



# Friday Flyer

## Annwyl Rhieni,

We are going to start our flyer this week with the wonderful shows our pupils presented to celebrate Christmas. Bae 1 shared their nativity with parents and families, the children in reception did a super job with their words and presented with great confidence. Their teachers treated them to s'mores and hot chocolate as a treat for doing such a fantastic job! Ardderchog pawb.



Bae 2 shared their Nativity in the church again this year, it makes a very special venue. Mrs Eynon and Mrs Mabbett were extremely proud of the children and their performance – bendigedig pawb!

A huge thank you to all of our parents and families too, Bae 2 raised a brilliant £ 559.75 which they will be donating to Sarcoma UK.



Bae 3 shared their Christmas songs at the Heritage Centre on Tuesday – it was a lovely venue, I think we'll go there again! Once more thank you to our parents and families for your donations and support, Bae 3 raised £278.91 which will be donated to Maggie's. I know these donations will mean a lot to several of our families in school.



*Dream, Believe, Achieve Together - Breuddwydio, CREDU, Cyflawni Gyda'n gilydd*



## Our Inquiry Learning 'We have a right to learn & be the best we can be.'

Dosbarth Derbyn's inquiry this term has been linked to our Central Idea of **Belonging** - **We are the same, different and forever changing** - thinking especially about how to be a good friend.



The children then considered what makes a good friend. They asked each other in class and also interviewed children in Y6.

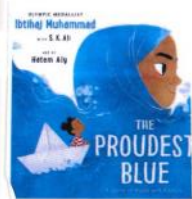
The children developed their empathy skills by thinking about how others might feel when you are being a good friend.

Finally, the children went to Squiggles to share with them what makes a good friend.

What fabulous inquiry thinking Dosbarth derbyn – I'm so proud of you.

We welcomed parents in today to share the children's Inquiry journals – they are brilliant! We hope you enjoyed them.

Another skill that a good friend should have is empathy which means to imagine how somebody else is feeling. We read the story 'The proudest blue'. We stepped into Asiya shoes to imagine how we was feeling.



"She needs to feel strong to go to school for the first time."

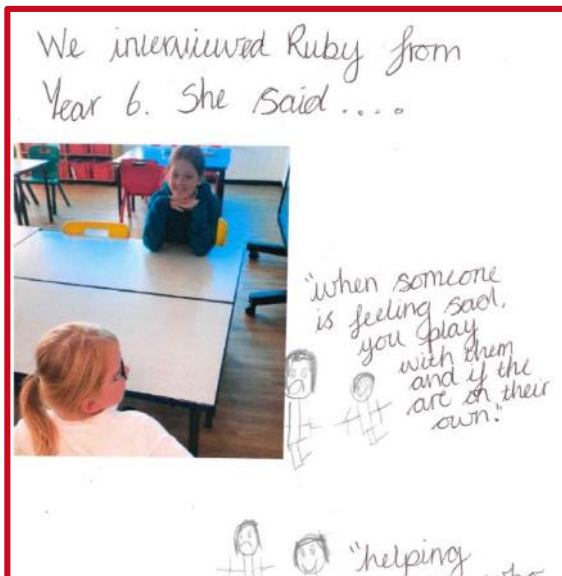
We then thought about if everyone is a good friend.



aying a game and they won't let you join in.

"Bad friend because they aren't letting her play."

Over the journey of their Inquiry the children have considered themselves and their likes and dislikes, they have also thought about how they are the same or different to their friends in class. The children thought about their strengths and then taught a friend their best skills. They looked at stories to help them think about difference and their understanding that everyone is different.



Please send in just coat, packed lunch (if not school lunches), snack and drink next week – no large bags. We are tidying coat boxes and corridors and aim to send everything home.

