St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Sanets Bernadette.
We are a Christ centered community reaching out to others. We learn, grow and celebrate together

Celebrating Catholic Social Teaching at St Bernadette's

Today, our school community came together to celebrate the wonderful principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). Children and staff enjoyed dressing as one of the CST principles or as a CAFOD CST character, helping us to learn more about how we can put our faith into action every day.

Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that every person is made in the image of God and we should all be treated with dignity, respect and love. The principles encourage us to care for our common home, stand in solidarity with others, promote peace, and ensure that everyone has the opportunity to flourish.

These values are deeply connected to our school motto: Learn, Live and Believe.

Learn by understanding the needs of others, learning about justice and developing compassion for people both locally and globally.

Live by putting our faith into action through kindness, service, fundraising, caring for the environment and supporting those in need.

Believe by following Jesus' example, recognising the dignity of every person and trusting that we can make a positive difference in God's world.

Throughout the year, we strive to live out these principles through our charitable work, community partnerships, such as the Year 4 children visiting residential care homes, caring relationships and commitment to inclusion. Today's celebration was a joyful reminder that even the smallest actions can help build a more just and loving world.

Thank you for supporting us today, together, we continue to Learn, Live and Believe as we put our faith into action through Catholic Social Teaching every day.



Learn, Live, Believe

Supporting You Child's Emotional Regulation at Home

Coffee Morning

Join us for a friendly and informative coffee morning with **Hannah Jones**, a specialist teacher, who will provide information, help and support on how to manage and support emotional regulation at home.

Practical advice and strategies
to support your child's emotional wellbeing at home.

Valuable information and guidance
tailored to your child's needs.

An opportunity to chat
with a specialist in supporting your child.



Monday 9th November at 9.00am

We look forward to seeing you!

Together we can support our children to thrive

ST BERNADETTE'S

CHRISTMAS FAIR

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

Learn, Live, Believe

CHOIR

RAFFLE

ARTS AND CRAFTS

FESTIVE SNACKS

GAMES AND MORE

3.30PM - 4.30PM

SCHOOL HALL

We're excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be held at school from Thursday 12th November to Thursday 19th 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!



Derbyn

This week in Nursery, we have been thinking about autumn. In our ‘Ty Hide Away’, we discovered the story The Leaf Thief, which the children thoroughly enjoyed . This introduces both autumn and the nutty character squirrel .The children also shared their autumn photographs as part of our home-school link gentle homework activities and shared their autumn finds too.

We have created a new autumn table, filled with seasonal treasures and signs of autumn for the children to explore and discuss. At our observation drawing table, the children carefully observed pumpkins and created their own artwork using a variety of media and drawing materials. This multi-media activity encouraged creativity, fine motor development, and close observation skills as the children worked hard to represent what they could see. We were very impressed with their enthusiasm and the wonderful pumpkin pictures they produced.



Amara is one of our Nursery OGs and is an excellent example to her peers. She is kind, thoughtful, and caring towards both her friends and the adults in Nursery. Amara has really come out of her shell. She loves stopping for a little chat with the adults, and her wonderful dry sense of humour is becoming more and more evident every day, often making us smile and laugh.Amara particularly enjoys sensory play and can often be found happily exploring at the shaving foam table. We are especially proud of how she has overcome some of her shyness and now fully participates in focused activities with confidence and enthusiasm.Amara has grown so much in confidence and independence, and we are extremely proud of all she has achieved. Well done, Amara. Keep shining!

MEITHRIN

This week, we have started our exciting new topic, Big Wide World! We have been learning about Ghana, a country in West Africa. The children have enjoyed starting to explore Ghanaian culture and traditions. We have used LEGO to build different styles of Ghanaian homes, made colourful necklaces inspired by traditional Ghanaian beadwork and explored a range of artefacts. We also used Google Earth to explore different places in Ghana, looking at the similarities and differences between Ghana and Cardiff.





Hezeikh has really impressed us this week with his enthusiasm for learning! He has been trying so hard in our Monster Phonics sessions and always approaches his learning with a big smile on his face. Keep up the fantastic effort, da iawn!

Blwydynn 1

This week, Year 1 have been busy measuring, mixing and preparing salt dough in preparation for making our very own fossils. We have been learning about Mary Anning, a famous palaeontologist who lived over 250 years ago. Mary taught herself to read and write and spent much of her free time searching for rocks and fossils on the beach near her home. Throughout her life, she made many important fossil discoveries, helping scientists learn more about dinosaurs and prehistoric animals.

