Tonysguboriau Newsletter 12th December

Message from Mrs Harries



What an **incredible** week we've had at Tonysguboriau Primary School! Our Christmas concerts have truly been a highlight of the festive season. We've ended the week with our wonderful Christmas dinner. We are so proud of every child who took part. Da iawn pawb!

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your support, whether by helping with costumes, attending the concerts, or encouraging your children at home. Your involvement makes these events so special. As I mentioned in the concerts these events bring a community together.

Upcoming Dates & Reminders:

- **End of Term:** Friday 19th December
- **Return to School:** Tuesday 6th January

As we come to the end of this year, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Keedwell. Mrs. Keedwell has been at Tonysguboriau since 2021 and has been a dedicated and supportive member of our team. We will miss Mrs. Keedwell and wish her all the best in her new job. Pob lwc Mrs Keedwell

As we approach the holidays, we wish you all a joyful and restful festive season. Thank you for being part of our school community—we look forward to an exciting new year ahead!

Nadolig Llawen

Mrs Harries

Update from Mr Blears

It has been a truly busy week in Tonysguboriau. We have come to the end of our shows for the Christmas time. The children have truly worked hard to make sure their lines are clear and expressive and their singing has been fantastic. What a treat has been for our whole community.

Huge thank you to our PTA for all their support during the Christmas concerts and the wonderful Christmas Fair. I said it last year, and I will say it again, our community is second to none and makes our school very special!

Next week, we have all our Christmas parties. Can we advise that children can come in with their Christmas clothes (get some extra wear out of those Christmas jumpers) on their party days but please make sure that there clothing is warm and appropriate to the weather that we so often get during this time of year. The days of the parties are:

Monday - Y Ddraig Goch and Caradog

Tuesday - Llewellyn and Dewi Sant

Wednesday - Dwynwen

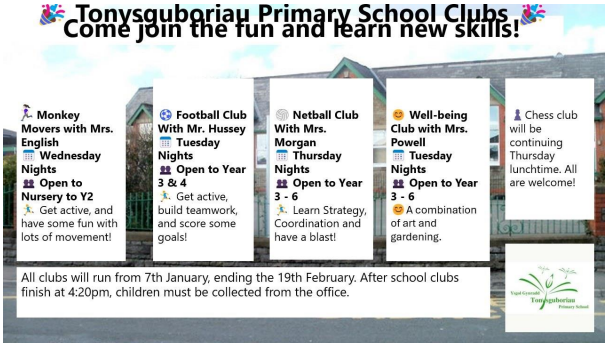
Friday - Branwen and Gelert

Thank you again for all your support and work this year. There will be one more newsletter next week with information about next year.

Have a wonderful Christmas time and enjoy all the extra time you have together.

Mr. Blears

Spring 1 Clubs



Thank you to all the teachers who ran clubs last term. They were a real blast and we are putting in more clubs for the Spring term. If you wish for your child to attend any of the above clubs, please fill in the form here:

[After School Clubs Spring 1 2026 – Fill in form]

Clubs will start on 7th January (Football and Well-being Club not starting in the first week) and we will email you out confirmation before Christmas whether your child has gotten their chosen club.

12 Days of Christmas Attendance Challenge!

Our attendance challenge is already up and running. We are really excited about how many children will get these bands. We will be presenting the children with these on Thursday 18th December.



Eco Council



🌿 Eco-Committee Shines at Youth COP30 in Cardiff! 🌿

Recently, our Year 5 and 6 Eco-Committee members had a fantastic opportunity to attend Youth COP Cymru's Youth COP30 event in Cardiff! This bilingual workshop, held at the Temple of Peace, was part of the global COP30 summit happening in Brazil this November, which focuses on climate justice, biodiversity, and stronger global emission targets.

What is Youth COP30 in Wales?

