

**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

31<sup>st</sup> January - Steve Harris Assembly

**Advanced Notice**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Period Talk for Year 5 and Year 6 girls – letter sent home to provide further information

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February - Children's Mental Health Week

6<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day

7<sup>th</sup> February - Welsh Harpist Caroline Greenwood working with Year 3

7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February - Llangrannog

9<sup>th</sup> February - Welsh Music Day

February 9<sup>th</sup> - Break Up

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

19<sup>th</sup> February - School Closed for Inset Cluster Day

28<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> March – Spectrum Workshops in school

28<sup>th</sup> February - Year 6 Virtual David Baddiel Workshop

1<sup>st</sup> March - St David's Day

4<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 trip to Cardiff Met University (details to follow next week)

7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day (details will be shared later)

15<sup>th</sup> March - IT Workshop for Year 6 led by Cardiff Met University

15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day

**Friendly Friday**

On Friday's Mrs Davies will be on the school gate, alongside Mr Whitelock. It's a great opportunity for Mrs Davies to greet our families. (There may be occasions where Mrs Davies is unable to make a Friday, on this occasion an alternative day will be allocated.

**Attendance – 'Miss School Miss Out'**

Last weeks attendance stood at 91.5% with the best being Year 1 with 93.4%.

A reminder that the new process of signing in if your child is late or signing out if your child is being collected before the end of the school day. These forms need to be completed by an adult.

**Parent Responses/Questionnaires**

A big thank you to those parents who have completed the online questionnaires. Your opinions matter to us and working together is a great way of us improving school matters. We will do our best to respond to any issues raised in the most appropriate way.

In response to the questionnaires a few statements raised an issue with communication. It would be greatly appreciated if a form using our suggestion box method, could be completed with any suggestions as to how parents would like to see this improve.

This will allow us to consider your feedback, respond appropriately and make any necessary improvements.

Following the reintroduction of our suggestion box, thank you to those who have already made suggestions and some ideas and shared your thoughts with us.

Just a quick reminder that if you would like to share any information or speak to your child's teacher, an appointment can be made at the office. This will ensure you are given the relevant time to share concerns or thoughts.

An email can also be sent to your child's class teacher see below:

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<a href="mailto:mjones@stathanps.co.uk">mjones@stathanps.co.uk</a>	Reception
<a href="mailto:gwilliams@stathanps.co.uk">gwilliams@stathanps.co.uk</a>	Nursery

### **Advance Notice of St David's Day**

We will be celebrating St David's Day in school in our usual way, lots of learning and activities are planned.

Nursery parents are invited into Nursery to share in the celebrations.

Year 6 parents are invited in to school, to share our Bardic Chair Ceremony. This ceremony will take place at 2.45pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. It would be lovely to see some of you joining us for this event.

### **Garage Band**

Starting tomorrow Year 2, 3 and 4, will be having Garageband sessions for the next 5 weeks. We are very excited to learn how to create digital music over the next coming weeks.

### **Celt Plus**

**PARENT AND CARER SUPPORT SESSIONS**

Come and join at join us at :  
**St Athan Primary School, Thursday 25th January between 2-3pm**  
 to chat about our information and support program.  
**THIS WEEK WE ARE JOINED BY FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICES!**  
 We want you to use these sessions to learn about the support that is out there for you, including:

Childcare support/activities	Training
Search for new opportunities	Jobs
Finance and Benefits	Housing

\*\*\*\* We are a gateway to provide you with support, guidance and advice\*\*\*\*

For more information send us a direct message or contact us via email.  
 Email [Celt+@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:Celt+@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

Logos at the bottom: Vale of Glamorgan, UK Government Wales Llywodraeth y DU Cymru, and Bro Morgannwg.

### **Woodland Wonders**

As the weather is so wet at the moment please can you ensure that your child has fitting wellies in school for Woodland Wonder sessions.

Our woodland area and field are extremely wet and muddy at the moment and warm dry feet are essential for sessions.

Thank you

### **Forces Festival**

Yesterday, a group of our Military Children were invited to the first Forces Festival ran in South Wales, led by SSCE.

We spent the day working around the workshops on offer including a PT session from Forces Fitness, a creativity workshop from Never Such Innocence, a mindfulness course from Your North and a hands on experience of artefacts from WW1 where we also learnt the history behind them all. All pupils represented the school excellently and are already looking forward to their next trip!



