



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

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### CURIOUS AND ACTIVE



The two virtues that we are covering this half term at St Bernadette's Pupil are: **Curious** and **Active**.

**CURIOUS:** - Finding out about the universe and all human activity, and taking increasing responsibility for our own learning.

We are asking questions; listening and paying attention; finding out more - researching; reading; trying something new; exploring

**ACTIVE:** - Being an active participant in the life of the school, the Church, and the wider community.

We are making a positive contribution; being helpful; volunteering for jobs; acting responsibly; showing we can be trusted; making a difference - in school, in church at home and to charities.

Pope Francis said: "The universe unfolds in God ... The ideal is ...to discover God in all things." Pope Francis, Laudato Si' (2015) n.223

Grant, gentle Father, that your Spirit may keep us curious and active to always want to find things out and make the world around us a better place for everyone. Amen.

At St Bernadette's we are growing to be Curious about everything; and Active in our engagement with the world, changing what we can for the better.

Our mission is: To think globally and act locally, Get involved

Change what we can for the time being, using what we have learned.

**BY BEING ACTIVE AND CURIOUS. CHILDREN AT ST BERNADETTE'S CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!**



### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children that were awarded with certificates for following our last half terms virtues in June-July. Llongyfarchiadau for being **LEARNED** and **WISE** go to: **Rec: Shania and Victoria, BI1: Ryan and Isla Mae, BI2: Ravi and Lucas, BI3: Frankie and Rose, BI4: Ahmed and Maisie, BI5: Harri and Ella and BI6: Ralph and Maggie**

Please go your child's Google classroom page to access the curriculum leaflet showing what your child will be covering in class this term. If you have any difficulties at all accessing Google Classroom, then please speak to your child's teacher or contact the office straight away. Lots of information specifically about your child's class, as well as activities and homework will be posted on the classroom pages.



The two virtues, **CURIOUS** and **ACTIVE** link in with this week's, Senedd week – how we can *find out more*, and *make a positive contribution*. The children have been busy preparing speeches, letters and presentations and voting for our 2024-25 Senedd. This year our Senedd will include: our School Council, Active Citizens Council, Minnie Vinnies, and Criw Cymraeg. Bl6 will be busy, as they are also voting for our Head Boy/Head girl and our house captains. We wish everyone the very best and look forward to announcing names in the next couple of weeks.

## First Holy Communion in St Philip Evans Church

[sphilipevans.co.uk/holy-communion](http://sphilipevans.co.uk/holy-communion)

Applications for the next 2 cycles of First Holy Communion open this weekend.

Preparation run on **Tuesday Evenings** is from 6 to 7 pm. There will be sessions for **children & their parents** in the church, starting Tuesday 24th September to 15th October 2024, with First Reconciliation on Tuesday 12th November.

The group on **Saturday mornings** will meet from 10 am to 11 am. The Saturday sessions will be for **children & their parents** in the church from Saturday 28th September to 19th October 2024. First Reconciliation will be on Saturday 16th November.

The First Holy Communion Masses for children on these cycles will take place the weekend of 16th or 17th November 2024.

These courses are the last of the catch-up courses and are only for those children in Years 4 – 6 of the new school year. Year 3 children will need to wait until next year when the Parish decides the format of future courses.

Application forms for both cycles are available from Deacon Steve or Fr Keith after any Mass. When picking up a form you will need to state if you wish to be part of the Tuesday evening or Saturday morning group.

Please note:

- Completed forms should be returned to Teresa in the parish office. You may post the form through the presbytery letterbox and the form will be collected from there.
- Spaces will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis.

If you have any questions, please talk to Deacon Steve or Fr Keith after Mass or contact Teresa in the Parish Office.



## 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!**

## Meithrin

Tis week we have been reading “The Colour Monster” and talking to each other about our different emotions. We have also been enjoying lots of fun craft activities.



We have been learning the nursery routine and making lots of new friends.



### Stars of the week: Cienna-Mae & Oliver

Cienna –Mae has settled very well into nursery and is making new friends. She is keeping us entertained with her big personality.

Oliver has also settled in very well into our new nursery routines. And has made lots of new friends. Da iawn Cienna-Mae and Oliver!

