Tonysguboriau Newsletter 13th November

Message from Mrs Harries

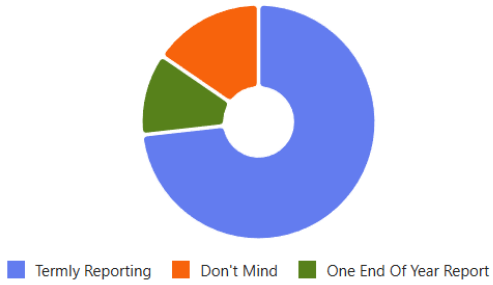
Thank you so much for attending our recent Parents' Evenings. Your support and engagement mean a great deal to us. We are currently reviewing the feedback you've provided, and it will help us continue to improve. We're also delighted to hear that the pupils' messages included in the bookmarks were such a big hit! It's wonderful to see their efforts in developing their **assessment for learning strategies** being appreciated.

Here are some comments about **Meet The Teacher !**

- Learning how my child is getting on in school and understanding the support in place for their unique development.
- Seeing that staff know their child well and understand how to support them effectively.
- Gaining insight into what's happening in class, the structure of the school day, and the learning environment.
- Hearing about progress and how the school is helping children continue to improve and succeed.
- Having all questions and concerns answered clearly and helpfully.

- Meeting new teachers and discussing progress early in the year.
- Learning about the daily timetable, expectations, routines, and activities offered.
- Viewing the classroom and understanding the learning space.
- Seeing examples of work and discussing what children will be working on this year.
- Discovering new ways to support learning at home.
- Understanding teaching approaches, classroom systems (such as stars and spots), and what certain routines mean.

Here are your preferences for reporting;



Update from Mr Blears

Shwmae!

It has been a very busy 4 day week this week. I have been particularly busy with the student council. We will send a separate message out about the money raised from our Poppy Appeal and Children In Need but huge thanks to all parents. A big thank you to all members of the student council for their ideas that led to some really great and fun ways to raise money. The pupil council also presented to the governors about their upcoming targets. Their targets are:

- Children will feel that their voice is valued and have an effect on the school day·
- We will have a number of charitable events that will benefit local and national charities·
- Children will understand know their right when anyone speaks to them

A great part of our school is our pupil voice groups.

Have a great weekend and try and stay dry!

Mr. Blears

Digital Leaders - Say NO to cyberbullying!



This week the Digital Leader team created and presented an assembly about Cyberbullying to the rest of the school. They surveyed the pupils for incidents that have happened and the sorts of devices and programs the pupils use outside of school time.

The children presented excellently on how to keep safe online and avoid cyberbullying and just as importantly what to do if it happens to you.

The Digital Leaders created and presented an assembly on Cyberbullying to the rest of the school as part of our Antibullying week.The Year 6 Digital Leaders wrote the script and created the PowerPoint presentation, the Year 2 and Year 5 Digital Leaders created information posters to support pupils on how to deal with cyberbullying if it happens to them and the Year 3 and Year 4 Digital Leaders created the voiceover for the video.

You can find their presentation video on the School website - Digital Leader page: https://tonysguboriau-primary-school.secure-primarysite.net/digital-leaders-arweinwyr-digidol/

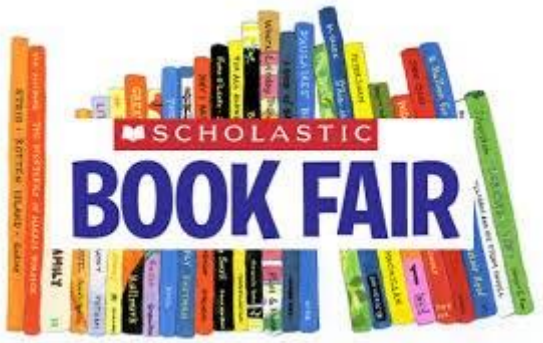
Or by following the YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RnBaYZjdCg

A family guide to recognising and challenging online bullying is available on Hwb - http://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/online-bullying/a-family-guide-to-recognising-and-challenging-online-bullying with information for parents on how to keep your child safe when using online devices.





Scholastic Book Fair



A huge thank you to parents, grandparents and of course the pupils who attended our Scholastic book fair this week. It was great to see so many of you and hopefully you have picked up some of our fantastic range of books for now.. or to put away for Christmas.

