

Weekly Newsletter
Wednesday 17th January 2024

Friday 19th January - Final payment of £68.50 due for Llangrannog
Information meeting for any Year 6 parents of children going to Llangrannog 2.30pm

Advanced Notice

Wednesday 7th February Year 3 Welsh harpist Caroline Greenwood working with Year 3

Class Assemblies – see details below

Tuesday 23rd January - School Campus Cymraeg Assessment
Tuesday 23rd January - MOD Educational Visit – details to follow
Tuesday 6th February - Internet Safety Day
Wednesday February 7th-9th Year 6 Llangrannog Visit
Friday 9th February - Welsh Music Day
Monday 19th February - School Closed for Cluster Inset Day

Attendance – Miss School Miss Out!

Last week's attendance was 90% The best class for the start of 2024 was Year 2 with 93.4%

Parking

It has been brought to our attention that parking on the road leading up to the school is increasing. For the safety of our children and school community, **please** can we ask that you do not park here. The local PCSO's have been notified of this increased safety risk.

Volunteers

Historically, we have been luckily enough to have numerous volunteers at our school. If you are able to give up some time to, for example listen to readers, help out in Woodland Wonders, would you let us know?

As part of our safeguarding procedures, any volunteers working in school would need an up to date DBS check, before volunteering.

Celt and Vale Support

CELT and Vale Support worker Emma Webley will be in school from this Thursday, at 2pm.

She has a wealth of knowledge regarding all aspects of support that St Athan Community members may be facing:

ie Financial issues
Housing
Job search – CV development
Child support
Etc...

There is also support for those who may need access to sanitary products which Emma has found out about for us. Should you wish to enquire further regarding a home delivery service (for school age pupils) you can email

Perioddignity@valeofglamorgan.go.uk

Attendance

As you know we are working hard to improve our attendance. Thank you for your continued support with raising these standards. If your child arrives late at school there will be a sign in book at the office, that will **need** to be completed by an adult.

We are aware there are occasions where children need to be collected early. The class teacher would appreciate being informed beforehand if possible. From Monday there will be a new 'sign out' book, at the office that will need to be completed if your child is leaving before the end of the school day.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we've been observational drawing our daffodils through a range of mixed media. We've also practised our counting using our pebbles, that now go to 25 and lastly enjoying our outdoor space and investigating what happens to water when it's really really cold.

Important news!

We've noticed children getting upset at drop off time with parents coming into the nursery and this leads to the learning day being reduced. As a trial, next week, can all parents please drop their child off at the door and not come in to the Nursery building. We're hoping this will help settle the children better and increase our safeguarding measures. If the trial works then can we please ask that this is then the norm going forward.

Advance Notice:

Friday March 1st March, St David's Day, all parents, grandparents or guardians who usually drop off and pick up the children, are invited into nursery for fresh Welsh cakes, see our Welsh drawings and sing some Welsh songs with us!



Reception

Reception have had a fun filled week. We have been learning about places in our local community and finding out lots about St Athan.

We went on a walk around the village to see what is close to our school. Today we are going on a minibus trip to find out what places are near St Athan!



Polite reminder if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea it is 48 hours from their last bout of illness until they can return. Thank you

Year 1

This week we have been looking at St Athan on Google Maps. We went on to street view and looked around the village to identify the different places we could see.

We then used chrome books to draw a picture of something we had seen and had to practice our typing skills when writing about our picture.



Year 2

We are really enjoying our Farm topic so far. Last week we visited some calves, cows and sheep. We learnt lots about the farm and we even had a ride in a trailer pulled by a tractor!

We had an amazing time so thank you to Alyshia and Tom.

Our literacy work is to write a diary about our farm trip so we have been busy planning our written piece of work. In Maths we are still working on money and finding the correct coins to make different amount. We are getting really good at it!



