



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

### 15th Tachwedd 2024

#### Events coming up in November at St Bernadette's

Date	Year Grp	Event	Time
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Y3/4	Trip to Bristol Aquarium	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y1	Trip to Cardiff National Museum	
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	KS2 Y3-6	Mass at St Philip Evans church with St Philip Evans school for Canon Maguire	10.30am

Congratulations to Gracie, Elliot, Serena, Hallie and Lily-Mai, Olly NA, and Leo H who received their First Holy Communion last weekend at St Philip Evans Church.



Thank you to all our friends and Families that joined us for our Macmillan coffee morning on Wednesday morning. We managed to raise xxx for this very worthy cause — one that unfortunately affects so many people around us. Let us keep all those who are unwell in our prayers and hope that the money raised can go in some way to supporting and helping those in need.

*Dear Lord, we ask with all of our heart, please touch these special lives. Bless them with courage and hope, may all find solace in your loving embrace. Heal them in body, mind, and spirit. Let their hope shine a hallowed light that burns forever to honour their spirited fight. You said to your disciples, "I am with you always" and "Come to me all you who find life a burden, and I will give you rest." May we help each other to believe that you are with us and that there is nothing in this world that your great love, working through us, cannot overcome. All of this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*



Our Christmas Fayre is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Raffle tickets are now on sale £1 a strip. If you would like to purchase tickets, please send your money into school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name.

Diolch,

Mrs McFarland



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**

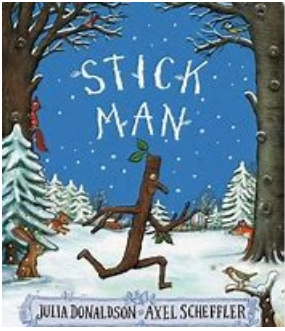
**Plant Based Cutlet, Stuffing Ball, Roast Potatoes, Choice of Vegetables, Gravy and Cranberry Sauce**

#### **Dessert**

**Chocolate Ice Cream Yule Log and Mandarins**

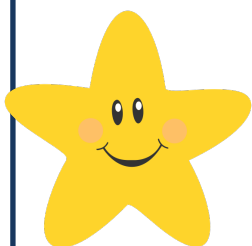
**Plant Based Dairy Free Ice Cream and Mandarins**

## Meithrin



This week in nursery we have been working on our numeracy skills. We have been looking at measurements tall, taller and tallest.

We have also been collecting sticks and leaves during our outdoor learning sessions which we have used to make a stickman family. We compared the size of them to see which ones were tall, taller and tallest.



**Stars of the week:** Adaline and Michelle.

Adaline is trying really hard with her British Sign Language and working hard on her numbers.

Michelle has been very caring and nurturing with her friends this week. We are really proud of you both.

# Derbyn

This week we received a letter from Safiya, she works at a safari in Ghana and had brought some animals to show us but they had all gone missing. We went on a mission to find different animals and learned about some new animals from Ghana!



**Stars of the week: Dorian.**

**Da iawn Dorian! You have impressed us with your wonderful singing in preparation for the Christmas Concert.**

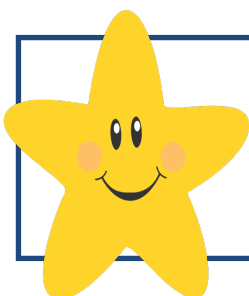
# Blwydynn 1

Bl 1 were very much looking forward to creating their Eco Friendly bird feeders this week after spending some time researching and designing their end product. Our Eco challenge really made us think about our global footprint and what little steps we could make to help protect the world we live in.

After our investigation to find the best material for the job, we set to work on sketching and labelling our designs. After some discussions and reflections we were ready to make the bird feeders. We used plastic bottles, glue and string. We had to work collaboratively and we really had to use our problem solving skills to complete the task.



Once we filled them with bird seed, they were ready to be hung up in the trees in our garden. They were a real hit with the birds and we have loved watching them eat away!



**Star of the Week:** Anna - Anna is an exceptionally hard worker and her progress across all areas of learning is something that we are very proud of. She puts 100% into all that she does and we can't wait to see what else she achieves throughout the rest of the year!

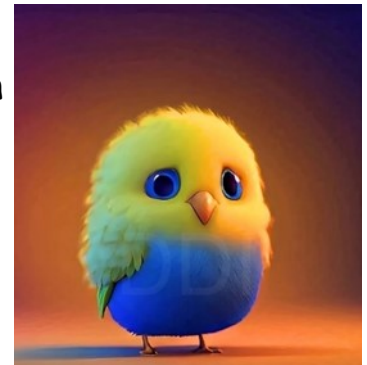
## Blwyddyn 2

We have been given a challenge over the last two weeks with an eco-twist. Our focus was Habitats and the importance of keeping habitats clean and tidy.