# Derbyn



**Starry Night**  
This week we have been exploring the painting *Starry Night* and thought about what the sky looks like at night. We created our own version of the picture by using crayons and water colours to create a wax resist picture.



We practiced our creativity skills by making our own version of the picture using loose parts.



**Stars of the week:** Grace has impressed us with her kind and caring nature. She's always keen to help the children and the adults in the classroom. Da iawn Grace!

# Blwyddyn 1

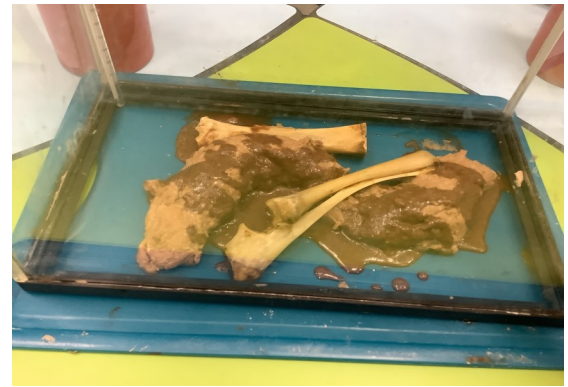
Bl 1 have settled extremely well into their new class. They are working hard to understand and follow the new routines of the class and are making both Mrs McFarland and Miss McLaughlin feel very proud.

Bl 1 were very shocked and surprised to find that someone or something had left us a very unusual and smelly gift after lunch on Thursday! It was brown, sticky, smelly and had bones inside! We wondered what it could be. Could it belong to a dog? A person? Or could it possibly belong to a Dinosaur? We got to work investigating 'poo' using the iPads and fact books. We discovered that whoever had left the unusual gift was likely to be a carnivore as they enjoy eating meat. We also discovered that it had to be a large animal as it was a rather large portion!

"I think it might be a Rhino because a Rhino is really big." - Joshua

"I think it could be from a T-Rex because they like to eat other Dinosaurs." - Imogen

"I think it might be an elephant because they are very tall." - Ryan.



Keep an eye out on twitter for further updates...



**Star of the week:** Alfie - Alfie has shown great resilience this week. He was feeling slightly nervous to start off the week, especially coming into a new class with new teachers. However, he has shared his feelings with us and has overcome them. He has had a great week and has settled extremely well into Year 1 life. We are very proud of you Alfie!

## Blwyddyn 2

Bl2 have made a wonderful start to life in Year 2. It's been such a busy week starting our new topic, Scented Garden. We explored our school garden areas, painted sunflowers, read Jack and the Beanstalk and role played the story in our puppet theatre area. In our literacy we had fun describing the things from the story.

Amina said "the clods were moving".

Jewel said "there were cotton candy clouds".

Albert said "the egg was shiny".

Harri described the harp as "musical".

Kiyah described Jack as "brave".

Petra said, "the wooden axe chopped down the massive beanstalk".



**Star of the week is: Kali who persevered at learning her spellings. Well done Kali, trying your best and keeping on trying is such a great characteristic!**

## Blwyddyn 3


Da iawn to all B13 pupils this week. You have settled into Year 3 exceptionally well and have shown a real eagerness to your learning.



This week we have been exploring our new topic, One Planet, Our World. We have started to look at our key topic words, shared our planning ideas and started to look at our new story book, 'The Street Beneath my Feet'.



In Science, we have been looking at living and non-living things. Using the I pads, we have been exploring our school grounds and captured lots of living things. As a group, we have started to think about how we group and sort animals.

 Seren yr Wythnos: This week in B13 our star of the week is Ashton. He has challenged his literacy learning, using a range of adjectives in our new topic. Da iawn. A great start to Year 3.

## Blwyddyn 4

Year 4 have been listening to Mark 10 mission this week, thinking about the question 'who is Jesus?'. We have discussed who Jesus is to us, how we hear Jesus speaking to us and how we build and maintain our relationship with Jesus.



Elliot – “Jesus asked his disciples who they thought Jesus was, the disciples were worried to answer as they did not want to get the wrong answer. Peter told Jesus he thought he was ‘The christ’”.

Marnie – “Our mission going forward is to recognise who Jesus is to us and to show our respect to him”.