Thanks to you we have earned over **£450** of rewards that we can put with last years rewards towards new books for school. This gives us over **£900** for our reading champions pupil voice group to spend on books to support: Reading outdoors at playtime, Group Guided Reading

Sessions, Home school books and all the other fantastci opportunities that we have to encourage and promote reading in school.

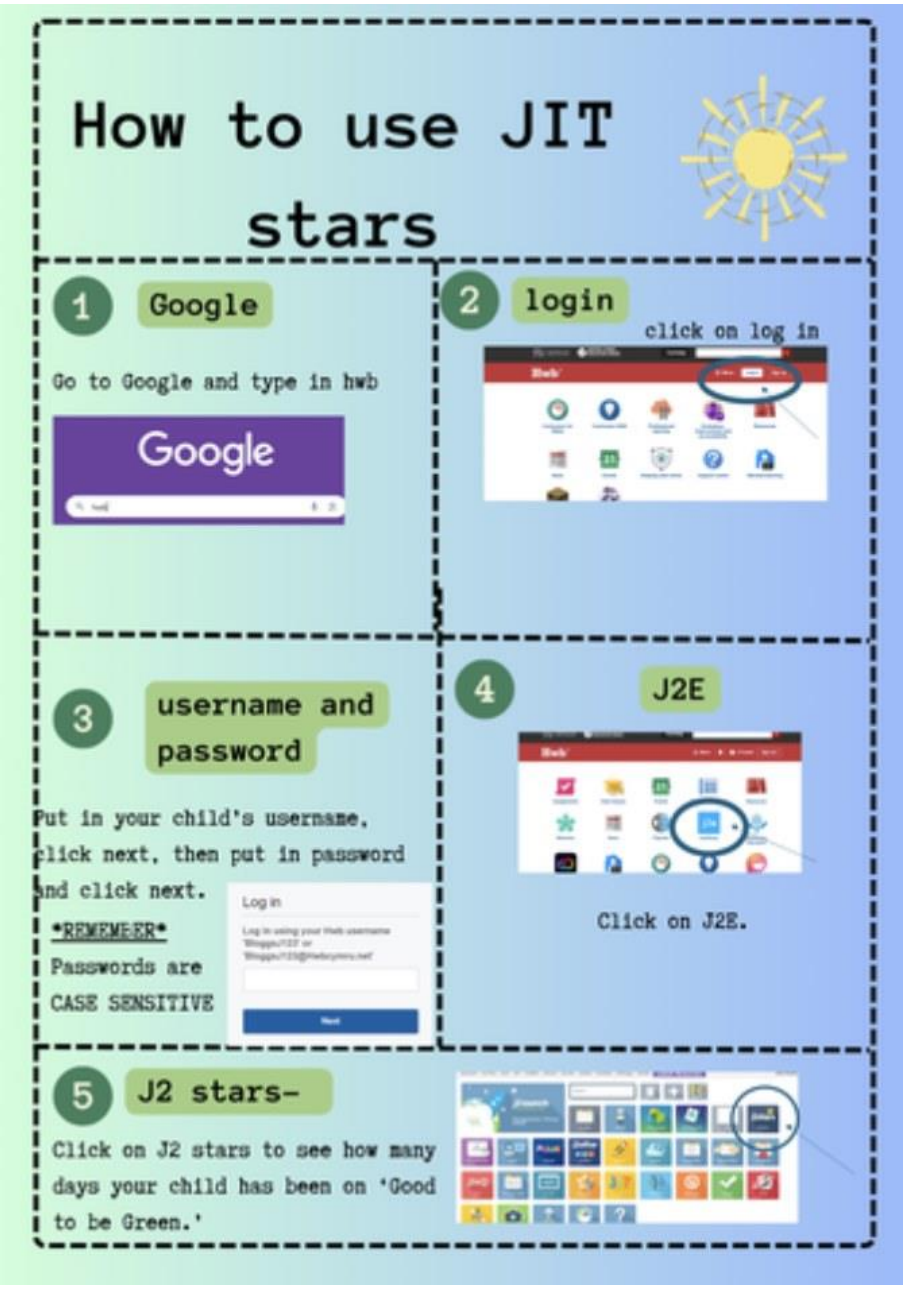
Thank you!

