



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

11th Hydref 2024

Events this half term

Date	Year Grp	Event	Time
11.10.24	N -Y6	'The Wizard of Oz' pantomime	9.15am
14.10.24	Rec and Y6	Buddy film night	3.30-4.45
18.10.24	w/s	Show racism the Red Card. W/S wear red	All day
19.10.24	W/S	Mass at St Philip Evans Church	5:15pm
21.10.24	W/S	Individual and family photos	All day
22/23.10.24	W/S	Parents Evening	3.30-6pm
23.10.24	Y6	Class Assembly	9.15am
25.10.24		INSET DAY	8.30-3.30
HALF TERM 28.10.24 - 01.11.24			

Thank you to all our families that brought food items in for our harvest collection. We had bags and bags to take to the food bank in St Philip Evans church. Some of our Mini Vinnie went to the church, to personally hand the food over and were lucky enough to talk to Tracy who runs the whole operation. This is what they wrote about their experience: *On Wednesday, the Mini Vinnies from B15/6 went to the Food Bank to drop off food from the Harvest collection. We met a kind lady called Tracy who was in charge. She has been there for almost 15 years! Tracy showed us around and explained what they do in the food bank.*



She told us that the main distribution centre gives out 10 tonnes of food a week. There are seven distribution centres in Cardiff and the one at St Philip Evans gets about 1 to 2 tonnes a week. All the cans and packets have to be dated so they know which needs to go out first. Bags of food are prepared depending on the amount of people in a family. Vouchers are shown that you can get from the centre and lists are kept to know what food can be given to each family. We felt very privileged to know that St Bernadette's was able to make a small difference in the lives of people in our local community.

Pope Francis has invited us all to come closer to God through the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples. Next year, 2025 is a jubilee year, a special year of celebration. The year will focus on celebrating our faith and ensuring that the poor and in need are supported. We have been called upon to make this year a prayerful and prayer fuelled time of preparation for the church's jubilee.



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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Memory tree

Tea & Coffee

Raffle



Cake



Choir performance

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

9.00AM - 10.00AM

St Bernadette's Primary School



CAFOD
Just one world





Dear Parent/Guardian,

We want to draw your attention to the online reading resource that we use at St Bernadette's.

Bug Club combines printed books with interactive eBooks that promote and enthuse children to read. The online books are colourful, diverse and offer a range of both fiction and non-fiction options for your child. This resource is used within Guided Group Reading sessions in school, and offer a fun and engaging way to develop reading and comprehension skills.

Your child has their own unique login which has been shared by the class teacher enabling you to access this fantastic resource at home. If you have any issues accessing Bug Club, please contact the school where a member of staff will be happy to help you.

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Asda Cashpot for Schools

Asda have announced that it is making millions of pounds available to UK primary schools by encouraging families to use its loyalty programme – Asda Rewards.

In a game changing new campaign, fronted by Joe Wicks, the supermarket is offering to donate 0.5% of the value of any shop done at Asda until 30th November 2024 to customers' primary school of choice – when they shop using Asda Rewards.



The supermarket is kicking off each school fund with £50 and offering to top up with an extra £1 for every customer that selects their school. The retailer is projecting to donate around £7.5m through the campaign.

The new initiative is a first for the loyalty market – allowing users to select their own benefactor and raise unlimited funds, simply by using their loyalty app – and with no impact on their own Cashpot earnings.