Organised by Size of Wales and Eco-Schools, it's a student-led simulation of the UN COP process, where pupils aged 9–14 engage with Welsh Government ministers, work on negotiation and problem-solving skills, and explore how Wales can take climate action.

🎤 Action-Packed Day

Our, talented students joined talks, discussions, creative workshops, and an immersive climate negotiation simulation, guided Size of Wales and Welsh food industry experts.

Bravely, our pupils took to the stage to pitch an eco-friendly initiative, a soy-free school dinner recipe for spaghetti and meatballs! They presented their idea to the Deputy First Minister of Wales, challenged the panel with questions about reducing soy in school meals, and showcased their appetite for sustainable solutions.

This was a valuable and educational experience for everyone involved, our Eco-Committee left the conference inspired, determined to continue making positive changes in our school, and who knows, we might be back again next year! 🤞

Finally, thank you to everyone for once again supporting our eco-friendly Christmas card initiative this year! We've been doing this for a few years now, and together we've saved thousands of potential cards and envelopes. Just imagine, for a school of 250 children, that's potentially over 10,000 cards/envelopes avoided in the last 2 years, what an amazing impact for our environment!

After Christmas we will be collecting used Christmas cards and envelopes in school for recycling, thank you for helping us reduce waste!

School Choir

Thank you to Mrs. Gill and Mrs. English, for their time and commitment to our school choir. They were certainly a highlight of our Christmas Fair and they brightened the day of the service users at Ty Heulog. The children put in a lot of effort and were shining examples of our school.

PTA



We want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to the PTA for their unwavering support and generosity. Every penny raised by the PTA goes directly towards improving the experiences and opportunities for our pupils—and the impact has been amazing! We have a

great team led by Georgina Swanton and Rachel Madge.Here’s what your efforts have achieved:

- **Bike Shelter**: Providing a safe and secure space for pupils who cycle to school.
- **Learning Hub in Key Stage 2**: Creating an inspiring environment that supports learning and creativity.
- **Support for Families**: Helping ease the challenges of the cost-of-living crisis by funding experiences that every child can enjoy.
- **Christmas Experience for Every Pupil**: The PTA is donating **£10 per child** so every pupil can take part in a festive activity, ensuring no one misses out.
- **Year 6 Residential Trip**: A generous **£1,000 contribution** to make this memorable experience more affordable for families.