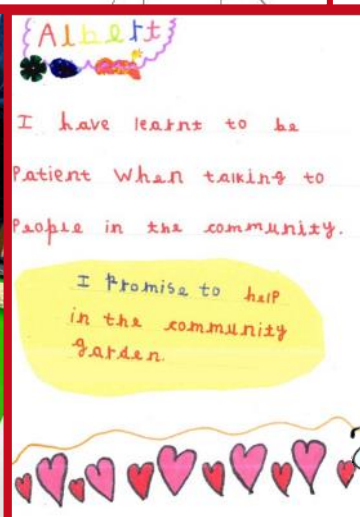
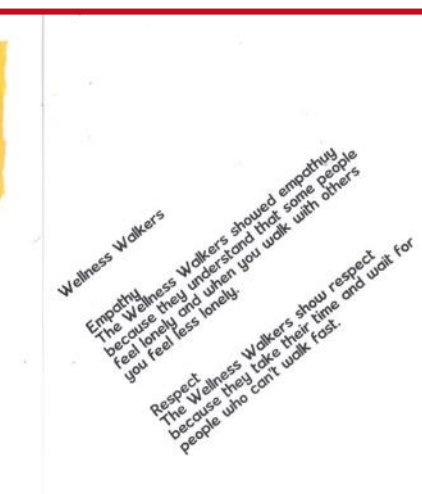
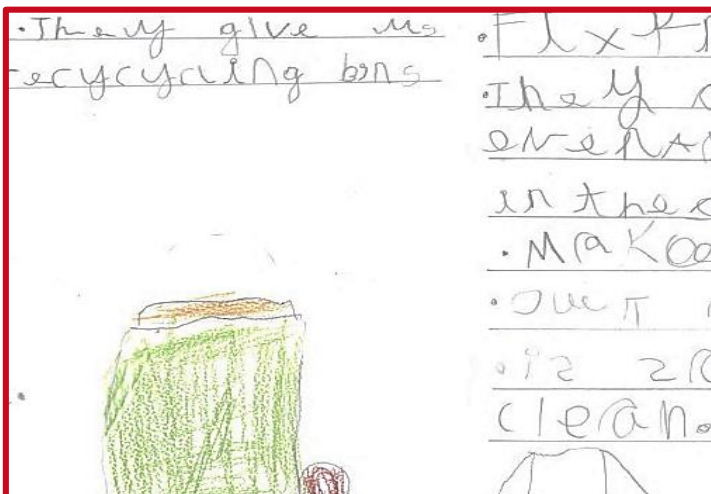


Dosbarth Pobbles inquiry this term has been linked to the central idea ***Belonging - Effective communities rely on people working together, demonstrating empathy, responsibility and respect.***

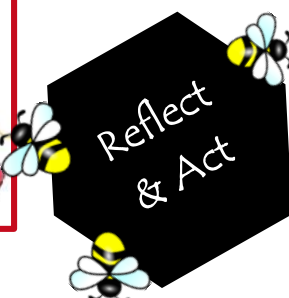
The children started off by unpacking the central idea to think about what is meant by empathy, responsibility, and respect – these are some of our school values too and so they gathered their thoughts and shared ideas. They then wanted to find out what was meant by ‘an effective community’. As researchers they thought about where they could find information and tried lots of different sources including the internet and the library.

Some of the children thought they could ask people in the community and so they wrote to our community councillors and invited them in to speak about what it means to belong in a community.

The children shared what they had found out with the rest of their class.



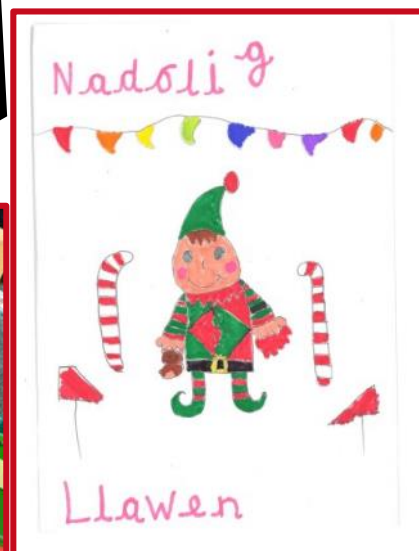
They have shown their understanding of the central idea by reflecting on how different groups in Pennard show empathy, responsibility and respect. They have made a class book to show what they have learnt from their inquiry and made a pledge to say what they promise to do as an effective member of the community.



