



Ysgol Heol Y Mynydd

Mountain Lane Primary School

Cylchlythyr – Newsletter – 25.09.26



'Inspiring and inclusive learning experiences are at the heart of our safe, happy, caring school'

Dear Parents and Carers,

During this week's Whole School Assembly, we welcomed Reverend Jenny from St. Matthew's Church back to school. Reverend Jenny talked to the pupils about journeys and the type of bag that people would need to pack depending on the type of journey they were on. She then went on to compare this with the journeys made by Jesus Disciples and that, whilst they may not have had belongings with them, or even directions to follow, they had God to guide them.

On Tuesday we were joined by Open the Book. Reverend Chris told the story of Noah's Ark and the Flood and reminded the pupils about the need to always try your best, linking this to our Core Values of #Grit and #Respect.

Here is a reminder about our current Patrwm y Pythefnos, a new pattern will be introduced next week. It is lovely to hear the pupils and parents using their Cymraeg around school – diolch yn fawr iawn!

Hwyl Fawr

Goodbye (literal translation: Big Fun)

Wela i di... / Wela i chi

See you...

...yfory

...tomorrow

...yn y bore

...in the morning

...wythnos nesa

...next week

...y p'nawn 'ma

...this afternoon

...Dydd Mercher

...Wednesday

..cyn amser mynd adref

...before going home time

Use Wela i di ... to a friend / one person.

Use Wela i chi to show respect (when talking to an adult / somebody older than you / group of people).

Progression Step 1 (Nursery and Reception) news and events:



Nursery News: A Week of Owls and Adventure!

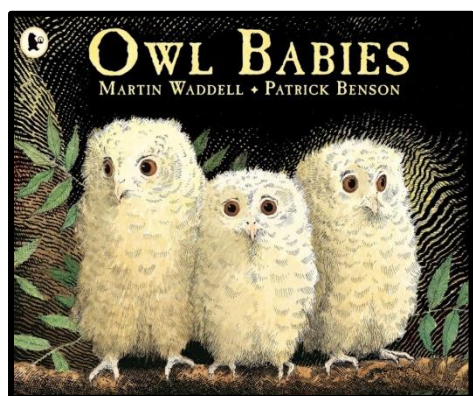
We have had a wonderful week in Nursery exploring the fascinating world of owls!

We enjoyed reading the much-loved story Owl Babies, talking about the characters and thinking about how the baby owls might have felt during different parts of the story. The children enjoyed joining in with the repetitive parts of the story.

We then became owl experts! We found out lots of interesting facts about owls, including what they eat, where they live, how they fly and some of the special features that help them hunt. The children thought it was funny that owl babies are actually called owlets!

We put our bodies to the test this week with a challenging Ollie Owl's obstacle course! The children ran, jumped, balanced and moved around the course.

Our imaginations really took flight when the children had the opportunity to create and tell their own owl stories. They thought carefully about what might happen in their stories, developing their language, communication and confidence as they shared their ideas with others. We are so proud of the children's curiosity, #Creativity and enthusiasm this week. 🦉💛



The children in Reception have had another busy week at school. They have enjoyed a range of activities that have encouraged their imagination, creativity and understanding of themselves and others.

During Drawing Club, the children responded to the story Marvellous Me by Lisa Bullard. They used their imaginations to draw themselves as superheroes and created their own special passwords to activate their superpowers. In mathematics, they enjoyed playing the Maths Magician's number-matching game, which helped to develop their number-recognition skills.

The children have also had lots of fun exploring body percussion. They experimented with creating sounds using different parts of their bodies and began to recognise and differentiate between different tempos.

They enjoyed making sounds faster and slower and exploring how this changed sounds.

As part of our learning about ourselves, the children looked at one another's baby, toddler and childhood photographs. They discussed how they have changed, as well as identified the similarities and differences between how they looked then and how they look now. The children particularly enjoyed playing a Guess Who? game and talking about what they could do at different stages of their growth.



Progression Step 2 (Year 1, 2 & 3) news and events:

This week in Blwyddyn 1, we have been practising ordering numbers in maths and pairing numbers in figures to numbers in words. We worked with a partner to form our own very long number lines practically with number cards and apparatus. We have also been using little number logs to practise reading and writing numbers in words.

