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A message from our Headteacher, Miss Langsdale



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for a positive and successful start to the new school year. It has been wonderful to see our children returning to school with enthusiasm, ready to learn and embrace new opportunities. The classrooms are already buzzing with exciting learning experiences, and I am incredibly proud of the positive attitude and determination our pupils are showing every day.

This month, we celebrated the Feast of St Francis, a special occasion for our school community. St Francis reminds us of the importance of kindness, humility, caring for one another and being stewards of God's creation. These values are at the heart of everything we do at St Francis, and it was lovely to see our children reflecting on how they can follow his example both in school and at home. We enjoyed celebrating our patron saint with a special collective act of worship and fun activities.

October is also a busy month of learning and enrichment. Our pupils will continue to build on the excellent progress they have made so far, while taking part in a variety of activities that support their personal, spiritual and academic development. We encourage all children to continue reading regularly at home, practising key skills and sharing their learning with family members.

A key focus for us this year is improving attendance. Every day in school matters, and regular attendance plays a vital role in children's learning, confidence and wellbeing. Thank you to the many families who work hard to ensure their children arrive at school on time and ready to learn each day. We ask all parents and carers to continue supporting us by avoiding term-time holidays wherever possible and ensuring that children attend school unless they are genuinely too unwell to do so. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to thrive and succeed.

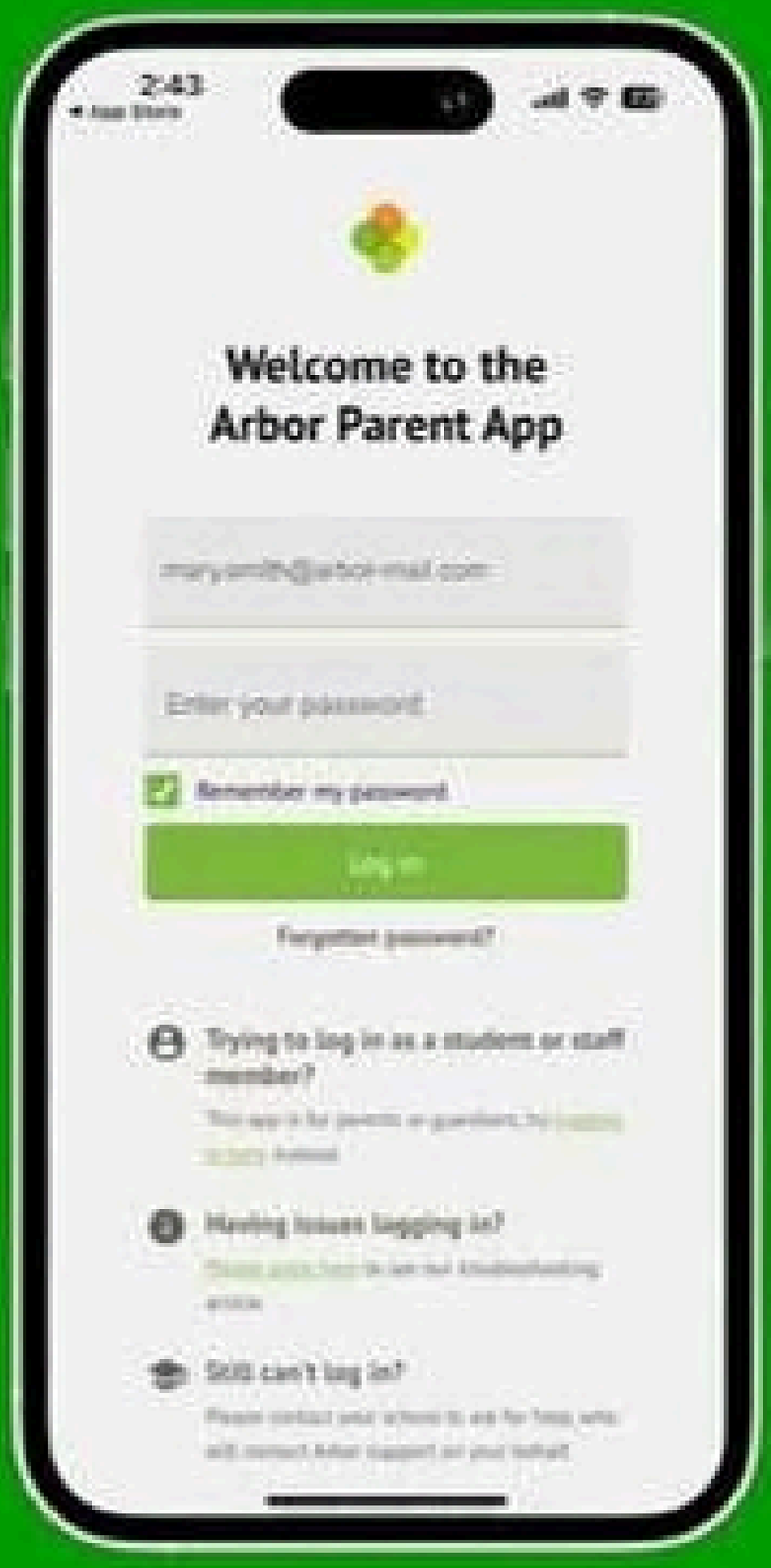
As the days become shorter and the weather begins to change, please ensure your child comes to school with a suitable coat and that all uniform items are clearly labelled.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school. The strong partnership between home and school is one of our greatest strengths, and it enables us to provide the very best for every child. I wish you all a happy and restful half-term.

Kind regards

Miss M. Langsdale
Headteacher

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Prayer of the Month

Gweddi'r Mis

Heavenly Father,

On this Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we thank You for the gift of his life and his example of humility, peace, and love.

Inspire us to live with simplicity, to care for the poor, and to cherish all of creation.

May we walk in peace and serve others joyfully, following the way of Christ, Your Son.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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Virtues

Faithfilled and Hopeful

Hopeful – Those who hope in God. Isaiah 40:28-31

Did you not know? Had you not heard? The Lord is an everlasting God, he created the boundaries of the earth. He does not grow tired or weary, his understanding is beyond fathoming. He gives strength to the wearied, he strengthens the powerless. Young men may grow tired and weary, youths may stumble, but those who hope in the Lord renew their strength, they put out wings like eagles. They run and do not grow weary, walk and never tire.

Faithfilled - The Leper who had faith. Luke 17:12-19

As Jesus entered a village on the way to Jerusalem, ten Lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’ When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’

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Assemblies



St Francis Feast Day – 4th October.

On Thursday 8th October, we joyfully celebrated the Feast Day of our patron saint, St Francis of Assisi. Our Year 3 to Year 6 Class Chaplains led the worship assembly beautifully, helping us to reflect on St Francis' love of God, care for creation, and service to others. One child from each class was chosen to share a fact about this caring and humble man, helping us to learn more about his life and mission. The children demonstrated great confidence, reverence, and leadership throughout the celebration. We concluded our worship assembly by singing our St Francis prayer hymn, 'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace', uniting together in prayer and reflecting on how we can follow St Francis' example of spreading peace, kindness, and God's love in our daily lives.







Aberfan disaster 1966

On the 60th anniversary of this horrendous tragedy we came together as a school community to remember the children and adults who sadly died.
144 people lost their lives, 116 of them were children. We said the 'Eternal rest' prayer and we thought about the bravery of the people who helped in the community of Pantglas Junior School.

Harvest Worship Assembly

Thank you to our Year 6 classes for leading our Harvest Worship Assembly. A big thank you to all the children, parents, and staff who generously contributed to our Harvest collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society in Ely, Cardiff. Your donations of food and essential items will help support families in our local community who are facing challenges due to the rising cost of living. We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and generosity in putting the needs of others before your own. Through this act of giving, we have lived out the Catholic Social Teaching principle of the Option for the Poor, remembering God's special love for the poorest and most vulnerable members of society. Thank you for helping us make a difference to those in need.







