



Friday Flyer

Annwyl Rhieni

This term has whizzed by so quickly! I can't believe we are celebrating Dydd Gwyl Dewi already!

Mae Siarad Gymraeg yn Wych! *'We have a right to our culture and way of life'*

We've had a fantastic celebration of Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant today. Our Ddraigiau led our Eisteddfod full of songs, stories and dance from across the school. Diolch Ddraigiau – great job! Our afternoon nursery enjoyed joining the celebrations too – Nursery were all amazing this morning.



Our prize winners for the competition pieces were chosen by our Ddraigiau, with 1st prizes going to Ava in Bae un, Ari in Bae dau and Gethin in bae tri. Super entries from all.

The children spent the rest of the day doing a carousel of activities, including Welsh dance, Singing, Fitness with Mr Ffit, Storytelling and Art with different teachers across the school. They have had a great time.



A big 'Diolch yn fawr!' to all the staff for organising the activities and such a fun day.



Some of our school choir sang their entry song for the upcoming Urdd competition. We have successfully gained a place with four other schools from Swansea in the regional final being held on the 19th March. Mae'r canu yn wych côr!



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



Dosbarth Meithrin have been busy investigating the world around them and finding out what it means to be a scientist. They looked at what happens when they mixed different materials together. The mixed different powder paints and looked at the colours they made.

They also investigated what happens when you add water to pen ink – they observed carefully to see all the colours in black and purple pens. They found black pens have the most colours in them. The children were not expecting that!



This week the children were wondering about the insects they found in the outdoors, there were lots on some wood. They found out they were woodlice and wondered why there were so many on the wood. They used books to find out why and shared what they found out with the rest of the class.

Great inquiring Dosbarth Meithrin.

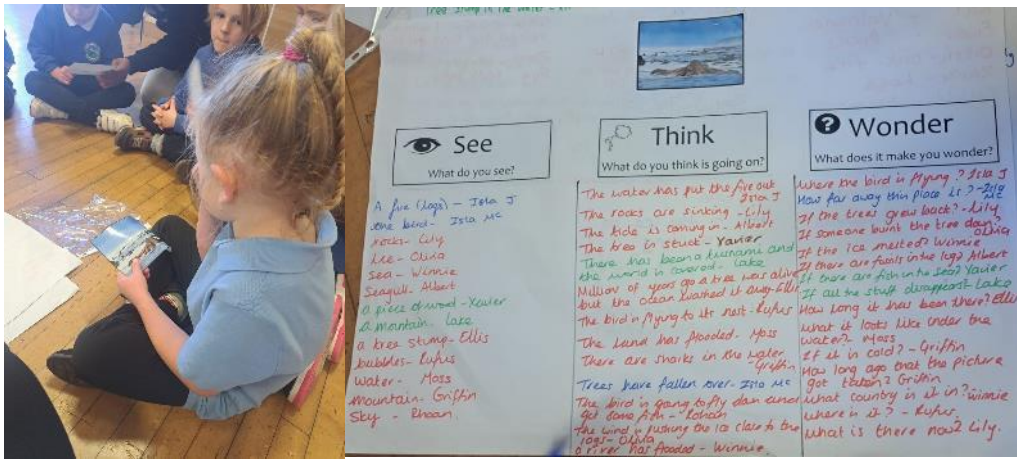
Dosbarth Derbyn - EXPRESS YOURSELF! - People of Wales use the arts to convey their culture, heritage and belonging.

The children have been exploring a wide range of materials to mark make and model. Pam Hopkins came in to tell stories and help the children find out what makes a good story. Mr Davies ran a great workshop with the children exploring how colours show different feelings. The children made meaning by using all the skills they've learnt about clay, paint and stories to independently express feelings through them.



I love the pieces of artwork the children created with Mr Davies – you can come to visit us again Mr Davies!

Bae Dau - EXPRESS YOURSELF! Histories, traditions and places of Wales inspire stories, myths and legends followed by People of Wales use the arts to convey their culture, heritage and belonging.



Bae dau started their inquiry by tuning in to what the children already know about stories and myths of Wales. They used pictures to carry out a thinking routine 'I see, I think, I wonder'.

To find out more about the stories of Wales they took part in a visit to Pennard Castle, and a drama and storytelling workshop.



The children made meaning of the stories using another thinking routine which helped them make links between the stories, and other stories they know.



Dosbarth Langland went on to develop their collaboration skills by being effective team members when planning their performance of understanding.



They developed their communication and presentation skills through exploring stories in different ways including dance and drama. They used these skills when practicing their performance which they shared during our Eisteddfod. Gwaith gwych pawb!

Bae Tri - LIVING & WORKING TOGETHER - Responsible economic decisions can have a positive impact on our personal wellbeing, our local community, and society as a whole.