They then voted to decide how they would *Take Action*

– they chose to show empathy by making Christmas cards for the residents of Heatherslade Care Home. They are going to deliver these next week.

Super work on your Inquiry this term Pobbles – I really think you have understood and shown what it means to be a part of an effective community.



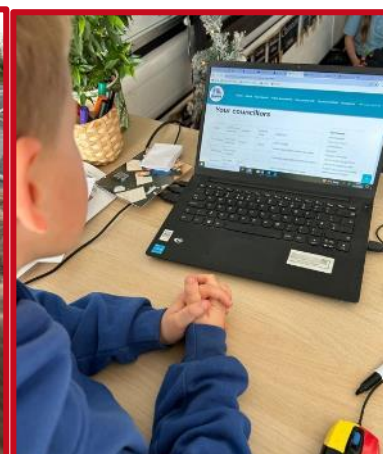


Dosbarth Langland have also carried out an excellent inquiry around the central idea of ***Belonging - Effective communities rely on people working together, demonstrating empathy, responsibility and respect.***

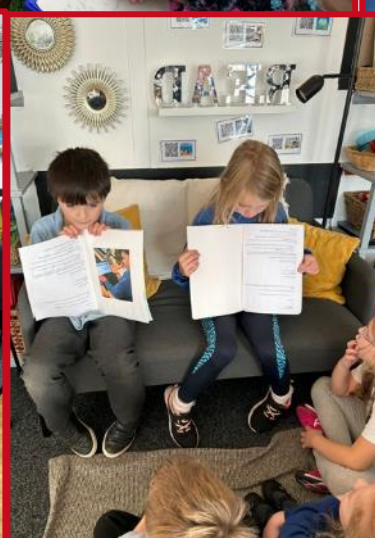


To tune into the central idea the children got creative to show their thinking about communities that they belong to, for example football club or Beavers. They also thought about how they show responsibility, respect and empathy in these communities.

They wanted to find out how people in Pennard take responsibility and show empathy and respect. They went out and about to find out and emailed the Community Council to ask them to visit.



They formulated questions and emailed the different community groups. The children met with Lynda James to ask their questions here they were developing their communication skills. They then presented their findings so far to each other.



This led them to 'wonder' some more. They thought about how to find out more information in different ways such as using the library, website searches and looking at census data. They collaborated once again by sharing their learning with each other.

They reflected on their learning and talked about their role as a responsible member of the community. They wondered what action they could take to make a positive change. Langland decided to organise a community litter pick to show how they can be responsible citizens. They will be doing this on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. They have also produced some excellent persuasive writing – super work here Emily! Dai iawn Langland, you've shown excellent understanding through your inquiry.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Please No more litter!

Did you know that littering is happening where you live? I think that we should improve and stop littering!

Firstly, it is a criminal offence to drop litter in a public place. In fact, the police can fine you £75 if you drop litter.

Secondly 13 million tons of plastic ends up in the ocean each year. Many sea animals get tangled up in litter and die or

become injured.

Thirdly, litter is bad for our health because can spread diseases, viruses and parasites.

These reasons show how litter is bad for the environment. Please stop littering.

