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Monthly Snapshot

Safer Internet Day

The official theme for this nationwide event was: "Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI." To mark this event our pupils took part in age appropriate lessons and discussions to help them understand what artificial intelligence (AI) is and how it appears in their daily digital lives.

Visit To Raglan Farm



Pupils in Reception had a great time 'down on the farm' at the start of the month.

They had the opportunity to ask the farmers lots of questions that they had prepared before their visit. The lambing shed was a great hit with pupils.

F.O.G.S. Neon Disco

Pupils had great fun at his hugely successful fundraiser. F.O.G.S. were able to bank an incredible £694 thanks to your support. Diolch!



Budding Entrepreneurs

Ethan and Jacob (Y5) have been selling handmade, cards, bookmarks and key rings. They have raised £48.26.

Dylan (Y6) raised £5.75 during his enterprise project at West Mon. The boys have requested that the money goes to Cancer Research UK. Great job!



Griffsteddffod

We had a fabulous day celebrating our Griffsteddffod. Full details on the Criw Cymraeg page.

World Book Day

Some amazing outfits on display to celebrate the wonder of books. Read more about the day on the 'Book Worms' page.

Football Success

We won! Huge congratulations to the football team who won the Torfaen Cluster Football Final at Llantarnam yesterday.



Up & Coming

9th & 10th - Nursing team in Reception
10th - 5J Class Assembly 9:20; F.O.G.S. Mothers Day Secret Room; Y2 at Pontypool Eisteddfod
11th - Y3,4,5,6 at Pontypool Eisteddfod
12th - 4/5B Class Assembly 9:20; St. David's Day Showcase 5:30 - 7pm
17th - 5/6T Class Assembly 9:20; Y3 1st Experience Concert
19th - 6P Class Assembly
23rd - Rock Steady Concert
24th - Reception Easter Eggstravaganza 2:30
25th - Y3 Ukulele Showcase 2pm
26th - Easter Bonnet Parade
27th - FOGS Easter Fete; Y3 Activity Day with Gilwern staff; end of Spring Term

Seren Yr Wythnos

13th, 27th Februaury & 6th March

Mr Pembrey	Alex W, Amelie C, Jake T
Miss Thomas	Eira W, Arianwen R, Isla K
Mrs Jordan	Oliver P, Elara B, Dewi B
Miss Baxter	Dexter L, Clara LB, Harvey E
Mr McDonnell	Logan B, Leo C, Maddison C
Miss Charles	Daisy T, Emmett D, Annabella B
Mr Blackmore	Jacob S, Grayson M, Sam T
Miss Evans	Summer R, Theo W, Daisy PC
Mrs Hawksworth	Hargun Rai, Willow J, Paisley N
Miss Murphy	Noah R, Lily S, Olivia M
Mrs Jones/Ms C-Brown	Siva R, Osian P, Abel Z
Miss Lloyd	Luca E, Sean M, Daisy-May A



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Sharing Success Outside School Llongyfarchiadau!



Alexandra (Y5) is clocking up the miles at Junior Park Run and was the first girl across the finish line last week.

Man of the Match for Arlo (Y4) in a recent rugby match.



Freddie (Y4) scored four tries in Sunday's game helping his team gain victory. Not only does Freddie train for football and rugby clubs outside school he goes to Mr B's rugby club every Tuesday. Proof that hard work and commitment results in improvements.



Martha, Skye, Ava, Lilian and Alexandra have all started meeting on a Sunday to complete Junior Park Run. They are enjoying taking part and improving each week. Sport is so much more than just keeping fit.



Evelyn (Y4) has taken part in a ballet competition against three other schools recently. How proud does she look with her medal? Da iawn Evelyn.



Dylan (Y6) had man of the match at a recent football match. He got to enjoy a delicious pizza for free from the match sponsor Porky's.

