



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

29th Tachwedd 2024



On Thursday, St Bernadette's and St Philip Evans schools joined together with the parishioners of St Philip Evans to commemorate Fr Maguire . The church was filled with joyful music and we feel that Fr Maguire would have been delighted with the behaviour and reverence of the children and the engagement and involvement of everyone present. A huge thank you to Fr Pat , Fr Eddie and Fr Keith who concelebrated the Mass together. Fr Maguire will be remembered fondly and with respect in all our prayers.



ATTENDANCE

Today, we congratulated all the children in the school who have had 100% attendance up to the 7th November. They all received certificates.



The class with the highest number of children with 100% attendance and the class with the best attendance for the term were both rewarded with extra play. We all know how important it is for good attendance and punctuality. The affect that lack of attendance can have on individuals can be quite stark on a social as well as academic level. We completely understand that illness and some extreme circumstances cannot be helped, but we ask that everyone tries to ensure that their child arrives at school on time – the bell goes promptly at 8.50am - and to use the school break times for holidays.

ATTENDANCE FOR AUTUMN TERM 2024

CLASS	RECEPTION	BL 1	BL 2	BL 3	BL4	BL 5	BL 6
% of attendance	93.7%	94.3%	97.3%	96.3%	94.1%	96%	96.4%

100% ATTENDANCE FOR AUTUMN TERM 2024

CLASS	RECEPTION	BL 1	BL 2	BL 3	BL4	BL 5	BL 6
% of children with 100% attendance	51.7%	40%	46.7%	60%	33.3%	40%	43.3%



Our Christmas Fayre is on Wednesday 4th December at 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

We are kindly asking the friends and families of St Bernadette's to donate the following:

-Raffle prizes - However big or small.

-Donations of unwanted bottles - Such as alcohol, shampoo, condiments etc.

Diolch,

Mrs McFarland



Events in December at St Bernadette's

Day and Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 3 rd	9:15am	Y5/6 Advent Prayer Service
Wednesday 4 th	All day	Y2 School trip to Roath Park
Wednesday 4 th	3.15pm	Christmas Fair at St Bernadette's
Thursday 5 th	9.30am	Reception Christmas Concert
Friday 6 th	2.30pm	Y3 Parental Engagement—One Planet—Our World
Tuesday 10 th	9.30am	Y1/2 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 10 th	3.30pm	W/S Pray and Stay
Wednesday 11 th	Lunchtime	Christmas Dinner at St Bernadette's
Thursday 12 th	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 17 th	All day	Rudolph Run—to raise money for City Hospice and CAFOD

Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 11th December and is now available to order on ParentPay. Please order no later than Wednesday 4th December.

Christmas Lunch Menu



Main Course: Roast Chicken, Stuffing Ball, Roast Potatoes, Choice of Vegetables, Gravy and Cranberry Sauce

Or

Plant Based Cutlet, Stuffing Ball, Roast Potatoes, Choice of Vegetables, Gravy and Cranberry Sauce

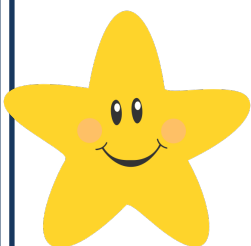
Dessert: Chocolate Ice Cream Yule Log and Mandarins

Plant Based Dairy Free Ice Cream and Mandarins

Meithrin

This week in nursery we have been very busy looking at different Mary's from around the world.

We then tried to make these using different materials that we collected from around the classroom.



Stars of the week: Elodie & Adiwa.

Elodie for being kind to her friends, sharing the bikes outside and for trying really hard in learning her BSL songs.

Adiwa for joining in signing and dancing in our activity sessions.

Derbyn

This week we discussed 'Celebrating Differences' where we learnt how we are all unique and amazing. We practiced giving compliments and created a class paper chain celebrating all of the parts of our lives that we love and make us unique.

