6 were delighted to lead the school community in their Advent prayer service on Tuesday. They shared with us the true meaning of Advent, to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus.



Achievements outside of school

This weekend in Reading, this member of our class took part in a roller skating competition. She took part in a duo and two solos, achieving bronze in both!



Star of the week: Poppy this week. Poppy, you are a true role model to others. Always willing to help others and a real team player. You enjoy challenging yourself in everything you do. Gwaith da Poppy!



Seren Yr Wythnos

Nursery - Teddy & Oliver

Reception– All of Reception

Year 1– Joseph

Year 2– Amina

Year 3– Kingsley

Year 4– Rory

Year 5– Kayle

Year 6— Poppy



Koolskools Fairtrade Uniform: 10% New Year Discount Window

Koolskools have asked us to notify parents that for the first time ever they are running a ***10% New Year discount window for Fairtrade/ECO uniform from 10 to 20 January 2025.**

The idea of the mid-winter discount window is to offer a bit of extra help to those parents who, for whatever reason, need to buy more uniform mid-way through the school year.

*Please note that during the winter months stocks of our Fairtrade-certified garments can be low. To enable us to meet all orders at all times we work with an ethical wholesale supplier that we source from under our Fairtrade Offset scheme (see 4. below) enabling us to supply “like-for-like” garments under the “Better Cotton Initiative” programme.

For Southampton/Hampshire Schools: as well as online, we will also be operating the 10% mid-winter discount from 10 to 20 January in our Southampton retail shop - 387 Shirley Rd, SO15 3TS.

HOW TO ORDER

Go to the buying page on the Koolskools website on the following link - <https://www.koolskools4u.co.uk/schools-list/> - and place your order. There will be a flat delivery charge of £4.99.

Orders take up to 10 days to turn around (up to 15 days during the busy June to September period) from the date of order placement.

For Southampton/Hampshire Schools: There is also a “click and collect” option online, where customers can order and collect from our shop at 387 Shirley Rd, SO15 3TS.

WHY FAIRTRADE COTTON/RECYCLED POLYESTER UNIFORM?

1. There is no difference in quality between Fairtrade cotton and normal cotton, but Fairtrade cotton farmers always receive a fair and sustainable payment for their crop. Their communities also receive a premium for projects such as building schools, hospitals, access to clean water and so on.
2. Being “Fairtrade Cotton Certified” means that all parts of the manufacturing chain have been inspected and audited to ensure that practices such as child labour and enforced overtime/long working hours don’t exist.
3. All the Koolskools-manufactured poly/cotton mix garments are made with human resource (ie plastic bottles) recycled polyester.
4. *The Koolskools “Fairtrade Offset” scheme guarantees that a small percentage of the revenue from sales is set aside for the benefit of marginalised cotton farming communities through the Good Textiles Foundation (www.goodtextiles.org).