Good To Be Green



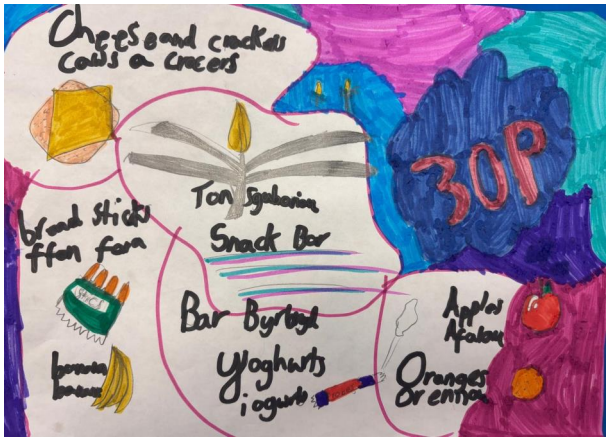
Children will receive a bronze certificate for 50 stars, a silver certificate for 60 and for achieving 65 stars, they will receive a gold certificate and a special Christmas treat.

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.

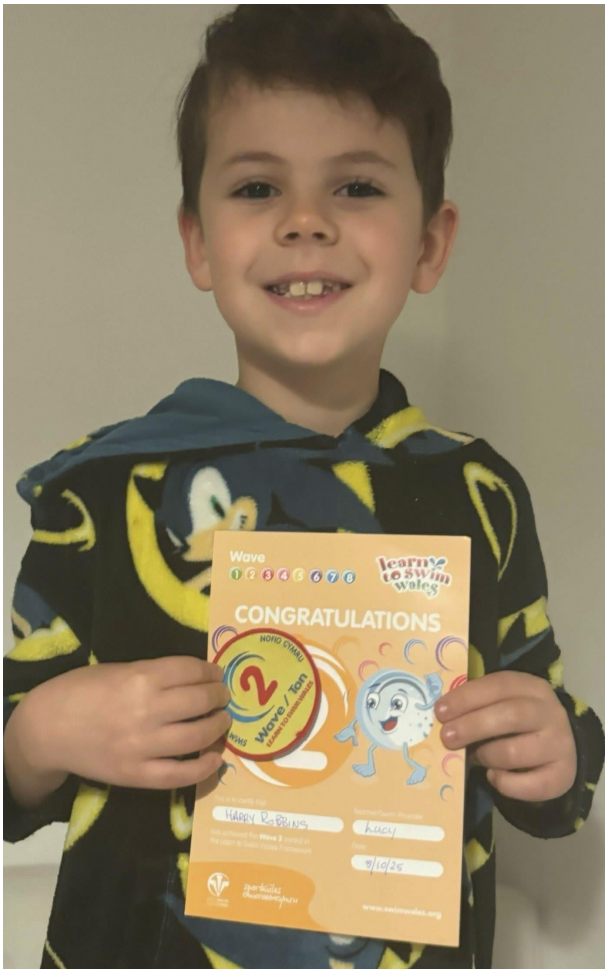


Tonysguboriau Stars

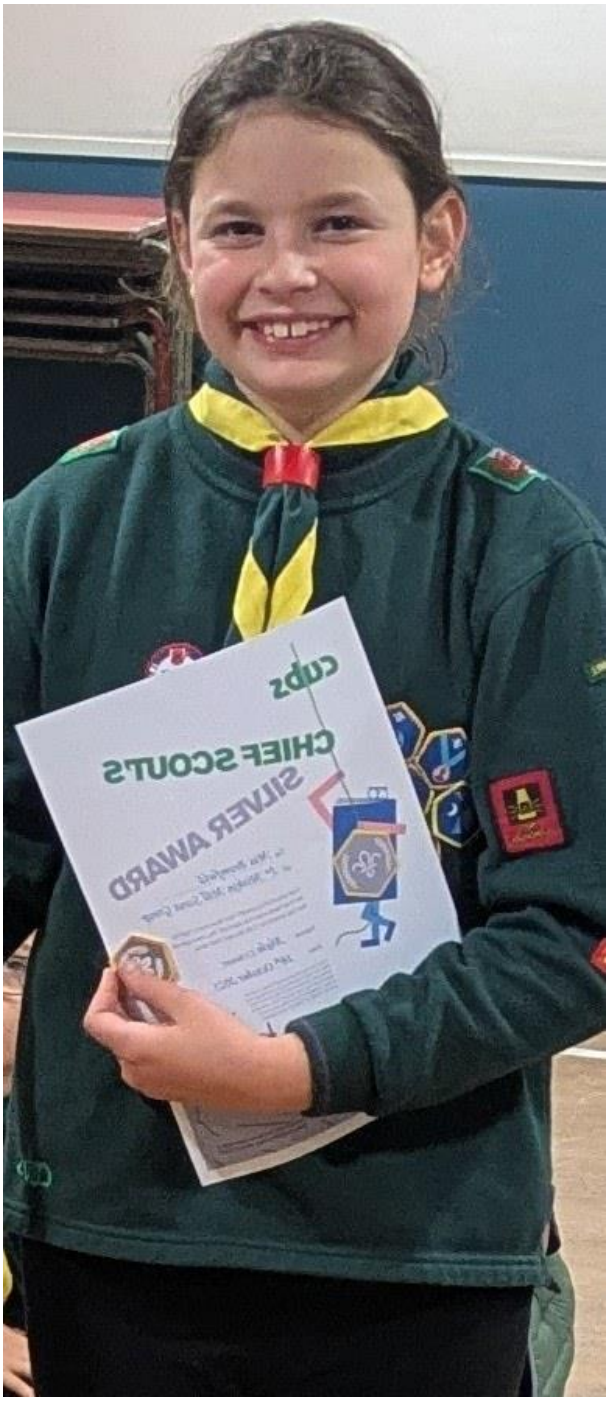




A big well done to Lincoln for coming third in the Race Against Hate that we participated in



Harry passed his Wave 2 Swimming badge this week.



Mia was awarded the Chief Scout Silver Award in Cubs. It's the highest award she can achieve whilst attending cubs. Her family are very proud of her!





Well done to the boys in year 2 for playing in their first under 7s playing for Talbot Green. Tommy also had player of the week.

Phoebe would like to share she's achieved her Wave 2 certificate in swimming lessons this week. She's one step closer to fulfilling her dream of scuba diving with tropical fish!

Dosbarth Dwynwen



Guy Fawkes, Fireworks, and Art

We discovered the story of Guy Fawkes and had fun exploring monochrome colours by mixing different shades, tints, and tones of the same colour to create our own bright fireworks. We practiced our mark-making by tracing the Houses of Parliament on the light table and improved our fine motor skills by tying knots to make sparklers in the woodland. Along the way, we also learned about fire safety and what to do in an emergency, keeping our celebrations safe and fun!

Remembrance Day

We learned all about Remembrance Day, observed a two-minute silence, and talked about the people who made sacrifices to keep us safe. We created 3D poppy models, digital artwork, and collages using wildflowers to remember and celebrate their bravery.

Children in Need

We joined in the fun for Children in Need through games and a bake sale. We also learned about children's rights and discussed the difference between essentials and necessities. Thank you so much for all your generous donations and support!

Celebrating Diversity, Language, and Seasonal fun

This week, we have been supporting Show Racism the Red Card to help raise awareness of racism and promote kindness, respect, and equality. The children have been learning about the importance of treating everyone fairly and celebrating the things that make us unique.

