

Weekly Newsletter
Wednesday 7th February 2024

5 th – 9 th February	-	Children's Mental Health Week
7 th February	-	Welsh Harpist Caroline Greenwood working with Year 3
7 th – 9 th February	-	Llangrannog
9 th February	-	Welsh Music Day
February 9 th	-	Break Up
12 th – 16 th February	-	Half Term
19 th February	-	School Closed for Inset Cluster Day
22 nd February	-	Carl Gough – A Welsh story teller visiting our school to immerse the Children in a story telling experience
28 th February, 13 th March, 20 th March	-	Spectrum Workshops in school
28 th February	-	Year 6 Virtual David Baddiel Workshop
1 st March	-	St David's Day
4 th March	-	Year 6 trip to Cardiff Met University (details to follow next week)
7 th March	-	World Book Day (details will be shared later)
15 th March	-	IT Workshop for Year 6 led by Cardiff Met University
15 th March	-	Red Nose Day
29 th April	-	Inset Day – School Closed

Thursday 8th Feb there will be **no Sports Club** after School as Mrs Broomfield is at Llangrannog.

Mrs Rogers

Friday 9th February is Mrs Rogers final day at St Athan Primary School, she has worked at St Athan for 34 years. We are extremely sad that she is leaving but excited for her as she starts her long awaited Retirement. I am sure you will all agree Mrs Rogers has been amazing for our school and worked tirelessly to ensure the school office and administration runs smoothly. We recognise that Mrs Rogers could never be replaced, however you will have probably noticed that there is a new face in the office this week. Mrs Bernadette James, starts work with us following the half term holiday, we welcome Mrs James to the St Athan team and we look forward to working with her in the coming terms.

Attendance – Miss School Miss Out

Last week's attendance stands at 89%. Well done to class Nursery with an attendance of 96.7%.

Tea and Toast

Teachers have nominated some pupils to share ideas throughout with Mrs Davies over breakfast. Pupils have received an invite for this and I look forward to chatting to the children about school life. This event will reoccur each half term, with different learners, each half term.

Rustic Roots Nursery

Rustic Roots Nursery will be opening in the village Old School Hall in Church Lane St Athan February.

Opening times are from 0:800am-18:00 Monday – Friday.

Age range – 8 weeks-8 years

Enquiries through email

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Nursery

Our last week before half term and we're still busy busy bees here in nursery. This week, as part of our child lead school inquiry, we went to year 5 to see how the big boys and girls learn, see their classroom and show off our impressive counting to 20 in both English and in Welsh!

We've made a piece of wall art that is the school from the view from nursery, and who doesn't love a good book in the reading cwtch.

Have a fab week off and we'll see you back on Tuesday 20th February.



Reception

This has been a fun filled week in Reception. We have been learning about Shrove Tuesday. We have had lots of fun taking part in pancake races and playing lots of pancake 'tricky word' games.

We have also learnt about Chinese New Year and why it is celebrated. We have even learnt to write our names in Chinese and have made Chinese fans to take home.

A big well done to Reception for their fantastic Welsh this term. They have been amazing ordering their food in Welsh every day.

Reception have also been working really hard to count in 2's. It would be great if you could practice this at home and help them count in 2's all the way to 20.



Year 1

This week we have been on a village walk to look at and discuss how St Athan may have changed by comparing older photos of St Athan.



In PE we completed a range of different activities where we were balancing on the bench, jumping through hoops, balancing on a bean bag on our heads and balance a ball on a bat.



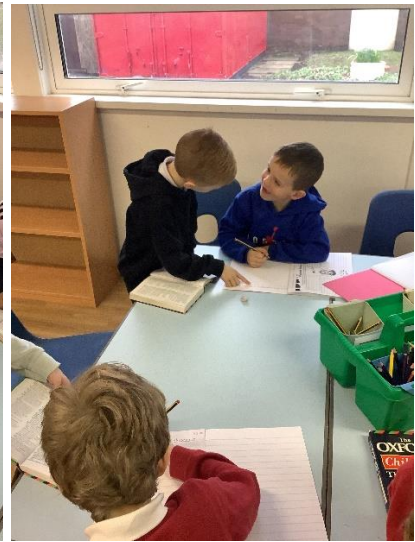
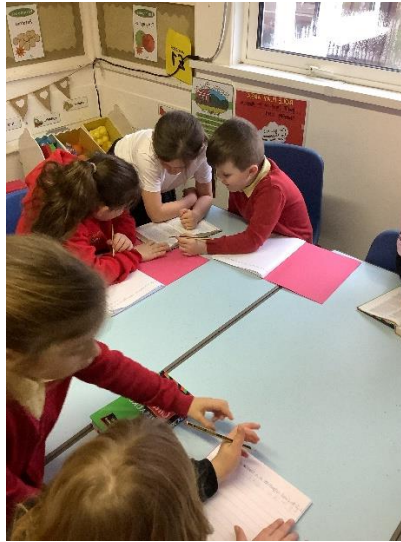
Year 2

This week we have been outdoors working together to create an area for mini beasts to live. This area will be developed over time and we will investigate the changes over the different seasons.

