Tonysguboriau Newsletter 15th May

Message from Mrs Harries

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate our Year 5 pupils following their recent residential visit to Llangrannog. They were an absolute credit to you and to the school.

Their behaviour throughout the visit was excellent, and their attitudes were particularly impressive. Pupils showed great resilience, worked collaboratively in teams, and supported one another to overcome personal challenges. One of the most memorable comments from the weekend was, *"I have overcome my fear,"* which reflects the growth and confidence we saw in so many of them.

It was a genuine pleasure to spend time with the pupils and see them develop in such a positive way.

I know you will join me in thanking Mrs Harry and Mr Hussey for giving their time to accompany the visit. Without the commitment and goodwill of staff, these valuable experiences would not be possible.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Harries



☼ Preparing for Warmer Summer Weather



As we move into the summer term, we are beginning to experience warmer and sunnier weather. To help keep children comfortable and safe during the school day, we kindly ask for your support with the following:

- **Sun protection:** Please ensure your child has sun cream applied **before coming to school**, especially on sunny days. Staff are unable to apply sun cream unless specific arrangements have been made. A named sun hat is also recommended for outdoor activities.
- **Clothing:** Children are welcome to wear **shorts in warm weather**. If wearing shorts or lycra-style legging shorts, these should be an appropriate length and **cover most of the thigh**, in line with our school uniform expectations.
- **Hydration:** Please send your child to school with a named water bottle each day so they can stay hydrated.

Please see the school's uniform policy for further information:

https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/tonysguboriau-primary-school/UploadedDocument/ce69211d-87ea-4105-bdbd-f48d15276256/school-uniform-policy.pdf

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe, comfortable, and ready to enjoy the summer term.

Smart Watches in School



As part of our **safeguarding procedures**, we would like to remind parents that **smart watches are not permitted in school**.

Watches that only record steps or tell the time are allowed, however, **any watch with additional functions** — such as **communication (calls or messages), cameras, audio recording, or internet access** — is **not allowed**.

If a watch with these functions is brought into school, it will be **kept securely in the school office during the day** and **returned to your child at the end of the school day**.

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Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all children safe.

Good To Be Green



The new term has started and a new Good To Be Green challenge has started. Children will receive:

- A bronze certificate for 40 stars
- A silver certificate for 50 stars
- A gold certificate and a special Easter treat for 58

We have changed that children no longer lose a star when they are on holiday.

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

How to use JIT stars

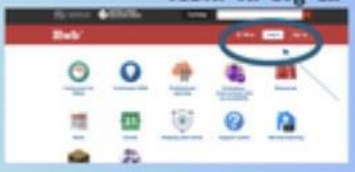
1 Google

Go to Google and type in hwb



2 login

click on log in



3 username and password

Put in your child's username, click next, then put in password and click next.

REMEMBER

Passwords are CASE SENSITIVE



4 J2E



Click on J2E.

5 J2 stars-

Click on J2 stars to see how many days your child has been on 'Good to be Green.'



Tonysguboriau Stars



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.

Wellbeing and Behaviour Strategy

We are committed to putting wellbeing at the centre of school life across Rhondda Cynon Taf. Our Strategic Plan for Wellbeing 2022–2025 focuses on supporting the mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing of all learners, staff and school communities.

To help us understand what is working well and what could be improved, we are asking parents and carers to complete this short consultation questionnaire. Your views will help shape the next stage of our wellbeing strategy and ensure future support meets the needs of local schools and families.

Your feedback will directly inform our planning and help us develop fair, effective and evidence-based approaches to wellbeing across the local authority.

Thank you for taking part—your voice is an important part of improving wellbeing for all.

The questionnaire takes around 10 minutes. There are no right or wrong answers—please share your honest views.

Parent/Carer Consultation (Wellbeing and Behaviour Strategy) –

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Diwrnod Seren a Sbarc



Today we celebrated Diwrnod Seren a Sbarc by wearing Welsh colours and taking part in lots of Welsh activities throughout the day.

The Criw Cymraeg have been busy encouraging the use of the Welsh language on the yard and have been working with classes and teachers to teach Welsh playground games. The children have also enjoyed mixing with other classes to read Welsh books and stories together.

