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Monthly Snapshot

Anti-Bullying Week w/b 10th November

This year's theme was 'Power For Good' and pupils were encouraged to recognise that they can positively influence bullying situations. We kicked off Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day where pupils and staff wore mismatched socks to promote individuality and anti-bullying awareness.

Class Assemblies

Pupils in Years 4,5 & 6 had the opportunity to perform in front of their grown-ups during their class assemblies. It was a chance for pupils to showcase what has been going on in class over recent weeks.



Children In Need

November wouldn't be the same without a visit from Pudsey. And, of course, the traditional teachers' Lip Sync Battle. Pupils treated to some outstanding performances.

F.O.G.S.

The Christmas Fair was a huge success - in spite of the rain! Thanks to all for braving the horrendous weather.

Torfaen Junior Forum



Mrs Pugh took two Pupil Councillors to the first meeting of Torfaen's Junior Forum. Johnel & Elara joined other pupils from Penygarn, New Inn and George Street and met with a representative from The Children's Commissioner For Wales. They learnt more about The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and about Rocio's role. They focused on Article 12 - do you remember what that is?

Community Christmas Tree

Eco Club were invited by Pontypool Community Council to decorate the Community Living Tree in the village. Miss Charles made some biodegradable decorations with the pupils and visited The Ellipse last week.



Up & Coming

January - look out for reports of Choir's Christmas performances in January's Gazette.

8th Dec: 9:30 Rocky Steady concert; 2pm Y3 Concert; FOGS Secret Room

9th Dec: Y5 watch WMS Panto

10th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day; 2:45

Gwent Music Extravaganza

11th Dec: 2pm Y1 Concert

15th Dec: Y2 visit Ebenezer Evangelical Church

16th Dec: Rec, Y1 & Y2 trip to the panto

17th Dec: Y3 to Y6 trip to the panto

18th Dec: Nursery family craft session

19th Dec: FOGS class discos; end of term

Seren Yr Wythnos

14th, 21st, 28th Nov & 5th Dec.

Mr Pembrey	Emelie R, Seren T, Ava R, Dylan F
Miss Thomas	Neirin P, Oliver L, Sam R, Jordan W
Mrs Jordan	Aiden D, Carl J, Olivia P, Dylan R
Miss Morris	Nancy M, Evelyn L, Harry L, Santana
Mr McDonnell	Lillie P, Sienna M, Lennox-Shae S, Gabriella J
Miss Charles	Kallie R, Jack D, Isabella W, Tomos
Mr Blackmore	Faith O, Noah T, Daniel S, Sam T
Miss Evans	Elijah, Paisley, Mason, Maddison
Mrs Hawksworth	Sofia L, Blake W, Myles G, Finley L
Miss Murphy	Millie C, Carter S, Archie L, Darla E
Mrs Jones/Ms C-Brown	Harley P, Advith A, Ayaan B, Jack A
Miss Lloyd	Clara R, Joud A, Erin W, Ariella T



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Sharing Success Outside School Llongyfarchiadau to our...

.....ballerinas



Both Erin & Lily achieved distinction in their very first exam.



.....gymnasts



Halle was awarded 'Gymnast of the Month' in both October & November



Raer won first place on the beam and second for her floor routine in a recent competition in Wiltshire.

....footballers

Jaxon scored 9 goals and was awarded MOTM in a recent game.



.....trampoliners



Floyd has been awarded Badge 2.

.....artists



..... Park Runners

Jenson has completed 21 Junior Park Runs and is the proud owner of a Marathon Milestone certificate.



Finn is a finalist in Torfaen's Christmas card competition after completing his design during playscheme in October. He will be attending a presentation next week where the winner will be announce. Pob lwc!



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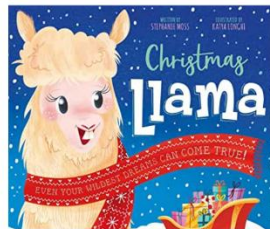
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Book Worms

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

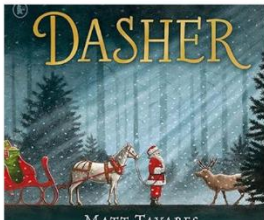
Age 3-5

She dreamed of cosy scarves and playing in the snow all day. And what Lucy really wanted was to help pull Santa's sleigh! Lucy Llama lives up in the sunny hilltops, but she longs to visit the North Pole and be just like a reindeer! Will Lucy get her Christmas wish? Find out in this festive tale that shows you should never stop dreaming.



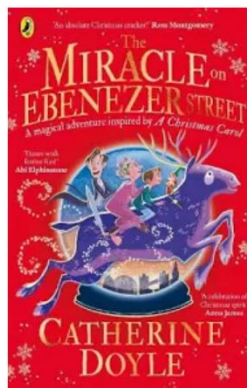
Age 6-8

Dasher is a little doe with a wish in her heart. She spends her days with her family under the hot sun in a travelling circus, but she longs for a different life – one where there is snow beneath her hooves and the North Star above her head. One day, when the opportunity arises, Dasher seizes her destiny and takes off in pursuit of the life she wants to live. It's not long before she meets a nice man in a red suit with a horse-drawn sleigh, a man named Santa. And soon, with the help of a powerful Christmas wish, nothing will be the same... Matt Tavares' beautifully illustrated and evocatively told story bristles with all the magic of the festive season.