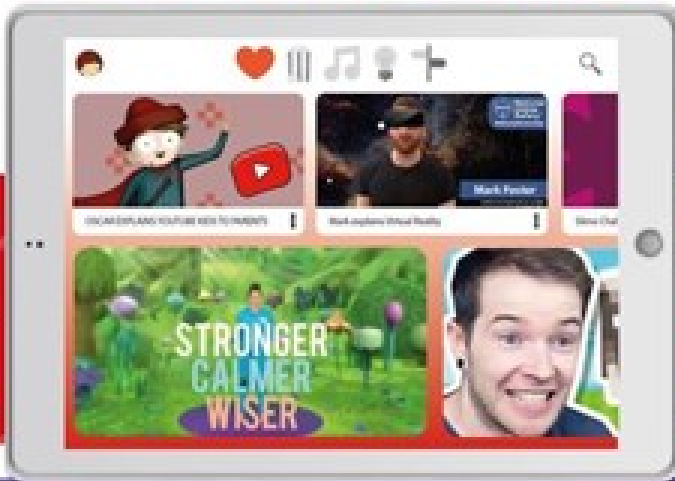
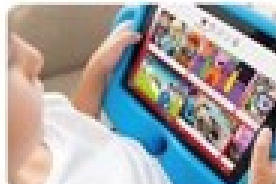
The next time you shop at Asda please select St Bernadette's Primary School on you Asda app and you can start earning for our school straightaway!



Although children of all ages often watch YouTube content directly via the website or main YouTube app, YouTube itself states that the only place children should be watching its videos is in the YouTube Kids app.



8 things parents need to know about YOUTUBE KIDS



1 SETTING UP

- To set up the YouTube Kids app you need to do the following:
1. Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your YouTube account.
 2. Specify your child's Name, Age and Birth Month.
 3. Select the types of videos to include in the app based on their age or select them yourself.
 4. If you choose to Approve Content yourself you will be presented with small sample videos to accept or reject. You can select collections, shows, music or learning.
 5. Once chosen you are ready to use the app.

2 USING THE APP

Based on how you have set it up your child can then use the app to explore a safe set of videos. It's worth noting that YouTube Kids uses algorithms to ensure safe videos rather than a personal check, so it's possible for videos to slip through. If an inappropriate video does appear you can select the menu in the top right to block and report it. This not only helps your child but also improves the YouTube Kids app as a whole.

3 ADVERTISEMENTS

It's worth remembering that even in YouTube Kids, children will still see adverts. These are marked as 'Ad' and preceded by an ad intro. The types of advertisements and products are checked to follow YouTube's advertising policies which exclude things like food and beverages. However, there can be toys or other items included in videos directly by creators themselves to advertise them, a few can remove adverts in YouTube Kids, like the main YouTube, by subscribing to YouTube Premium. This also has the added benefit that you can download videos for offline viewing, you can also watch videos in the background while using other apps. This can be really useful if you have a long journey to take children on.

As with television adverts or bus stop posters, it's a good idea to talk to children about how adverts work and help them to recognise them. In my family, I remember pointing out the grinning children, added sound and light effects and exciting narration in TV ads. It's important to do this for other forms of advertising as well. It's important to understand how YouTube Kids collects information about your child's viewing and how this relates to advertising and video content. When they watch a video, the device, language, which videos they watch and searches they make are recorded. This is used to help suggest personalised content. It can also be used to serve contextual advertising, although the app does not allow interest-based advertising or remarketing.

4 SELECTING GREAT CONTENT

One of the best features on YouTube Kids is the ability to select channels, videos or collections of videos for your child to enjoy. This is a great opportunity to sit with your child and better understand what they want to watch. Are there particular topics or themes that resonate? Then you can check through different options in this area, and together with them choose the best matching channels.

The YouTube Kids app also enables you to disable the Search feature to avoid young children stumbling upon content designed for older viewers. The app also enables videos from inappropriate channels being suggested to watch next. If you have selected content for your child only those will come up. If you have set an age limit, only videos deemed appropriate for that age will be suggested.

5 VIEWING TIME

There are a number of ways you can administer how long a child can watch YouTube videos in a day. In the YouTube Kids app, you can set a timer before handing your child the smartphone or tablet. Once the time has run out the video will be paused.

You can also set limits on iPhones and iPads in the Screen Time section of the Settings. This not only enables you to see how long they play but, specify how and when they can do this. You can apply similar limits on Android devices via the Family Link app settings. Other systems like the 'Circle' system or features built into your Internet Router enable you to set limits across multiple devices which can be useful as children will often cruise to another smartphone, tablet or smart TV once their time has run out on their device.