Bae 3 have been busy working on their inquiry gaining an understanding of local business and how they contribute to the local community. They have contacted local businesses who are coming in to see them over the next few weeks to talk about how they make responsible decisions in running their businesses and how this can have a positive impact on the local community and society as a whole.

Their visit to the Royal Mint gave them an insight into the history of money and the Royal Mint.



The children are also planning an enterprise project, they'll be learning about how to manage a budget and make responsible decisions – they will be communicating their plans and ideas soon!

Bae 3 have been taking part in Rights workshops led by Swansea University to learn more about the Rights of the Child which is a key part of the new Curriculum for Wales. The children have explored laws that protect children's rights through role play scenarios and imagining life without the Rights of the Child. They have followed with a child led project where they are working in groups to present their understanding with the wider community. The children have decided how will be presenting and are working on these ready for some sharing workshops later in the term, Rhossili on the 12th March and Three Cliffs on the 14th of March.



Sports

Llongyfarchiadau to our Bae 3 swimming team who took part in the swimming gala yesterday and won joint first place.

Mr Price has organised lots of football matches against local schools, Townhill, Parkland, Crwys and Bishopston when the weather has allowed! Diolch Mr Price and ardderchog tîm pel droed!



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024

We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday March 7th. As part of the day we will be holding a book swop in the hall – children can bring in a book and swop for a new book. We've also got a range of other fun activities planned for the day aimed at promoting a love of reading. We'll give out the World Book day tokens next week.

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

Pupil Voice *'We have a right to be heard & have our say'*

Langland have been inspired by their learning about nature conservation which developed into a mini inquiry.



Their pupil voice this term is Charity and they have decided to support a local nature charity this term. This means we won't be doing Red Nose Day in school, instead Langland will be telling us about their chosen charity and how they plan to raise money with support from our community.

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

We're in the customer vote for a Tesco Stronger Starts. It's a scheme which gives community projects like us grants of up to £1,500. We applied to gain funding to support the development of Nature Pedagogy, nurturing a love for nature, growing food and sustainable living in our children and young people.

Tesco customers will now vote in the following stores

- 5482 De La Beche Swans Exp Small unit SA1 3EZ
- 3241 Swansea Marina Large unit SA1 3RA
- 6113 Swansea Sthlen Rd Exp Small unit SA1 4AG
- 4673 Swanesa Mariner Exp Small unit SA1 5BG
- 5732 Swansea Uplnds Cr Exp Small unit SA2 0EY
- 5557 Sketty Swansea Exp Small unit SA2 9BX
- 4612 Swansea Newton Rd Exp Small unit SA3 4AS
- 2597 Gowerton Express Small unit SA4 3EZ
- 3219 Swansea Extra Large unit SA5 4BA
- 4781 Swansea Treboeth Exp Small unit SA5 9EL

Stronger Starts.

From April 24 to June 24 to decide how much funding we get, so please support us next time you shop at Tesco! You can find out more here: <https://www.tescopl.com/strongerstarts>

Finally,

Our Parent Meeting bookings are up on the school website, we have 75% of the places booked so far, thank you. This will be a chance to take a look at your child's books and talk to the teacher about progress made over the year.

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

Dates at a Glance

Event	Details	Dates
Community Events	Parents Evenings (Reception week of 20 th February)	18.3.24 – 20.3.24
School Trips/ Visits/ Events	Wythnos Gymraeg Bae 3 Rights Workshop (4 of 6) Spectrum – Healthy Relationships Y6 PC Hadley – I didn't think Y5 Spectrum – Chance and Choice Y6 Rights Showcase Rhossili Heritage Centre Three Cliffs Spectrum – Emotions Y2 Spectrum – Safety Zone Y6 Rights Showcase Rhossili Heritage Centre Three Cliffs Cycle Training Y6	26.2.24 – 1.3.24 28.2.24 28.2.24 5.3.24 6.3.24 12.3.24 12.3.24 13.3.24 13.3.24 14.3.24 14.3.24 18.3.24 – 22.3.24
Term Dates	Monday 8 th January 2024 – Friday 9 th February 2024 HALF TERM Monday 29 th February 2024 – Friday 22 nd March 2024 EASTER BREAK Monday 8 th April 2024 – Friday 24 th May 2024 HALF TERM	
INSET days 2023	Inset Day 1 - Friday 1 st September 2023 Inset Day 2 - Friday 6 th October 2023 Inset Day 3 - Friday 22 nd December 2023 (3x Twilight sessions for staff) Inset Day 4 - Friday 9 th February 2024 (Cluster INSET day) Inset Day 5 – Monday 8 th April 2024 Inset Day 6 – Monday 3 rd June 2024	