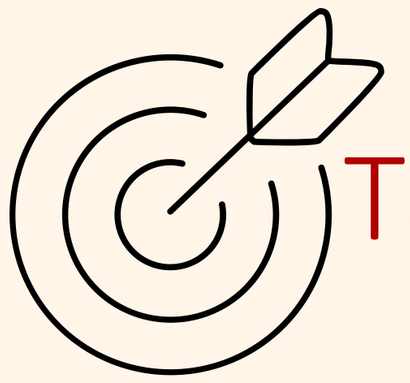


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ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.



Target:
100%

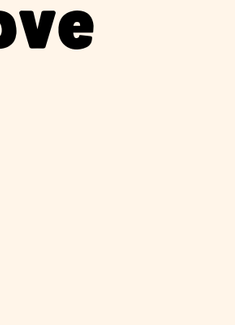
Your child's attendance needs to be above 95%



At St Francis we monitor attendance **regularly.**

Our attendance is also monitored by school governors and the Local Authority.

Attendance at school is extremely important for all pupils so that they can achieve as well as possible, and is now part of safeguarding procedures.

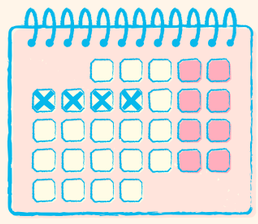




If your child is unwell please contact the office otherwise the absence cannot be authorized.
Please ensure your children are in to avoid potential fines.

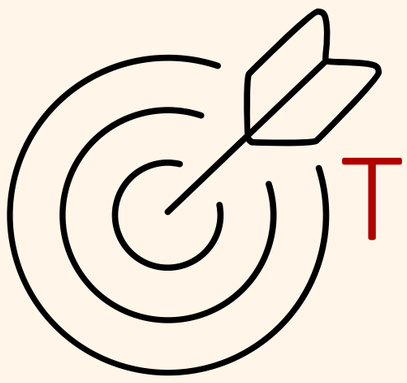


Every moment in school counts.
Days soon add up and the more children are in school the more they are likely to learn. Please do all you can to bring you child to school.



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ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



Target: 100%

Overall Attendance

90.2%

Down from last month!

Your child's attendance needs to be above 95%

Nursery AM	Nursery PM	Reception	Reception/1
86.5%	87.1%	87.5%	91.6%

Year 1/2	Year 2	Year 3
87.8%	89.2%	90.2%

Year 4	Year 4/5	Year 5	Year 6S	Year 6M
90.1%	89.6%	92.1%	95.9%	90.7%



Attendance Rewards

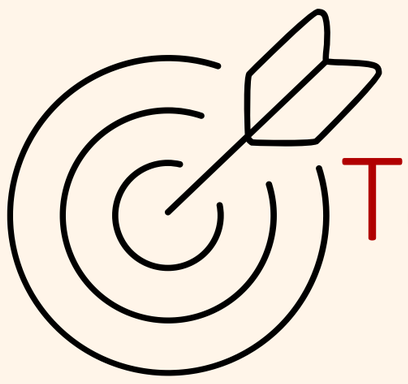
Our winners this month are:

Year 6 - Mrs Sim's Class



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Target: 100%

EVERY *School Day* COUNTS

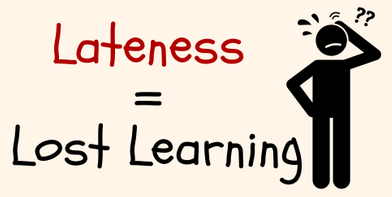
Your child's attendance needs to be above 95%

0 days off school	100%	Perfection!
Equal to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equal to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equal to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equal to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equal to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



EVERY *Minute* COUNTS

5 Minutes late each day	IS APPROXIMATELY	**3 days lost!**
10 Minutes late each day		**6.5 days lost!**
15 Minutes late each day		**10 days lost!**
20 Minutes late each day		**13 days lost!**
30 Minutes late each day		**19 days lost!**



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OUR 2026/27 TOPICS

Autumn Term



Amazing Mixtures and Magical Materials

Cymysgeddau Rhyfeddol a Deunyddiau Hudolus

Tymor yr Hydref

Matter and the way it behaves defines our universe and shapes our lives.

The universe and all living things are made up of matter. The behaviour of matter determines the properties of materials and allows us to use natural resources, as well as to create new substances. Understanding the nature of matter can help learners to appreciate the impact that chemistry has on the world around them, as well as how it contributes to advances in science and technology. Chemical reactions happen continuously in our environment as well as in living things. Learning how to control and apply these reactions has benefits to individuals and industry.

Being curious and searching for answers is essential to understanding and predicting phenomena.

Curiosity about science and technology leads us to ask questions about the world around us. By being encouraged to use logic, evidence and creativity, learners will be supported to inquire into and apply scientific knowledge to further understanding of how our world works. Developing and testing modelswill also help them make sense of its complexity. With evidence derived from observations, new theories can be developed, and existing ideas may be refined or challenged.

Learners need to be able to evaluate scientific claims to help make informed decisions that affect our environment and well-being, including regarding the climate and nature emergency. The choices we make depend on many factors, including moral viewpoints and personal beliefs. However, rigorous and robust evidence-based research provides a solid foundation on which to base decisions. As ethically informed citizens, learners will need to consider the impact of our actions and of scientific and technological developments, locally and elsewhere in Wales, as well as in the wider world, asking ‘Just because we can, does that mean we should?’

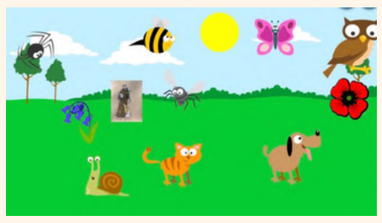
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Our Learning Journey

Nursery

Miss Wong's Class



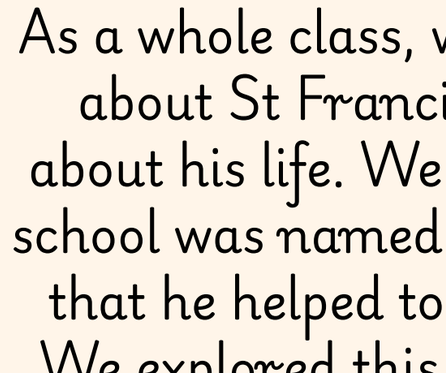


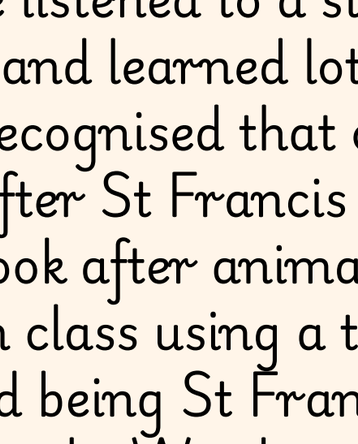
Feast of St Francis

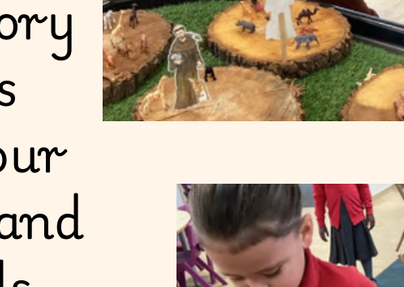


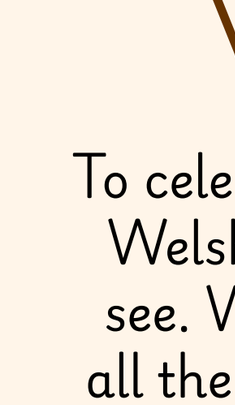
As a whole class, we listened to a story about St Francis and learned lots about his life. We recognised that our school was named after St Francis and that he helped to look after animals. We explored this in class using a tuff tray, we role played being St Francis and helping the animals. We also used the iPads to make collages of St Francis looking after animals.



