



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**

**14th Tachwedd 2025**



This week, our Year 5 pupils led a thoughtful and moving Remembrance Assembly for the whole school. They helped us reflect on the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed, and they shared a powerful message about peace.



We learned that peace is not just the absence of conflict—it is the presence of joy, love, and kindness in our everyday lives. Through prayers, readings, reflections and songs, Year 5 reminded us that we can all play a part in creating a peaceful world by showing care and respect for one another.

Loving God,  
We believe you want to bring your  
peace to our homes, our  
communities and our world.  
Help us to be peacemakers,  
listening to and loving each other.

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**



Being peacemakers  
Promoting Peace

**Catholic Social Teaching**

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

We're excited to let you know that each week we'll be sharing a Welsh language challenge for you to enjoy at home with your child. These fun activities are a great way to practice Welsh together and help build confidence in using the language as a family.

We encourage you to take part, have fun, and make Welsh a part of your everyday routine. Whether it's learning a new phrase, singing a song, or playing a simple game – every little bit helps!

Diolch for your support

Consortium Canolbarth y De  
Central South Consortium

Gwasanaeth Addysg ar y Cyl  
Joint Education Service

Her Cymraeg  
Wythnosol  
CCD

CSC Weekly  
Welsh  
Challenge

Beth am wyllo rhaglen blant ar S4C? Cyw neu Stwnsh efallai?  
Wyt ti'n gallu ysgrifennu geiriau ac ymadroddion Cymraeg cyfarwydd?  
Beth am greu blog am y rhaglen?

mae'n bril/grêt/wiced/cŵl

mae'n ddoniol - it's funny

mae'n ddiddorol - it's interesting

mae'n gyffrous - it's exciting

mae'n hwyl - it's fun

mae'n dwp - it's silly

mae'n ych a fi

mae'n sbwriel - it's rubbish

mae'n ofnadwy - it's awful



*What about watching a children's programme on S4C? Cyw or Stwnsh maybe?  
Can you write down any words or phrases that you know in Welsh?  
What about creating a blog about the programme?*



## Christmas Fayre – Save the Date!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to let you know that our **Christmas Fayre will be held on Wednesday 3rd December**. It promises to be a fun-filled event for all the family, with plenty of festive cheer! We are now gratefully receiving **donations of raffle prizes and bottles for the tombola**. If you're able to contribute, please send items in with your child or drop them off at the school office.

Bottle donations can include alcohol ( to be handed to an adult) shampoo, conditioner, body cream, condiments etc.

If you're available to help out on the day or in the run-up to the event, we'd love to hear from you. Please let the office know if you can lend a hand.

Thank you for your continued support – we can't wait to celebrate the season together!

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

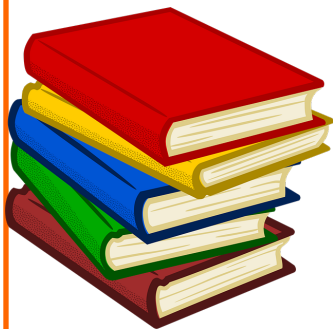
# Come to the BOOK FAIR

and earn FREE BOOKS  
for our school!



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## Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

We're excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be held at school from **Thursday 13th November to Thursday 20th November.**



### Opening Times:

- **Morning: 8:25 – 8:40**
- **After School: 3:20 – 3:35**

It's a wonderful opportunity for children to explore and purchase books they'll love. **Both cash and card payments** will be accepted. Thank you for supporting our school and encouraging a love of reading!

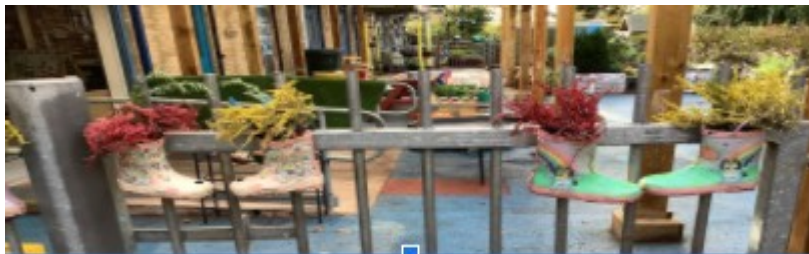
## Meithrin



This week, as part of our Eco Fortnight activities, we have been busy reusing and recycling old wellington boots in the nursery garden. First, we searched for matching wellies that had been misplaced around the garden. Then, we planted them with colourful heathers and fragrant herbs. The children enjoyed arranging the planted boots on the nursery gate to make it look bright and beautiful.