Reflect & Act



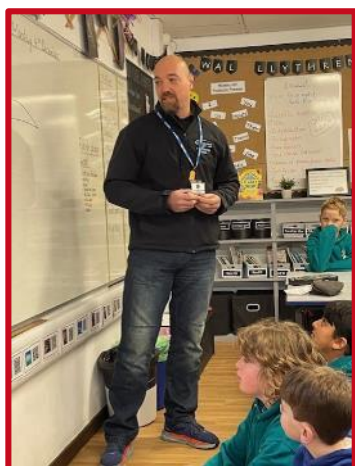
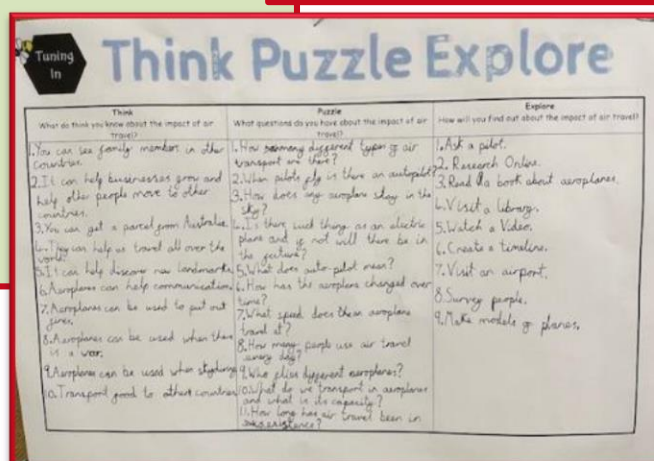
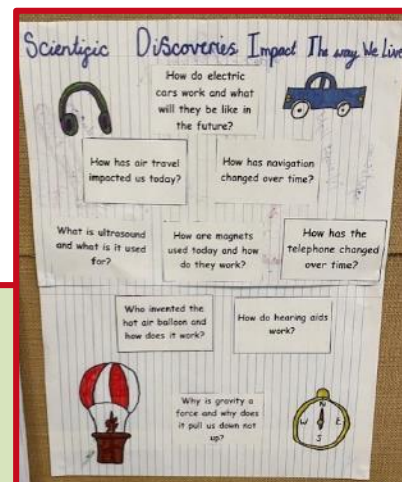
The Bae 3 inquiry this term has been focussed on the Central Idea **Curiosity, experimentation and invention - Our understanding of scientific principles has driven innovation societal progress.**

They spent their first half term exploring scientific principles and taking part in experiments and investigations to develop their scientific understanding. They then considered where we see science in our everyday life. They did research to find out about the top inventions that have impacted the world, formulated questions and diamond ranked them.

The children in Three Cliffs chose aviation as their top question. They thought about the impact air travel has on society.

### Think - What do know about the impact of air travel on society?

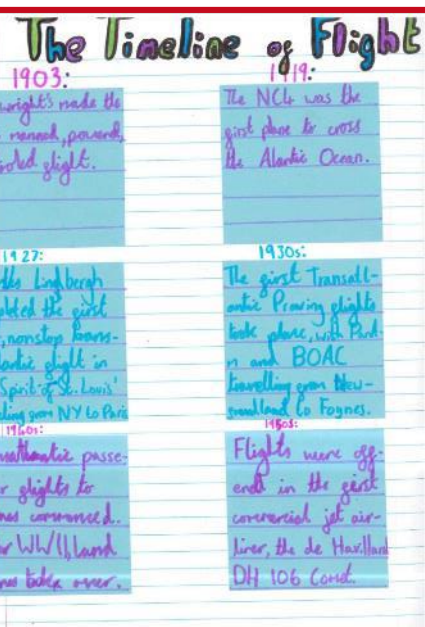
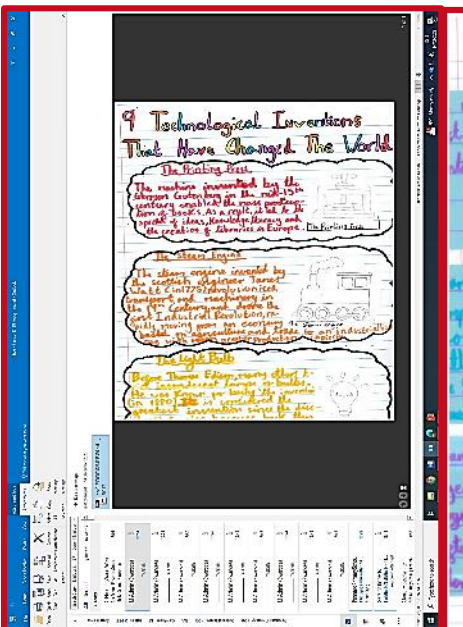
- You can see family members in other countries
- It can help businesses grow and help other people move to other countries
- You can get a parcel from Australia
- They can help us travel all over the world
- It can help discover new landmarks
- Aeroplanes can help communication
- Aeroplanes can be used to put out fires
- Aeroplanes can be used when there is a war
- Aeroplanes can be used when skydiving
- Transport food to other countries