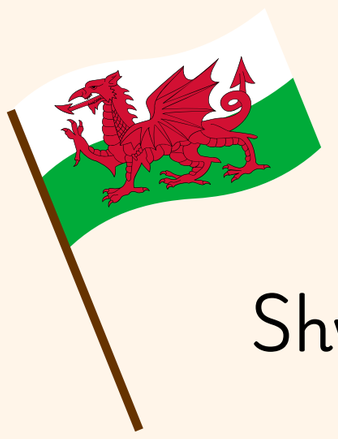








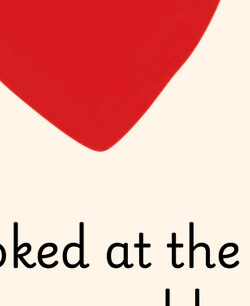
Shwmae Day



To celebrate Shwmae Day we looked at the Welsh flag and discussed what we could see. We recognised the Red Dragon and all the colours on our flag. We also learnt 'Mr Hapus Ydw I' and really enjoyed singing this all together.



Maths



In Maths, we have been learning to recognise numbers 1-5 and count out the amounts. We used blocks and bowls to count out each number. We have also been practising our number formation. We used shaving foam and our fingers to practise writing our numbers. This was loads of fun!









Outdoor Learning



We have had an amazing time in our outdoor area over the last few weeks. We have been exploring pumpkins, looking at the smell and feel of its insides. We then used our pumpkins to make pumpkin soup in the mud kitchen. We also had cinnamon foam to make some lovely creations with in the mud kitchen. In the construction area, we had a challenge to see who could build and count the biggest tower.











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Our Learning Journey

Reception

Mrs Davies' Class

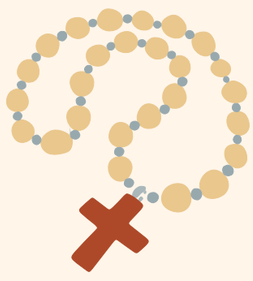
This half term, the children have loved exploring the story Leaf Man and learning about Autumn. They enjoyed autumn walks to collect leaves, created their own leaf pictures, sequenced the story, made leaf puppets and used their imaginations to invent their own Leaf Man adventures.







We were delighted to welcome the Chaplains from Mary Immaculate High School into Reception. The children enjoyed working alongside the chaplains to create their own beautiful rosemary bead bracelets while learning about the importance of prayer and reflection.





<u>St Francis Feast Day – 4th October</u>



This month we celebrated our patron saint, St Francis of Assisi. We learned about his love for animals and nature, listened to the story of St Francis and the Wolf, and used props to retell it together. We also created paper plate animals, made a beautiful collage of St Francis, and said a prayer thanking God for our patron saint, the animals, and the wonderful world He created.

The children have been loving our outdoor learning activities this term! We have set up a farm shop where the children can buy a variety of fruits and vegetables to prepare delicious autumn soups in the mud kitchen. We explored pumpkins by cutting them open and discovering what was hidden inside, and the water area has been a favourite place to investigate pouring, measuring and filling. These exciting activities have helped the children develop their creativity, curiosity and early mathematical skills while learning through play.





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Our Learning Journey

Year 1/2

Miss Harding's Class





Topic

We have been learning about states of matter and identifying whether materials are solids, liquids or gases. We explored the properties of different objects and sorted them into the correct categories. We have also continued our investigations with bubbles, wondering whether we could stand inside a giant bubble! We made predictions, tested our ideas and had lots of fun finding out if our theories were correct.

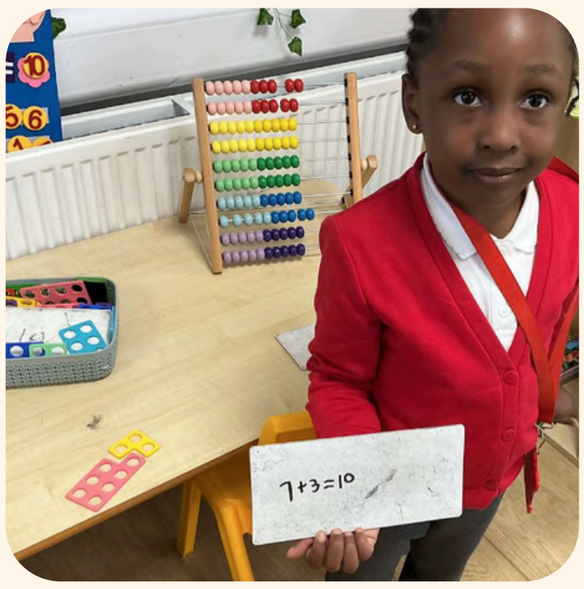






Maths

In Maths, we have been learning about odd and even numbers and practising our number bonds. We used pairs of socks to help us sort numbers into odd and even groups, helping us to understand that even numbers can be paired equally while odd numbers always have one left over. This practical activity made learning fun and helped us build our confidence with number facts.





RED

In RE, we have been learning about how to care for God's world through Laudato Si'. We discussed ways we can protect the environment and made promises about how we can help care for creation. We also wrote letters to people who do not look after our world, reminding them of simple ways they can make a positive difference. In addition, we have been learning about prayer and the different ways we can talk to God. We wrote our own thank you prayers, giving thanks for God's wonderful creation and all the gifts He has given us.

Shwmae Day

We enjoyed celebrating Shwmae Day, learning about Welsh culture and language. As part of our celebrations, we baked delicious Welsh cakes and had great fun following the recipe and tasting our creations.



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Our Learning Journey

Year 2

Miss Kennett's Class



In maths we have been learning about place value and odd and even numbers.



Year 2 have been learning about being welcomed into God's family through Baptism. They've learnt all about the special objects and people in a Baptism these included the Priest, Parents, Godparents, White Garment, Candle and Holy Water.



In school October is a very special month as we celebrate our Patron Saint, Saint Francis. In Year 2 we celebrated him by creating a world he would enjoy. We recognised he would love a world full on nature, animals and kindness because he is the Saint of nature and animals. We then discussed the story of Saint Francis and the wolf. We learnt that he tamed the wolf by showing him the sign of the cross.





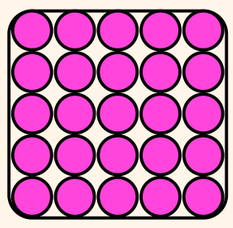


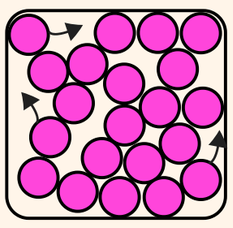


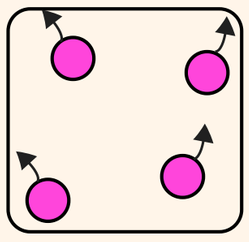


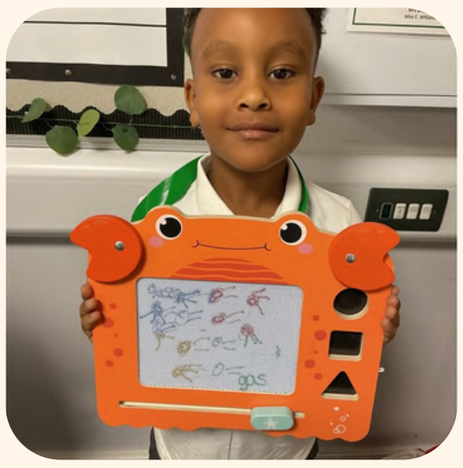
Solid

Liquid









Gas

We've been busy learning all about states of matter and the particles found in a gas, solid and liquid. Year 2 showed their understanding in a variety of different creative ways showing how the particles behave.