As well as helping younger children not watch longer than is healthy, this is a good tool for discussion with older kids. Discuss together how long is appropriate to watch in a day and then agree on the limits. This ensures they see them as helpful rather than being policed.

6 RESTRICTIONS

As well as using the YouTube Kids app, you can also set up restrictions on other ways your family watches YouTube. Ensure you are logged in when using YouTube and turn on Restricted Mode in your User Profile. You can also set this at the bottom of the video page by clicking Restricted Mode On. Ensure that you also click the Lock Restricted Mode on this browser to ensure so that other users can't turn it off.

7 WATCHING TOGETHER

Another good way to keep YouTube viewing positive is to spend time finding channels and content that your child will enjoy and benefit from. In my family, we each get together once a month and share each other our favourite videos from the last four weeks. This not only sparks conversations about what we've watched but enables us to share the things we've enjoyed watching.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

For younger children, you can use the YouTube Kids app to keep tabs on what they have been watching. Tap on the Recommended icon on the top of the home screen and then swipe right. You will see videos with the play button on them and a red bar at the bottom. These are the videos your child has watched. Anywhere the bar at the bottom is mostly black is a video your child has skipped.



Meet our expert

Andy Robertson is a parent of three children and journalist who writes for national newspapers and broadcast television. His Taming Gaming book helps parents guide children to healthy play.



Criw Cymraeg

Dyma Criw Cymraeg 2024-2025, ready to get to work



Next week we celebrate Shwmae Day on Wednesday. We will lead our first assembly of the year to share all the ways we can greet each other in Welsh

Diwrnod Shwmae Su'mae - Dydd Mercher 16ed Hydref 2024

Can you greet others yn Cymraeg? Why not try to see how many you can use.

**Her Gymraeg
Wythnosol
Seren a Sbarc**

Dewch i gwrdd â ffrindiau newydd
Seren a Sbarc!

*Come and meet Seren and Sbarc's
new friends!*



**Seren & Sbarc's
Weekly
Cymraeg Challenge**



Shwmae!
Lloer ydw i.



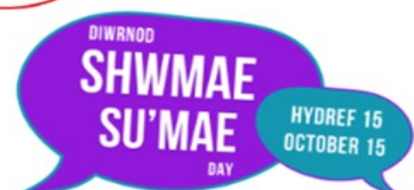
Storm ydw i.
Shwmae!



Shwmae!
Taran ydw i.

Cofiwch gyfarch ffrindiau hen a newydd
yn Gymraeg ar Ddiwrnod Shwmae eleni.

Remember to greet friends, old and new, in Cymraeg
on Shwmae Day this year.



Meithrin

It's been a busy week in nursery! We have been talking about how we can help keep Gods word beautiful. We talked about putting rubbish in the bin, walking to school and planting flowers.

We have also been drawing jungle animals using pastels on black card. Here are some of our pictures.



Stars of the week: Lola & Marlo.

Lola is trying really hard with her singing on the carpet and joining in with our counting rhymes.

Marlo has settled well into nursery and is making new friends. He is getting more confident in counting and joining in with rhymes.



Derbyn

This week we have been discussing our dreams and goals. We thought about what we would like to do when we grow up and drew pictures of ourselves doing our dream job when we are older. We

read about an astronaut called Mae Jemison. Mae was upset because her teacher told her she should be a nurse when she was older when she really wanted to be an astronaut. Mae worked very hard and became a chemical engineer and astronaut. Mae Jemison became the first African American woman to travel to space.



'I want to be an archaeologist' Arthur

'I want to be an astronaut like Mae' Isabelle

'I want to be a ballerina' Shania

'I want to be a mechanic' Gracie



Stars of the week: Elianna, Taurus and Henri have really impressed us with their super listening skills and for trying their best in all activities. They have particularly impressed us in Jigsaw sessions with their thoughtful contributions to discussions. Bendigedig!

Blwydynn 1

Bl 1 have been using natural materials to develop their understanding of the number line and more than and less than this week. We were introduced to symbols representing more and less and used these to represent numbers outdoors.

