



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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As part of our Harvest celebrations, we were delighted to welcome representatives from the Parish Foodbank to our school. They spoke to the children about the important work they do in supporting individuals and families in our community who may be facing difficult times. The children listened thoughtfully and learned how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference to others.

Our Harvest Foodbank collection has been a wonderful example of Catholic Social Teaching in action. Through your generous donations, we are showing the principle of Option for the Poor, putting the needs of the most vulnerable first, while also living out Solidarity by standing alongside those in our community who need support.

Thank you for helping us share God's love through your kindness and generosity. We will be continuing our collection for the Foodbank this week.

CARDIFF FOODBANK
cardifffoodbank.org.uk

1 Support those on our doorstep

2 The food bank would be delighted to receive donations of the following:

Biscuits	Coffee	Sponge puddings	Tinned potatoes
Chocolate	Deodorant	Squash	Tinned rice pudding
Cleaning spray	Pasta packets (microwavable)	Sweets	Tomato sauce

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COLLECTION DATE: FRIDAY OCT 9TH

Thank you

Loving God,

Thank You for all the blessings You give us each day. Help us to be generous and willing to share what we have with others. Open our hearts to those who are in need and teach us to show kindness through our words and actions. May we always remember that when we help others, we are serving You.

A stronger
tomorrow
for people
living with
cancer



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In support of
**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Right there with you

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Monday 5th October at 2pm 

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please join us for a cuppa for a great cause.



Coffee &
treats



Raffle



Activities



Choir &
instrumentalists



Every
cuppa
helps



Together, we can help raise vital funds
for people living with cancer.



Bl1 & 2 will be kickstarting our Harvest celebrations with a prayer Service on Tuesday 6th. This year, we will mark the occasion by focusing on others and raising money for CAFOD. Year groups will buddy up at snack time and instead of having our usual snack, we will have something simple so we can empathise and think of those less fortunate than ourselves. The money that is usually spent on a snack could be donated to CAFOD via our parent pay, if you would like to support this good cause. During snack time, our Mini Vinnies will lead the children in prayer, giving thanks to God for what we have and praying for those in need.

Showing
we care
♥



Together
in Faith
♥

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Tuesday 6th October 2026



A fairer world
needs all of us ♥



As part of our support for CAFOD's Family Fast Day, we would like to invite children and families to take part in a simple act of solidarity.

On **Tuesday 6th October**, children will have their usual lunch as normal.

At snack time, we will be providing a simple alternative to our usual snack of fruit or vegetables: **bread or a cracker and water**.

We will share snack time with our buddy classes, with a time of prayer and reflection together.

Families are invited to make a small donation to CAFOD, perhaps equivalent to what they might usually spend on fruit or vegetables for snack time.

This small sacrifice helps us reflect on the experiences of people around the world who do not always have access to the food, clean water and resources that many of us take for granted. Any donations received will be sent to CAFOD to support communities most in need.

Through this simple act, we can live out our school mission and Catholic Social Teaching by showing solidarity with others and recognising that we are all part of God's global family.



Our School Mission

We are a Christ centred community, reaching out to others.
We learn, grow and celebrate together.
We bring our faith to life.

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development



PEOPLE



PLANET



A FAIRER WORLD

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This week in the nursery, we have been exploring the theme of day and night. The children enjoyed talking about the different things we see and do during the daytime and at night-time, sharing their own experiences and developing their understanding of the world around them.

As part of our Expressive Arts and Design learning, the children created beautiful artwork inspired by the colourful and imaginative style of Eric Carle. They experimented with colour, texture and different creative techniques to represent the day and night.

Our learning also linked beautifully with our Understanding the World and RE learning as we thought about creation and the wonderful world God made. The children talked about the differences between day and night and considered some of the things God created, such as the sun, moon, stars, plants and animals.

It has been wonderful to see the children developing their vocabulary, sharing their ideas and experiences, and making meaningful connections between our learning, the natural world and the story of creation

We all agreed with "it was Good!"



Stars of the week: This week, our Star of the Week is Theo!



Theo has settled into nursery so well and has already impressed all of the staff with his wonderful creations using our building materials, such as dump. He particularly enjoys building fantastic tracks systems showing great creativity, imagination and problem-solving skills.

We have also been so proud of how hard Theo is trying to sit, listen and take on board all the new things we are learning and doing. He is becoming more confident each day and is showing such a positive attitude towards nursery life.

Derbyn

Exploring Space!

This week, we have been learning all about space! We have also been practising making predictions, thinking about what we think might happen before we test our ideas.

For our investigation, we used a foot-pump rocket. We wanted to find out how we could make the rocket fly higher. The children had lots of ideas to test! They tried pressing the pump with one foot and two feet, stepping on it, and even taking a run up and jumping on the pump!