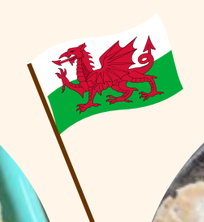


We also celebrated 'Shwmae' Day which is a day to celebrate our welsh language. The children asked 'Sut wyt it?' and learnt to respond in a variety of different ways. To celebrate our welsh culture they children made, baked and ate welsh cakes. We definitely have some little bakers in Year 2!











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Our Learning Journey

Year 3

Mrs Humphreys' Class



Fossil mould making

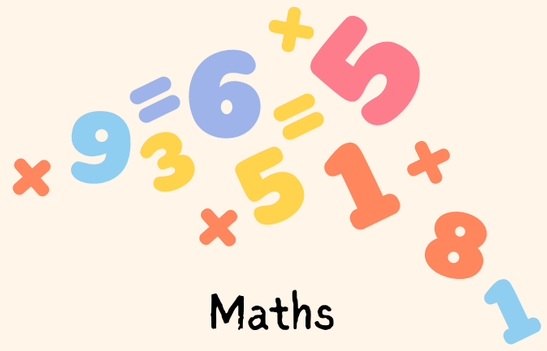
As part of our learning about fossils, the children enjoyed making their own fossil moulds using Plaster of Paris. They carefully pressed objects into clay to create an imprint before pouring in the plaster mixture. Once the moulds had set, the children were excited to observe the fossil-like shapes they had created and discuss how real fossils are formed over time. It was a fun and engaging hands-on science activity!











Maths

The children have been working hard in Maths developing their understanding of place value. They have been learning to recognise the value of Thousands, Hundreds, Tens and Units (Th, H, T and U) and confidently partitioning 2- and 3-digit numbers. The children have also been using the branching method by using dienes to separate tens and units before adding them together to find a total. We have been very impressed with their enthusiasm and excellent mathematical thinking!







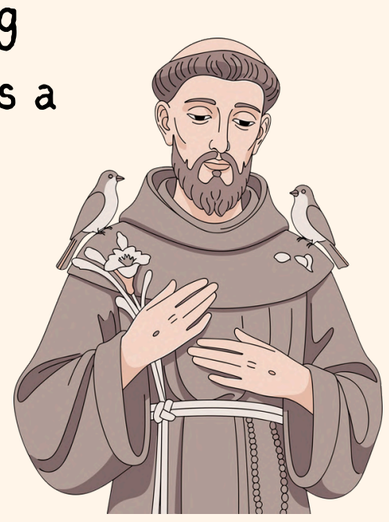




St Francis Feast Day - 4th October

Year 3 enjoyed a special class reflection on the life of St Francis of Assisi, thinking about how he loved and cared for nature and God's creation. To help us connect with his message, we took our learning outside and spent time in our outdoor area, appreciating the beauty of the world around us. The children reflected thoughtfully on how they can follow St Francis' example by looking after the environment and showing gratitude for the gifts of creation. It was a peaceful and meaningful experience that helped bring our learning to life.





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Our Learning Journey

Year 4

Mr. McConkey's Class



Year 4's Trip to Cardiff Museum

Year 4 had a fantastic time on our recent trip to Cardiff Museum! The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in an exciting dinosaur fossil workshop, where they even had the incredible opportunity to hold some enormous T. rex teeth and claws! We explored fascinating exhibits filled with fossils, dinosaur bones, diamonds and beautiful gemstones, discovering lots of interesting facts along the way. We also learned about fossils from the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods and used our imaginations to draw what these amazing creatures might have looked like when they were alive.







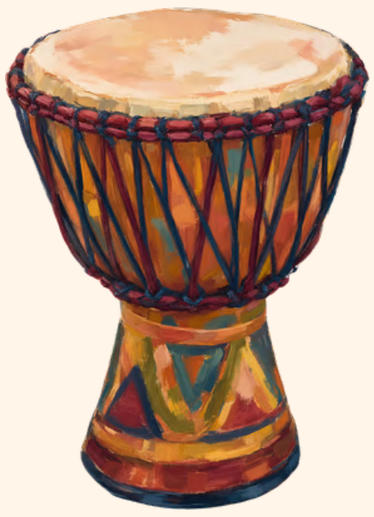


Year 4 took part in Show Racism the Red Card Day, learning about the importance of standing up against racism and treating everyone with kindness, fairness and respect. We wore red to show our support.





During our ukulele lessons, the children have been developing their musical skills and have now learnt how to play the C and F chords. They have been practising their finger placement, strumming and changing between chords. We have also started exploring the exciting world of African drumming!









Plaster of Paris Fossils

This month, Year 4 have been exploring the fascinating world of fossils in our topic lessons! The children have been learning all about how fossils form and what they can tell us about life millions of years ago. We got creative and made our very own fossils using Plaster of Paris! The children loved experimenting with different objects to create their fossil impressions and were amazed to see their finished creations.



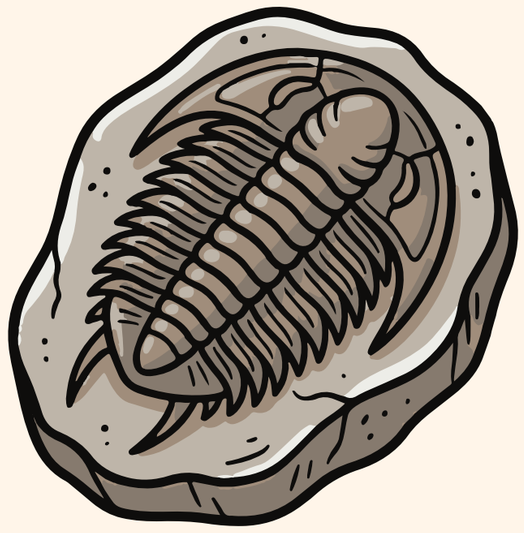
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Our Learning Journey

Year 4/5

Mr Cannon-Jones' Class



Year 4/5 ACJ class museum trip

We had a fantastic time at the museum, surrounded by fossils, dinosaur skeletons and teeth, meteorites and more. In the morning we were free to explore the museum and find all of the best fossils, listen to and watch the information videos and see the anamatronic hyenas. In the afternoon, a curator helped us to explore the three periods of dinosaurs; the triassic, Jurassic and cretatious periods, looking at fossils specific to the era and then trying to depict what life was like when that fossil was alive using our imagination. The children were very exciteable and the curator was very impressed with the knowledge they already had!







P.E. and Music!

We have now switched P.E. successfully to a Monday, so that we can have the benefit of Ikulele and drums lessons on a Monday too! A lot of the children remember the chords they were taught previously, so we are able to be more ambitious with song choices and play more familiar tunes together! Battle of the bands, look out!!!







Black history month

For Black history month, we researched and learned about the 44th President of the United States of America; Barack Hussein Obama. The children and I read facts about him and his distinguished career in politics before he bacame president and some of his achievements while in the presidency. One of these was the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), which we decided was a bit like the NHS, started by Wales's own Aneuran Bevan. We arrived at the conclusion that it was important for the black community that he was the first African American president, but that was not WHY he was important, he was important because of his deeds and words and all of the great things he did for America.