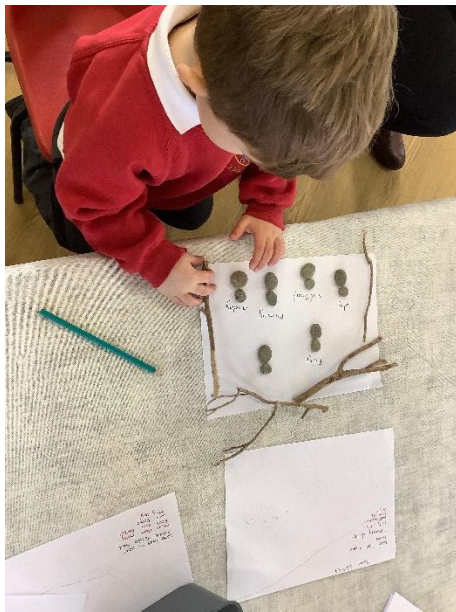


## Nursery

This week we've been out and about! Our enquiry based topic on the school and the surrounding area has seen us have a walk of the school grounds for PE, using our senses to observe our surroundings. We've also been on a shape hunt finding different shapes, recording them as a tally chart and then putting that data onto the computer using Purple Mash. Part of our enquiry also saw us say who lives in our house with us where we made our family out of pebbles.

## Update on the morning routine

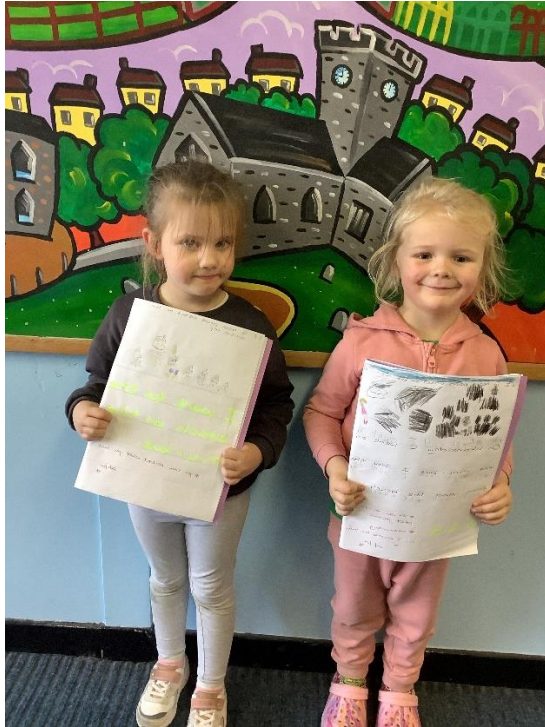
With less parents now coming into nursery with their child in the morning we've noticed the children are settling faster and this means we can start our learning day much sooner. Please now can this be the norm where parents drop off their child at the door and go, many thanks.



## **Reception**

We have been quite busy in Reception this week.

In Literacy we remembered places we had visited on our mini-bus trip and we wrote about our favourite place.



In Numeracy we have been working and adding 2 numbers together and working out the new total using different methods.

We have also used our colour recognition skills to make a daffodil picture of old magazines and other materials.