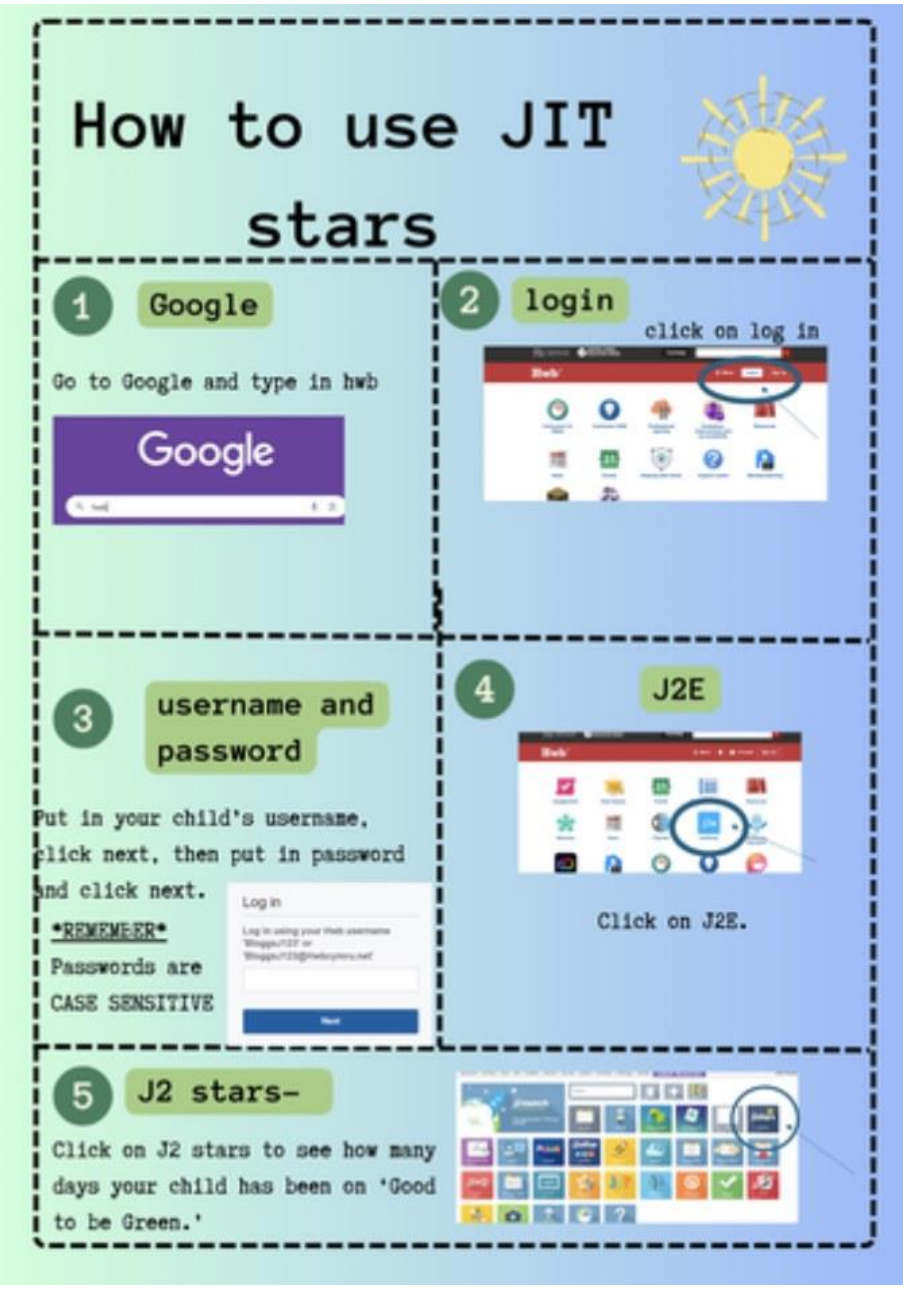
And it doesn’t stop there—if funds allow, the PTA plans to donate towards another school trip for every child, making sure all pupils have access to enriching experiences beyond the classroom.Your hard work, dedication, and fundraising efforts truly make a difference. **Thank you for everything you do to support our school community and give our pupils the best possible opportunities!**

Good To Be Green



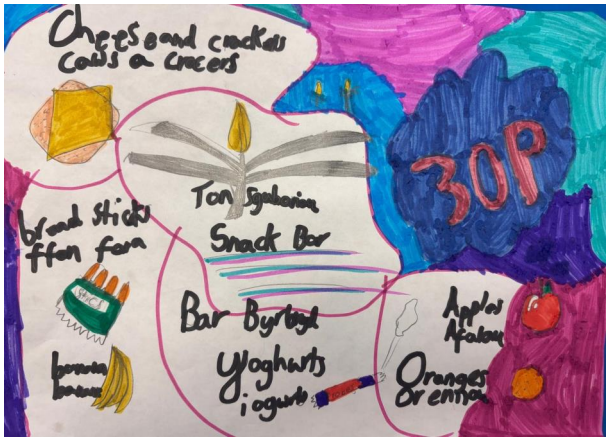
Children will receive a bronze certificate for 50 stars, a silver certificate for 60 and for achieving 65 stars, they will receive a gold certificate and a special Christmas treat.

See the below image to learn how to see your child's stars using J2E on the HWB.



Healthy Snack Bar

The Healthy Schools Committee have enjoyed leading playground games to the foundation phase, developing their leadership skills and Welsh. The next step for our committee is to set up a healthy snack bar for Key Stage 2 pupils. This snack bar will be open every Friday break time, starting on Friday 21st November. The healthy snacks that children can buy include bananas, clementines, apples, yogurts, bread sticks and cheese and crackers. Each snack will be 30p and allows all pupils to have access to a healthy snack.



Tonysguboriau Stars





Sophie earned her Rainbows Bronze Award this week along with earning 4 other badges including courage, influencer and book lover.


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George is very proud to have competed in his first cyclocross event (we made the most of the long inset weekend in November to travel to Bala, North Wales) - he had a great time getting muddy! This week, following a lot of hard work, George achieved his Wave 1 Swimming badge & is looking forward to the new challenge in his Wave 2 classes.

At Tonysguboriau, we love to celebrate all children's achievements. There are some achievements that we don't get to see that happen outside of school. Please send in photos and details of any achievements that your children have outside of school so that we can post them here and celebrate them with our community. Email blearsb2@hwbcymru.net with details and photos.

Any emails sent will be included in the next sway.

Dosbarth Dwynwen



We have been busy with our Christmas arts and crafts and practising for our Christmas concert! A big thank you to all parents for supporting your children by providing costumes, practising lines and songs at home, and purchasing the materials for our Christmas arts and crafts. Your support is greatly appreciated!

In the woodlands, we have been comparing, ordering, and measuring the lengths of our stickman creations, as well as measuring the circumference of trees.

We are launching our Winter topic by exploring ice and are very excited about our Christmas school trip to Swansea Winter Wonderland at Gower Fresh Christmas Trees Farm.

According to the weather forecast, we are expecting rain. All children will be changed into their wellies before leaving school. Please ensure your child comes with:

- A waterproof coat
- A packed lunch
- A water bottle
- A change of clothes

For those who have volunteered, we plan to leave at 10:00 am and return at 2:00 pm. Volunteers, please report to the school office at 9:45 am for our welcome meeting.

An updated newsletter will be added to the class website over the holidays, so please check to ensure you have the most up-to-date information.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Keep up to date with what's going on by visiting our class page - https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/dwynwen/

Dosbarth Llewellyn



It has been an exciting and productive time in the classroom as we count down to the holidays. Here's a little snapshot of what we've been up to:

Maths & Numeracy

We have been focusing on problem-solving and addition, using number lines to help us work through challenges.

Languages, Literacy & Communication

Our writing skills have been put to festive use! The children wrote invitations for our Christmas party, using persuasive language to make sure their friends really want to come.

Topic & Christmas Activities

This week, we made and tested our Christmas Fayre games. Thank you so much for bringing the children along to try them out. It was wonderful to see their ideas come to life while supporting our school.

We have also been busy creating calendars and cards, and we know you are going to love the children's artwork. They are so proud of what they have made.

School Concerts

A huge well done to all the children for learning their lines and speaking confidently in front of an audience. We hope you enjoyed the performances as much as they enjoyed putting them together. Thank you for your support with costumes, helping them practise at home, and coming along to watch. It really means a lot.

Just one more week of festivities and fun, including our Christmas Party on Tuesday, and then it will be time for the holidays. We hope you enjoy some special time with your children and families over the break.

Keep up to date with what's going on by visiting our class page - https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/llewellyn/

Dosbarth Dewi Sant



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderfully busy couple of weeks in Year 2, and I'd like to start by saying a huge well done to all the children for their fantastic performances this week. They have shown such resilience, enthusiasm, and growing confidence in their acting skills. The Landlord's Cat will certainly be one to remember!

In literacy, we've been learning all about adverts. The children have begun their "hot writes" for our final writing journey of the year, creating leaflets to advertise Wales. Their creativity and persuasive writing have really shone through.

In maths, we've continued to build on our skills in addition and subtraction, working with number bonds to 100 and tackling problem-solving using both manipulatives and mental strategies.

In science, our focus has been on forces. We've explored push and pull, and the children have carried out their own experiments using cars, ramps, and different surfaces to investigate friction. Their curiosity and teamwork have been brilliant to see.

We also had a special visit from the fire service, who taught us about fire safety—what to do in an emergency and how to prevent fires in the first place. The children listened carefully and asked thoughtful questions.

On the creative side, we've been busy making Christmas cards, calendars, and decorations. Please do check your child's book bag if you haven't seen their wonderful creations yet.

Looking ahead, our Christmas party will take place on Tuesday afternoon next week, and the children are already very excited.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you enjoy the festive season. Stay safe, have lots of fun, and make special memories together. I look forward to hearing all about it when we return in January.

Diolch yn fawr for your continued support!

Mrs Gill

Keep up to date with what's going on by visiting our class page - https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/dewi-sant/

Dosbarth Y Ddraig Goch



What an **amazing** first term we've had in Year 3! All the children have settled brilliantly into the routines and expectations of the junior part of the school. They've worked incredibly hard and produced lots of work they can be proud of.

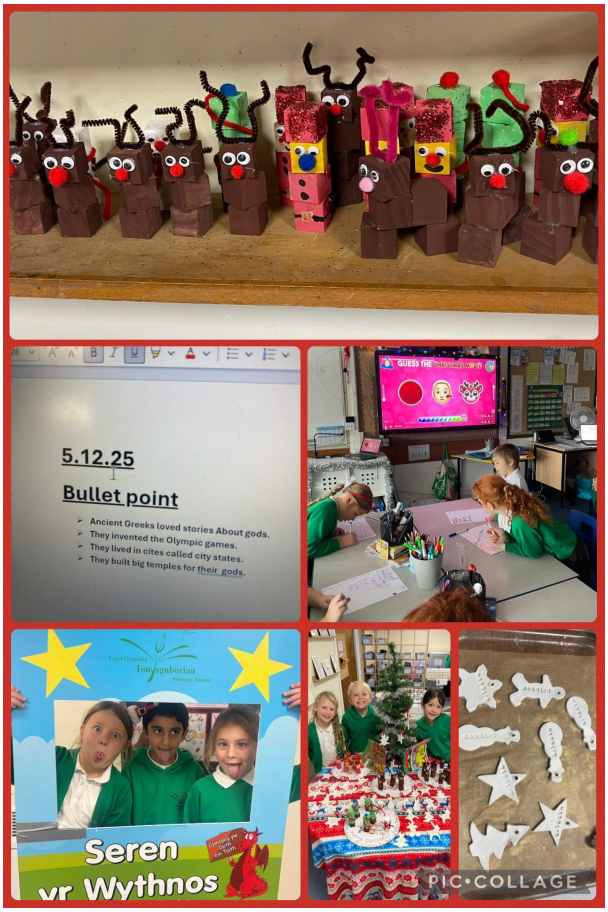
This term, our topic was Ancient Greece, and we ended by exploring what life was like in Wales at the same time. We learned about the fascinating journey from the Bronze Age to the Iron Age, discovering how Welsh people lived during prehistory such as their homes, the beginnings of farming, and how metal was used to make tools and weapons.

In Maths, we've been focusing on 2D shapes, their properties, perimeter, and tackling problem-solving activities. In English, we are planning and writing our final piece of the term, informal letters, a great way to show off everything we've learned about writing for different purposes.

I'd like to say a huge well done to everyone for their effort and enthusiasm this term. I hope you all enjoy a happy and relaxing break. I'm excited for the new year and our next topic, which will have a geography focus! We'll be exploring the water cycle, human and physical geography, and the features of Earth's layers including volcanic and tectonic activity! We'll also dive into local history by learning about Welsh coal mining, with a special experience planned to bring this learning to life…

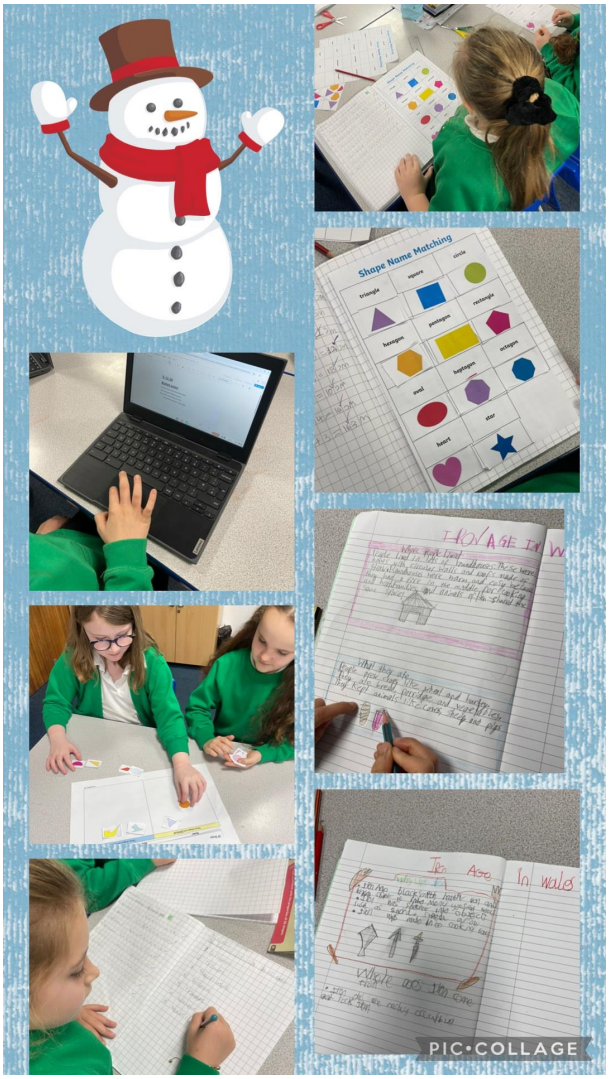
A reminder that our Christmas party is on Monday, children can come to school in part outfits that are appropriate to our weather.

Thank you for your continued support, I look forward to another fantastic term in 2026!




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it's toasty in here
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Dosbarth Caradog

What a wonderful couple of weeks we've had in Year 4!

We are so proud of the children for their fantastic performance in their Christmas Carol Service this week. They sang with strong, clear voices and really enjoyed taking part in these special events. It was lovely to see their confidence and enthusiasm shining through!

In literacy we are nearing the end of our narrative writing journey, and the children have produced some very imaginative work. They have developed powerful descriptions and enjoyed creating their own unique characters for their hot write stories. It has been amazing to see their creativity and writing skills flourish.

In maths we have started exploring inverse operations, looking at the relationship between addition and subtraction and multiplication and division, developing the pupils' independence by checking their work as they go.

Here is a link on fractions for children to revise their understanding of this if you wish.

Fractions - Year 4 Maths - BBC Bitesize

In our topic, the class loved taking part in mini experiments to learn about the river processes of erosion, transportation, and deposition.

- Using soil and water, we showed deposition as soil settled at the bottom of the water.
- With marbles and flowing water, we demonstrated transportation.
- By applying water to sugar cubes, the children observed erosion, just like a river wearing away rock! It was fantastic to see their curiosity and scientific thinking in action.

In art we have continued studying the work of Welsh artist Aled Thompson, experimenting with different types of lines and using these techniques in a tonal study. The children created some intricate pieces inspired by his style.

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fayre! The children loved making their snow globes and were so proud to sell them to you all.

A reminder that our Christmas party is on Monday, children can come to school in part outfits that are appropriate to our weather.

We are excited for our final week before the Christmas break, where we will be getting creative with festive crafts and enjoying some Christmas-themed activities together.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Keep up to date with what's going on by visiting our class page - https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/caradog/

My school email is larkinse8@hwbcymru.net.