Year 3

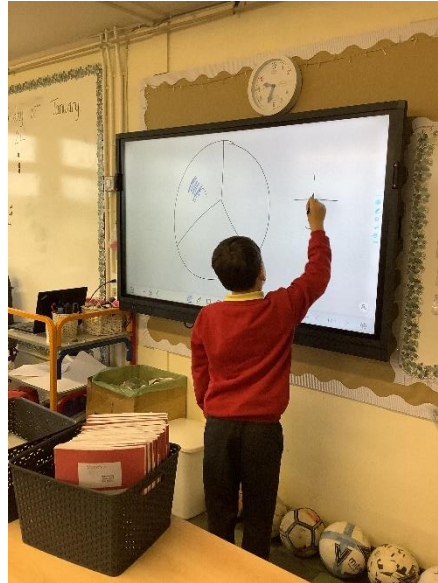
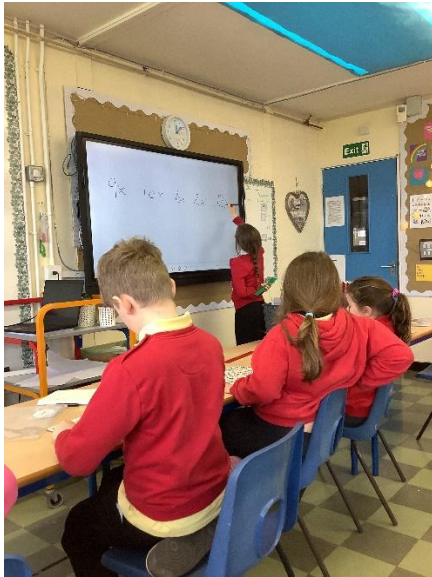
Year 3 have enjoyed our PE lessons since returning to school, where they have been working collaboratively to practise their throwing and catching skills. The children really had to challenge themselves when working in pairs to throw and catch 2 balls at the same time.

Please can I remind Year 3 to return their homework and home reading books to school once a week. Many Thanks.
Mrs Hickey.



Year 4

What a fantastic week we have had in year 4. In maths, we have been focussing on fractions beyond one and partitioning mixed fractions. We found this very tricky to begin with but we are becoming experts in this now. In literacy we have been looking at diary entries with focus on verbs and adjectives. In PE, we have been focussing on working out through zumba and dance. Overall, we have had a fantastic week and look forward to the rest of it!



Year 5

Year 5 have had a super start to the year. We have been working hard with our missions and finding out about jobs around Wales. We are looking forward to working towards our aim of creating a Welsh job centre!

In maths this week we have continued to work hard with our multiplication of 2 digit by 2 and 3 digit numbers using column method. It is tricky but we are persevering. We enjoyed playing times table games to help us with this.

In literacy we have been working on punctuation and grammar, which will help us in our final writing task. We played games where we had to sort out verbs, adjectives and nouns and where we had to add the correct punctuation into sentences.

We really enjoyed our first session with MPCT and Staff Smith on Thursday last week. We played lots of games and started our emoji diary. A reminder to parents that until half term PE will be taking place as a double session with Staff Smith on a Thursday only so pupils only need to wear PE kit on this day.

Finally, we would like to say big THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK to Miss Carpanini who will be leaving us on Friday to continue with her final term in university. She has become part of our class and we know she will graduate and continue to be an amazing teacher. We hope to see Miss Carpanini back at our school soon!