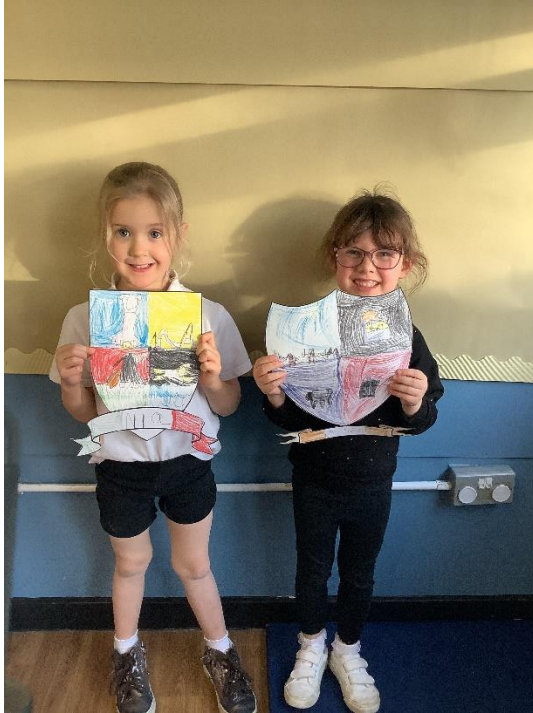




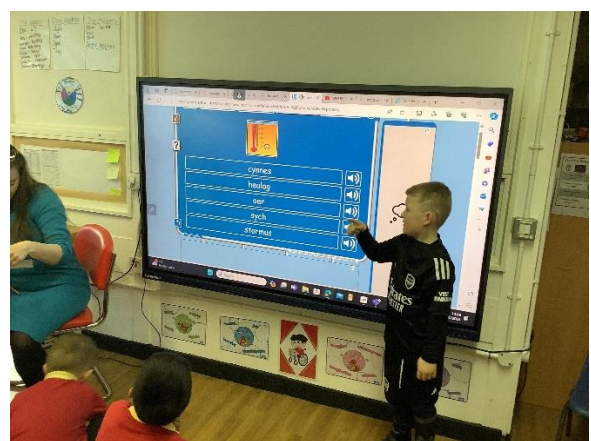
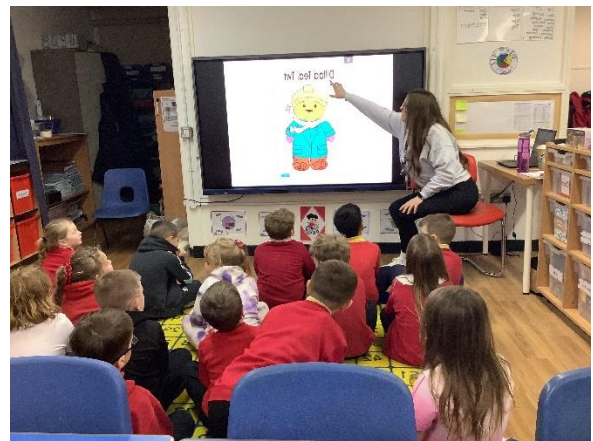
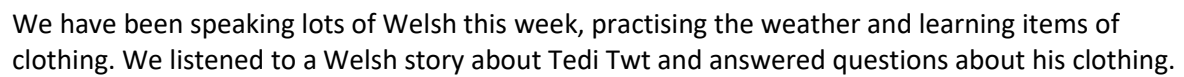
## **Year 1**

This week we have been creating our own personal badges which show the places, people and things that are important to us. We have also been writing sentences to explain why we choose each area on our badge.

We have been practising our Welsh by asking and answering the question 'Ble rwyd ti'n byw? (Where do you live?)



This week we have been writing our diary entry about our trip to Sea View Farm. We added similes to our writing and we have also learnt to use exclamation marks!



### Year 3

This week Year 3 have been practising when to use commas in a list during our Literacy lessons. In Maths we have been trying to master our division and in PE lessons we have been learning Welsh folk dancing, it was exhausting remembering all the steps, but we had great fun!

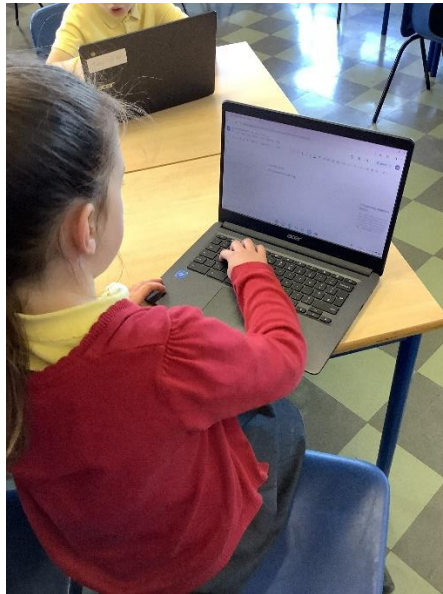
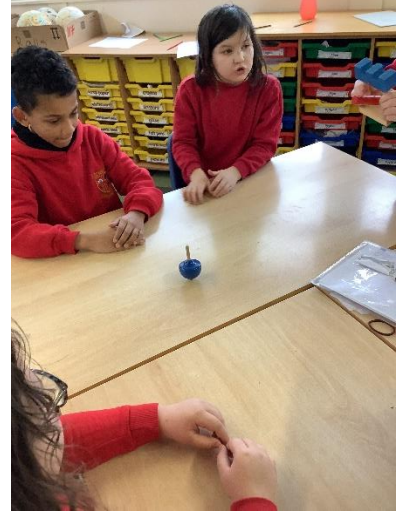
Reminder- Please can children remember their wellies for Woodland Wonders which is on a Monday for Year 3.





#### Year 4

What a busy week in year 4! In maths, year 4 have been continuing to improve our understanding of fractions and have focussed on labelling and drawing fraction number lines. In literacy we have been learning all about speech marks which has been very tricky! On Tuesday, we explored Victorian toys and designed our own Victorian toys using recycled materials. We will be starting to make these toys next Tuesday so if your child would like to bring in appropriate recycling for their toy, they are more than welcome to do so!



