



Friday Flyer

Annwyl Rhieni,

What a busy term its been and I can't believe how quickly the weeks have flown! We've welcomed new children, families and staff and I hope everyone who has joined our school community feels a happy and settled after their first term. We got into the Christmas spirit with some lovely events last week. Bae un had a Christmassy crafts afternoon with parents and family, they made Christmas decorations and a calendar while sharing some festive songs.



Bae dau prepared and shared a fabulous festive afternoon tea with poems and songs. They made some lovely sandwiches and decorated cakes and biscuits for the event – they worked really hard to entertain their families!



Meanwhile Bae 3 performed Carols by Candlelight concerts which were super. Ardderchog bawb!
Thank you for the lovely comments shraed about a festive celebrations.



The Christmas fun has continued this week with a lovely visit from Vicar Peter who came to share the Christmas story with each Bae – Diolch Vicar Peter we always love to see you at these special times.



Bae 1 and Bae 2 had a great time with a visiting Panto theatre company – the children loved every moment!



Bae 3 went to see the movie 'Home Alone', a great movie!

Bae 1 and 2 had lots of fun at their parties this week – thank you for their party plates!





Christmas dinner was a great success – the children all enjoyed , Diolch Julie and Liz Christmas dinner was lovely!

Inquiring minds ‘We have a right to learn & be the best we can be’

Dosbarth Meithrin have been developing their inquiry and learning skills this term. The children plan their own learning, they wanted to make jam tarts so the learnt to follow instructions and share. In their outdoor play they used they thinking skills looking for natural resources to create pizzas.



We’ve had such a wet term, but it hasn’t stopped them getting outside. They had some new waterproof clothing and decided to experiment to find out what waterproof meant. Some of the children noticed the moon was out during the day! They used their researcher skills to find out why they could see the moon in the day and not just the night.



This half term Derbyn and Meithrin have continued to explore different festivals and celebrations. Guy Fawkes using a science experiment and through art and are currently taking their wonderings through the festive season. Derbyn have been showing kindness and practising their writing skills by writing cards to people they love.

Derbyn have also begun to think about their own independent planning in their play and wonderings. Using language such as, 'Today, I plan to....', 'I would like to find out...' and 'I am going to...' They are at the early stages of reflecting on their findings.

Dosbarth Derbyn and Pobbles have enjoyed their music lesson this term, a great mix of singing and discovering rhythm through drumming and percussion.



The children have enjoyed being creative making, painting and drawing all kinds of things, they used their observation skills, digital skills, thinking skills and fine motor skills so well.

Dosbarth Pobbles have been thinking about 'Purposeful Play' and how they spend their choosing time in class.



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

They have been learning how to communicate with signs, symbols and signals in the outdoors and are developing their map reading skills - they found lots of 'treasures' around the school grounds!



Pobbls used their research skills to explore answers to their wonderings about 'belonging'. It was great to share this inquiry work with family members during our coffee morning too!



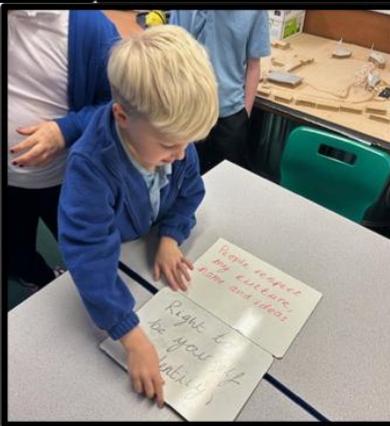
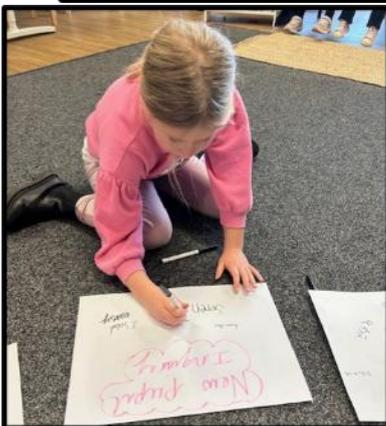
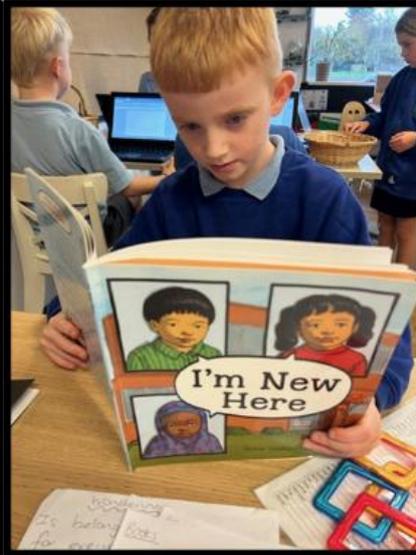
Maths in Action by Dosbarth Pobbls – they children have used estimating, comparing, measuring and problem-solving skills very well to gather natural materials for their Christmas crafts! Some of the children were inspired to create their own measuring devices too. Bendigedig – the Christmas crafts are super!



Pobbles have been working hard on their Inquiry 'Belonging', they thought about their wonderings and came up with questions,

What can we do to help everyone feel they belong? Do people belong even if they are different?

The children thought about how they would research their wonderings and once they had decided they got straight on to 'Finding Out'.



They chose how to record their new learning and shared this with their friends.

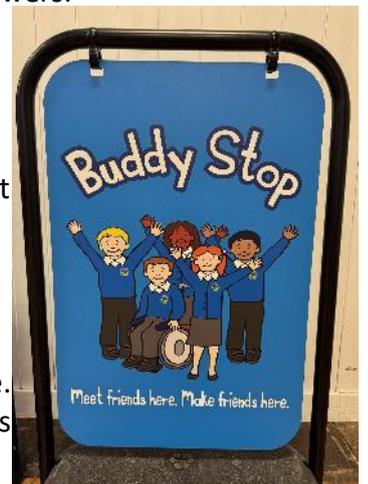
The children then discussed 'What are we still wondering about belonging?' and what interests they had to 'Go Further'. They decided on 3 mini investigations

- Which children's rights help belonging most?
- Do all children feel included at playtime?
- Do new pupils to Pennard school feel they belong?

To 'Find Out' they decided to research on the internet, write a questionnaire and record the results in a tally chart and interview new pupils to the school and record their answers.

Dosbarth Langland reflected on the information they had gathered. The playground inquiry group found out that out of **106** pupils they questioned, **76** felt included at playtimes, **11** felt they were not included and **19** said they sometimes felt included.

They decided that we needed to take action so that everyone could feel included. This would make belonging better for everyone at Pennard Primary School. So they wrote to me to ask if they could have some money to put their plans in place. They wanted a Buddy stop and some Buddy badges so that they could help friends at playtime. Gwaith Ardderchog Langland – what fantastic 'Taking Action'



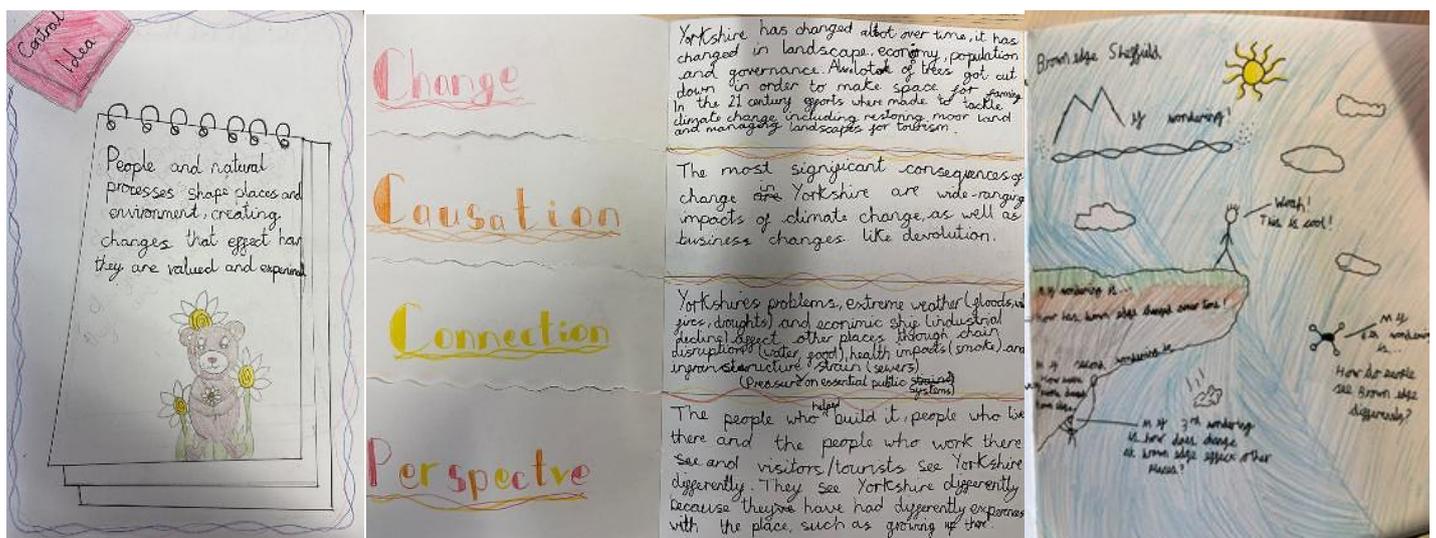
Dosbarth Langland had a lovely morning welcoming parents into class to share their inquiry journey. Diolch am ddod. The Christmas cards they have made this year are beautiful – I love these!