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Our Learning Journey

Year 5

Mrs Price's Class

Shwmae!

Year 5 have had a very fun filled and busy half term! Apart from our fabulous weekly subject sessions, we have managed to squeeze in:

·A Transition day to Mary Immaculate High School where the children took part in and thoroughly enjoyed a variety of P.E and team building skill games. Their behaviour was outstanding and I was very proud of them!





·For our Topic - Amazing Mixtures and Magic Materials, we have learnt about Chemical changes, Sates of Matter, dissolving, reversable and irreversible changes...and have taken part in investigations and experiments to further our understanding of these subject areas.

·A group of children were lucky enough that the weather was dry for us to visit the forest. The children showed commendable team work, followed important safety rules, showed impressive den building skills and a love for exploration!

·When the weather was not so kind to us, we took the opportunity to take the whole of year 5 to experience knotting skills, which they thoroughly enjoyed. We are aiming to achieve the Bronze award certificate when completing 3 different types of knot types: the figure of 8, the granny knot and the square knot. Once the children have shown their confidence in all 3, they will receive a Bronze award certificate! I am sure they will do, they showed fantastic listen skills, patience, understanding and skill!







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Our Learning Journey

Year 5

Mrs Price's Class



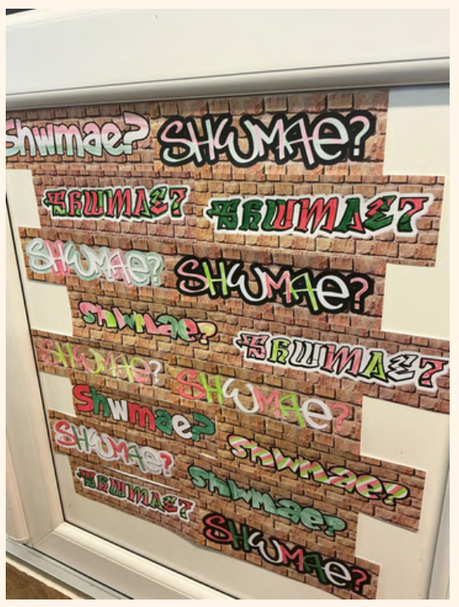
·We celebrated the Feat of St Franics during the week commencing the 5th October, where we created beautiful dove stained glass windows. They look amazing!







· SHWMAE DAY – Bendigedig, the children looked fabulous, the rolling Welsh themed activities throughout the school were enjoyed by all and the Welsh coloured and themed clothing looked beautiful! Da iawn pawb!



·We were pleased to welcome Seren and Harvey, our local Police Community Support Officers, who visited to speak to the children about hate crime. During the session, the children explored the importance of respecting and valuing differences, while recognising that everyone should be treated with kindness, fairness, and understanding. They also discussed the importance of treating others as they would wish to be treated themselves. It was a valuable opportunity for the children to reflect on how they can help create an inclusive and respectful community.





Enjoy a much deserved half term break Year 5AP, see you when you come back!

Mrs Price

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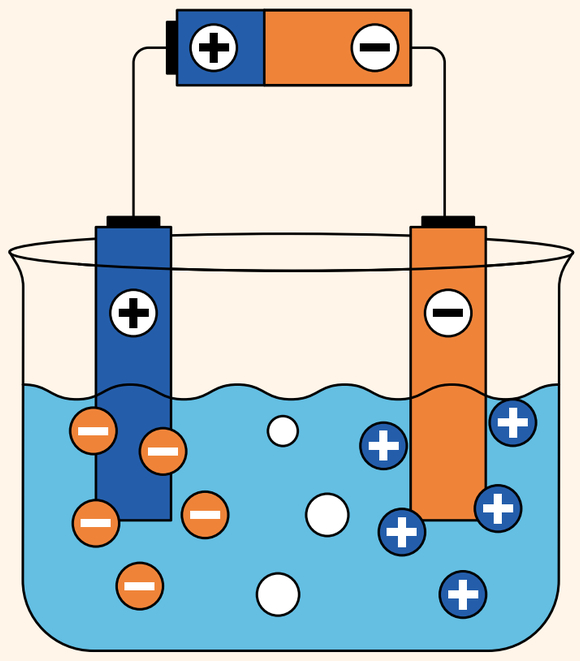
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Our Learning Journey

Year 6

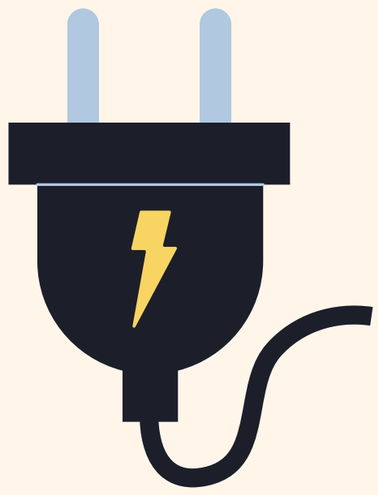
Mrs Sim's Class



Windrush Assembly

Year 6 enjoyed a fascinating assembly led by No Boundaries, where they learned about the important story of the Windrush Generation. We were privileged to welcome visitors who shared their personal memories of travelling from the Caribbean to Cardiff and spoke about their experiences of starting a new life in Wales.
The children listened carefully to these inspiring stories and were excited to share some of their favourite songs with our guests. They loved learning about the journeys, challenges and achievements of the Windrush Generation, helping them to better understand an important part of our local and national history. It was a memorable and meaningful experience for everyone involved.











Passport to Graduation

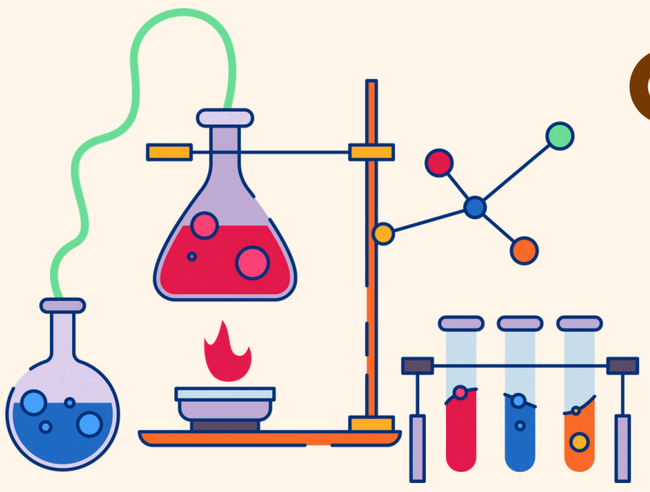
Our Year 6 pupils have begun their exciting Passport to Graduation experiences, with a fantastic first visit from the University of South Wales. During the session, the children learned all about renewable energy and explored how scientists are developing sustainable solutions for the future.
The highlight of the day was a hands-on experiment where pupils created hydrogen and then used it to generate electricity. The children were fascinated to see science in action and thoroughly enjoyed working like real scientists. It was a fantastic experience that inspired curiosity, creativity and a greater understanding of how renewable energy can help shape our world.