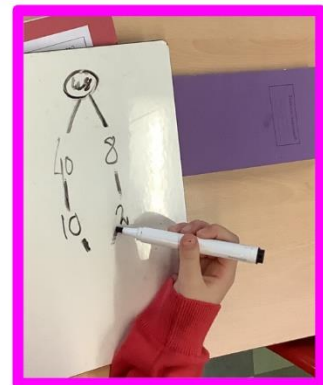
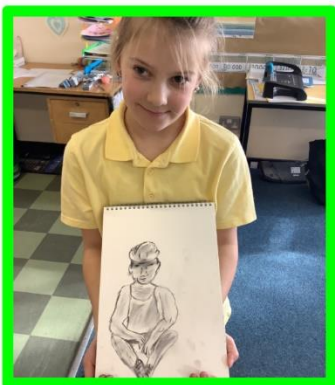
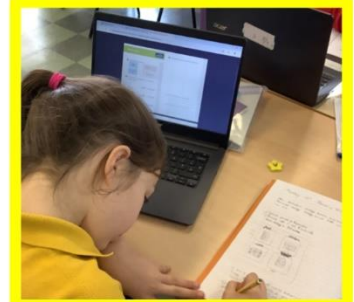
## Year 5

Year 5 have been busy this week. On Friday we explored lots of artefacts linked to mining. Thank you to Mrs Davies who shared these amazing artefacts with us from when her dad worked as a miner.

The aim of our topic is to create a Welsh Job Centre. We have started by looking at mining, as we have realised that mining was a big part of Welsh industry. It helped to create many of the main areas of industry as trains were used to transport coal by rail to the docks, where it was then transported around the world.

We have also been working hard in maths this week, where we have started to explore a variety of strategies to calculate division. We have looked at ways of chunking and grouping the number to help, as well as being introduced to the bus stop method.

In Literacy we have been working towards our final piece of writing linked to 'Town Is By The Sea'. We have been looking at the features of an informal email so that we are able to write an email from the point of view of our main character recalling the events of his day.





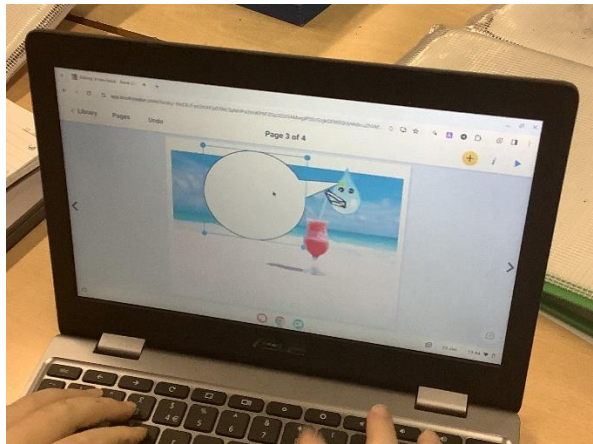
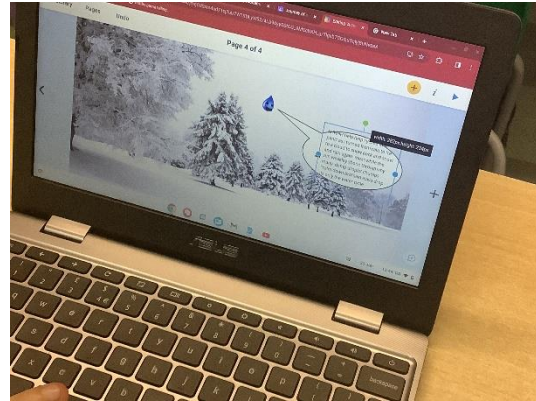
## Year 6

January is going by pretty quickly and we are already in the middle of week 3. In maths, we have been learning all about representing and calculating ratio and proportion. We started off by practically investigating with sweets before moving on to written representations.



We have been developing our understanding of using Welsh phrases to say where we are going by playing bingo.





Shwmae! Today Criw Cymraeg held the first celebratory Welsh Wednesday assembly where we awarded our Dragon mascots to the speakers of the week or, our Siaradwyr yr Wythnos. Check out our photo on twitter! Criw Cymraeg will be looking out for Welsh being used out on the playground and have been given special stickers to hand out to those pupils to encourage and promote the language.

**Pwy wyt ti? Who are you?**

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