On Friday last week, the Criw worked closely with the Criw Cymraeg from Penygawsi School to collaborate, share ideas and learn from one another. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to work together and continue promoting the Welsh language across both schools.

On Tuesday, the Criw Cymraeg led our assembly where they taught the whole school the actions to the Seren a Sbarc song. Everyone had great fun joining in! Click on the link below to sing along at home…

https://youtu.be/HtvQBrjUBNg?si=EtM9-dQqliaTpb9o

Please check out the photos on each individual classroom page on the website. Lots of fun, hwyl a sbri



More Criw Cymraeg News!

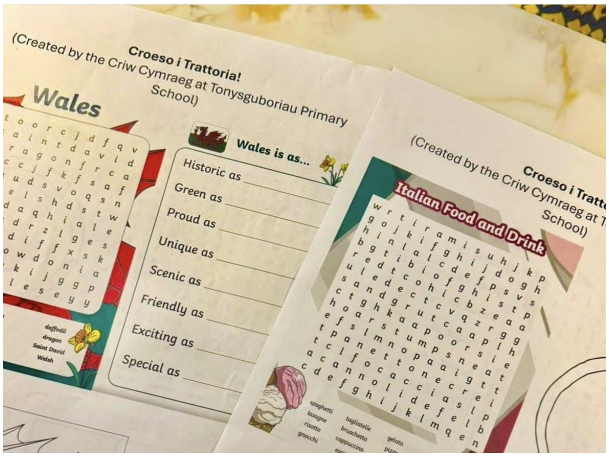
Trattoria Talbot Green ·
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We have teamed with Tonysgyboriau Primary School in a community engagement programme for Criw Cymraeg Gold Award for Welsh 🏴 🇮🇹

The children of Criw Cymraeg have designed wonderful entertainment packs for children who dine with us ✏️ 🖍️ 📚

We look forward to handing these out 🤩

@tonysguboriauschool @tonysguboriaupta
Liza Florimonte
#italy #wales #school #Tonysgyboriau #speaking #welsh #community #local #buisnesses #primary #workingtogether



After meeting with Liza at Trattoria to discuss ways of incorporating the Welsh language into our community, the Criw Cymraeg spent time designing a set of engaging activity sheets. The group carefully considered what they wanted to include to make the activities both fun and meaningful for visitors.

Why not visit Trattoria over the half-term break and see if you can complete them all?

This marks the beginning of an exciting partnership, and we look forward to developing further opportunities to work together in the future.

Dosbarth Dwynwen



Topic

This week we continued exploring the artwork of Welsh artist Claire Tuxworth and created our own digital pieces inspired by her style.

Our butterflies have now been released into the woodland. We learned the pili pala song and went on a minibeast hunt using Welsh animal names. We would also like to invite you to take part in some home learning to help promote Welsh at home with family and friends. Please share any videos with Mrs Baylis and your child will receive a raffle ticket for each one.

Health and Wellbeing

We have been learning about healthy teeth and enjoyed a poem about brushing. The children have been discussing how to look after their teeth and why it is important.

Maths and Numeracy

We are continuing to explore one less and have introduced subtraction number sentences. Please encourage your child to practise adding and taking away during their play using any objects around the home.

Literacy, Language and Communication

We have introduced our new genre of discussion. As a class we voted on whether the bus is the best form of travel for us and explained our reasoning with points for and against. We also created a bar chart to show our preferred forms of travel and talked about what the data showed.

We have had another busy and exciting fortnight, with the children continuing to work hard and show enthusiasm in their learning.

Please note, we have had a number of children without coats this week, and, due to the very unpredictable weather, we ask that your children bring a coat to school every day, please.

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

Dosbarth Llewellyn



We've had another busy couple of weeks in Dosbarth Llewellyn.

Maths

In maths, the children have been learning about time. We began by exploring time vocabulary and sequencing events throughout the day, helping the children understand the order of activities. They have then moved on to telling the time, focusing on o'clock and half past. The children are starting to recognise these times on analogue and digital clocks and relate them to their daily routines.