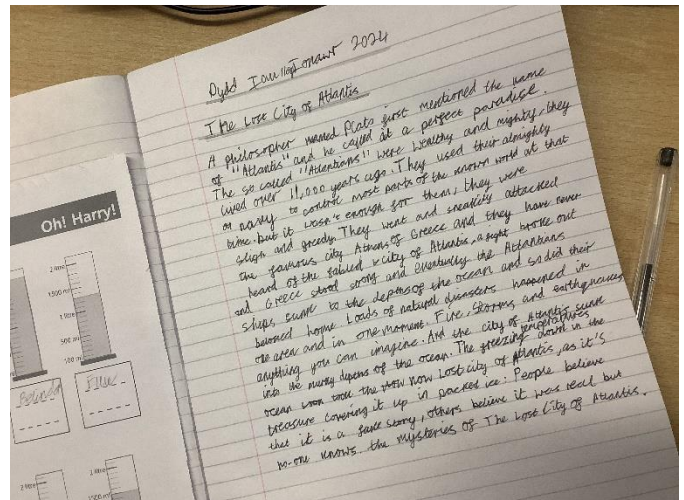
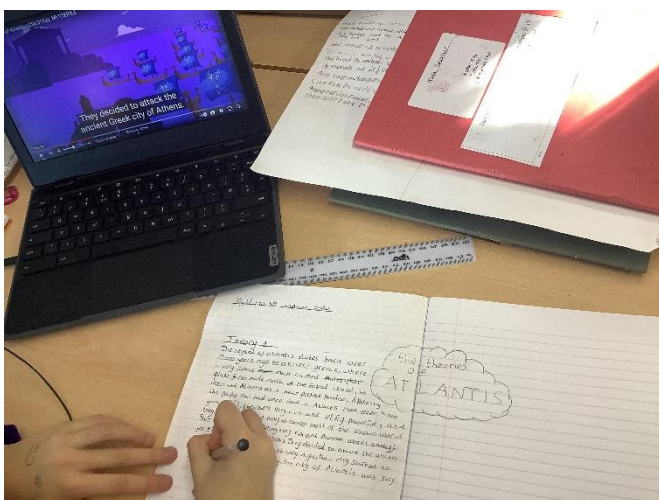
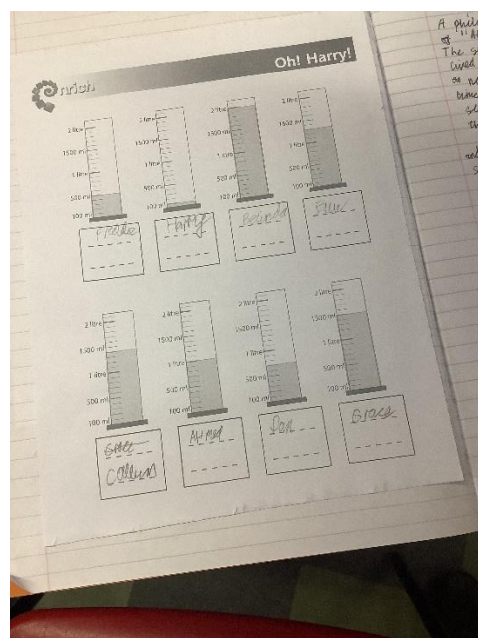
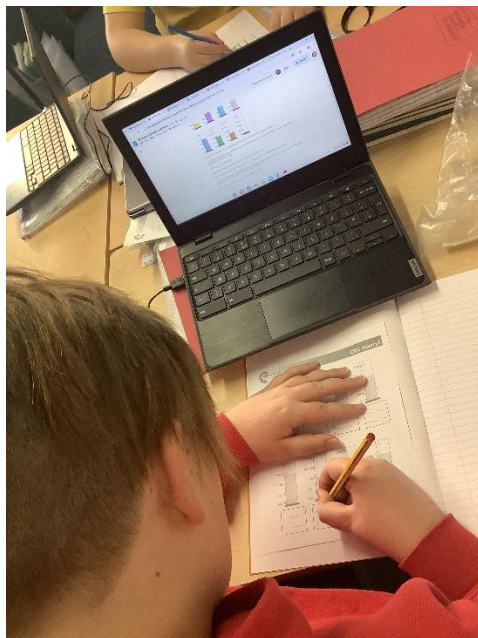


Year 6

Well January is starting to go by pretty quickly already as we had a busy first week. It was great to welcome Madame Langoise back into our class to learn more French. Last Wednesday we started to learn how to say the different school subjects in French.



On Thursday we enjoyed starting some Learning 'Missions' which is a new way of developing more independent learning. We also chose the mission that interested us the most and took great pride in presenting our ideas.



We have sorted a running challenge within the class – To run as much of the Welsh coast as we can during the rest of our time in Year 6. Did you know that the Welsh coast is 870 miles long?

Criw Cymraeg

Shwmae! Dwi'n falch i gyflwyno'r aelodau newydd Criw Cymraeg!
Hello! I'm proud to present the new Criw Cymraeg members!



Each week we will be holding a Welsh assembly where we will be introducing our Welsh Phrase of the Week and celebrating those that have been speaking Welsh in class and around the school. We will also keep you up to date with our progress towards our Bronze Cymraeg Campus Award.

Welsh Phrase

Ble rwyd ti'n byw? - Where do you live?

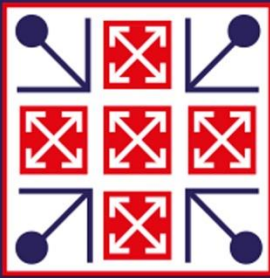
Dw I'n byw yn Sain Tathan - I live in St Athan

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.

@StAthanPrimary

You simply ask to follow us and within 24 hours you will be given access. Give it a try!

Web site: www.stathanprimaryschool.co.uk



FREE English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Course at Llantwit Major School TASTER SESSION

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If your first language is not English and you would like to learn or improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, then an ESOL course could be for you.

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- Open doors to new opportunities
- Reignite a passion
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- Make plenty of new friends
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TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 5PM-7PM
LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL



