



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 Mawrth 2026**

# Eisteddfod



Our school community came together on Tuesday to mark St David's Day with a joyful Eisteddfod celebration. It was wonderful to see pupils and staff dressed in their cultural clothing, creating a vibrant display of pride and heritage across the school. The atmosphere truly reflected the spirit of the day.

As part of the celebrations, we announced the winners of our annual competitions, which included singing, handwriting, poetry, and art. Throughout the event, pupils sang, recited poetry, and showcased their talents, making it a memorable occasion for everyone involved and culminated in the chairing of our Bardd!

A huge congratulations to Castell Caernarfon, this year's overall winners! Their hard work and enthusiasm shone through in every category.

Thank you to all pupils, families, and staff for helping make this year's Eisteddfod such a special celebration of culture, creativity, and community.

We would also like to take the time to thank our judges who joined us on the day. Your enthusiasm and involvement was a great addition.





### Summer First Holy Communion sessions:

The next First Holy Communion sessions will be taking place after Easter. Sessions are open to all pupils in year 3 in the 25/26 school year and any older children who still wish to take their first Communion.

Sessions will run on Tuesday's from 6pm and Saturday's from 4:15pm.

The sessions will typically last between 30-45 minutes. Sessions begin on Tuesday 14th April and Saturday 18th April for 5 weeks at the times above. Children will need to attend mass every weekend during the duration of the course. If you have any further questions then please email Teresa (the parish secretary): [llanederyn@cardiffmenevia.org](mailto:llanederyn@cardiffmenevia.org)

First Holy Communion dates will be spread over two weekends, the 23rd/24<sup>th</sup> May and the 30th/31st of May. Contact Teresa the church secretary for a form to enrol your child onto the above courses.

## ART EXHIBITION REMINDER

Dear Parents and Carers,



We are delighted to invite you to a very special exhibition celebrating your children's creativity and their exploration of Welsh art.

Over the past few weeks, the children have been studying the work of inspiring Welsh artists such as Kyffin Williams, Rhiannon Roberts and Dorian Spencer. They have experimented with different techniques, colours and styles to create their own unique pieces inspired by these remarkable artists.

We are incredibly proud of the imagination, effort and enthusiasm they have shown, and we would love for you to come and see their wonderful artwork on display.

During the exhibition, you will also have the opportunity to purchase your child's artwork. Professional framing will be available so you can treasure their masterpiece for years to come.

**Date: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2—MONDAY 23rd MARCH**

**Date: Years 3- Year 6—THURSDAY 26th MARCH**

**Time: 3:20 School Hall**

## Meithrin

We are super proud of all the Nursery children this week!

We had a wonderful **St David's Day celebration** and joined the rest of the school in the hall to take part in the competitions and festivities. The children did an amazing job sharing their **folk dancing, singing, and art** as part of the celebration.

It was lovely to see their confidence, creativity and enthusiasm shining through. Da iawn everyone!



**Nursery Star of the week:** Teyon is new to our Early Years area and has settled in extremely well. He has quickly become a wonderful asset to the class. Teyon contributes beautifully to our circle times and story sessions and always shows a positive attitude to learning. He really is an all-rounder—well done, Teyon!

## Derbyn



This week in Reception we have been busy celebrating the Eisteddfod and St David's Day. We enjoyed listening to the story of Saint David and learning about why he is such an important figure in Wales. We talked



about his special message to "do the little things" and have been thinking carefully about how we can do little things to help others, whether that's being kind, sharing, or using good manners. The children worked very hard making St David's Day cards and creating bright, cheerful daffodils, taking great care with their handwriting and artwork. They have also been putting in a fantastic effort both in school and at home, practising and performing their recitations with confidence, creating wonderful artwork, making impressive castles, taking photographs, and enjoying lots of singing and dancing together. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, creativity and kindness throughout this special celebration.



### Stars of the Week: Ahmad & Cienna



Bruno - **Bruno** for his excellent attitude to his learning this week. He has shown great focus and determination, especially with his writing, always trying his best and taking pride in his work. Keep up the fantastic effort, Bruno – we are so proud of how hard you are working!