Cassie – “I have learnt from this Mark 10 session that it doesn’t matter if you get something wrong, all that matters is that you tried your best”.

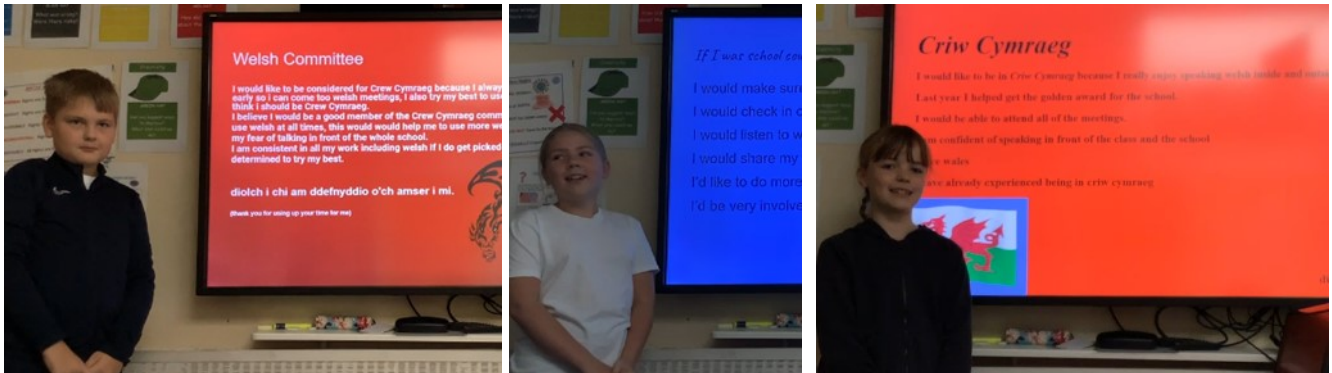


**Seren yr Wythnos in Blwyddyn 4 this week : Esme P**

Esme always enters the classroom with an infectious smile and a positive mind set. Esme gives 100% in all areas of her learning and is always looking for ways to improve.

## Blwyddyn 5

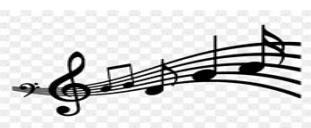
Croeso nôl! Welcome back! What a fantastic start we have had in Blwyddyn 5. The children have been full of positivity, enthusiasm and determination since returning from their summer holidays. Already we have started our Kinetic Theatre Arts programme, planned our new Topic 'Sow, Grow, Farm' which is all about allotments, farming and agriculture, and the children have presented their applications for the Senedd groups. Da iawn, keep up the hard work! Please take a look at a little snapshot of our week below.



**Seren yr wythnos this week is:** All of Blwyddyn 5 this week. It has been impossible to choose one or two children as they have all made the best start to the year. We are so excited for what is to come!

## Blwyddyn 6

We are delighted to welcome our Year 6 pupils. This week we have been busy planning our ideas for our first topic 'Frozen Kingdoms'. Here are a few examples from our pupil voice planning.



Many congratulations to Seb in our class, who found out the wonderful news that he received a distinction in Grade 1 oboe during the holidays!



**Star of the week:** Llongyfarchiadau to all of our Bl6 pupils, you have all worked very hard to settle into our new classroom.



# Seren Yr Wythnos

Nursery - Cienna-Mae & Oliver

Reception– Grace

Year 1– Alfie

Year 2– Kali

Year 3– Ashton

Year 4– Esme P

Year 5– All of Year 5

Year 6 - All of Year 6



# Parents Connect Wales Photo Competition Launch

'What makes your family/special/unique/different?'

We wish to share a photo competition opportunity from our Parents Connect Wales team. It is open to all parents with children under the age of 18, this competition acknowledges that all families are different: '**For Every Family**'. The closing date for this is Friday 4th October. All you have to do is take a photo showing 'What makes your family/special/unique/ different?' and you will be entered into a prize draw to **win a £50 Amazon voucher**.

Please supply a short caption or title for the photo and send them to [parentsconnect@childreninwales.org.uk](mailto:parentsconnect@childreninwales.org.uk). <https://www.childreninwales.org.uk/news/parents-connect-wales-photo-competition-launch/>








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