The children have enjoyed exploring colour mixing and using playdough to develop their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and focus, while also encouraging them to use verbs to describe their actions and adjectives to describe a range of textures, supporting their early literacy and mathematical vocabulary.

In addition, we have been celebrating Shw Mae Day, a special event that encourages everyone to greet each other in Welsh with “Shw mae!” and take promote Welsh language. The children enjoyed exploring a range of Welsh books, stories, rhymes, songs, and children’s programmes, helping them develop their understanding and appreciation of the language and culture around them.

To round off the week, we also celebrated during our disco, where the children had a fantastic time dancing and enjoying the music together. Following our exciting pumpkin investigation, the children requested to make seasonal pumpkin pies, which they thoroughly enjoyed preparing and tasting! It was a lovely way to bring the season’s celebrations to life through practical, sensory experiences.

It has been a wonderful week filled with learning, creativity, and fun as we continue to explore important themes and celebrate our community together.

Have a wonderful half term! We cannot wait to continue supporting your children to be the best they can be!

Mrs Baylis

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Dosbarth Llewellyn



Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely half term despite the rain. It was wonderful to see so many of you at Parents’ Evening and to share the fantastic progress your children are making. Please let me know if you have not yet received their one-page profile, or if you would like anything added to it.

Literacy

We have now finished our postcards unit, and I was absolutely thrilled with the children's work. They can use appropriate greetings ("To…/Dear…"), talk about events, express their feelings, and some are even beginning to ask the reader questions. All of this has been done while remembering to use capital letters for names and places—well done, everyone!

Maths

In maths, we have been exploring shape. The children have been naming and recognising a range of 2D and 3D shapes. They can sort them in different ways, talk about some of their properties, and create, copy and continue simple shape patterns with growing confidence.

