



This half term Dosbarth Fir have been very busy! We started off with our Eisteddfod celebrations, where we had to learn a poem to recite, learn the Welsh song 'clap clap un dau tri' and we looked at the work of the artist- Martin Evans, where we created amazing Welsh art. The children thoroughly enjoyed making and tasting Welsh rarebit too!

We have been looking at 'people who help us' and we were so lucky to have Fire Fighter Emma and PSO Rachel to come in and talk to us all about their roles and we got dress up. We had such fun! Our Science topic has been 'our body' and they children have been really engaged in finding out all about the inside and outside of our body! They have been full of facts and questions.

Forest Schools is still one of our favourite lessons and we have been exploring signs of spring and using our gross motor skills by digging and finding buried treasure!

We have also celebrated World Book Day where they children were very excited to show off their costumes; we made our own book marks for our reading books too.

Finally, we are finishing off the half term learning and celebrating Easter - the children loved making Easter nests, baskets and bonnets!

A fantastic half term Dosbarth Fir! Ardddechog!



To the left - Little Acorns all dressed up for World Book Day!! In Little Acorns, we are developing a love for reading. We often choose to look at books during our registration time. We know that it is important to look after our books and handle them with care. One of our favourite things to do when looking at books is to look at the pictures and predict what might happen next. They really are so much fun!



In Dosbarth Derwen we read an amazing story called "Dear Dinosaur" and then wrote our own letters to the Dinosaur Museum to find out information about our favourite dinosaur. Then, we used the Chrome books to type up our letter and improve our DCF skills.

Will from Techniquet also came to work with the children about Algoriththms. They looked at giving accurate instructions and Will became a robot to act out the instructions. We quickly saw how important it was to be accurate.



With our focus on developing a love of reading, all children were given the opportunity to visit BUCKLEY library to swap books and to be involved in a range of activities. The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success, earning school over £200 worth of books. Lots of happy children going home with new books they have chosen from the book fair is always super to see. Thank you!

The School Council book sale that we had raised £26.95. Thank you to everyone who supported us! The school council Easter Stationery they also did very well, seeing the School Council making a total of £120 with the book sale! The School Council are looking forward to seeing how they can spend the money to benefit all of the children.



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An interesting and informative visit from Kxlare!

A super afternoon with Kxlare, learning through geography, chemistry and geology. Thank you @KxlareScienceUK @innovateuk @LCM_metal, a great experience for Y6 learning about metal and alloy production in the Western World! A supply chain alternative. @innovation @groundbreaking



Birth class were joined by The Guardian Newspaper Editor, Ria, for an exciting round up of news, news writing and reporting. Year 6 were also joined by Beryl Lamb, one of our Westwood grandparents who joined the class and earned herself a place on the reporting team.



On Friday 15th March, children from Years 3 to 6 travelled to Holywell Leisure Centre to compete in the annual Mold and Buckley Swimming Gala. The atmosphere was electric as our young swimmers dove into the pool with enthusiasm and determination, representing our school with pride! Although we did not win the overall Gala, we were able to pick up some fantastic top 3 finishes in the heats and finals. A HUGE well done to all the children!



Brick club with Steve Guinness was a huge success! All the children and parents had a fabulous time!

Brick Club 2024



Parents who attended our Strength in Numbers course with Mrs Bannister thoroughly enjoyed working with her. They then had the opportunity to work with their own children to support them with their Maths.



IN OTHER NEWS!

The children had a fabulous time at the Spring Term Gymnastics Festival! A big shout out to Mrs Kelly and Mrs Steele for supporting the children in preparing for this event. Thank you on behalf of all of the children! Also a huge shout out to all the children for doing their best. They were all brilliant and had a fantastic day. Here are some of the achievements below.

In the bronze level:
Overall 3rd Theo (year 4)
Overall 2nd Isabelle (year 4)
Overall 1st Sophie W (year 4)

In the silver level:
Overall 3rd Holly (year 4)
Overall 2nd Jordan (year 4)
Overall 1st Sophie J, (year 4)



We celebrated the Eisteddfod this half term!
 Here are some of the wonderful achievements in
 Year 6...



Our competition winners in Birch class were delighted to see their efforts rewarded for art, handwriting and story writing. Well done to Mia who took the chair with her excellent story of Cwmbran.

Year 3 and 4 Residential to Glan-Llyn

On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday the 6th March, Year 3 and 4 completed a residential trip to Glan-Llyn! During their stay, the children participated in activities such as rock climbing, raft building, canoeing, problem solving activities, The Bird Man show, camp fires toasting marshmallows, games and a movie night. The children were able to develop their Welsh language and a range of personal, social and physical skills during the residential. They all did Westwood proud! Please remember to check Seesaw for some very inspirational videos from our time in Glan-Llyn. Finally, DIOLCH YN FAWR IAWN! (Thank you very much!) to all the staff who made this trip possible and gave the children such a valuable experience.



Happy birthday to one of our Marleyfield friends

Year 6 children visited Marleyfield Care Home to wish Ilyd, a resident there, a happy 108th birthday. Denica presented a framed story she wrote: "Ilyd and the Mysterious Dragon", whilst Olivia and Seren presented two framed pictures (drawn by Kellsie in the style of Martyn Evans, a Welsh artist). Isaac was thrilled to be shown cards by Ilyd's nephew, sent to Ilyd from King Charles and Queen Camilla.



Thank you to everyone who came to the Easter Binge, to the PTFA for organizing and a huge thank you to the staff who supported the event. Also a special shout out to Gill Jones, our Chair of Governors who was our wonderful bingo caller!!

We had Easter bingo donations from the local community for prizes, which was fabulous! A big shout out to all the following local businesses,

Buckley Bistre Farm Shop - £10 voucher

Shaz's Shabby Chic - Wax candle burner set

Iceland (Buckley) - Easter Egg

The New Company - Voucher for a Cut and blow dry.

The PTFA raised just shy of a whopping £400 - Thank you!