"I like it when Leo draws patterns with me." - Eleanor "
I love Shania's hair. She is beautiful, like a princess." - Reina
"I like to play with Dorian, and give him a little cuddle." - Leo



Stars of the week: Da iawn to Eleanor, our Star of the Week! You have impressed us with your kind compliments and caring nature

Blwydynn 1

Bl 1 had a fantastic day at Cardiff Museum on Tuesday. The rain had finally stopped and the sun was shining as we set off on the coach. We were all very excited to be venturing out on our very first school trip. We were playing games and singing songs as we travelled to the City Centre, ready for the day ahead.

Once we arrived we took part in a 'Sounds of the Dinosaurs' workshop. We were lucky enough to be able to hold and explore real Dinosaur fossils. We held a T-Rex's tooth, a Triceratop's claw and even Herbivores poo! Did you know that a fossilised poo is called a Coprolite? We found out so many new facts...



"A T-Rex is the cousin of a Chicken!" - Imogen



"A Welsh Dinosaur was found on a beach by Barry Island." - Sylvie

"A T-Rex's tooth was as big as my head and very sharp." - Alfie

"A fossil can be a bone that has sand and mud pushing down on it." - Anna



Once we completed our workshop, we ate our lunch (we were very hungry) and then set off to explore the rest of the museum. Here are our highlights of the day!

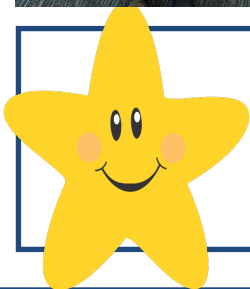
"I liked seeing the Dinosaur teeth." - Lara



"I liked going to see the Turtle, but it was sad because he had swallowed so much rubbish from the ocean." - Billie

"I liked playing with the tree puppet and telling a story." - Benji

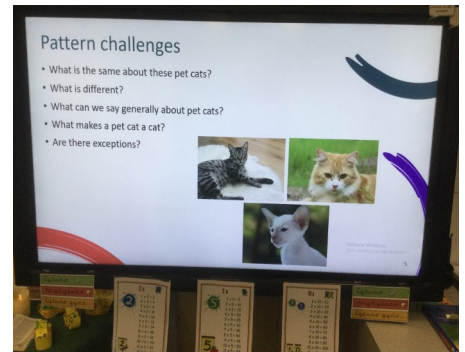
"I saw spiders." - Brian



Star of the Week: Seren Yr Wythnos: Phoebe - Phoebe you are becoming more confident by the day and we are so proud of how brave and resilient you are! You are working so hard on your reading and we can see that you are so proud of yourself too! Keep up the great work! Bendigedig.

Blwyddyn 2

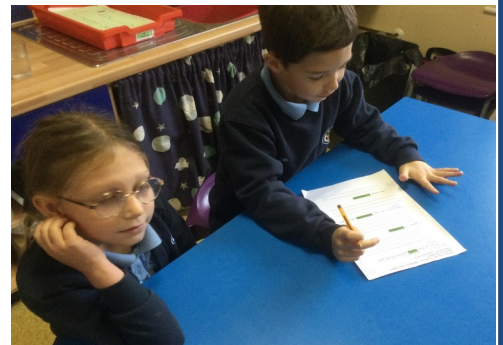
Year 2 have continued on their Computational Thinking journey this week. We have already investigated our digital footprint and now we have completed an unplugged activity where we are identifying patterns, certainties and exceptions. These skills will help us to think differently and to solve problems throughout our lives.



