

**Newsletter**  
**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**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
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	-	Carl Gough – A Welsh story teller visiting our school to immerse the Children in a story telling experience
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
29 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Inset Day – School Closed

Next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb there will be no Sports Club after School as Mrs Broomfield is at Llangrannog.

**Attendance** 'Miss School Miss Out'

Last Weeks attendance stood at 88.2% with class 1 being the best class with 94.8%.

Reminder if your child is late arriving at school in the morning a sign in form will need to be completed by an adult, and if your child is being collected before the end of the school day a sign out form is required. Thank you for your continued support.

**Llangrannog**

Year 6 head to Llangrannog on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. We know they are excited yet a little nervous. But we are sure they will have a fantastic time! The Year 6 team will endeavor to share as many photos of the children doing the different activities as they can on x (Twitter). Please remember to follow us on x (Twitter) so that you can view these photos.

**St David's Day – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, we will be celebrating St David's Day. Your child will take part in a range of fun and exciting activities linked to Wales. Please can your child be dressed up in a Welsh traditional costume or wear red clothing. Diolch!

### St David's Day Half term/Home school challenge

In celebration of St David's Day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, please encourage your child to have a go at creating a 2D/3D piece of art/craft work that you think best represents Wales. It can be a poster, drawing, painting, collage, model of a symbol of Wales (Dragon, Daffodil, Castle, Sport, flag etc)

#### **Key Stage 2**

Please can your child create a 2D piece of work or 3D model for their selected group.

Year 3 – Love spoon

Year 4 - Castle (appropriate size)

Year 5 – Dragon

Year 6 – A symbol of Wales

Please make sure you bring your home school challenge into school by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February as we will be judging them on that day.

We can't wait to see what you make. Have fun!

#### **Criw Cymraeg**

We've really enjoyed handing out stickers in the playground celebrating those speaking welsh. We have also heard a lot more welsh spoken around the school which is ardderchog!

Our next celebration will be Dydd Miwsig Cymru/Welsh Music Day which is celebrated on 9th February this year - look out for pictures on Twitter on how we celebrated the day!

#### **Welsh Phrase of the Week**

Faint ydy dy oed di? How old are you?

Dw i'n saith oed. I am seven years old.

#### **Outdoor Area Foundation Phase**

We are continuously trying to improve our outdoor areas for the children to use. We are looking for any donations, therefore if you have any of the following items spare at home we would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you for your support.

- Buckets
- Spades
- Molds
- Jugs
- Funnels
- Scoops
- sieves

## Nursery

We've had a busy week! With the weather dry we're making the most of it and enjoying some fresh air, even having PE on the yard. We're still focusing on our letter sounds and counting but all that hard work is tiring so we need down time with a good book, the children have stolen Mr Williams' sofa that now sits in the children's reading cwtch!

Can we make sure please that children are dropped off at the door and parents don't come in as to minimise children trying to get out and also with them getting upset when you leave.

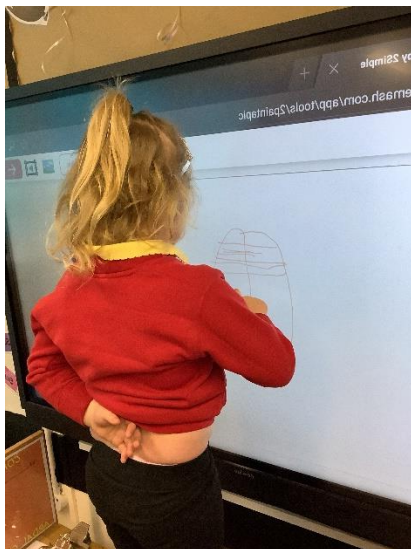
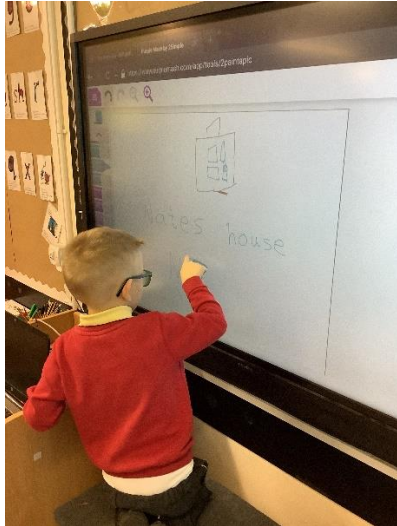
This week snack changes, children have had fresh pineapple for fresh fruit and also red peppers with their houmous.