Through this activity, the children remembered *Sofia the Sloth*, who teaches us about *stewardship* - looking after God's world and caring for the environ-



### Stars of the week:

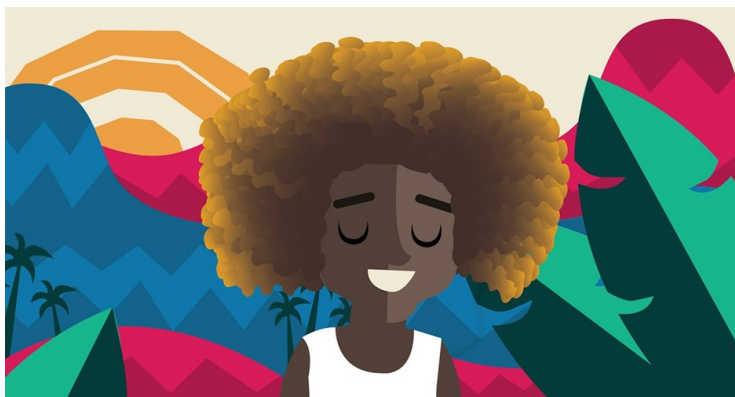


**Morning Nursery is:** Our morning *Star of the Week* is *Griff!* He is a shining example to all the children. Griff shows excellent listening and looking skills during story time, circle time, and Monster Phonics. He enjoys every part of the nursery morning and is a kind and thoughtful friend to everyone. Well done Griff



**Afternoon Nursery :** Our Afternoon star of the week is *Munyi* He is always keen to join in with all activities and gives his best effort every time. Munyi is an enthusiastic member of the class who always has a big smile on his face. He has lots of friends and a great sense of humour, making him a joy to have in nursery.

## Derbyn

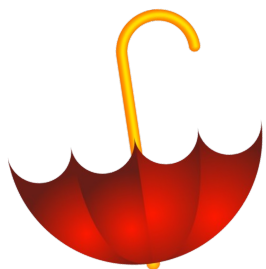


This week we have been designing our own water carriers for Kofi in the story 'Ghaniain Goldilocks' to help him transport water. We had lots of ideas of what we needed to use and we designed our different water carriers. We thought about how we could make them more eco friendly by reusing different items instead of throwing them away.

'You could use a bath' - Michelle

'You could use a big bucket' - Leo

'You could use a baby bath, because it is plastic it will keep the water in!' - Nancy



'I would use an upside down umbrella because it is waterproof and would be easy to carry with the handle' - Harrison

'It would need to be waterproof to keep the water in' - Delilah

'The water needs to stay in the bucket' - Joe

'You would need big handles to make it easy to carry' - Betsi



**Stars of the week: Elodie.** We have been so impressed with Elodie's attitude to all areas of learning, she's been keen to share her answers in class and has been working really hard to develop her letter formation both in focused activities and through the writing area in the enhanced provision. Da iawn Elodie!

## Blwydynn 1

This week has been very exciting in Year 1! After a whole week of investigating and planning, we finally made our very own bird feeders.

- We brought in **plastic bottles from home**.
  - We **carefully washed** them, so they were clean and safe.
  - We **cut holes** and **threaded string** through the bottles.
  - We added lots of **seeds** inside.
- Finally, we **hung them in the garden** ready for the birds to enjoy.



We are especially hoping that **Rachel the robin** will spot our feeders and come for a tasty snack. The children were so proud to see their hard work hanging in the garden, ready to help wildlife through the colder months.

This project taught us about **recycling**, **caring for nature**, and **working together** as a team. What a wonderful way to finish our week!