Zeliha - **Zeliha** for her wonderful confidence during our class discussions. She has been eager to share her ideas and answers. Zeliha also comes into school each day with a big, cheerful smile, spreading positivity around the classroom.

## Blwydynn 1

This week in Year 1, we have been exploring the idea that while we all have things in common, we are also wonderfully different. Our learning has focused on recognising, valuing, and celebrating what makes each of us unique.

We listened to the story *The New Girl*, which helped us think about how people can feel when they are new or different. The children had thoughtful discussions about what they share with others—such as hobbies, favourite foods, or family traditions—as well as the ways in which their lives and experiences are different.

The children explored:

- What we have in common with our classmates
- How people around the world live in different ways
- Why our differences make our class a more interesting and welcoming place
- How we can show kindness and appreciation to others

These conversations helped the children build empathy and confidence in expressing who they are.



To celebrate our differences, the children created *appreciation flowers* for one another. Each flower included kind words about a classmate—something they admire, enjoy, or appreciate about them. It was wonderful to see how proud the children were to give and receive such thoughtful messages.

The classroom has been full of positivity, encouragement, and smiles!



**Seren Yr Wythnos:** Aaliyah – Aaliyah has grown in resilience and is a ball of energy in the class. She brings nothing but positivity and warmth to all staff and children in the class and we are grateful for her each day. Bendigedig Aaliyah!

## Blwydynn 2

This week Year 2 celebrated the Eisteddfod. They sang, danced, and watched the finalists compete for their house points. Well done to all those who took part.



**Star of the Week: Albie for working really hard in all subjects and excelling in his reading test! Da iawn, Albie!**

## Blwyddyn 3

Bl3 have had another superb week of celebrating and learning. Congratulations to all the winners for the Eisteddfod competitions, we are SO proud of you. The beautiful weather encouraged to get outside and use the playground to help us learn some computational thinking. First, we drew as many shapes as we could that had right angles. There were lots! Second, we drew them on the playground making sure they were big enough to walk around. Finally, we wrote algorithms for the shapes and debugged if there were any mistakes, there were!



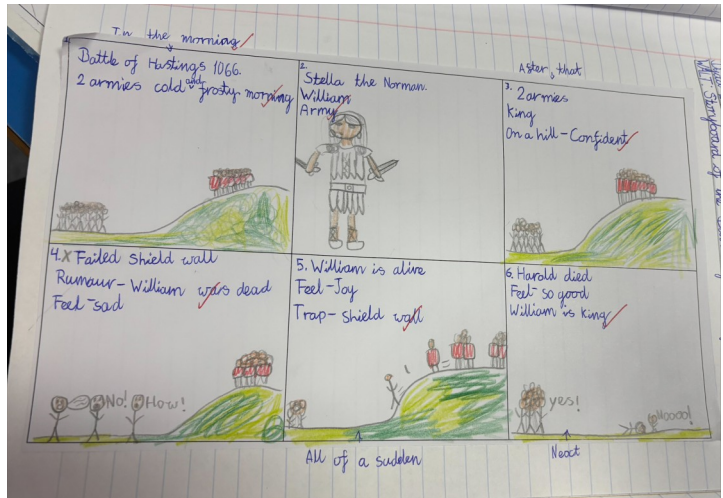
It was so much fun! To finish the day off we marched like Romans with our shields and made the tortoise formation to protect ourselves.