## **Reception**

This week Reception have been learning lots of new things! We have had lots of fun learning how to use number lines to solve addition problems. We have also been solving word problems and practising our mental maths. As well as this, we have been counting in 2's, why not ask your child to show you!

We have also been learning lots more about Wales and what landmarks our country has.





## Year 1

This week we have been discussing if we think St Athan village has ever changed. We shared our initial thoughts and then looked at photographs of St Athan from previous years to see if the village looked the same or different.

Next week we will be going into the village to compare our photos with what we can see. Please can all form 4's be returned by Monday at the latest. Thank you

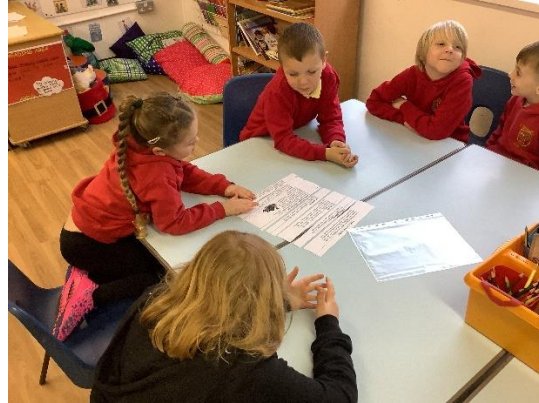
We have also been using number lines in maths and practising our throwing skills in PE



## Year 2

Last Thursday we had our first lesson with Garage Band. On the I-Pads we started making music using different drum beats, sets and sounds. We all loved it and we can't wait to see which instruments we will be using tomorrow to make some more music.

We have been ordering and grouping information working together to find the correct order for the text all about healthy eating and exercise.



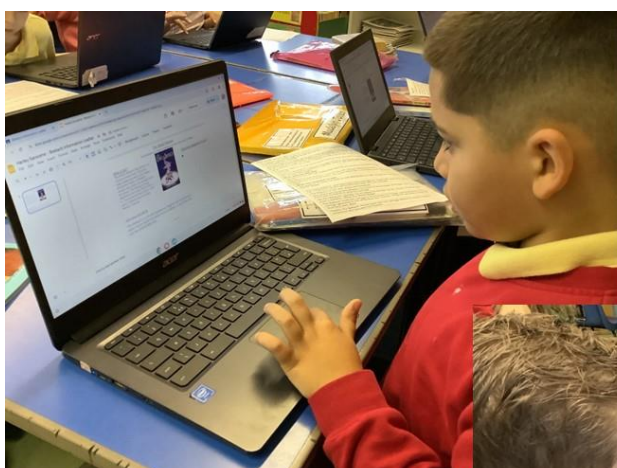
On Friday afternoon we made our own butter. We used double cream poured into containers which we had to shake hard for ages! It was hard work but it looked just like butter and tasted lovely on the bread. We think it is definitely easier to buy it from the shop and are glad we don't have to make it ourselves any more.





### Year 3

Year 3 have been working so hard! We loved using Garage Band last week to record our drum tracks and can't wait for tomorrow, when we will be adding more instruments. This week we have been creating information leaflets about the Bwbach, a Welsh mythical creature. In Maths we have been learning our 4 times tables and have learnt a really cool song to help us remember them. Next week we will be welcoming Caroline Greenwood to our class to show us her Welsh harp and to show us how this amazing instrument is played.



## Year 4

Year 4 have had a lovely week filled with lots of learning.

On Thursday we had our first session of Garage band centred around drums, we learnt so much! In maths, we have been using  $<$  and  $>$  to compare and order mixed fractions and are now becoming experts at this. In literacy, we have started writing our diary entries from the perspective of a Victorian schoolchild. We are taking our time to ensure it is a piece of work we are proud of whilst ensuring we have everything we need to make our diary successful. In topic, we made our Victorian toys using recycled materials which was so much fun! In PE, we are continuing to develop our dance skills by learning zumba routines to improve our rhythm and dance.