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Player of the Match

Panteg AFC U11s
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Heritage Electrics Ltd

Dylan

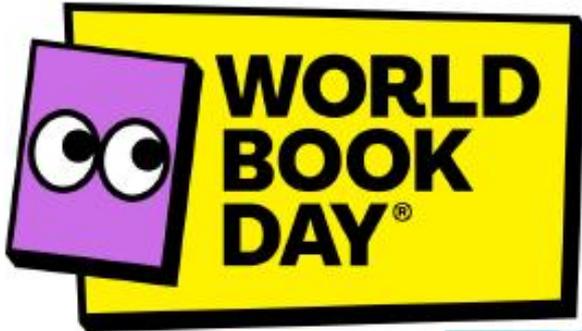


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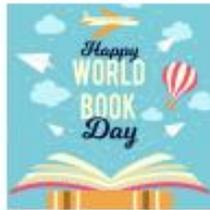
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WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

We had a wonderfully successful World Book Day this year, with our whole-school theme focused on 'Reading for Pleasure'. Throughout the day, classes contributed to a progressive school story, took part in the exciting 'Operation Bookworm', and enjoyed independent reading every time the SPARK siren sounded - our reminder to Stop, Pause And Read, Kids! The atmosphere across the school was fantastic, and we'd like to extend a huge thank you to all the children for their enthusiasm, creativity, and brilliant costumes as we celebrated a shared love of reading. Take a look at some of the amazing costumes!





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Criw Cymraeg



Griff-Steddfod!



Shwmae pawb!



This year's Griff-Steddfod was an incredible celebration of creativity, culture, and community spirit at Griffithstown. The excitement in the hall was unmistakable as pupils from across the school came together to perform, compete, and cheer each other on throughout the day.

The children were exceptionally well-behaved, showing respect, enthusiasm, and pride in every activity. Their performances—whether on stage, in art, or in music—reflected the hard work they had put in over the past few weeks.



A highlight of the event was the appearance of our special guests, the Welsh band Ratoon, whose visit brought an extra buzz to the celebrations. Their performance was a huge hit with pupils and staff alike, creating a truly memorable moment for everyone.



Our younger year groups also shone during the Parade of Griffithstown. Their costumes, props, and joyful energy made the parade a standout feature of the day. They proudly showcased their themes with confidence, impressing the audience and representing the spirit of the school beautifully.



Overall, this year's Griff-Steddfod was a tremendous success—full of excitement, talent, and wonderful memories. We're already looking forward to next year's celebration!



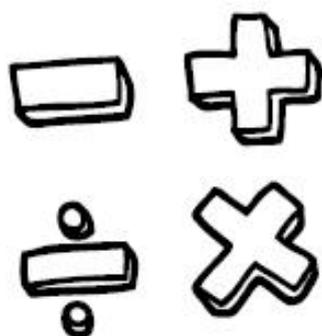


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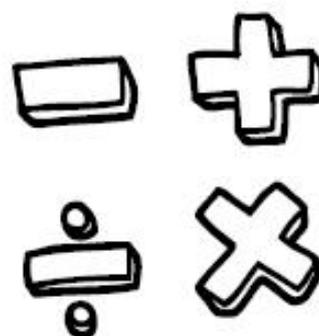
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Maths Minions



Activities to try at home

Daffodil Symmetry Drawing

Daffodils are a symbol of Wales!

- Fold a piece of paper in half.
- On one half, draw **half** a daffodil.
- Then open the paper and complete the **mirror image** on the other side.
- Challenge: How many lines of symmetry can you find in a daffodil?



Magic Number

2/3/26	3	A snail can sleep for 3 years!
16/3/26	37	Normal human body temp is 37 degrees.



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

Welsh Flag Fractions

Print or draw the St David's or Welsh flag:

- Colour in fractions of the flag (e.g. $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$).
- Ask questions: "What fraction of the flag is green?"
- "Can you divide the flag into 10 equal parts?"



Mathematician of the Month

DON'T FORGET TO SHARE THE MATHS CHALLENGES WITH YOUR TEACHER IF YOU COMPLETE SO WE CAN CELEBRATE AND SHARE ON DOJO!!

Meet Kaitlin Tademyl

Kaitlin Tademyl is a young mathematician who loves solving puzzles and discovering new ideas in maths. She was born in Houston, Texas, and she is 29 years old.

Kaitlin works hard at university, where she studies how to understand tricky shapes and patterns. She is especially excited to learn more about knot theory, which is a bit like studying how different kinds of knots and loops work. She first discovered that maths was fun when she was younger and had teachers who made learning exciting. Now, she hopes to help others enjoy maths too. Kaitlin also cares a lot about making sure everyone feels welcome in the world of mathematics.

If you enjoy solving problems, exploring new ideas, and being curious, you might grow up to be just like Kaitlin!