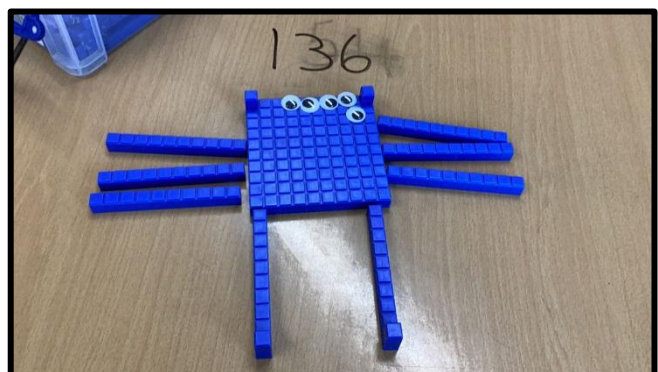
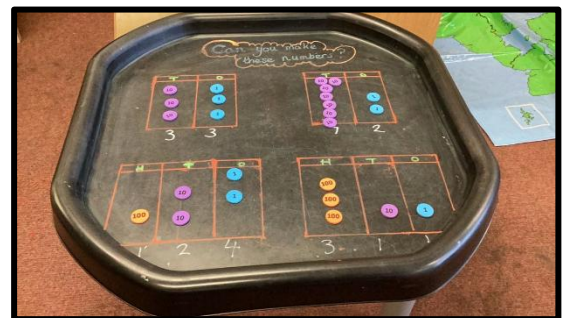
We have been looking at features of a letter, and we built up our skills by practising writing key words and phrases on whiteboards before writing our own letter to the Fairy Queen from our class text, 'Freddie and the Fairy'.

For part of our Jigsaw topic of 'Being me in my world' we discussed that everyone is a special member of our class with shared rights and responsibilities. We talked about how it feels to belong to a class community and how everyone has a part to play. We thought about how we can achieve the best learning environment in our class, and drew a picture of ourselves learning well with our friends.

We collated ideas for a woodland wand design and compiled a mood board of ideas. We then had lots of fun planning our own woodland wand designs. We are really looking forward to making these!



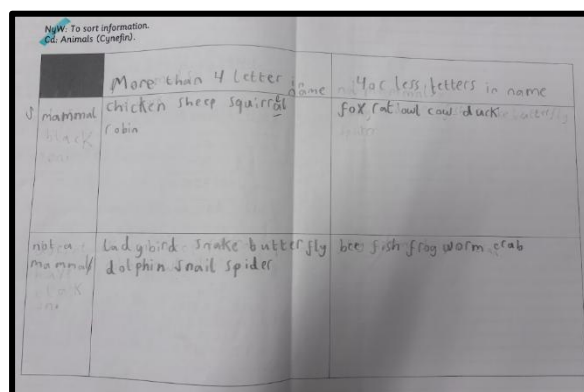
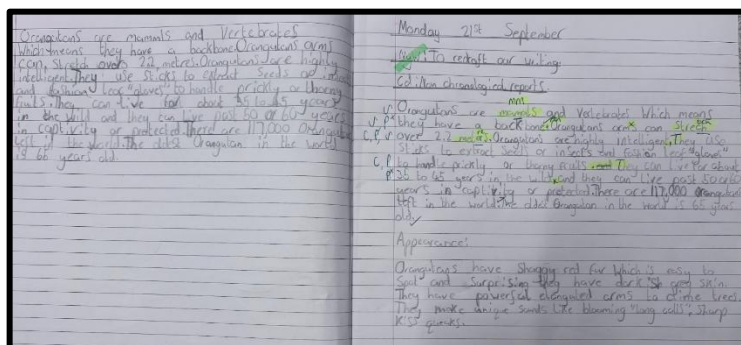
Our topic focus this week has been learning about landmarks in London. Children have been busy creating London landmarks for Paddington in our small world area. Embedding our place skills using our tuff tray activity to represent given numbers. Lots of fun was had getting creative in maths, working together to make place value robots and calculate their totals.



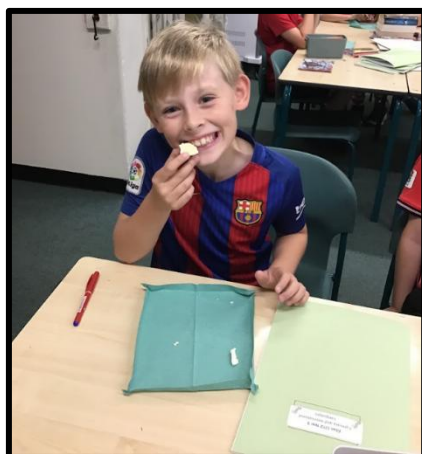
Progression Step 3 (Year 4, 5 & 6) news and events:

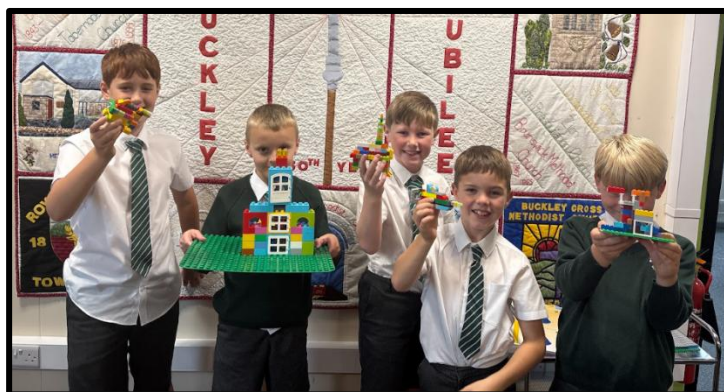
Recently in Blwyddyn 4, we have completed our Maths focus on Venn and Carroll diagrams. The children have enjoyed putting their Maths skills into practice during our Science and Numeracy lessons, where they've been given the opportunity to make independent choices and decide whether a Venn or Carroll diagram would be most suitable for sorting different types of animals. They also created their own headings based on the information they've been learning in Science, including which animal group each animal belongs to (such as mammals, amphibians and birds etc) and whether they are vertebrates or invertebrates.