We also spent some time reflecting on the words of the Lords Prayer. We thought about what it means to us and how it can help us through both good and bad times.

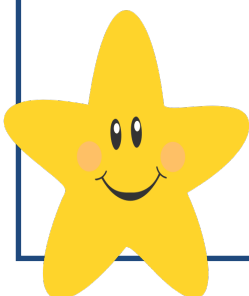
"I like saying the prayer in the hall." - Alfie

"Hallowed means Holy." - Nyra

"God is in heaven so that's why we say heaven." - Ryan

"God is our Father." - Ezekiel.

We created our own picture frames using a repeated pattern and placed the Lords Prayer inside for us to hang in our homes.



Star of the Week: Isla H - Isla H has worked so hard in her maths and literacy this week. She is making every step to improve her hand-writing and is challenging herself to work with bigger numbers. Keep up the fantastic work Isla. Bendigedig!

Blwyddyn 2

**Bug Club is an online reading library that has great books at your reading level.
You get rewards for reading and answering bug questions.
Reading builds self-confidence and supports healthy habits.
Reading gives you better social and emotional skills.
Reading can give you better wellbeing and self-esteem.**

This is what the children said:

Lilly-Mae, "It's fun and you learn things. Doing a wordsearch helps you learn your words better."



Maddie, "I sound out words."
Alex, "I like doing the sound cards every day."



Jacob J, "If you don't learn to read in school it will be difficult when you are older."
Lucas, "I like pirate books."
Amina, "I like Biff and Chip books."



Star of the week is: Jozef thoroughly deserves to be this week's Seren Yr Wythos. You have had a great week showing improved listening, development in your maths skills and a real desire to please and do the right thing. Well done Jozef!

Blwyddyn 3

This week BI3 have been looking at different ways to present data. We have used bar charts and pie charts to show our results. Using our data we discussed the different creatures we found in our local area and their habitat.

In numeracy, we have been building upon our knowledge of place value. Using our place value mats we have been looking at adding numbers to ones, tens and hundreds. We challenged ourselves further by adding thousands!

In literacy, we have enjoyed creating our own similes using our topic book.



Mia- "The rubber duck is as bright as the sun".

Elinor- "The helmet is as shiny as the stars".

Oakley- "The rat is as fluffy as a pillow".

Dylan- "The rat is as long as a ruler".

Ala- "The water was as cold as ice".

Rafael- "The rubber duck was as yellow as a banana".



Seren yr Wythnos: This week in BI3 our star of the week is Lola. Lola produced some thoughtful answers when discussing our Creation topic. Using St John's Gospel, Lola was able to identify the importance of the Holy Trinity. Da iawn.

Blwyddyn 4

As part of our Blue Abyss topic, year 4 have been comparing, sorting and grouping living things from a range of environments. We looked at different ways we can sort them, including; type, diet, habitat, ocean and adaptations.



PIC-COLLAGE

Johanna: "I am enjoying learning about the blue abyss. It was fun matching the different sea creatures in different ways".

Serena: "I enjoyed learning about different sea animals. I learnt lots of different names of sea animals and that they live in different oceans and seas".

Ahmed: "I like learning about the Blue Abyss because there are lots of different sea creatures I have never seen before, like the puffer fish and the starfish".

