



INSPIRE CHALLENGE ACHIEVE

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Monthly Snapshot

S.T.E.A.M. Fortnight

STEAM is a creative, hands-on way of learning that combines science, technology, engineering, arts & maths to solve real-life problems & develop essential skills for the future. During the fortnight all pupils used their creativity & real-world problem solving skills to create a City Of Tomorrow. Classes used materials to create a city that would be more efficient, more sustainable & better for people to live in. The project culminated in an exhibition in the hall for everyone to see our sustainable city.



F.O.G.S.

The Sponsored bounce was an extremely successful fundraiser. With your support, we raised an incredible £756. Diolch!



Thank you Tesco

We were delighted to receive a generous donation of fresh apples from Tesco Pontypool, which our pupils thoroughly enjoyed. This simple gesture provided a valuable opportunity to reinforce our commitment to promoting healthy eating across the school. We are grateful for the community partnership that made this possible and look forward to continuing to promote wellbeing through similar opportunities.

Football Success

A huge well done to our Y6 football team who represented the school brilliantly at the transition tournament at West Mon. The team showed outstanding perseverance, teamwork, & grit throughout the competition, going on to win all four of their matches. We are extremely proud of their performances & the way they represented the school both on & off the pitch.



Pupil Council

Johnel & Jaia-Leigh represented our School Council at Torfaen's Junior Forum in the Civic Centre. They met Matthew Jones, one of the Senedd constituency members for Sir Fynwy & Torfaen, & Josh from the Senedd.



Up & Coming

- 8th & 9th June - Class & Team photos
- w/b 8th June - F.O.G.S. Fathers Day Secret Room
- 11th June - Y1 trip to Meadows Wildlife Park
- w/b 15th June - My Money Week & Y6 Gilwern trip
- 18th June - Nurs & Rec Fluoride Application
- 23rd June - Rec Alternative Sports 9:30
- 24th June - Y1/2/3 Alternative Sports 9:30
- 25th June - Y4/5/6 Alternative Sports 9:30
- 30th June - Y6 Concert 1:30 & 6pm
- 1st July - Move Up Day
- 2nd July - Annual Reports to Parents
- 3rd July - Nursery A.M. Sports 9:30

Seren Yr Wythnos

8th, 15th & 22nd May

Mr Pembrey	Ebony, Rudi, Ieuan
Miss Thomas	Erin Y, Oliver L, Lilian T
Mrs Jordan	Jacob W, Charlie, Grace C
Miss Hall	Darcie, Isaac, Darcie
Mr McDonnell	Myles, Maddison, Rhian
Miss Charles	Jack, Daisy, Tommy
Mr Blackmore	Grace, Marley, Rosie-Mae
Miss Evans	Rosie, Miles, Grayson
Mrs Hawksworth	Maxine, Myles, Finley
Miss Murphy	Carter, Lewis, Oliver
Mrs Jones/Ms C-Brown	Rex, Boni, Freya
Miss Lloyd	Joud, Isabella, Esme



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Sharing Success Outside School

Llongyfarchiadau!



Who went to the Congress Theatre to watch the Dance Stars Academy? Did you spot these stars? They did everyone proud and thoroughly deserved the accolades and standing ovations. Da iawn pawb!



Evelyn (Y2) played her first away game at Talgarth with Arrows Rugby recently and won player of the match.



Jacob (Y5) and his team came away pool winners in a recent rugby tournament. In another one held at Rodney Parade his team again won all of their games and Jacob scored a fantastic try.



Just look at those smiles! Ben, Dewi, Ellis & Freddie had a hugely successful presentation night with a team captain and vice captain appointed. Also, a 'players' player' and a 'most improved player' awarded.



Congratulations to Noah (Y4,) Marley (Y2), Olivia and Harley (Y1) who gained swimming certificates recently.





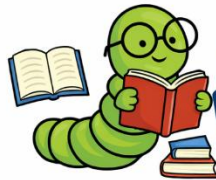
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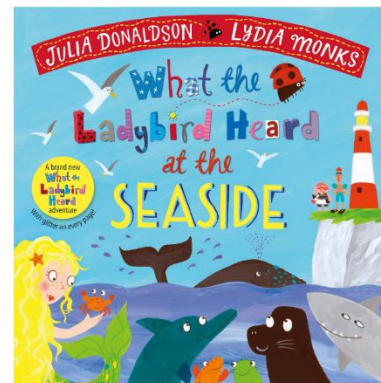


RECOMMENDED BOOKS

What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks

Ages 3-5

“What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside” is a fun and engaging summer story that is perfect for younger children. Set by the seaside, the story follows the clever little ladybird as she once again outsmarts the sneaky thieves with the help of her animal friends. With its catchy rhymes, colourful illustrations and playful humour, it keeps children entertained while also supporting early language development. The seaside theme makes it a perfect choice for summer, sparking conversations about holidays, the beach and sea life - plus, it's doniol iawn!