They thought about questions they could ask about air travel and how they might find information by doing a thinking routine. The children invited Karl, a pilot, in to speak to them about aviation. They considered the benefits and drawbacks of air travel on society.







Meanwhile Rhossili focussed on several other technological inventions that have changed society. In their Literacy lessons they produced biographies of scientists that have a great impact on society. They also looked at explanation writing and used their research to produce explanations of how some of the inventions they have been looking at work.

### Jane Goodall: The Ape Extraordinaire.

**Introduction**

Have you ever dreamed of being surrounded by amazing creatures called chimpanzees? Well, Jane Goodall fulfilled that dream! On November 23rd, 1960, she made history on that exact day.

Discovering that these creatures are particularly important to the environment. This was not the only time that Goodall beat the odds and reached incredible heights...

**Early life**

On 3rd April 1924, Jane Goodall was born to Margaret and Mortimer Goodall in the busy town of Hamstead, London. Her dad was a Racing driver and businessperson, her mum's job was a Novelist.

Jane loved the outdoors and animals, and her Mum supported her love of animals and read monkey books to Jane every night.

When she was one, her dad gave her a cuddly toy chimpanzee called Jubilee. Some people thought it would scare her, but she loved it, and she took it everywhere with her.

**Growing up**

Jane grew up in London, England, with her mum, dad and sister Judy. The first sign of her chimp adoration was when she got a chimpanzee toy.

From an early age, Jane dreamed of living in Africa, where she could draw and write about chimps whenever she would like to. Goodall observed native birds and

animals, making interesting notes and sketches, and liked to read books about zoology and was very intrigued by her local library.

**Education**

In 1950, she started primary in the local school called Uplands Private School, she enjoyed her time there excelling at sketching (obviously) and science. She did not have any friends in school, her only friend was her dog, Rusty.

When she was older Jane could not afford to get a place at the prestigious Cambridge University, but she was determined to study chimps, so she saved up every penny and got a boat trip to Kenya, Africa. A day after she got to Africa, she met a very well-known scientist who was looking for a determined-to-be-a-zoologist and his name was Lewie Leaky. He at once hired her, Jane was delighted!!! Cambridge University saw her talent and gave Goodall a scholarship, from there she carried on reading and studying her dream job!!!

**Career**

In 1960, Jane discovered that chimpanzees could make and use their own tools, it was considered one of the best achievements of the 20th century. She also won many medals such as the Gold Medal of Conservation from San Diego, and the Schweitzer Medal of the Animal Welfare Institute in 1987 and the United Nations Messenger of Peace in 2002.

**Later life**

Today, she still encourages young people especially women and girls to follow their dreams no matter how big they may seem.

This is a quote from the inspiring Jane Goodall: "You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

### How do airplanes fly?

**Introduction**

This text focuses on planes, modern jet airplanes weigh over a million kilograms, about the same weight of the water in a pool (10m x 10m). So, how is it made and how on earth do they get it off the ground?

**What is an airplane?**

An airplane is a transport type that flies and has wings heavier than the air. Airplanes move through the air with the help of their engine and wings. The wings are shaped in a perfect way so that the air goes over them and gives them lift.

**How are airplanes used?**

Airplanes are used to transport humans and sometimes even animals. They are also used to transport equipment from the military to police countries and as a result of that, police countries can get more supplies quicker because of airplanes. There are actually some specific airplanes that deliver equipment to poorer countries.