Topic

We have been learning about the features of woodlands, hedgerows and meadows. The children have looked at examples from our local area and beyond. They enjoyed exploring the hedgerow surrounding our school and spotting familiar features such as leaves, berries, cobwebs and signs of animals. We have also been learning about colour mixing and have experimented with making secondary colours from the primary colours, as well as exploring the colour wheel.

Finally, we have started designing our games for the Christmas Fayre. The children brainstormed ideas before choosing one to develop as a group, thinking about how it will work and what they will need to make it.

Celebrations & Christmas

We celebrated Children in Need yesterday—thank you for your support. The children enjoyed playing games and having a small treat while helping to support this worthy cause.

We have also begun preparing for our Christmas concert. Your child will have brought home a letter with their part, the costume they will need, and any lines they need to learn. Please support them with this at home. They also brought home a letter about purchasing tickets for the performance. If you have any questions about the concert, please ask.

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Dosbarth Dewi Sant



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We've kicked off our new topic on addition and subtraction, and the children are already showing great enthusiasm. They've been using equipment, images, and jottings to explore different strategies, from adding three single-digit numbers to working with multiples of ten. It's been wonderful to see them explaining their methods and tackling problem-solving tasks with growing confidence.

In English, we've been learning how to write informal letters. The children have enjoyed practicing their addresses and setting their letters out in the correct order. Next week, they'll be writing thank-you letters to Debbie and Marina for our visit to learn about Abraham. We also talked about whether sending letters is "old-fashioned" compared to modern communication like texts and emails. I showed the class a picture of an email and asked what they thought it was. One child delightfully replied, "It's a laptop letter!" - which sparked lots of laughter and thoughtful ideas.

Our topic work has been especially creative. We've been inspired by the artist Rhiannon Roberts, recreating Talbot Green in her colourful style. The children loved experimenting with her techniques. We also had a brilliant time at Ebenezer Church, learning all about the explorer Abraham. His story captured their imaginations and led to some fantastic questions.

We've rearranged our trip to Llantrisant Guildhall. Please check your emails for the new date. Fingers crossed for good weather this time!

The festive season is upon us, and preparations for the Christmas concert are in full swing. Your child will have brought home a letter with their part, the costume they will need, and any lines they need to learn. Please support them with this at home. They also brought home a letter about purchasing tickets for the performance. We've also started making Christmas crafts to sell at the school fete, and the classroom is already buzzing with excitement.

Diolch, Mrs Gill

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Dosbarth Y Ddraig Goch



Class News – This Week's Highlights

This week in **Maths**, we switched our focus to subtraction. The children have been practicing mental subtraction with numbers up to 10 and 20, before moving on to the written column

method for subtracting 2 and 3-digit numbers. As an extra challenge, we even began regrouping numbers!

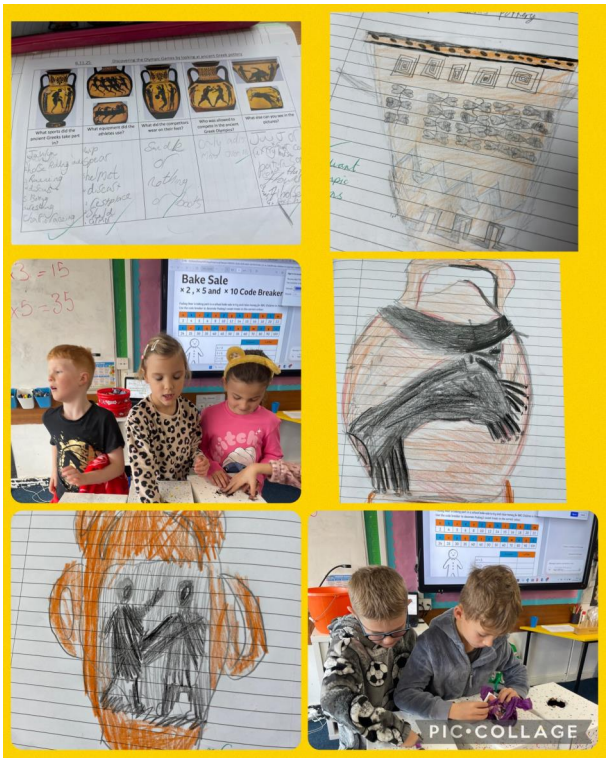
In **Literacy**, the children planned and wrote their *hot write* poems. These were list poems featuring repetition and descriptive adjectives to make them exciting and engaging. The results were fantastic – we are so proud of their creativity!