We watched carefully to see what happened each time and discovered that a bigger, quicker push squeezed the air out of the pump more quickly, giving the rocket a stronger push upwards. We had great fun making predictions, testing our ideas and talking about what we discovered!



Stars of the week: Caleb and Evelyn.



Caleb – for his wonderful enthusiasm for all areas of learning and for always showing excellent manners and kindness to everyone in our classroom. Da iawn Caleb!



Evelyn – for always giving 100% to her learning. She has really impressed us with how hard she has been working during our Monster Phonics sessions. Gwaith da Evelyn!

Blwydynn 1

On Monday, Year 1 took part in an exciting **Dinosaur Immersion Day** to launch our new topic. The children came to school dressed as **dinosaurs, explorers and archaeologists**, and everyone looked fantastic!

We began our day with a thrilling **dinosaur adventure** around the school grounds. The children became dinosaur



detectives as they searched for bones and discovered interesting facts about different dinosaurs hidden around the school. They showed excellent teamwork and enthusiasm as they explored.



Throughout the day, the children enjoyed a range of creative activities. They made their own

dinosaur puppets, designed and decorated **dinosaur masks**, and created **shape dinosaurs** using different materials. The classroom was filled with creativity, imagination and lots of



excitement. We had a wonderful day and learned many fascinating facts about dinosaurs. The children



were fully engaged in all the activities and have made a fantastic start to our new topic. We are looking forward to continuing our dinosaur learning over the coming weeks! Thank you for your support in helping the children with their wonderful costumes and for making the day such a success.



Seren Yr Wythnos: Seren Yr Wythnos: James - This week, James has been a superstar in our science learning about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. He impressed us with his fantastic prior knowledge and confidently sorted animals according to their diets. James was able to name many different omnivores and shared his ideas enthusiastically during class discussions.

His excitement for learning was wonderful to see, and his positive attitude helped inspire others to join in and think carefully about their answers. Well done, James, for showing such great enthusiasm and knowledge throughout our learning this week. Keep up the excellent work!

Blwyddyn 2

A Mystery in Year 2!

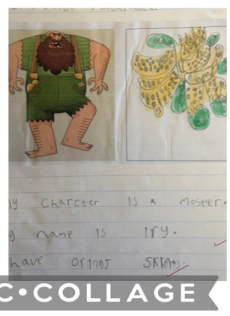
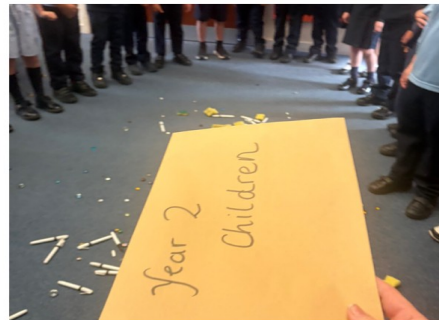
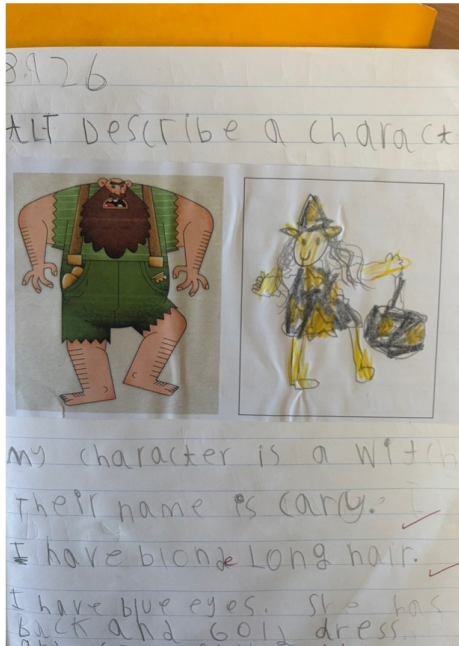
This week, the children returned from break to find a **huge mess** in our classroom! Marbles, pens and paper were scattered everywhere, and in the middle of it all was a giant envelope labelled “**Year 2 Children.**”

The letter inside told us to “**Look at Mrs Ashworth’s emails.**” The children came up with lots of ideas about who could have made the mess — dragons, witches, giants and even some cheeky elves!

When Mrs Ashworth checked her emails, we discovered that it was **the Giant from Jack and the Beanstalk!** He explained that he wasn't the mean giant everyone thinks he is.

This inspired our writing challenge: **Can we rewrite the story and change the Giant's character?** The children have been thinking about how they could make him kind, friendly or even misunderstood.

We can't wait to see the fantastic stories Year 2 create!