**What parts does an airplane have to make it fly?**

The airplane has lots of various parts that make it fly including: the engine, the propeller, the tail assembly and the landing gear, that is used for landing on the runway and it stops it from crashing, all of these parts make flying much, much safer.

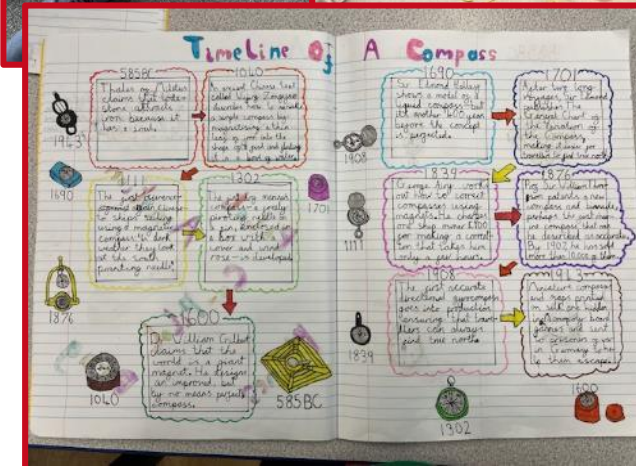
**How does an aircraft fly?**

The planes produce wings produce lift because of their shape. The inner surface is curved and that the lower surface is flat.

Bae 3 had a fantastic visit to Techniquet to reinforce their understanding of scientific principles.



The children in Three cliffs went on to chose another invention, they applied their learning of inquiry cycle to find out and present their understandings. They will finish their inquiry by thinking about future inventions that could improve society.



### Benefits and Drawbacks of Compasses

Benefits	Drawbacks
1. Compasses were commonly used on Chinese ships.	1. You can lose your compass.
2. Some compasses are portable.	2. It could be affected by magnetism such as being wrong.
3. They are great navigation tools for changing.	3. Compasses can give false readings.
4. Can store a range of maps.	4. It can be affected by power lines.
5. They can pinpoint exactly where you are on a map.	5. It differs from other metal objects.
6. It will let you know how much distance you have covered and how much further you have to go.	6. You can lose connections.
7. Compasses can also tell you when you are going to get to your destination.	

### How Do Compasses Work?

A small, elongated permanently magnetized needle is placed on a pivot so that it may rotate freely in the horizontal plane. The Earth's magnetic field exerts a force on the compass needle, causing it to rotate until it comes to rest in the same horizontal direction as the magnetic field.

The compass needle can detect the magnetic field of the Earth and, facing the Magnetic North, then find out all the other directions.

**Facts about the compass:**

- After it was invented, the compass was used for navigation and geometry for centuries.
- Chinese 'small pointing spoon', one of the first forms of the compass, pointed south as its name suggests.
- A modern compass has 32 degree points on its circle of scale.



## FoPP & Community Links 'We have a right to be heard & have our say'

Thankyou to FoPP for helping with our Christmas visits this year – the children have all enjoyed their visits.



Bae un went to Brynteg Farm, they had a lovely time with the animals.



Bae dau went to the Heritage centre, they had fun doing some Christmas Crafts and seeing Santa! Bae tri went to the cinema to see Wonka – they thought it was great! A big thank you also to the parents who helped on these trips – we can't do these things without your support.



We've had some lovely visits from Ralph the therapy dog in Dosbarth derbyn – we absolutely love his fringe!

To thank the Hertitage Centre for welcoming us, Darcey wrote a letter on behalf of Bae 3. It's great to be out and about in the community for our Christmas events.



A reminder that FoPP have organised a social evening in February with the Paint Along Lady. This will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, from 7pm. Tickets are limited, so be sure to get yours early. [You can get them here.](#) (Would make a great Christmas present too!)