Inspired by Mary Anning's work, the children stepped into the role of palaeontologists and used their salt dough to create their own fossils. Using small world animals, we carefully pressed shapes into the dough to make detailed imprints. As we worked, we spotted lots of interesting patterns, textures and shapes, just like real fossil hunters!

"I can see spiky bits from the Stegosaurus." – Joseph

"I mixed lots and made a mess!" – Lola

"I can see circles and squares." – Ahmad

"Mary Anning found lots of Dinosaur fossils. I want to find a fossil on the beach!" – Sophie









Seren Yr Wythnos: Zeliha - This week, Zeliha has been a fantastic member of our class and has worked incredibly hard during our Eco Project. She made some excellent predictions during our waterproof experiment and showed great scientific thinking throughout the activity. Zeliha has also come into school each day with a big smile on her face and has demonstrated wonderful resilience when faced with challenges. We are so proud of the determination, positivity, and enthusiasm she has shown this week. Keep up the amazing work, Zeliha - you are a star!

Blwydynn 2

Blwyddyn 2 have dressed to impress today. We all looks fabulous dressed as our favourite Catholic Social Teaching characters and Principles.









" It was good being with year 1 to chalk our favourite characters. " Elianna

"I came dressed as Patariki the penguin to show participation " Bryan

" I came as Chikondi the giraffe and I gave a bag of toys and clothes to charity. " Aggi

Maisie, " I gave my money from the tooth fairy to charity. "

Seren Yn Wythnos CONGRATULATIONS Henri for fantastic maths work this week. You have been a 'Mathemagician!'

Blwyddyn 3

This week, Year 3 have begun an exciting new journey with our ECO project! We were given an important mission to help Mr O'Keefe explore ways to make our school playground work alongside the weather.

Together, we explored the design brief and discussed the challenge ahead. We began by carrying out some market research, looking at the different types of rain collectors already available. Using our findings, we discussed their appearance, cost and design, thinking carefully about what would work best for our school.

We also put our knowledge of the weather to good use as we began exploring renewable energy. We investigated wind turbines and solar energy, discovering how the power of the weather can be used to generate clean electricity.







Star of the week is Imogen. Imogen has been putting her numeracy skills to the test, showing fantastic resilience and determination when working with larger numbers. Da iawn, Imogen! Keep up the fantastic work!

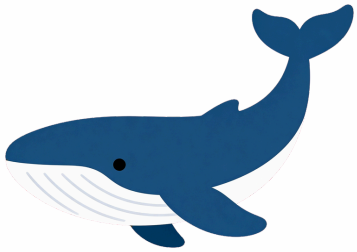
Blwydynn 4

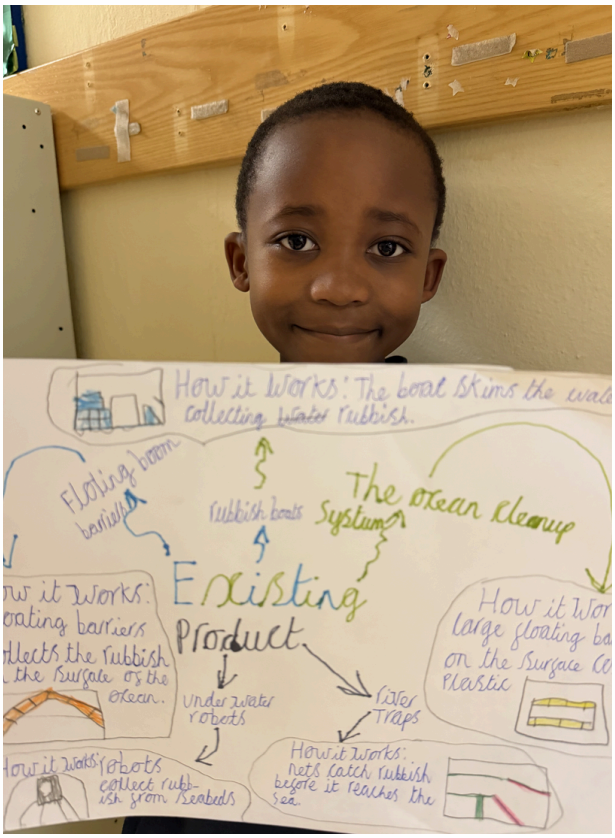
Eco Week Has Begun!