We can't wait to see what next week brings!





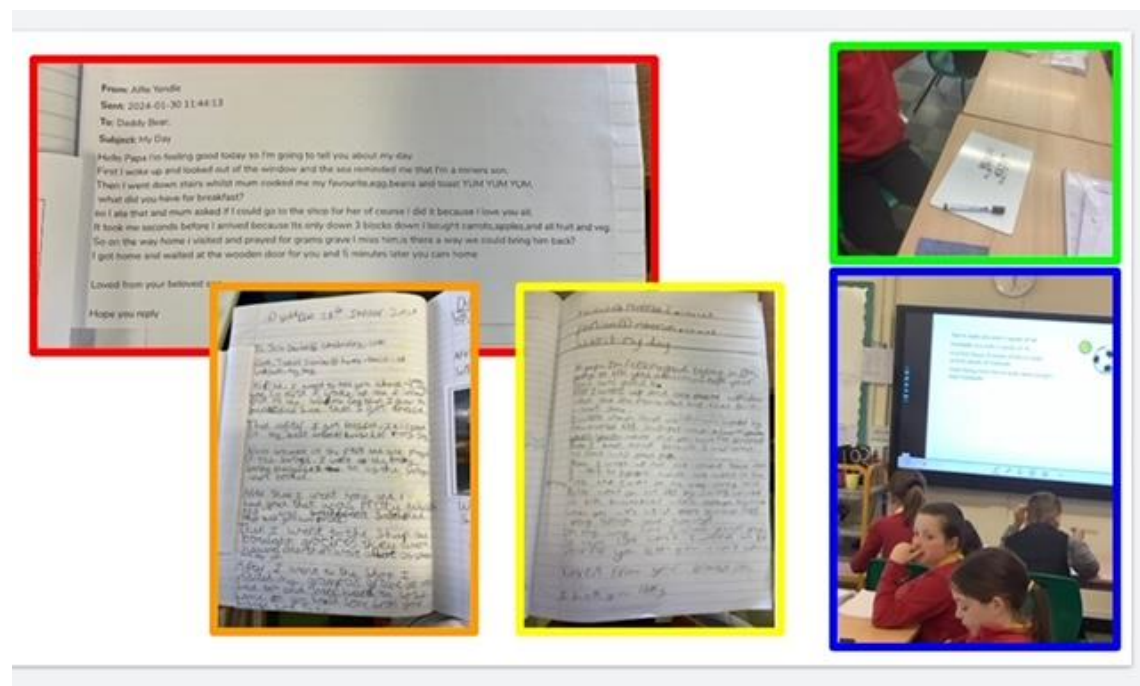
## Year 5

Year 5 have been working really hard in their maths this week. We have been answering word problems using multiplication and division. We are gaining confidence at looking for clues in the question to help us know which operation we need to do. We are also getting better at recalling multiplication facts to help our calculations.

We have also written our final piece of work, an email, linked to our book *Town Is By The Sea*. We used features of an informal email and could recall main events from the text. We are starting our new book today! We have to make predictions about what we think will happen, and what the story will be about based on cover art and music linked to the text.

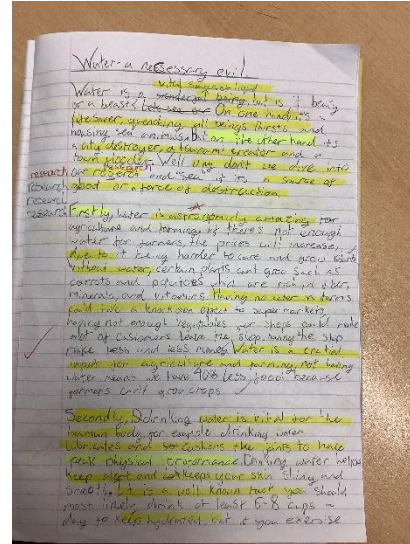
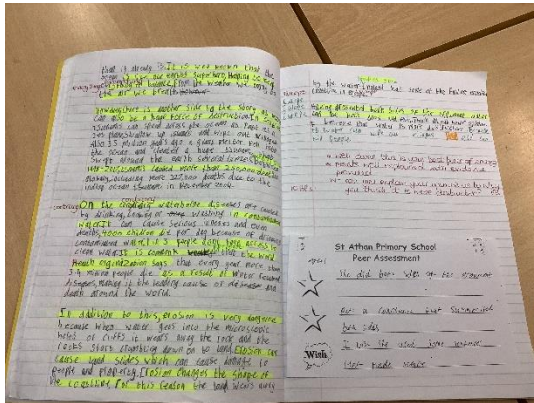
We have been enjoying our MPCT sessions with Staff Smith. We have been focusing on resilience, team work and reflecting on our feelings. We have been enjoying doing our emoji diaries every session, as well playing the games and building on our skills.