It's been great to see more people using the Easy Fundraising platform to help raise funds for FoPP. Please do continue to do this if you are Christmas shopping online - it could make a real difference to what we can provide for the children. [The link for the platform is here.](#)

And the new FoPP lottery has been a great success, with over 65 tickets in the draw every week. Again, this is a great way to help raise funds for the school (with the added bonus that you could win £25K!). [You can sign up to play here.](#)

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### *Sport 'We have a right to be fit & healthy'*

Well done to our football team! They have played lots of games against other schools this term and produced excellent wins against Parkland, Waunarlwydd and Bishopston. Awesome!

Fancy joining more sport - Pentathlon GB are hosting the first ever Biathlon (run & swim event) in Wales on Sunday 25th February 2024, at the Wales National Pool and Swansea Bay Sports Park. The event is suitable for all children aged 8-16 years old. The Welsh Schools Biathlon is now live and ready to enter, follow the link below:

<https://pentathlongb.sport80.com/public/wizard/e/37840>



Year 6 finished off their sports focus on squash this term with a visit to the Swansea Squash Centre. They watched a demonstration game and had the chance to play in the courts. What a brilliant experience Y6!

### **Clwb Aros a Chwarae**

Our new after school club is proving popular with the children and we are breaking even at the moment. We have submitted our application to register and are awaiting our registered number so that parents can claim tax free childcare. We hope this won't take too long. Governors are supporting the club and have taken a considerable time to complete the registration – thank you for your time especially Mr Tuffey!

Please support us to keep the club going – you can book for the spring via SchoolGateway. It is just £10 a session with no late booking fee at the moment – we just ask that you ring to let us know if you are booking within 7 days as we can't check the booking system every day.

### **INSET Days**

Our remaining INSET days are as follows

Day 3 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Day 4 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Day 5 TBC

Day 6 TBC

### **INSET days**

We use our INSET days to provide essential professional development for all our staff. This year training includes

**'Inquiry' teaching & learning**

**Mathematics & Numeracy**

**Independent learning, metacognition and Learner Assets.**

**Diversity & Inclusion**

**Nature Pedagogy**

**Assessment – developing a shared understanding**

### **Finally,**

We have Vicar Peter coming to see us on Tuesday. Wednesday is Christmas Dinner and party games day. Thursday is our last day, children can bring in some toys and perhaps have a film in class. Children can wear Christmas clothes to school if they wish next week.

As always, if you have any queries or issues you'd like to discuss please get in touch. Mwynheuwch y penwythnos!

*Kerina Hanson*

Pennaeth – Headteacher



## Spring Term Clubs

Clubs will start week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> – 4 weeks to half term and 4 weeks after half term.

Tuesday (lunchtime club)	Tabletennis Mr Price Bae 3
Tuesday	IT club Mrs Dardecker Bae 3
Tuesday	Rugby Mr Price Bae 3
Tuesday	Choir Miss Booth Bae 2&3
Wednesday	Art Mrs Mabbett / Mrs Thomas Bae 2
Wednesday	Gymnastics with Swansea Gymnastics Please see flyer for booking next week.

### Mae siarad Cymraeg yn wych!

Get involved in learning welsh together

*'We have the right to our own culture & way of life.'*

Some handy phrases for Christmas!



**Ydy Siôn Corn wedi bod eto?** - Has Santa been yet?

**Diolch. Doedd dim rhaid i chi.** – Thanks. You didn't have to.

**Anrheg** – Present **Coeden Nadolig** – Chritmas Tree

**Cinio Nadolig** - Christmas Dinner **Pwdin Nadolig** - Christmas Pudding

**Pasia'r ysgewyll** - Pass the sprouts **lechyd da!** - Cheers! (Good health)

**Os gwelwch yn dda** - Please **Diolch yn fawr iawn** - Thank you very much

**Ble mae'r ty bach?** Where is the toilet?

**Sssh, mae Dadcu yn cysgu!** - Sssh, grandad is sleeping!

**Nadolig LLawen** – Happy Christmas **Blwyddyn Newydd Dda** - Happy New Year

**Cyfarchion y Tymor** - Season's greetings