Literacy

In literacy, the children have completed their retellings of *The Magic Paintbrush*, and they were absolutely fantastic. We have now started a new writing journey based on informational posters. The children began by mind mapping what they already know about different animals. They then created their own poster about a chosen pet as a cold write. Following this, we explored what makes a good poster, looking closely at key features such as headings, labels and clear information.

Topic Work

In topic work, the children have continued learning about animals. They have been sorting animals using Venn diagrams and Carroll diagrams, choosing their own rules for sorting and explaining their reasoning.

The children have also learned about Ramadan and Eid, developing their understanding of different cultures and celebrations.

We are now beginning to explore what animals need to survive and thrive, and the children are already showing great curiosity and asking thoughtful questions.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is lovely to see the children growing in confidence and independence each day.

Mrs English

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Dosbarth Dewi Sant



We have now confirmed our school trip to Barry Island on the 19th June. We also have enough volunteers to support us, so thank you so much to all the parents who offered to help.

When we arrive, we will be able to witness the passing of the baton for the Commonwealth Games as it arrives in Wales. The RNLI will also be performing a drill and putting on a show for us. What a lovely experience for the children -we are all really looking forward to it.

Our scented garden is blooming beautifully thanks to the children taking such good care of it and watering it every day. We have grown a huge amount of radishes and lettuce, and this week the children have been washing, chopping and tasting them. There's definitely

something special about growing your own vegetables because I have never seen a group of children so excited to eat salad in all my life!

In maths, we have been finishing our multiplication and division topic, and next week we will be moving on to time.

In English, we have nearly finished our writing journeys. We have been focusing on descriptive writing and finding alternatives for “said” so that the reader knows exactly how a character is speaking.

In topic work, the children have been making their own boats using foil and cardboard and testing whether they float. We have also been learning about the mean and successful pirate Barti Ddu (Black Bart). The children have written some excellent character descriptions of him.

We also had great fun at Ebenezer Church last week learning about the story of Noah and his Ark.

Our class showcase will take place on the 17th July at 2:15pm and parents are warmly invited to attend. We look forward to sharing the children’s work and celebrating all of their achievements together.

There are lots of fun and exciting things going on at the moment. We are nearly at half term and, after that, it will be the children’s final term in Foundation Phase. Next term we will be doing lots of transition work to support the children, as I’m sure many of them will have mixed feelings about moving into Year 3!

Please check out the photos on our website.

Diolch,

Mrs Gill

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Dosbarth Y Ddraig Goch



This week, the children have completed their current English writing journey, which focused on creating narrative traditional tales with a moral. Using *The Magic Paintbrush* as inspiration, the children wrote their own versions of the story, adapting the main idea and creating their own unique endings. They worked hard to include interesting adjectives to make their writing more descriptive and engaging, and it has been wonderful to see such creativity and imagination across the class.

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of number by learning how to round to the nearest 10 and 100, estimate numbers, and continue building confidence with multiplication.

In Topic, we have continued exploring nutrition by conducting experiments to investigate how much fat is in everyday foods and discussing how to create a balanced diet. We have also begun learning about the human skeleton, including its functions, how it allows us to move, and how it compares to the skeletons of different animals.

Today, we enjoyed a brilliant *Diwrnod Seren a Sbarc* to celebrate the Welsh language and culture. Throughout the week, we have been reading Welsh stories and playing Welsh games outside. The children also created posters to celebrate the advantages of speaking Welsh. If