Age 9-11

When George stumbles across Marley's Curiosity Shop, he finds a mysterious and magical snow globe. George and his Scrooge of a dad are soon swept on an incredible adventure to Christmases past, present and future. With help from an enthusiastic elf, a rather grumpy purple reindeer and a very mischievous Nan, can George find a way to bring the joy of Christmas home once again? A fabulously festive story about Christmas, family, and magic!



Christmas Competition

Christmas Reading Treasure Hunt!

Instructions:

Pick any Christmas-themed book or story you already have at home (or listen to one online).

While reading, hunt for these treasures:

- 1. Find 3 words that describe Christmas (e.g., snowy, jolly, bright).**
- 2. Spot 2 characters and write down what they are doing.**
- 3. Find 1 sentence that makes you feel excited about Christmas.**

Bonus Challenge:

After reading, tell someone your favourite part of the story and why.

Draw one picture of that part (optional).



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Criw Cymraeg



Nadolig Llawn!

Criw Cymraeg wishes you all a Nadolig Lllawen! To dathlu (celebrate) our last gwasanaeth Cymraeg (Welsh assembly) of 2025, we practised a Wenglish Christmas song. The children loved it! Here are the words below if you would like to practise over the Christmas holidays. Sing it to the tune of 'Merry Christmas Everyone' by Shakin' Stevens.

Eira's falling
All around fi
Plant yn chwarae
Having Hwyl
Tis the season
Cariad, understanding

Nadolig Llawn everyone

Amser i parti
And celebrations
Pobl Dawnsio
All nos long
Amser i presents
and Exchanging cusanau
Amser i canu
Nadolig songs

We're gonna cael a parti
tonight
Dwi'n gonna find that girl
Underneath the mistletoe
And cusan by candlelight

Eira's falling
All around fi
Plant yn chwarae
Having Hwyl
Tis the season
Cariad, understanding

Nadolig Llawn everyone

Promoting Wenglish

Wenglish is when we mix Welsh and English together when we talk. It helps us use more Welsh every day, feel confident trying new words, and learn the language little by little - even if we can't speak full sentences yet!

WENGLISH



YOU KNOWS IT
MAKES SENSE



Big Welsh Challenge

We were thrilled to welcome Ella from Blwyddyn Tri, who wowed us by sharing a fantastic challenge she created at home! It's always inspiring to see our pupils taking the initiative to design their own activities and strengthen their Welsh language skills beyond the classroom.

Do you have a challenge you'd love to showcase in our Welsh assemblies? Or maybe you'd like to perform a Welsh song, dance, or something completely unique? If so, come and see Miss Thomas - we can't wait to celebrate your creativity!





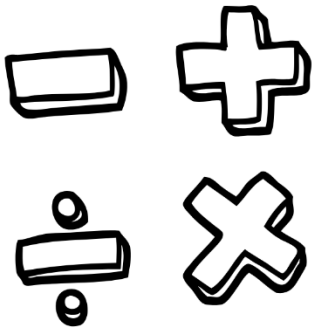
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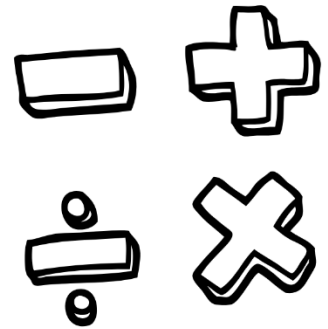
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Maths Minions



Activities to try at home

Nursery - Reception: Christmas Counting Challenge

Count how many baubles are on your tree
How many crackers? How many chocolates? Keep a tally!



Y1 - Y3: Santa's Measurement Mission

Estimate and measure different lengths of tinsel from the Christmas tree, and compare which pieces are longer or shorter. Can you predict the longest piece before you check?"

Y4 - Y6: 12 Days of Xmas Challenge



In the 12 Days of Christmas, the gifts increase each day. On Day 4 the singer gets 4 calling birds plus all the gifts from the earlier days. How many gifts are given by Day 4 altogether? Now work out how many gifts have been given in total from Day 1 to the full twelve days!

Mathematician of the Month

Katherine Johnson was a brilliant NASA mathematician who helped send astronauts into space! She calculated the flight paths for missions like Apollo 11, which landed humans on the Moon. Her work showed how maths can achieve amazing things and inspired future generations of scientists.



12 Magic Number

12 - The twelve days of Christmas represent the time it took for the wise men to travel to Jesus after his birth

31

31 - This number is special in December because it's the last day of the year, when we celebrate New Year's Eve and get ready for a fresh start!

Please look out for the Magic Number videos on Class Dojo. A huge thank you to those who have sent in their activities.