“We had lots of opportunities to talk in small groups and to share our ideas”. Jacob Z

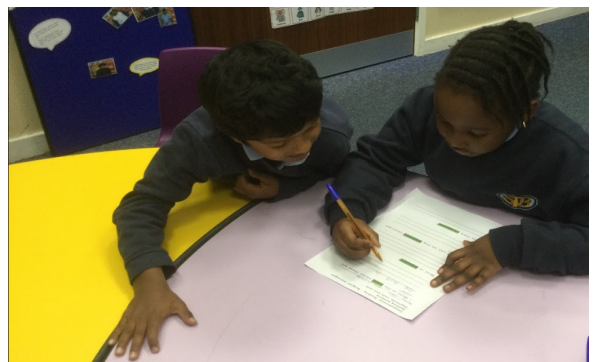
“We looked at photographs of cats and decided what was the same about all of them”. Esme

“We discussed what is different about the cats”. Harri



We had to agree on what are the exceptions. Poppy

We had to agree on a definition of a cat that is always true. Anton

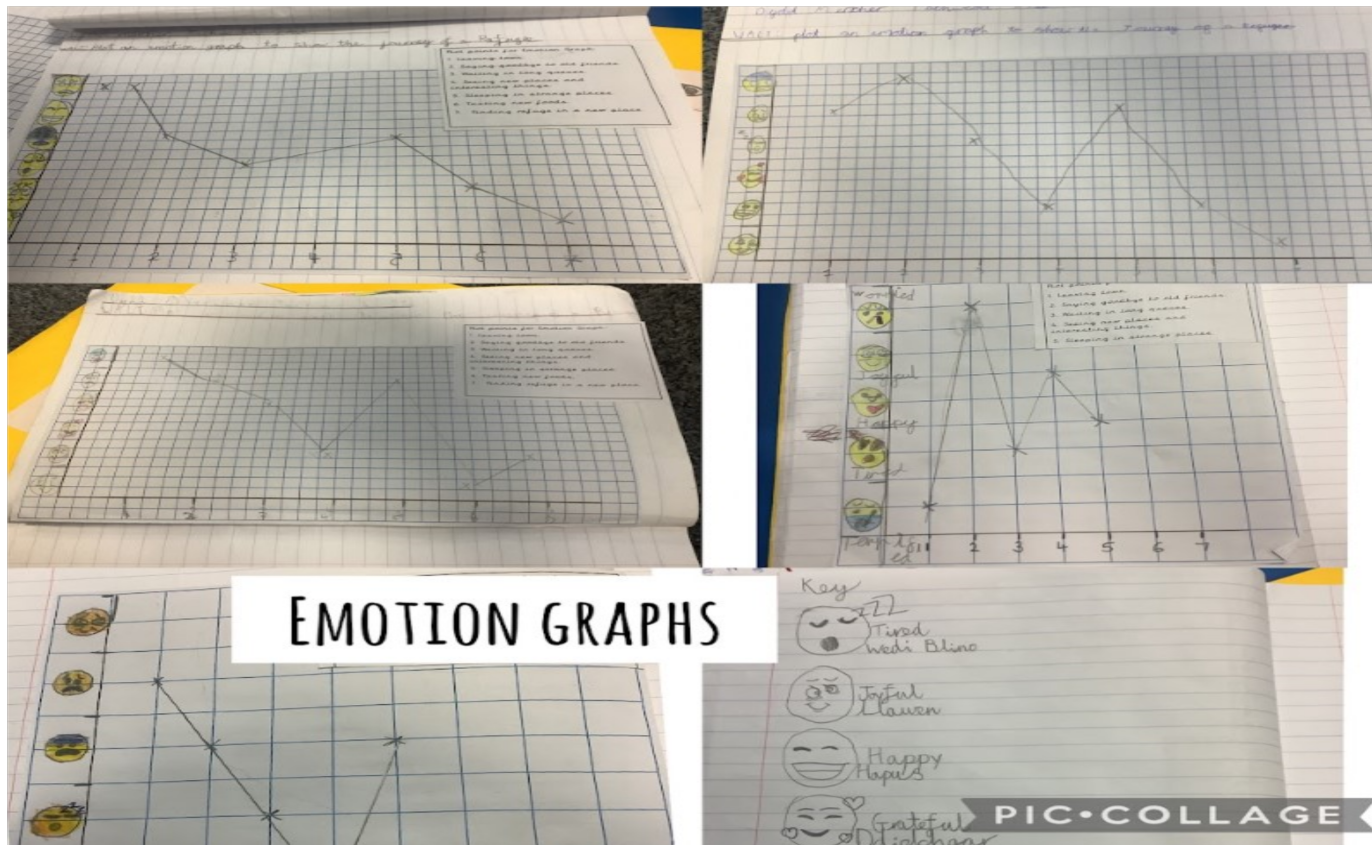


Star of the week: Anton.