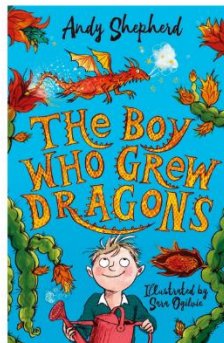
“The Boy Who Grew Dragons” by Andy Shepherd

Ages 6-8

“Wonder” by R.J. Palacio

Ages 9-11

“Wonder” by R.J. Palacio is a powerful and heartwarming story that is ideal for children aged 9–11. It follows August Pullman, a boy starting school for the first time after being homeschooled, as he learns to navigate friendships and challenges along the way. Written in an engaging and accessible style, the story encourages empathy, kindness and understanding, making it perfect for more mature readers. It's both moving and inspiring, and is sure to stay with children long after they've finished reading.



“The Boy Who Grew Dragons” by Andy Shepherd is a brilliant and imaginative story that is perfect for children aged 6–8. The book follows Tomas, who discovers a mysterious plant in his Grandad's garden that grows real dragons, leading to lots of funny and chaotic adventures! Full of humour, warmth and short, accessible chapters, it's a fantastic choice for developing confident readers. Children will love the magical twist on everyday life, and it's sure to spark their imaginations— full of surprises!



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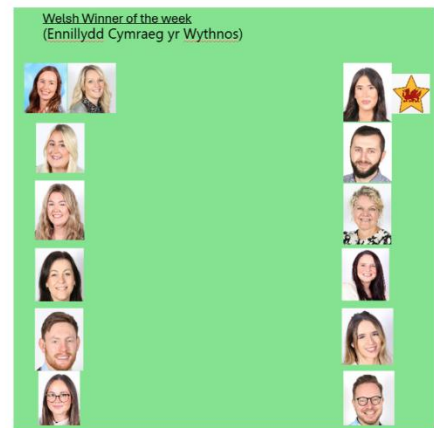
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PROMOTING



Criw Cymraeg Leading the Way – Let’s Speak Welsh Every Day!

Criw Cymraeg have been working incredibly hard to encourage, promote and monitor the use of Welsh right across the school, whether in the classroom, along the corridors or out on the yard. They’ve been visiting classes to chat with pupils about the new tocyn Cymraeg system, checking stamp cards and making sure everyone is getting involved, while also ensuring teachers are making the most of the Welsh placemats to support language development. They’ve even introduced a new “Ennilydd Cymraeg yr Wythnos” (Welsh Winner of the Week), with this week’s winners being Miss Charles’ class - da iawn! To top it all off, the team created a fun and engaging (and doniol iawn!) YouTube video showing all the different ways pupils can use Welsh in everyday classroom life. You can watch it now on our school YouTube page.



THE CHILDREN THOROUGHLY ENJOY TAKING PART IN THE BIG WELSH CHALLENGES BOB WYTHNOS, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN SOLVE THIS CHALLENGE?

PWY YDW I?

Dw i'n chwarae criced
Dwi'n cael tri deg plant
Dw i'n dwlu ar Mr Blackmore
Dwi'n gweithio ym mlwyddyn chwech



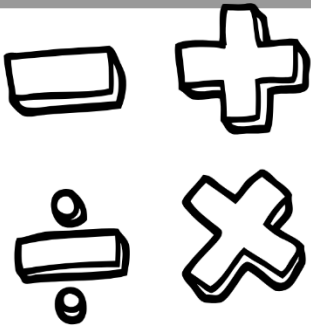


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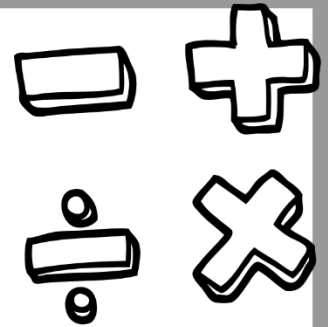
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Maths Minions



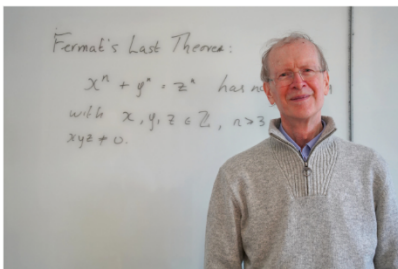
Activities to try at home

6. Countdown Game (Mini Version)

- Pick a target number (e.g. 100)
- Use random smaller numbers to get close as possible

Magic Number

1/6/26	21	Total number of dots on a 6 sided dice!
8/6/26	43	43 muscles are needed to frown! To smile, it's more!
15/6/26	38	The number of plays that William Shakespeare wrote.
22/6/26	44	Barrack Obama was the 44th president.
29/6/26	16	In chess, each player has 16 pieces.



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



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

Mathematician of the Month

Sir Andrew Wiles is a British mathematician best known for solving Fermat's Last Theorem, a problem that had remained unsolved for over 350 years. Born in Cambridge, he showed a strong interest in mathematics from a young age and went on to study at Oxford and Cambridge universities. He spent seven years working in secret on the theorem before successfully proving it in 1994, a breakthrough considered one of the greatest achievements in modern mathematics. Wiles later became a professor at Princeton University and has received many prestigious awards, including a knighthood and the Abel Prize, for his contributions to mathematics.