**Stars of the week:** Noah! Congratulations Noah on a very well deserved star of the week. Each day your work 100% and try your best. It is always a pleasure to mark your work. Diolch yn fawr 🌟

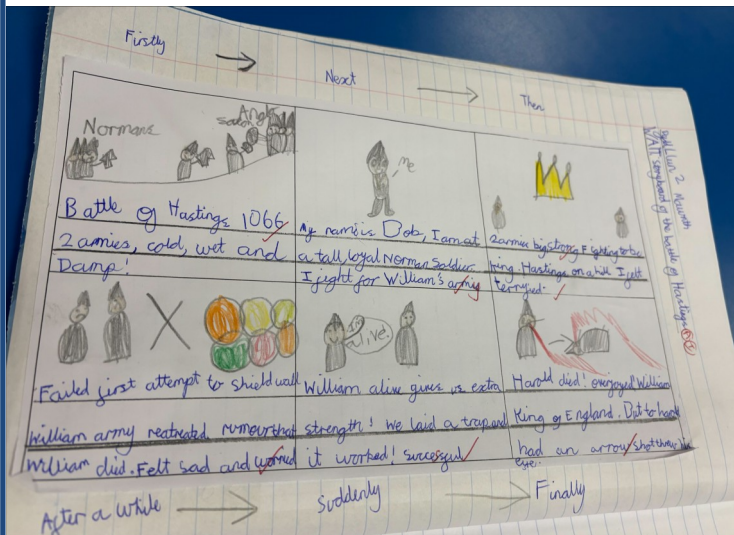
## Blwydynn 4

This week in Year 4, we have been working extremely hard on creating our own stories about the Battle of Hastings. We used sensory sentences to help us imagine the scene, thinking carefully about what we might be able to see, hear, smell, taste and feel. The children shared their ideas with one another and supported each other by using our success criteria to improve their writing.



They particularly enjoyed including their own Norman character as part of the battle, which helped bring their stories to life.

On Tuesday, we thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our Eisteddfod. Year 4 showcased a wonderful range of talents, including singing, writing, dancing and performing. It was fantastic to see the confidence and enthusiasm from everyone involved. It was clear how much effort the children had put into preparing their entries.



In RE, we had some thoughtful and engaging discussions about the importance of Lent. The children reflected on what this special time means and created their own Lenten promises, thinking about ways they can show kindness, patience and generosity.



Star of the week: Audrey-May for her thoughtful and detailed answers in our RE lesson. She showed real depth in her understanding of Lent and explained her ideas clearly, using strong examples to support her thinking. Da iawn!

## Blwyddyn 5

Blwyddyn 5 have loved the last few weeks working on our Eisteddfod topic. We have delved deeper into 'Cynefin' and what that means to us all. Through art, music, dance, reading, recitation and poetry we have explored our creative talents and the work we have produced is something to be very proud of. Take a look at some of our pieces below.



Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 5 is Ola who has given 100% in all that she has done. She has fully immersed herself in our Eisteddfod tasks and celebrations and volunteered for all competitions. Ola gave a wonderful piano performance on the day displaying her talents bravely. Da iawn Ola!

## Blwyddyn 6

This week the pupils have continued to develop their sense of Cynefin through their celebration of their Welsh work.

We were really impressed with the engagement and creativity displayed in the home tasks. These included cooking, photography and making an Anderson shelter.



### Achievements outside of school

Gwaith da to this member of our class who took part in a triathlon last weekend!

Thank you for sharing your medal and talking about your achievements last Sunday.



### Seren yr Wythnos

Llongyfarchiadau to all of the pupils in BL6 for your enthusiasm and efforts during Welsh week and your final Eisteddfod at St Bernadette's.



# Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Teyon

Reception – Bruno and Zeliha

Year 1 – Aaliyah

Year 2 – Albie

Year 3 – Noah

Year 4 – Audrey-May

Year 5 – Ola

Year 6– All of Y6





# NEW STARTERS ENSEMBLES

From the first few notes to grade 1 standard  
All strings, brass and woodwind welcome

Just started learning your first instrument and want to start playing with others? Join one of our NEW Starters Ensembles - all beginners welcome!

SCAN ME!



## New locations:

LOCATION	DAY	TIME
CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE, CANTON	THURSDAYS	4-5PM
ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY, PENTWYN	MONDAYS	4-5PM
CARDIFF HIGH SCHOOL, CYNCOED	SATURDAYS	11AM - 12PM

Contact us [cfmusiceducation@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:cfmusiceducation@cardiff.gov.uk) for more information