Bae 3 have been following an inquiry about nature and natural events, and looking at human impact on environments and places following research on their own wonderings. They worked on developing some of their learner assets skills such as 'researcher', 'collaborator' and 'communicator' to discuss their initial ideas and thoughts. They then shared their wonderings with other in the Bae.



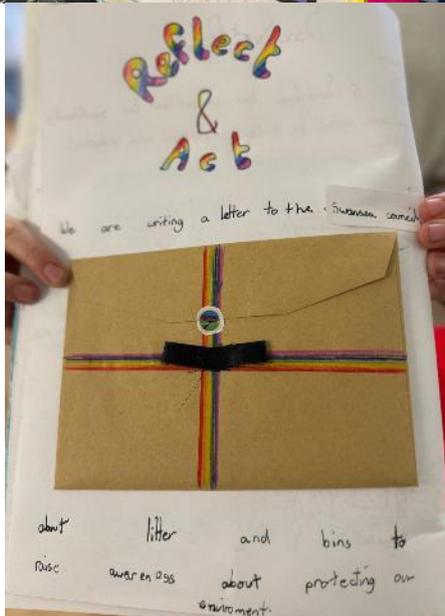
Their inquiries have considered the key concepts of 'change', 'causation', 'connection', and 'perspective'.



The children have researched and considered what changes have happened over time and what impact this has had to the place and people that live there.



They have been 'Taking Action' in the last few weeks writing and posting letters, sharing their findings in the community and within school.



Inset Days Spring 2026 – we have two INSET days next term as follows:
Inset Day 3 – Monday 5th January 2026 (+ Twilight hours)
Inset Day 4 – Friday 6th February 2026 (Cluster INSET day)

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



Some of the children went out on a very wet and rainy litter pick in the community as part of their 'Taking action'. Gwaith bendigedig Bae 3!

This year we are focussing on developing our 'Producing' skills in DCF, and in particular the use of media and film. Dosbarth Caswell had a great time working on their film project with [@bigfootwales](https://www.instagram.com/bigfootwales) – they are going to use the skills they learnt to create and produce a film for our school website – I can't wait to see what they come up with!



Out and about *'We have a right to learn & be the best we can be.'*

Year 6 have had some great enrichment activities this term, they all took part in Cycling Proficiency training, the part 1 training happens on our school yard and then they take to the roads so long as they can show they safety aware to do so.



They've had a great time developing their racquet skills with Swansea squash and Tennis Club and visited the club for a game of squash – looks great fun!



Our football club have had a great start to their training this year game against, despite all the rain they managed to get a game against Crwys where the girls won 4-0 and the boys drew 1-1. There are more games being planned for the Spring term.



Mae siarad Cymreag yn gwych!

Our fabulous Dreigiau have been working hard again this half term. They joined our Cluster schools for a Dreigiau meetup with Menter Iaith to learn some new Welsh games



Dreigiau have been playing Gamau Gymreag with children across the school, in breakfast club, Clwb Aros a Chwarae, at playtime and with different classes.



Dreigiau met with our Athrawes Bro and did a great job describing all the things they do to promote Welsh in school and in the community. As part of our focus on developing everyday language skills we have been awarding badges through our positive noticing for those who are regularly speaking Welsh in school. Da iawn pawb!



Diolch yn fawr iawn Dreigiau, gwaith ardderchog!

Uniform

It's been lovely to see children in their Christmas clothes this week. A reminder that we expect all children to wear their school uniform after Christmas. Wearing school uniform helps children feel part of our school community, promotes fairness, and supports a calm and focused learning environment. It helps staff easily identify students when out on trips and reduces pressure around clothing choices. If a child does not have a school jumper, we will provide one at school so that they feel a part of our school community alongside their peers.

Uniform is mandatory at Bishopston; adhering to this policy serves as excellent preparation as your child transitions to the next stage in their learning journey. Please support the school by ensuring that your child wears the appropriate uniform, and kindly label all items with your child's name. We also run a uniform swopshop – please donate any good uniform to Mrs Jones in the office (clean please!). Mrs Jones will regularly put out the rail for uniform for parents to take as they wish. Any good condition unclaimed uniform from lost property will also end up here. Thank you for your ongoing support.



NADOLIG LLAWEN!



Finally,

Diolch to the Choir and Miss Thomas who took the children to sing at Heatherslade Residential Home this morning. The residents really appreciated the visit and enjoyed the carols the children shared – super community work!

A reminder we have an INSET day first day back after Christmas.

Wishing you all an excellent Christmas and fantastic New Year! Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.

Kerina Hanson & the team.

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

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 – Christmas Tree

Cinio Nadolig - Christmas Dinner Pwdin Nadolig - Christmas Pudding

Pasia'r ysgewyll - Pass the sprouts Iechyd 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