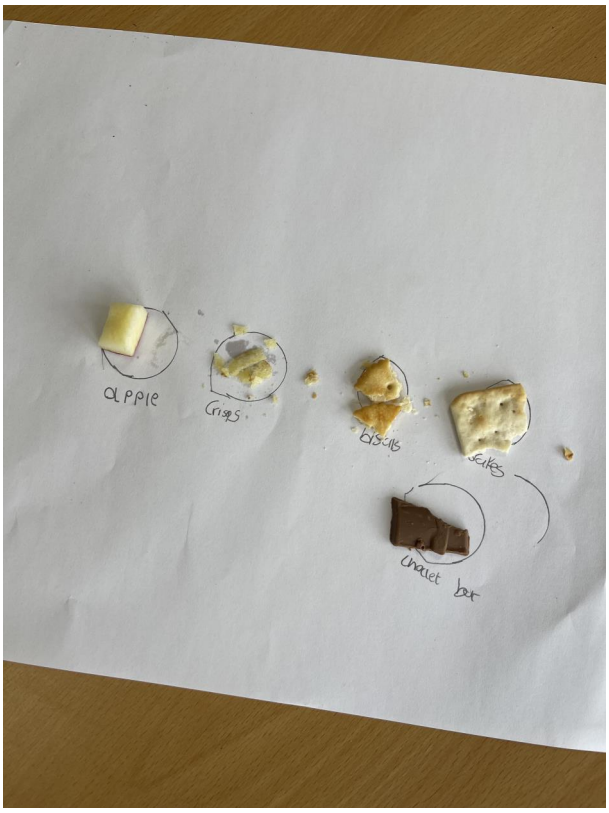
they would like to complete another entry at home, these can be hand-drawn or created digitally and should be returned by **21st May**.

A reminder that toys and fidgets should not be brought into school, as they are currently causing issues in class when they are lost, broken, or become a distraction from learning.



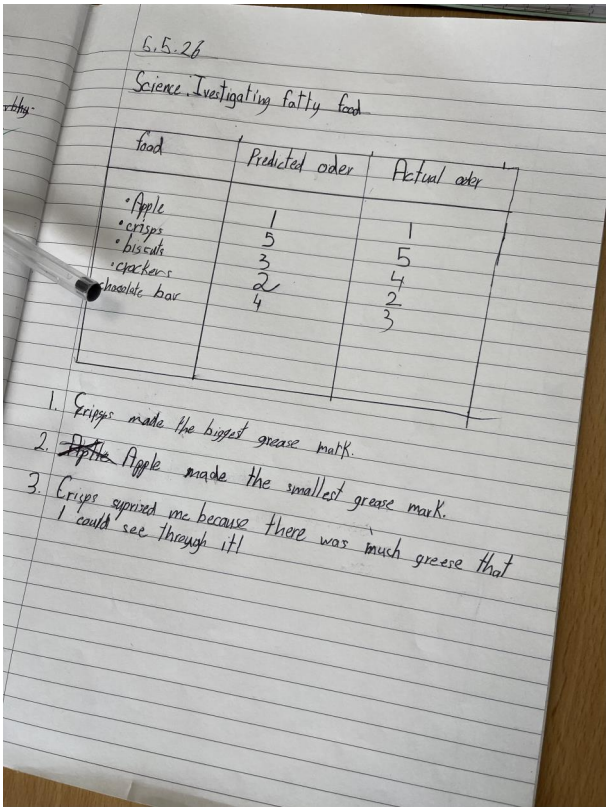



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Dosbarth Caradog

Literacy

In literacy, we have been focusing on writing explanation texts. Our class text, *Disgusting Digestion*, has definitely captured the class' interest. The pupils have been learning to use technical vocabulary linked to the digestive system and food groups. They have been working hard to explain processes clearly, using logical steps and appropriate language.

Mathematics

In maths, we have been exploring ratio. Pupils have used practical, hands-on resources to calculate quantities. They have also begun solving ratio problems, applying their knowledge to different contexts.

Topic Work

Our topic work has linked closely with our literacy learning. The class took part in an exciting experiment to help them understand what happens to food as it travels through the digestive system. This hands-on experience allowed pupils to visualise the journey of digestion and deepened their understanding in a memorable way.

Health and Wellbeing

In health and wellbeing, we have been discussing healthy lifestyle choices. Pupils worked together to design and carry out their own class questionnaire, helping them to identify the healthy habits within our class. This has encouraged thoughtful discussion about how we can make positive choices.

Seren a Sbarc Day

Today, we celebrated *Seren a Sbarc day*. Pupils combined their ICT coding skills with their Welsh language learning by creating their own Seren a Sbarc sprites. They then coded a Welsh conversation between the two characters, demonstrating both creativity and developing language skills. To finish the day, pupils enjoyed taking part in Welsh games, led by our Playground Leaders and Criw Cymraeg.