We have been focusing dreams and goals in our Jigsaw lessons. Last week we found out about a variety of jobs that are available today and how much people get paid. Over the next two weeks we will be thinking about what our dream job is and steps we can take to get there. Some of our ideas so far include: YouTuber, Football Manager, Doctor, Teacher and working in a Dog Shelter. It has been fun to think about what we can be and achieve as we get older.

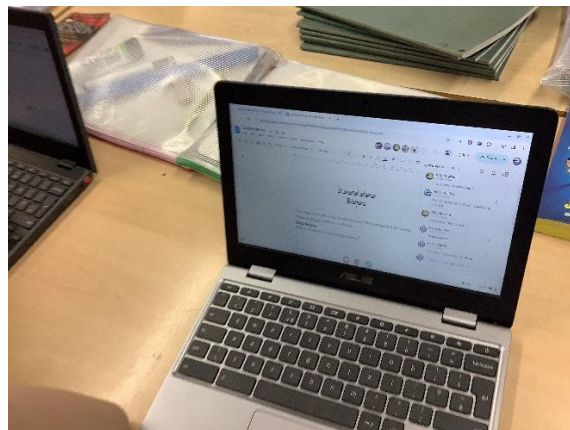
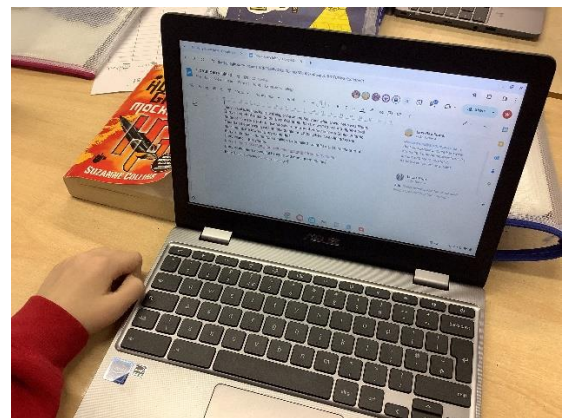
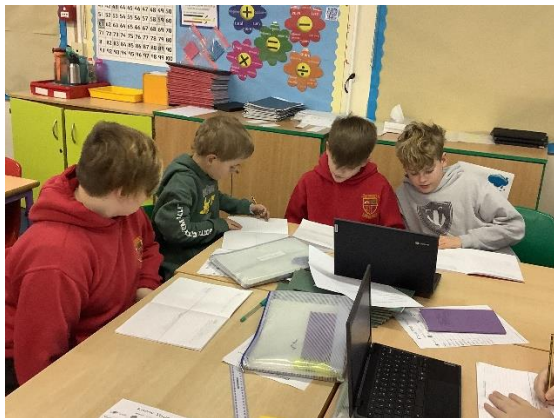


## Year 6

We worked really hard last week to produce a balanced argument about water – a source of good or a force of destruction. After researching information for both sides of the argument we wrote our discussion text at the end of last week. We used the technique of making a point, explaining it and then backing it up with evidence and we are really pleased with the quality of our writing.



We have been learning about different editing features when you share a document with someone, whether you want then to be able to edit, comment or view. It was interesting discussing the reasons behind and benefits of each of these and when each might be most beneficial.



**Twitter** Please can I ask all parents to follow us on twitter. It is very easy to do and doesn't cost. This is a great way to see on a daily basis what your children are learning and how they are learning it.

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