In **Topic**, we started exploring the **Ancient Greek Olympic Games**. Using different sources, including pottery paintings, we learned about the events, the athletes, and the objects used over 2,000 years ago. The children were fascinated by how these games shaped history and the modern Olympics.

Yesterday, we had a wonderful day raising money for **Children in Need**. We played lots of fun games, enjoyed delicious cakes, and raised an amazing amount of money. A huge thank you to everyone for your generous cake and money donations, your support makes a big difference!







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Dosbarth Caradog

In English, we began exploring the persuasive writing genre using the text *The Day the Crayons Quit.* Pupils engaged enthusiastically in a verbal debate and have been developing a range of persuasive techniques to strengthen their arguments. We have looked at a range of world wide issues including the overuse of screen time and plastic pollution. This stimuli allowed pupils to use persuasive and emotive language in their writing.

In Maths, we continued our work on geometry, focusing on identifying lines of symmetry and comparing and sorting shapes based on their properties. We will begin our work on fractions next week.

For our Topic work, pupils developed their ICT skills by inserting data tables with information about mountains and collaborating on an online poster about UK rivers, applying the digital skills we have been learning.

Beyond the classroom, pupils enjoyed their first Forest School session, where they learned about filtering water. They have also participated in an exciting drama and dance workshop, developing their confidence and collaboration skills.

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Dosbarth Branwen

Literacy

fortnight in Literacy, we've been very busy completing our writing journey based on the book *Window* by Jeannie Baker. Using this rich visual text, pupils explored the features of discussion writing, including complex sentences using "for" and "nor," quantifiers, modal verbs such as "must," "should," and "could," as well as definitions, relative clauses, structured introductions, balanced arguments, and thoughtful conclusions. The children produced fantastic discussions around the question "Climate change – is it a problem?" showcasing their growing confidence and critical thinking.

Next week, we'll begin our new writing journey focused on narrative scripts, linked to *Bake Me a Story* by Nadiya Hussain. We'll explore what makes a good script and dive into genre features, dialogue, and performance-ready writing. This will be a wonderful opportunity for pupils to bring stories to life through voice and character.

Maths

Maths, we've been working on data and graphs, compiling line and block graphs and interpreting them to answer questions. We've also started learning how to find fractions of numbers using two methods: visual drawings and the calculation method of dividing by the denominator and multiplying by the numerator. For a helpful recap, you can visit this BBC Bitesize video: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhdwxnb/articles/zjtg47h#zhbp9ty.

Topic

Topic, we've been learning about sustainable farming, what it means, why it matters, and how technology supports sustainable practices in UK agriculture. We used Tesco's database and a world map to trace where our food comes from and were surprised by some of the

results. This led to meaningful discussions about how our food choices contribute to climate change. We also surveyed KS2 pupils about how they use their gardens in Talbot Green and created graphs to represent the data, linking our learning across subjects in a purposeful and engaging way.

Science and Technology

In Science and Technology, we've been learning how to use Google Slides to present information about our topic. Pupils have developed a range of digital skills, including changing the size and colour of fonts, inserting and layering images with text, and experimenting with visual effects such as reflections and borders. We explored how different border styles and widths—like dotted lines—can enhance the clarity and impact of our slides. We also discovered how colour choices affect the way our work is represented and received by others, helping us think critically about design and audience.

In addition to our presentation skills, we learnt how to create folders on our One Drives and save our work there. This has helped us organise our digital learning and understand how to manage files independently, an important step in becoming confident, responsible users of technology.

Anti bullying week and children in need

This week, we marked both Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need with a vibrant mix of fun, reflection, and fundraising. Pupils took part in a range of games and activities designed to build connection and joy, all while raising money for a truly worthy cause.

Alongside the fun, we engaged in thoughtful discussions around bullying—particularly **social bullying**, such as exclusion, spreading rumours, and manipulating friendships. Pupils explored how these behaviours can affect others and shared powerful ideas about kindness, empathy, and standing up for what's right. It was a week that blended celebration with serious learning, and we're proud of the maturity and compassion shown throughout.

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Dosbarth Gelert

This fortnight we have been very busy with ....

Literacy - Completing our writing journey based on the book 'Climate change and me' by Emily Raj. We used this to look at writing discussions focusing on using different features of a discussion such as: complex sentences using for and nor, quantifiers, modal verbs – must, should, could; definitions, relative clauses, introduction, points for and against, and a conclusion. The children created their own fantastic discussions based on the questions: Can

technology solve climate change? and Should governments force companies to do more about climate change?