### This was our brief

Betty the bird is looking for somewhere to stay for a few days. Can you help? Can you make a nest using natural materials in your local area? The nest needs to have a way to get in and out, soft on the inside and strong on the outside. Can you help design a place for Betty to stay?

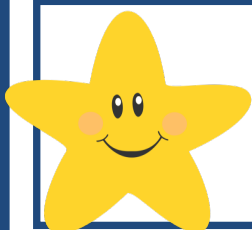
The first we did was research how brds make their nests. Secondly, we designed some nests and decided on our best one to make. We then went outside to gather natural materials to make our nest for Betty. Our next step now is to evaluate how well our nests are. Here is some of our work.



*Ravi and Joshua - "We enjoyed working in a team to build our nest".*

*Jacob, Lily-Mae and Esme - "We loved gathering the materials and putting them together".*

*Petra and Kora - "We enjoyed designing our nests for Betty".*



**Star of the week:** Kora. Kora has been working very hard and has made impressive progress with her reading. Kora you are a delight in year 2. Bendigedig!

## Blwyddyn 3

This week B13 had the pleasure of visiting Bristol Aquarium. We had lots of fun using our aquarium activity booklets, completing word searches and finding out new facts. We saw lots of fish, lobsters, sharks, eels and starfish! We used our activity books to name and spot the difference between animals. In numeracy this week, we have been putting our column addition method to the test using money. We used our knowledge of Countries to identify what essential items we would buy for our trip around the World. Together, we discussed using Welsh, to agree and disagree with each other's items.



**Deklan- "I saw a big lobster".**

**Niamh- "I enjoyed seeing the fish".**

**Oakley- "We saw starfish and a big eel".**

**Rose- "I chose sunglasses because its hot in Spain".**

**Emma- "I bought an umbrella for Wales".**

**Sophie- "I enjoyed going to Bristol Aquarium".**

**Seren yr Wythnos:** This week in B13 our star of the week is Ala. She used her creative flare, to produce a beautiful wildlife design for our Eco project. We are so proud of you. Keep up the good work!



## Blwyddyn 4

Year 4 enjoying their trip to Bristol Aquarium.

Lois: "I enjoyed feeding the fish because we got a chance to see the fish eating their food. I learned that the star fish have eyes on the end of each of their legs".

Elliot: "I enjoyed seeing the unicorn fish and learned that sting rays have to constantly keep moving otherwise they won't be able to breathe".



Cassie: "My favourite fish was the dog-faced pufferfish. I learned that the male sea horse has the babies but the female sea horse carries the eggs".



Kuba: "My favourite fish we saw was the eel because when we walked through the tunnel it seemed to be following us. I learned that if you cut a star fish in half it will regenerate and clone itself to become two separate starfish".



**Seren yr Wythnos in Blwyddyn 4 this week : Freja**



Freja has worked extremely hard this week, asking lots of questions to further her learning in our topic 'blue abyss'. Da iawn Freja, keep it up!

## Blwyddyn 5

This week, blwyddyn 5 have been thinking about the Common Good and welcoming refugees to our school, city and country. We believe that we should love our neighbour as our self and Catholic Social Teaching helps us to see that loving our neighbour demands a commitment to social change and transformation: 'We profoundly belong together and are fundamentally dependent on one another'. We were set a challenge to work in pairs to create a welcome poster. What do you think of our work? How would you welcome someone seeking refuge?

**Charlie** "Everyone is our neighbour, no matter where they live so we should welcome everyone!"

**Leo** "I was excited to complete the art challenge when I found out what we were doing."



**Oliver** "I was excited to draw a refugee welcome poster. In the future we may get a refuge at our school."

**Harri** "We should love everyone, as the Good Samaritan loved."  
**Maya** "Everyone should be loved, like Jesus loves everyone!"



**Seren yr wythnos this week is:** Charlie. "What mature thinking you showed in our Religion teaching today when we reflected on the Catholic Social Teaching and Common Good. You explained we are citizens of the world and so we should love one another as Jesus taught us".

## Blwyddyn 6

### Crucial Crew Trip

This week Bl6 took part in a variety of workshops as part of the Crucial Crew trip. The pupils took part in a variety of interactive workshops focused on safety. The children worked with South Wales Police, Lifeguards, the fire service and transport agencies.



**Archie** - "I now understand about air turbulence and how you can be sucked onto a train track if you stand too close".  
**Tiana** - "I found out the number for Child line".  
**Lolly** - "I found out that electricity can jump 3 metres".



**Star of the week:** Da iawn to Thomas this week for all of his learning efforts. Thomas, you always engage in lessons, enjoy a challenge and contribute during our discussions. Keep up all of your hard work.



# Seren Yr Wythnos

Nursery - Adaline & Michelle

Reception– Dorian

Year 1– Anna

Year 2– Kora

Year 3– Ala

Year 4– Freja

Year 5– Charlie

Year 6—Thomas



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