In literacy we have been developing our use of thesaurus to find different adjectives. We worked in small groups to find the words.

Last week in our garage band session we added a bass line to our composition that we had recorded the previous week.

We are really enjoying these sessions.



Year 3

Year 3 had a wonderful morning with local Welsh harpist Caroline Greenwood, where we learnt about the different parts of the harp, sang Welsh songs and played 'name that tune.' Caroline demonstrated the different notes for each string and we had a go at playing a few notes. We would like to say a huge Diolch yn Fawr to Caroline for coming into our school for the second year running to share her splendid knowledge with us.

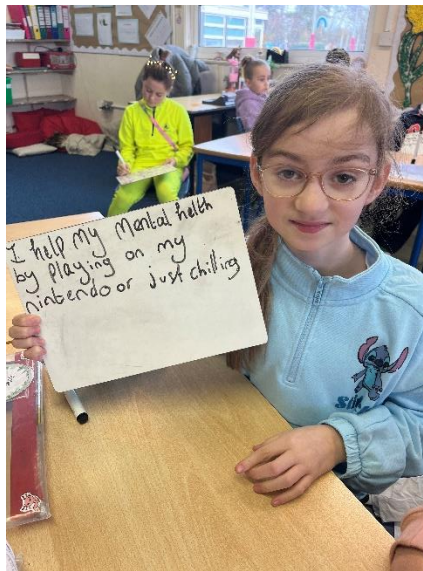
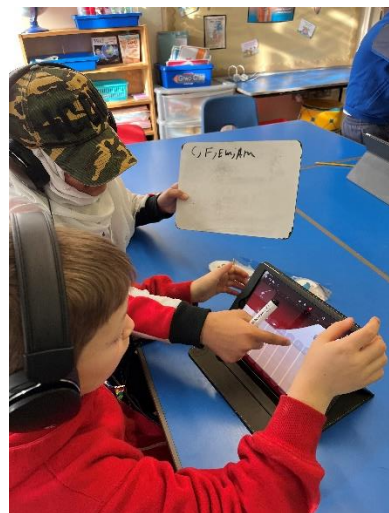
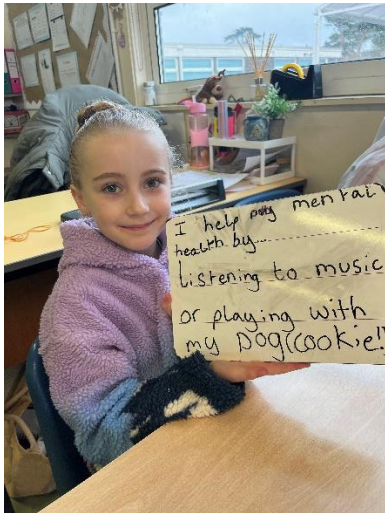


Year 4

What a wonderful week in year 4!

The class enjoyed their second session of GarageBand where they added bass to their drum recording from last week, this helped us to keep in rhythm with the music and we learnt about counting beats. For our well-being we have been discussing mental health for Children's mental health week and this led us to discussing about what we do to support our mental health. In maths we have been continuing our learning all about fractions and the focus this week has been on improper fractions. In literacy we have started our new story, Gelert and we are looking forward to doing more work on this. In PE, we are becoming experts at Zumba and love working out to music.

If you wish to do so, please complete the holiday homework - year 4 are making a 3D or 2D castle. These will be judged for St David's Day.



A reminder to please return the paperwork for the trip that was handed out a couple of weeks ago.

Finally, the year 4 team would like to thank families for their ongoing support - we hope you all have a lovely break!

Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy week this week. We have started our new book Llyn Y Fan, we read and discussed the story, responded to the text by answering questions on giglets. We have also looked at photos of the area and created an adjective word cloud and described them using similes and metaphors.

In maths we have started looking at multiplying fractions. We are really good at applying our previous knowledge of both fractions and multiplication to do this.

We have been enjoying our MPCT sessions and are sad that this week will be our last session. We want to thanks Staff Smith for making our Thursday afternoons enjoyable and fun.



Year 6

Year 6 have been busy concentrating on their sketches of 'The Great Wave of Kanagawa!' This is only the first step but already they look awesome.



Life is a balancing act. We have been working on improving our static balance.



Yesterday was 'Internet Safety Day' and we completed some group activities on how to stay safe on the Internet.



Today we are off to Llangrannog! Yeah! Don't forget to follow us on Twitter.

Criw Cymraeg

Longyfarchiadau to our Siaradwr yr Wythnos! In this week's Welsh Assembly, we voted on our Welsh Phrase of the Week which is:

Sut mae'r tywydd heddiw? How is the weather today?



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