Dosbarth Branwen

Another busy fortnight in Tonysguboriau Year 5.

Maths

Over the past fortnight, we have been focusing on fractions in Maths. We continued our work by converting fractions into decimals and percentages, as well as adding and subtracting fractions by ensuring the denominators are the same and identifying common factors. We have also started applying our fraction knowledge to solve word problems.

This week, we have moved on to exploring number patterns using two steps—a challenging concept that the children are working hard to master!

Literacy

In Literacy, we have completed our work on script writing. The children learned how to add adverbs for speech and movement, and use adjectives to improve stage directions. We also worked on creating interesting similes and explored how to use metaphors and onomatopoeia effectively. Finally, we applied our script-writing skills to real-life stories.

To link with our topic work, we explored climate change and learned about Greta Thunberg and the impact she had at the UN Climate Summit. Our final writing journey this term will be instructional writing about our Christmas craft!

Topic & DT:

In our topic work, the children designed and created their DT projects, making reusable gift tags and tree decorations. They showed fantastic entrepreneurial skills by selling their gift tags to members of the public—and even had to make more for themselves!

ICT:

We explored how images and videos are edited and the purposes behind these changes, discovering that many edits aim to persuade us. We then moved on to animation, where the children began designing their own animations linked to environmental sustainability. Working collaboratively, they created an iMovie combining their animations with previous learning about plant use, companion planting, gardens and allotments, farming practices, and sustainability in our locality.

This week is the last week for swimming lessons.

Looking ahead, our Christmas party will take place on Friday afternoon next week.

I have really enjoyed the concert this year and having the parents join in with the candles and songs was heartwarming to watch and was lots of the children's favourite part! The singing was incredible and the confidence of Year 5 and their willingness to fill in for Year 6 at the drop of a hat shows how truly confident and resilient the children are.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy the time together with your families and if there is anything we can do to help please email and ask.

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Dosbarth Gelert

Another busy fortnight in Tonysguboriau Year 6.

Literacy

We have been busy focusing on poetry exploring different forms of descriptive poetry linked to Autumn and Winter. We have looked at features such as personification, similes, metaphors, alliteration and onomatopoeias, learning how to use them effectively. the pupils have produced some excellent work which we will try and share soon.

Numeracy

The past two weeks has seen us focus on algebra, problem solving and measures as we have looked at finding different solutions to problems and applying them to real-life situations.

As ever if you wish to practice some more at home follow the links below:

Algebra - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zghp34j/articles/z2p6tyc

Word problems - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z69k7ty

Measures -

Topic

The children have been very busy completing their topic work learning more about settlements, designing their own environmentally sustainable houses of the future and working together to design and create a 'settlement' using Minecraft to show what their ideal local area would look like, linking all of the previous learning with settlement patterns, road safety and important features of our local area. We have also been busy developing our IT skills creating music using Garageband and Chrome music lab and starting to create our own podcasts and animations next week.

This week is the last week for swimming lessons.

Looking ahead, our Christmas party will take place on Friday afternoon next week.

The children have performed brilliantly for the Christmas Carol concert this year. I was incredibly proud of many of the children who whom standing in front of an audience would have been a no-go a year or so ago, and to see their confidence, perseverance and resilience develop has been fantastic.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you enjoy the festive season. Stay safe, have lots of fun, and make special memories together. I look forward to hearing all about it when we return in January.

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A message from the office



Thank you to everyone that supported the Christmas concerts by purchasing tickets and raffles tickets too. Your support is very much appreciated.

Please check your information is up to date on the MCAS up and submit any changes if there are any. If you have yet to download it please do so as it helps save the school some money and enables us to stay in contact with you.

Photos should have now all gone out if there are any issues please let us know.

Finally just to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself (Mrs Tanner) and Mrs Morgan!