We have now started working on our new writing journey...Narrative scripts. We have linked this to the story of the Paper ag Princess by Robert Munsch and have looked at what makes a good script in terms of genre features.

Numeracy - We have focused on multiplication strategies and terminology such as primes, square numbers, facts and multiples. We have tried using grid and long multiplication to complete sums such as 247 x 25, and used these methods to solve word related problems.

To practice some of what we have been doing further at home, check out:

Grid method multiplication - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd/articles/z8fyhcw

Long multiplication method - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4chnrd

Topic - We have continued our work on Our Changing Planet by focusing on things we can do in our local area to make a difference. We carried out a road traffic survey in our local area, asking members of the public about their views on traffic and road safety and counting the different types of vehicles that there were. In class we then created tally charts and learnt how to calculate and draw an accurate pie graph. We also wrote discussions on the best way to make our roads safer in our local area.

There will be a transition day to Y Pant for Year 6 pupils on Wednesday 19th November - Pupils are to come to school as normal in school uniform, they will need a packed lunch for the day.

Reminder: Swimming continues on a Thursday - pupils needs shorts and t-shirt in addition to their swimming costume to practice lifesaving skills

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A message from the office



Holidays

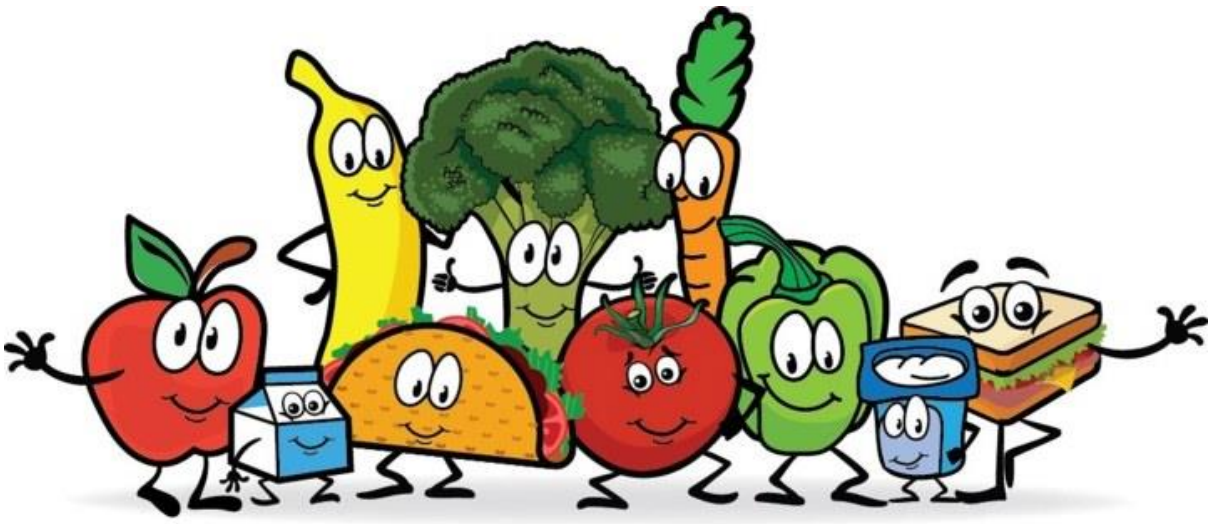
Just a reminder that holiday forms need to be submitted if you are planning a holiday in term time. They are available from our website or the school office.