Anton always has a smile for everyone. He is a great listener and thinker. Anton loves to share his ideas in a group. Da iawn ti!!

Blwyddyn 3

This week BI3 have continued to explore our story, My name is not refugee. We collaborated together to discuss the different feelings we thought a refugee my face on their journey. We used our numeracy skills to create an emotion graph. Together, we identified different plot points to retell the story of our refugee. Using these plot points, we identified what emotion our refugee would feel at each point in their journey.




Sam- "I enjoyed learning the welsh words for our different emotions".

Michal- "I enjoyed singing the different songs in Mass".

Ala- "I enjoyed learning about the different feelings".

Rio- "I enjoyed drawing the different emotions".

Valentina- "I enjoyed plotting the different plot points".

 Seren yr Wythnos: This week in BI3 our star of the week is Ella. Ella has shown a real eagerness to her learning this week. She has shown great resilience when using column addition and subtraction. We are so proud of you. Keep up the good work!

Blwyddyn 4



Year 4 have been researching water wheels as part of their eco project. We have been looking for current designs and trying understanding how they work. We have been innovative by creating our own designs using materials that are sustainable and eco-friendly.

Lily-Mai: I enjoyed our Eco project because it was fun. I enjoyed researching water wheels, designing my own and making it on Minecraft. I enjoyed helping my friends when they found it difficult.

Year 4 have also been playing 'Boccia' as part of our PE sessions this week. We have learned about the rules before playing and split into equal teams to play. We have been collaborating and thinking tactically to try and win our games.

Louie: It was very fun learning about and playing Boccia because when you rolled the ball it turned with the slope of the playground which meant we had to use that information to help us work out what to do for our next throw.



Seren yr Wythnos in Blwyddyn 4 this week : Cassie



Cassie has been a role model in our year 4 classroom. Using incidental Welsh throughout the day, supporting her peers with work when they need support and giving 100% in all areas of her learning.

Blwyddyn 5

This week Blwyddyn 5 have been taking part in Open your Eyes week, learning about a range of companies and job roles. On Monday we had a Teams call with a company called Atkins Realis. They are an engineering service and nuclear organization who connect people, data and technology.



They spoke to us about being sustainable. We designed Eco superheroes to solve the biggest issues in our world.

One of our superheroes had magic gloves that could absorb all waste that damaged our environment. Another superhero produced an unlimited amount of water to feed the plants, animals and people of the world.



Seren yr wythnos this week is: Joshua who has had a fantastic week. Joshua has shown a very mature and hard-working attitude. Particularly during our Advent Prayer service practise where he has been reliable and enthusiastic. Da iawn Joshua!

Blwyddyn 6

Open Your Eyes Week

Bl6 this week have taken part in virtual workshops from different businesses to find out more about the world of work. We have discovered more about finance, engineering and environmental companies. Each day the pupils were set challenges and tasks to complete during the sessions and could ask questions to the presenters.

Olly - "I learnt what an audit is".

Grace - "I enjoyed creating our own net zero superheroes."

Maggie - "I learnt what KPMG stands for."

Ralph - "I liked solving all the problems and coming up with solutions. We talked about different ideas on our table."



Star of the week: Llonyfarchiadau to Isla Egan for being our star this week.

Isla, you always impress us with the efforts that you put into your learning. You are a role model to others through your enthusiasm and kindness towards others. Da iawn Isla!



Seren Yr Wythnos

Nursery - Elodie & Adiwa

Reception– Eleanor

Year 1– Phoebe

Year 2– Anton

Year 3– Ella

Year 4– Cassie

Year 5– Joshua

Year 6— Isla



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).