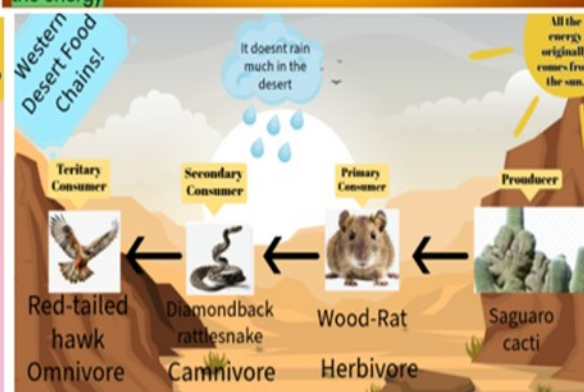
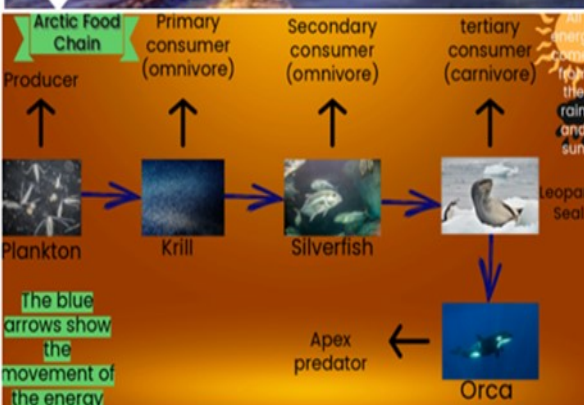
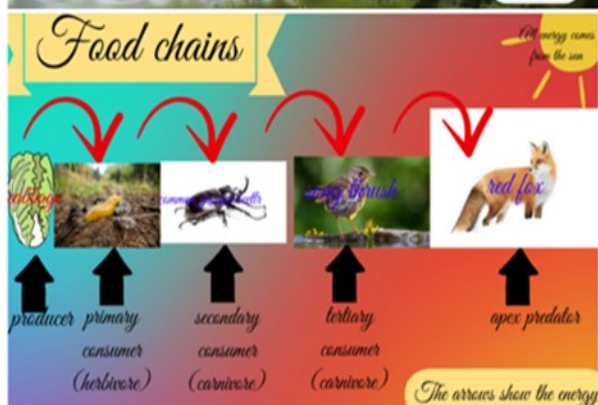
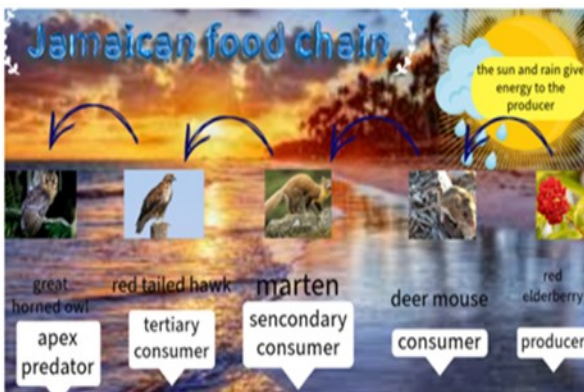


Seren yr Wythnos in Blwyddyn 4 this week : Lois

Lois has been working extremely hard in all areas of her learning, especially in Numeracy. Lois is choosing an extra challenge with her work to improve each lesson. Da iawn Lois, keep it up!

Blwyddyn 5

This week we have been exploring UK food chains of Living Things in allotments, farms and rural areas as part of our topic 'Sow, Grow, Farm'.



We used Adobe Express to present our food chains, using key vocabulary such as, producer, consumer and apex predator. We then compared our food chain to others in another locations in the world.



Seren yr wythnos this week is: Harri B who has been a fantastic role model for everyone this week. He is kind, respectful and helpful to his classmates and teachers, and he never fails to make us smile and laugh with his sense of humour. Diolch Harri a da iawn!

Blwyddyn 6

CAFOD Cake Sale

On Thursday the pupils in B16 organised and ran a cake sale to raise money for CAFOD. We designed posters to advertise the event.



Litter Pick

As part of our work in R.E, we have been thinking about taking care of our environment. We took part in a class litter pick around the school grounds. Laudato Si' is a letter from Pope Francis, teaching us about caring for our common home. We were inspired to think more about how we can help others and take care of our world.



Star of the week: Llongyfarchiadau to Lilah for her efforts this week.

Lilah, you wowed us with your big write, using a variety of sentence starters and alliteration to improve your work. Da iawn and keep up all of your hard work!



Seren Yr Wythnos

Nursery - Lola & Marlo

Reception—Eliana, Taurus & Henri

Year 1— Isla H

Year 2— Jozef

Year 3— Lola

Year 4— Lois

Year 5— Harri B

Year 6—Lilah





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for children aged 4-11

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