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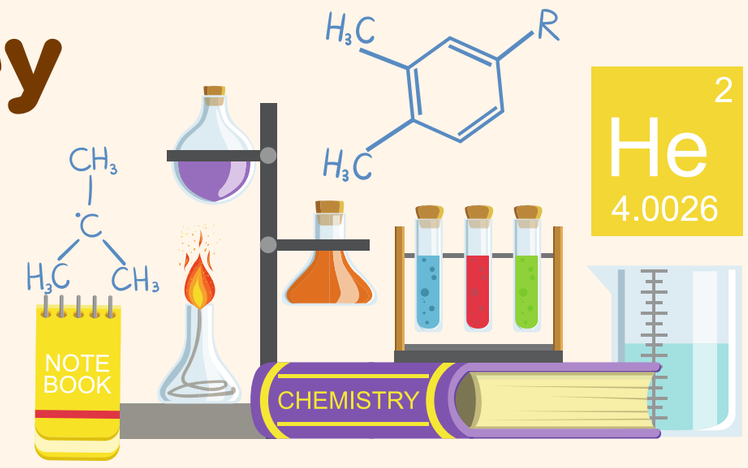
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Our Learning Journey

Year 6

Miss Mathias' Class



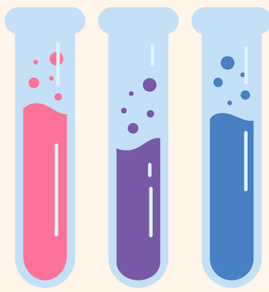
We've been learning lots of chemistry in our topic lessons and have conducted several experiments to investigate different reactions.

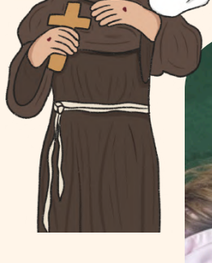


We celebrated St Francis Day by creating our own artistic representations of St Francis. We used watercolour paints for our beautiful artwork.





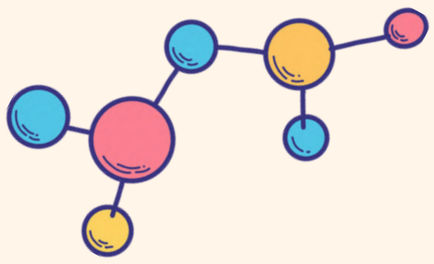










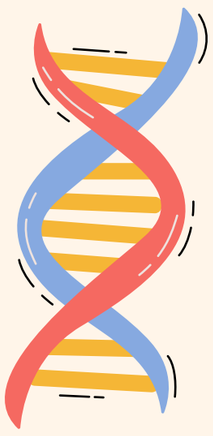




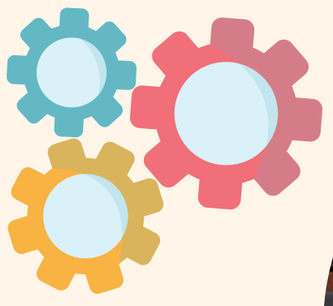


Year 6 had some interesting STEM workshops from the University of South Wales.











Year 6 were lucky enough to travel to the millennium centre in Cardiff Bay to watch a performance by the Welsh National Opera! The performance was called 'Marvellous Musical Mythology,' and was performed in the Welsh language!





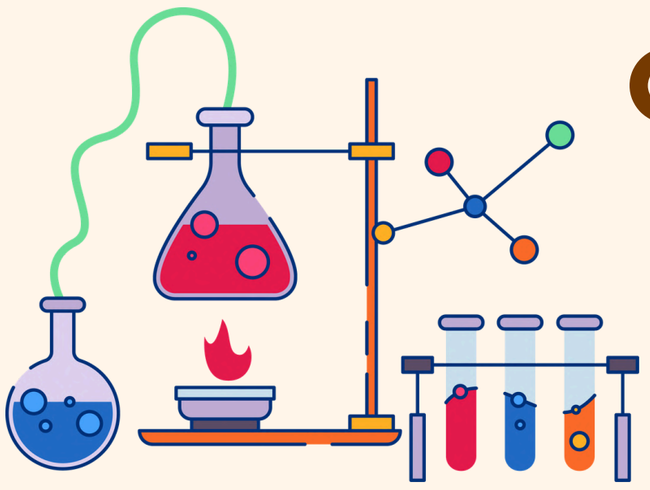








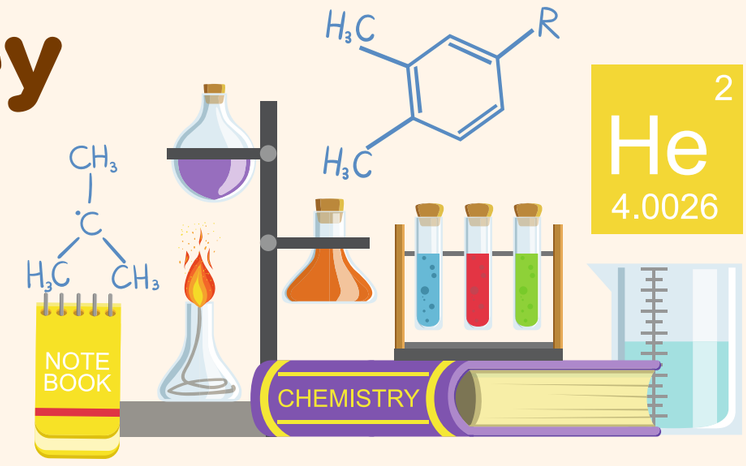
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Our Learning Journey

Year 6

Miss Mathias' Class



Here are some more pictures from our STEM workshops:

Electrolysis

We split water into hydrogen and oxygen molecules using electrolysis.





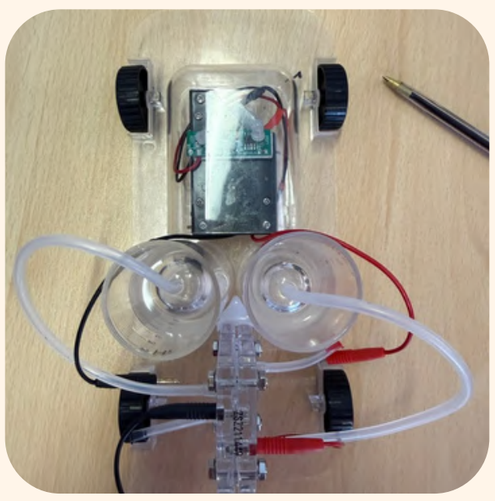


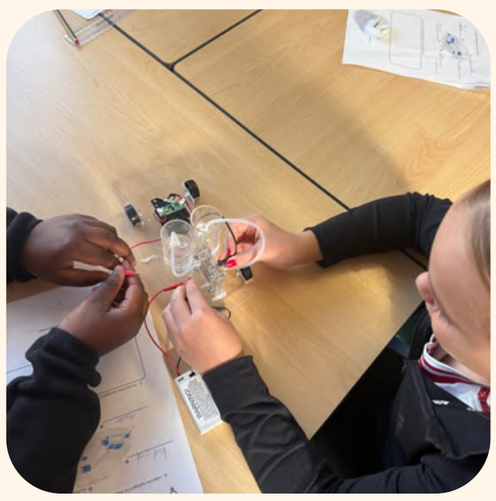
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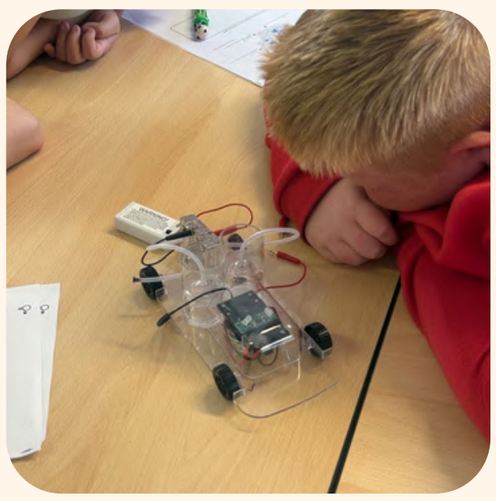
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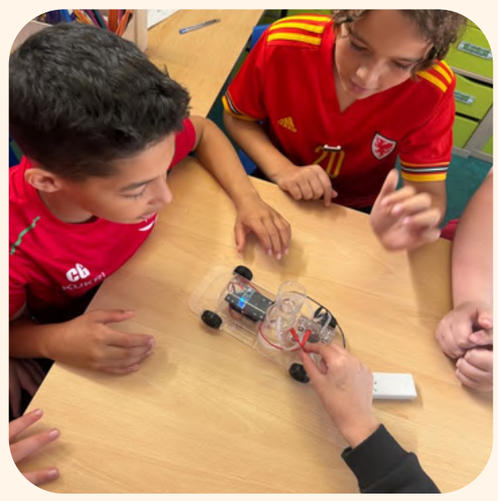
Hydrogen powered Cars