We have started our exciting Eco Week with a special letter from Jacques Cousteau's great-great-nephew, who needs our help to protect the Blue Abyss. Our mission is to research how pollution is affecting our oceans and explore ways to help. We will investigate products that are already being used to collect rubbish from the sea and learn about the impact plastic has on marine life. The children will then design and create their own inventions to help clean the ocean. A key part of the challenge will be ensuring their designs remove rubbish without harming the creatures that live there.

Take a lot at the research we have already undertaken.

We are looking forward to becoming ocean protectors and helping Sofia the Sloth on this important mission!







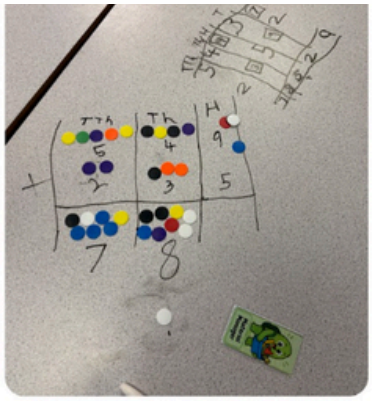
Seren Yn Wythnos

Joshua has made incredible improvements to his handwriting after acting on the feedback shared at Parents' Evening. His dedication and perseverance are shining through, and he should be very proud of his progress. Well done, Joshua!

Blwyddyn 5

This week we have been working hard to solve multi-step problems in Maths, working collaboratively to find as many methods as we could. It was a very clever day!








Today, we celebrated Catholic Social Teaching. Our classroom was filled with DJ the Dolphin, Luc the Deer and many other wonderful characters, reminding us how we can live out these principles every day. It has been a special day focused on the Church's mission of love, justice and peace.



This week, all of Year 5 are our Stars of the Week! It was simply too difficult to choose, as every member of the class has made such a fantastic start to the new half term. They have shown love, kindness, teamwork and a wonderful attitude to learning, putting in a tremendous effort throughout the week. We are incredibly proud of them all. Well done, Year 5!

Blwyddyn 6

Brief

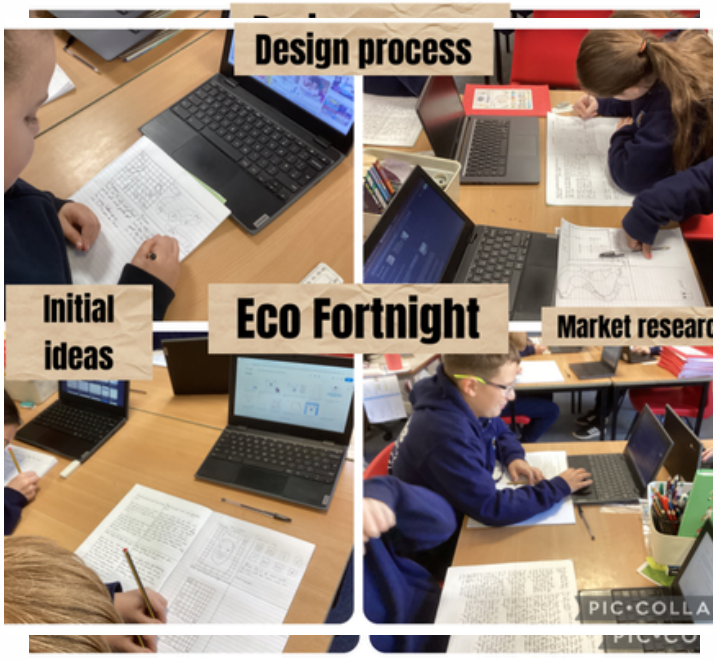
Smyths needs your help to create an interactive game that raises awareness of the challenges polar bears face in the Arctic due to climate change. Show how Polar bears hunt, find food and care for their cubs. the dangers faced and the impact this has on Polar bears. Can you design a fun and interactive game that can be used again and again to sell for children aged 8-12? The game will be sold for £15. Smyths are looking to make a large profit on the sales. Please pitch your idea via video entry: you must include a model (to scale) of your design.



Eco Fortnight

There is a buzz of excitement in Bl6 this week as we embark on our Eco Fortnight challenge. We are designing an interactive game that raises awareness of the challenges that polar bears face. We have been carrying out some research before our designs. We have also sketched out some initial ideas for our designs before collaborating with others.

In order to prepare for creating our games we had to find out about climate change and the dangers that polar bears face in the Arctic.



Seren Yn Wythnos

Llongyfarchiadau to Elliot Gibbs for all of his efforts this week. Elliot, you have shown enthusiasm and engagement during the launch of our Eco Fortnight project. Thank you for sharing your ideas with others. Keep up the good work! Gwaith da.