https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/forms/

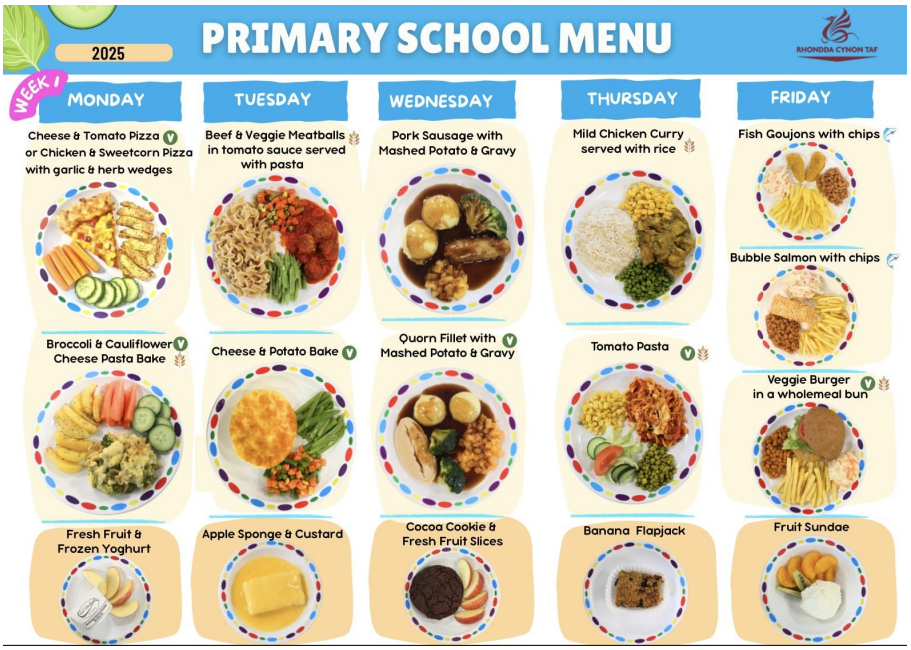
They must be submitted two weeks before a holiday is requested and if they have been submitted in advance of this we will not process until two weeks before you are due to attend due to us needing to review the attendance prior to authorisation. Fixed penalty notices are being issued if you take over 10 days per calendar year. Attendance and holidays are calculated one year back from the date of the holiday.

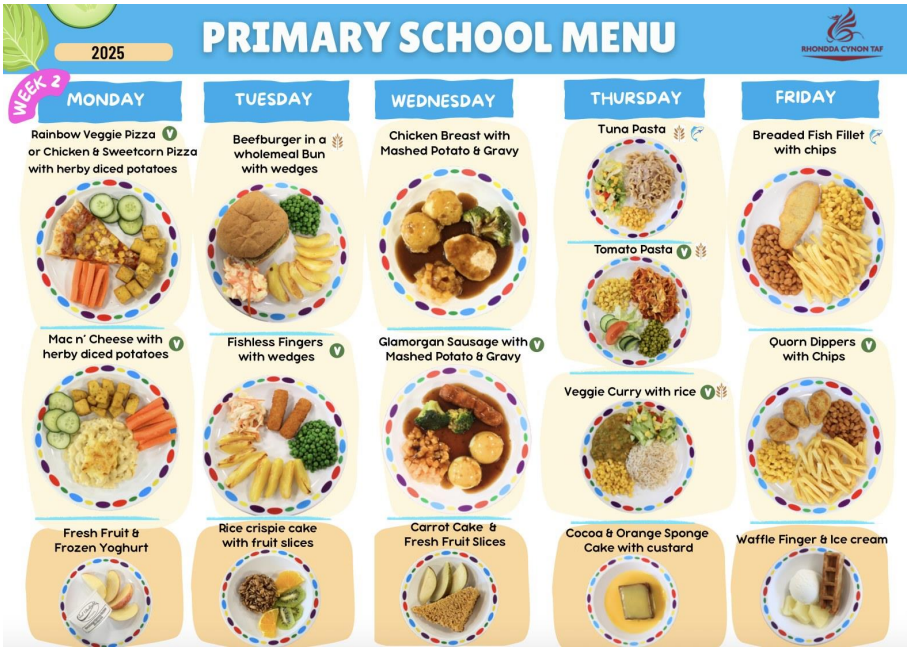
If you have any questions regarding the process I am happy to explain things or check holidays and attendance levels for you.

PRIMARY MENU-ENGLISH AND WELSH 2025



We now have an amazing photograph menu produced by catering services. This is great to share with your little ones to help them decide on their meal choice.





Important Dates

Tuesday 18th November - Fluoride Varnish (N/R/Y1/Y2)

Wednesday 19th November - Transition Day Y6 Y Pant

Friday 28th November - School Christmas Panto Y1 -Y6

Thursday 4th December - Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December - Choir Singing in Christmas Tree Festival 12.00pm

Monday 8th December - KS2(Y3/4/5/6) Christmas Carol Concert 2pm-3pm

Tuesday 9th December - FP Christmas Concerts (N/R - 1:15pm - 2pm) (Y1/2 - 2:15pm-3:15pm)

Tuesday 9th December - KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Christmas Carol Concert 6pm-7pm

Wednesday 10th December - FP Christmas Concerts (N/R - 1:15pm - 2pm) (Y1/2 - 2:15pm-3:15pm)

Friday 12th December - KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Christmas Carols Concert 2pm-3pm

Friday 12th December Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day

Friday 19th December - Last day of term

INSET DAYS for 2025/2026

Monday 5th January

Friday 22nd May

Monday 20th July 2026