**Seren Yr Wythnos: Bryan** - This week we are celebrating Bryan for the fantastic progress he has made with his handwriting. His determination and effort have really paid off, and it's wonderful to see how much clearer and neater his writing has become. Bryan has shown that with perseverance and practice, great improvements can happen — and he should feel very proud of himself!

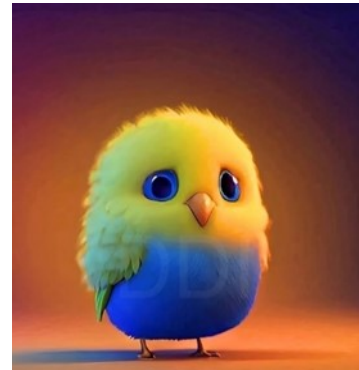
## Blwyddyn 2

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 thing we did was research how birds 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.




PIC-COLLAGES

*Ryan and Alfie - "We enjoyed working in a team to build our nest".*

*Joshua, Billie and Amelia - "We loved gathering the materials and putting them together".*

*Ephraim and Benji - "We enjoyed designing our nests for Betty".*

 Seren yr Wythnos: Nyra. Nyra is a wonderful little girl who always listens and works really hard. Nyra did some amazing work on Baptism. Bendigedig Nyra.

## Blwyddyn 3

Year 3 have been working on writing persuasive letters this week. We have looked at our UNCR, specifically article 31 'Every child has the right to relax and play'. We are focussing on techniques that will help persuade Mrs Williams to give us longer play times!



**Stars of the week:** Amina

Amina has been working extremely hard in all areas of her learning. She is a true role model in our class, always showing others how to behave and showing resilience in her learning. Da iawn, keep it up!

## Blwydynn 4

This week in Year 4, we have been learning about the key features of a letter. We explored the differences between formal and informal letters and began creating our own rhetorical questions, discussing the impact and importance.



In Science, we continued developing our ECO project, using IT effectively to design and create prototypes of our water wheels. This process allowed us to review, discuss and improve our designs to ensure they would work successfully.

In Numeracy, we focused on building our confidence and recall of the 3 and 6 times tables. Using our times tables game, we achieved our highest score yet – 42! We are looking to beat this score next week.

As part of our linking project, we received a lovely video from our linking school St Marys. It was great to learn about some of the year 4 pupils. Together, we discussed what similarities and differences we share and what questions we would like to ask prior to our online meeting. We're now looking forward to finalising and bringing our group designs to life next week.



Star of the Week: Mia! Mia has worked exceptionally hard on her reading. Her resilient and positive attitude was truly reflected in her fantastic reading assessment. Da iawn. We are so proud of you!

## Blwyddyn 5



This week, Blwyddyn 5 presented a mature and reverent class assembly all about Remembrance.

“It is important that we take time to remember the soldiers who lost their lives in the war, and we pray for their loved ones left behind.” Kuba

“It is important to spread peace around the world.” Elliot

“Peace is not just the absence of war, but it is also the presence of love, justice and kindness”. Rose

“We gave everyone the mission to be kind, forgive, pray for peace and remember” Cassie



**Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 5:** It has been impossible to choose one Seren this week. The whole class were fantastic in the planning, preparation and delivery of our class assembly. We are so proud of them all. Da iawn Blwyddyn 5!

## Blwyddyn 6

### Eco Fortnight

We have enthusiastically continued with our Eco projects this week. Many of us chose to work with a partner to create the final designs for our polar bear games.



### Remembrance

On Tuesday we reflected upon Remembrance day. We studied the poem 'In Flanders Field' and created stunning art work around the poetry.



Da iawn to this member of our class who came 2nd and 3rd place in a gymnastics competition on the weekend!



**Star of the week:** Llongyfarchiadau to Ethan Hadfield for all of his learning efforts. Ethan you are a role model to others, always challenging yourself and setting yourself goals. You have worked well with others during your Eco project, communicating your ideas effectively. Gwaith da!



# Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Griff & Munyi

Reception – Elodie

Year 1 – Bryan

Year 2 – Nyra

Year 3 – Amina

Year 4 – Mia

Year 5 – All of Year 5

Year 6– Ethan