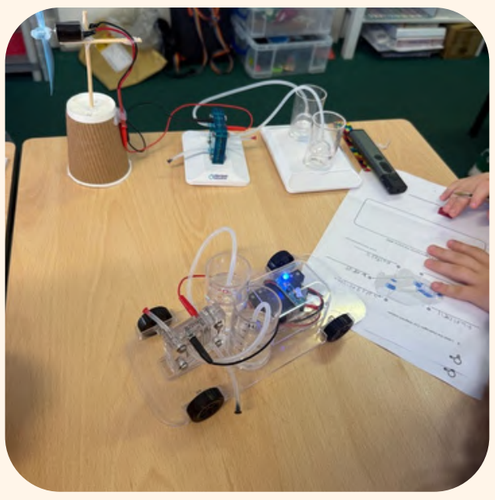
We used hydrogen to power cars! The hydrogen produced by electrolysis creates electricity to power the car. The car produces water as its waste. Using hydrogen to power a car is eco friendly!

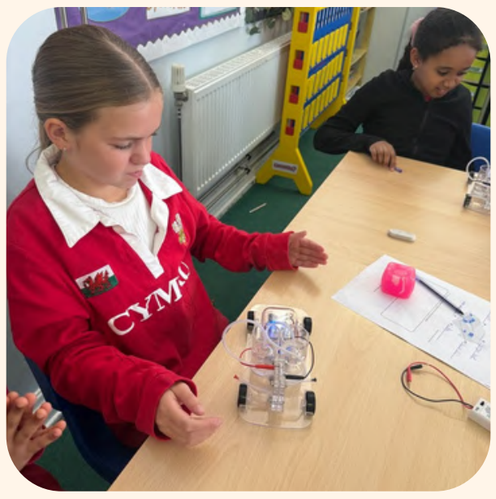


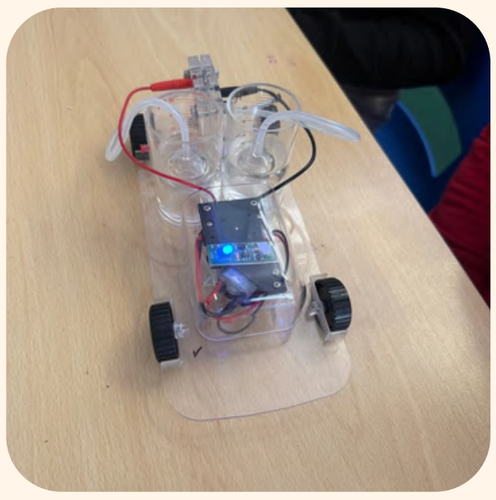














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Our Learning Journey

Year 4 Trip to Cardiff Museum



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Year 4 and Year 4/5 had a fantastic day exploring Cardiff Museum! As part of our learning about fossils, the children took part in an exciting workshop where they discovered fascinating facts about fossils and even had the opportunity to hold some enormous T. rex teeth and claws!

We explored fossils from the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, learning more about the incredible creatures that lived millions of years ago. The children drew wonderful pictures of what they imagined their fossils might have looked like when the creatures were alive. A huge thank you to the Cardiff Museum staff for delivering such an engaging and memorable workshop!

We also enjoyed exploring the museum's exhibits, where the children discovered an amazing range of fossils, bones and other fascinating artefacts, including beautiful diamonds and gemstones. There was so much to see and learn about!

The children represented the school brilliantly and had a wonderful day full of curiosity, discovery and excitement. They have already started looking forward to their next school trip!

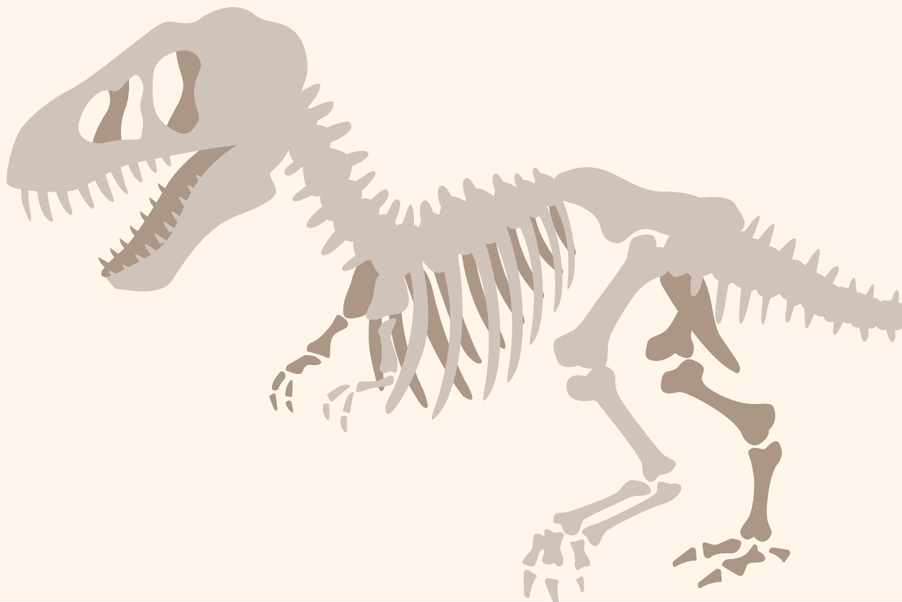












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STARS OF THE MONTH
SEREN Y MIS









Some of our Stars of the Week from this month!

Congratulations to all the recipients!

Well done in your gymnastics! You achieved 3rd on the bars, 1st on the beam, 1st on the floor and 2nd on vault.





Moving up in Big Maths!



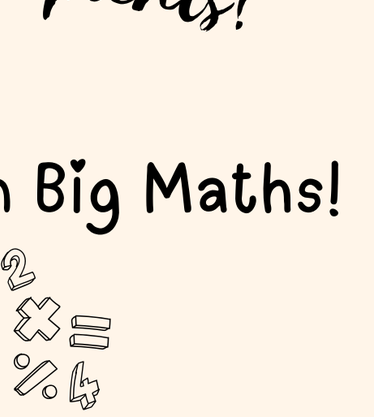


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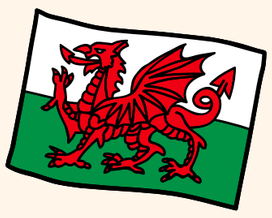






Let your child's teacher know if they have achieved something outside of school and we will celebrate them here!

Fantastic Welsh!



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CHILDREN IN NEED 2026

Mr Windross +



X 43,548 steps =



This November, Mr Windross is taking on an incredible challenge to raise money for Children in Need! During the week of Children in Need, he will attempt to climb the equivalent height of Mount Everest on a stair stepper machine, all in one go, at the gym. That means completing a staggering 8,848m or 29,031ft which is 43,548 steps on a Stairmaster, which is expected to take around 13 hours! It will be a huge physical and mental challenge, but Mr Windross is determined to push himself to the limit to help raise funds for children and young people across the UK. We're incredibly proud of his commitment and hope that our school community will get behind him and support this amazing challenge!