We look forward to another exciting few weeks ahead!

Diolch,

Miss

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My school email is larkinse8@hwbcymru.net.

Dosbarth Branwen

In Branwen, we have been having lots of fun with forces. We have been making parachutes with the changing variable of the parachute size. We're going to be exploring friction by testing toy cars on different surfaces. This is all a part of our "Scream Machines" topic which has led to some very clever use of the green screen.

In maths, we have been exploring ratio and proportion. This area of maths requires many different skills to work together including division and understanding fractions. The children have done well learning this new area and we will look for applications for this skill in this term.

Our genre is diary writing, and we are building up to a diary about Llangrannog. It was such a great experience that we wanted to get the children to talk about all their great experiences in detail. Mr. Hussey was very impressed and wanted to pass this message onto the children:

"A huge well done to all of the Year 5 pupils who attended the residential to Llangrannog. You were all amazing last weekend, having a great go at all the activities, showing some fantastic resilience on the high ropes and zip-line, showing great behaviour on our walk to

the beach, enjoying each others company and eating your body-weight in snacks" - Mr. Hussey

Have a great weekend!

The year 5 team

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Dosbarth Gelert

Literacy

This fortnight we have been completing our work on persuasive writing, learning how to use triplets (the rule of three), repetition, persuasive sentence starters and emotive vocabulary to back up our point of view and persuade people about an environmental area linked to our topic. The children wrote some amazing pieces and have really taken on board how to improve and 'up-level' their writing. We have then looked at how to use persuasive writing skills in other areas by using the main features of persuasive writing to create adverts for polar tourism.

Numeracy

We have continued to focus on problem-solving looking at different areas of mathematics, revising approaches to problems and covering as many different areas as possible before our digital national tests in a few weeks. We have focused on time - looking at time intervals and how to read and interpret information on train and bus timetables. We have looked at calculating intervals in analogue and digital time, calculating differences and answering problem-solving based questions.

To practise some work on time intervals go to:

Converting time intervals - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkfycdm/articles/zqxgvwx

Topic

Over the last two weeks we have looked at tourism in the polar regions, discussing the negative and positive aspects of this and its long term effects on the Arctic and Antarctic. This forms an important part of our work on being a good citizen - “Just because we can, does that mean we should?” We researched into different polar holidays and used some of our maths skills we had learnt over the last few weeks on fractions and ratio to answer questions related to tourism. We have also looked at animal species that live in the Arctic

and Antarctic and how they are adapted to survive, learning important information such as **MRSGREN** (All living things **M**ove, **R**eproduce, have **S**ensitivity, **G**row, **R**espire, **E**xcrete and need **N**utrition) and learning about different vertebrate groups before learning how to classify different animals. This is normally one of the first things recapped on in Year 7 so should give the Year 6 pupils a good start as they transition to Comprehensive.

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

Holidays

Dear Parents,

To determine if your child can have an authorised holiday, we review the past year to check for any previously taken holidays. For example, if your child is planning a holiday starting on July 1st, 2026, we will look back to July 1st, 2025. Each student is allowed up to 10 days of authorised holiday per year if they have maintained a minimum attendance rate of 94%. Please note that absences due to illness will also affect the attendance rate. Please also note that you can complete a holiday form whenever you wish but it will not be processed until two weeks before the holiday as it is determined by attendance rates.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you ever have any queries regarding this please let me know.

Mrs Tanner

Dates for the diary Spring 2026



- Friday 22nd May - INSET DAY
- Wednesday 20th May - Film and Quiz Night
- Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - Whitsun Half Term
- Monday 8th June - Reception Child Measurement Programme
- Thursday 18th June - Sports Day
- Friday 19th June - Year 6 Transition
- Tuesday 23rd June - Back Up Sports Day
- Saturday 27th June - Summer Fair
- Saturday 4th June - Summer Fair
- Tuesday 7th July - Y5 Transition Day
- Thursday 9th July - Leavers Assembly and Prom (Details to communicated closer to the date)