Seren yr Wythnos: Congratulations to **Adonis and Nivin**, our *Seren yr Wythnos* this week. They have both settled exceptionally well into Year 2 and have made a wonderful start to the school year. Adonis and Nivin work hard in all their lessons, always trying their best and showing a positive attitude towards their learning. They are kind, polite, and caring members of our class, and it is a pleasure to have them in Year 2. We are very proud of these lovely boys and all they have achieved so far. Well done, Adonis and Nivin!

Blwyddyn 3

This week in Year 3, we have been carrying out an investigation to discover how much rainfall falls in our local area over the course of a week. The children explored how rainfall is measured. Before beginning our investigation, we made predictions about which day we thought would receive the most rainfall.

To support our reasoning, we examined weather forecasts and used the information they provided to justify our predictions. We have now started recording our results, measuring the amount of rainfall collected each day and drawing diagrams of our equipment to help represent our findings.

In Numeracy, we have continued developing our understanding of place value, focusing on numbers up to the hundreds. We have been partitioning numbers into hundreds, tens and ones, and exploring the value of each digit within a range of numbers.

In PE, we linked our learning to our weather topic by creating movements that represented different weather conditions. The children explored a range of actions, shapes and balances on the mats to bring different types of weather to life through movement.



Stars of the week: Anna

Anna has shown an excellent understanding of place value and has demonstrated a real willingness to challenge herself and deepen her learning. Her fantastic work ethic and positive attitude have been wonderful to see.

Blwyddyn 4

Year 4 were outstanding this week. They started learning how to read music notation and they did so, quickly, accurately and with great enthusiasm. Blwyddyn 4, I'm so proud of your achievements this week. You read and played music and it sounded brilliant.



Star of the Week: This week, our Star of the Week goes to Petra. Petra's contributions during RE lessons are always thoughtful and knowledgeable. She is able to consistently connect her learning to her own actions, demonstrating exactly how to live out the gospel message in her daily life. Well done Petra.

Blwyddyn 5

Following on from last week's science lesson learning about the different parts of plants and flowers, this week we dissected flowers to identify the different parts.

We learnt a lot about the parts of the flowers we don't see. Next we will be learning about plant reproduction.



In Religion this week, we have been learning about the Covenant between Moses and God. We have read the story of Moses and the Burning Bush. We role-played and freeze framed each section of the story, exploring the feelings and emotions Moses would have had. Next we will write a diary as Moses retelling the story. Here we are below planning and freeze framing some sections of the story.



We took part in a very energetic act of collective worship this week to appreciate every member of our class. We asked 'what does each of us bring to our class? What would be missing if one of us wasn't part of our school community?'

Thank you God for all of us.



Star of the week: A huge congratulations to Valentina, our Star of the Week! Valentina has worked incredibly hard to put herself forward for different roles and responsibilities, showing growing confidence and excellent leadership skills. She is always willing to get involved and is a fantastic role model for others. Valentina comes to school each day with a smile on her face and is a kind, thoughtful and caring member of our class. Well done, Valentina we are very proud of you!

Blwyddyn 6

Creation and Covenant

Our Religion topic this half term is helping us to think deeply about our common home. We have been examining the book of Genesis and thinking about how we are stewards of our earth. The pupils have been doing things to look after our earth; including gardening in the Reception area with our buddies, planting seeds and a litter pick and tidying up at St Philip Evans Church.



Gracie - 'I liked challenging myself to try and collect the most weeds out of the ground.'

Geo - 'I liked taking the rubbish and helping others and improving nature for everybody.'



Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 6: Llongyfarchiadau to Logan Cross for all of his efforts this week. Logan, your manners and behaviour have been positively commented upon by many members of staff. You always give everything 100% effort. Keep up all the good work Logan!



Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Theo

Reception – Caleb & Evelyn

Year 1 – James

Year 2 – Adonis & Nivin

Year 3 – Anna

Year 4 – Petra

Year 5 – Valentina

Year 6— Logan

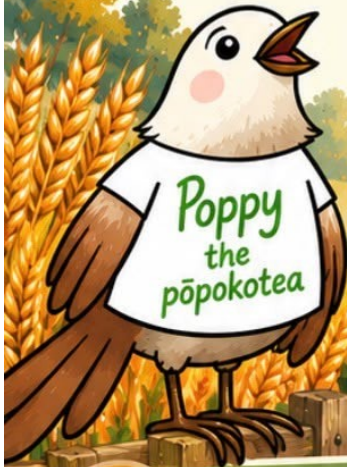
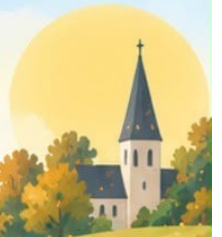




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