Mr Windross will begin his challenge at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday 10th November at The Gym on Newport Road. He will be completing the challenge without using the handrails and will keep everyone updated on his progress throughout via his JustGiving page. He aims to complete the challenge before 10:00 p.m.

DONATE ♥

To donate please click the link or use the QR code



Mr Windross' fundraiser for BBC Children in Need

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A morning spent with your child alongside a professional cook.

All ingredients will be provided for **FREE!**



Session Dates:
3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November

Time:
9:00am – 11:00am

If you want more information or would like to join the class please contact Miss Gauci.

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St Francis RC Primary School

Lower School Presents

Twinkly Nativity

Join us for a heart-warming celebration of the very first Christmas

A little story with a big bright message



Friday
4th December

Performances at
9.30am and 1.30pm

Tickets
£1 each
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All tickets include an entry into a raffle

Tickets will be limited to 2 per family at first.

St. Francis R.C Primary School presents...

Year 3 and Year4

We Three Kings

WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2026

10:00 and 13:30 - Tickets £1 (includes a raffle)

Strictly 2 tickets per family

(more may be available at a later date)

On sale in November - See Class Teacher



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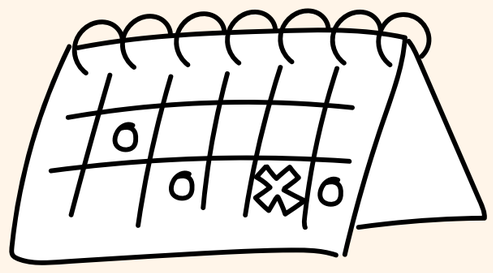
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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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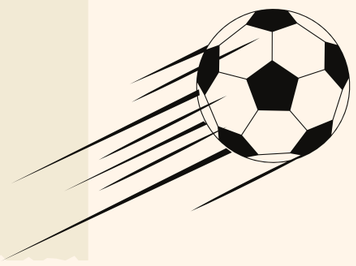
MONDAY

Football

Years 5 & 6

3pm - 4pm

Mr WIndross



TUESDAY

Dance

Years 5 & 6

3pm - 4pm

Miss Mathias



TUESDAY

Rugby

Years 5 & 6

3pm - 4pm

Mr Cannon-Jones



THURSDAY

Choir

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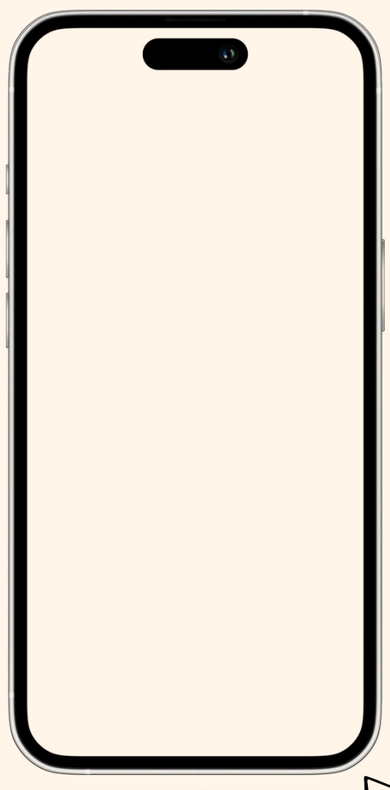
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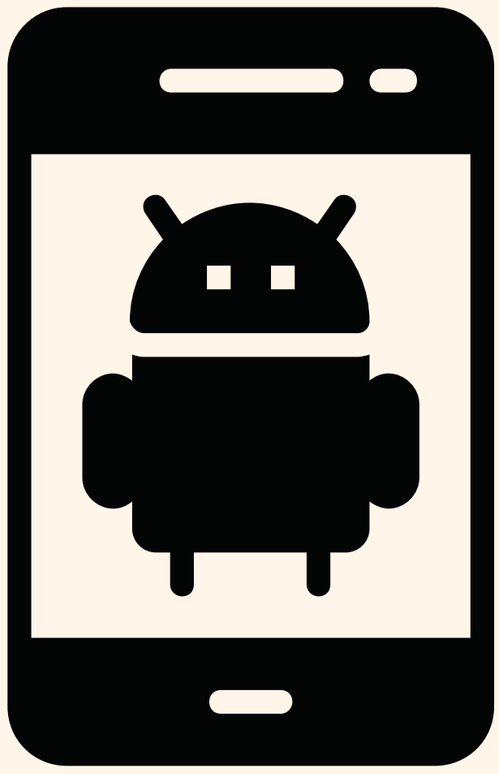
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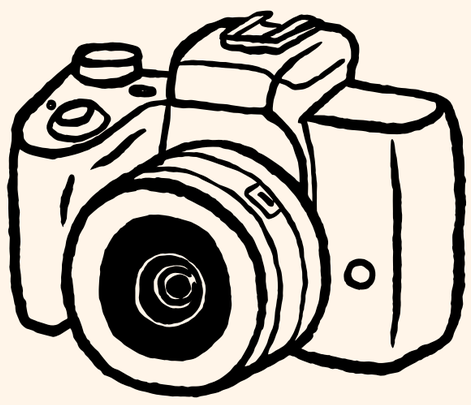


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Spring Term	04.01.27	08.02.27 - 12.02.27	19.03.27
Summer Term	05.04.27	31.05.27 - 04.06.27	20.07.27

Inset Days

1. Tuesday 1st September
2. Wednesday 2nd September
3. Friday 18th December
4. Monday 15th February
5. Monday 19th July
6. Tuesday 20th July

School Photos



Thursday 5th November 2026

Individual and Sibling Photographs

TBC

Class Photographs

Pupil Progress Meetings

Wednesday 4 November

March (Date TBC)

End of Year Report in July

Important Dates in the Catholic Calendar



Sunday 4th October - The Feast of St Francis
Sunday 29th November - Advent Starts
Friday 25th December - Christmas Day
Wednesday 10th February - Ash Wednesday
Sunday 21st March - Holy Week Starts
Sunday 28th March - Easter Sunday
Thursday 6th May - Ascension
Sunday 16th May - Pentecost

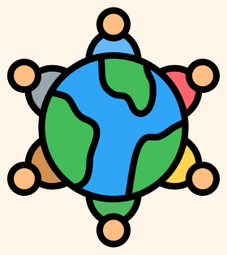
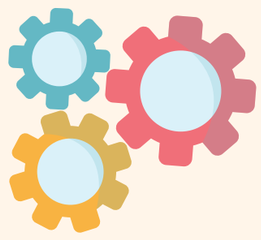
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



November



- Monday 2nd November - Pupils Return to School 
- Thursday 5th November - Bonfire Night 
- Sunday 8th November - Diwali Starts 
- Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday 
- Monday 9th November - Flu Immunisations 
- Wednesday 11th November - Rememberance Day 
- Friday 13th November - Children in Need 
- Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day 
- Monday 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week 
- Monday 16th November - Cultural Day 
- Monday 23rd November - Scholastic Book Fair - All Week 
- Monday 23rd November - Nursery January 2027 Stay and Play 
- Thursday 26th November - Year 6 MIHS STEM Visit 

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



December

Wednesday 2nd December - Christmas Fair



Friday 4th December - Foundation Christmas Concert



Wednesday 9th December - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Concert



Thursday 10th December - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Concert



Thursday 17th December - Pupils Last Day



Friday 18th December - INSET Day



Thursday 24th December - Christmas Eve



Friday 25th December - Christmas Day



Saturday 26th December - Boxing Day



Thursday 31st December - New Years' Eve