We have also begun our co-crafting lessons, where we have started writing our non-chronological reports. Over the first few weeks of the term, the children have been developing their skills, carrying out research and planning their reports. We are now excited to see their ideas come together and look forward to sharing some of our finished co-crafted pieces of writing with you soon!



Dosbarth 12 had a fantastic time visiting Buckley Library last Friday. The children were able to choose a book to read during our class ERIC time, as well as completing a character search and using Lego to build some Wonders of the World that we have been learning about. Dosbarth 11 have visited the library this afternoon, photos of their visit will be included in next week's newsletter, alongside information and photos about our European Day of Languages celebrations from today.





We have had another busy and productive week in Blwyddyn 6. The children have completed some of their Personalised Assessments, and we are very proud of the effort and resilience they demonstrated throughout. In Maths, pupils carried out an investigation into place value, exploring how the position of each digit affects the value of numbers up to one million. As part of our topic work, we have also been examining the changing landscapes of the Arctic, researching the impact that melting ice caps and rising sea levels are having on our planet.

The children have continued with their poetry unit of work in relation to 'The Dreadful Menace'. As part of our series of lessons, the children spent some time analysing and evaluating poems, identifying the aspects of the poems that they liked and enjoyed (or maybe didn't). Discussion included features such as the poem's theme, language choices and poetic devices used by the poet, and deciding whether they would recommend them to others, and why? We also used the Poetry Archive website to share our favourite poems with the class. During our literacy lessons, we have begun exploring the key features of effective poetry and have worked collaboratively to develop success criteria for writing our own poems. Over the coming weeks, we will examine each element in greater depth and apply these techniques to our own writing.

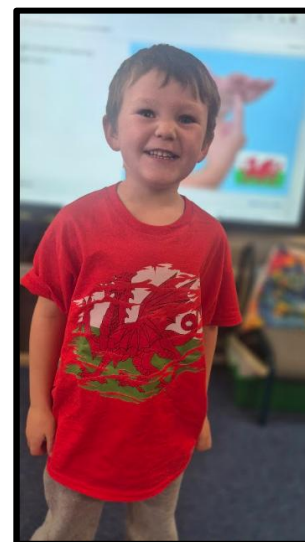


Fundraisers for Mountain Lane AGM

The date for our next Fundraisers' AGM is **Thursday 15th October at 3.15 p.m.** If you would like be involved with our Fundraising Team please contact them on fundraisersformountainlane@gmail.com #Community.

European Language Day

It was lovely to see the children and staff celebrating European Language Day today. The hall was vibrant and colourful as we met to celebrate this week's Core Value Assembly. Children and staff supported this celebration by wearing traditional costumes, national football kits or in the colours of the country's flag #Community.



Parking

We have received communication from our neighbours regarding inappropriate parking outside their property. Please can I ask that you consider the needs of our neighbours at pick up and drop off times – diolch in advance #Community.

Please see below information about free swimming sessions from Gwella. Sessions in Buckley are on a Saturday from 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. To book a place, please call Buckley Leisure Centre on 01352 704290 or visit www.gwella.wales.



Mountain Lane School

Do you have a child who will have had their 3rd birthday before 1st September 2027?

Would you like to see our Nursery Class and meet the team?

We would be delighted to show you around and answer any questions you have at our drop ins on **Tuesday 6th October** and **Wednesday 18th November 2026** from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Please complete the Google Form, using the link, to book a place for the drops ins—diolch.

<https://forms.gle/a7ZxJy6EvSVs1rh78>



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Free Swimming Timetable 2025

For Young People Aged 16 Years And Under

In Flintshire, free junior sessions for young people are available across the five swimming pools in Buckley, Conna's Quay, Flint, Holywell and Mold throughout the year.

BUCKLEY LEISURE CENTRE (Gwella) Call 01352 704290 or visit www.gwella.wales	SAT 1:15 - 2:15pm
CONNAH'S QUAY (Cambrian Aquatic Sports Centre) Call 01244 956695	SAT 11:30am - 1:00pm
JADE JONES PAVILION FLINT (Gwella) Call 01352 704301 or visit www.gwella.wales	SUN 2:00 - 3:30pm
HOLYWELL LEISURE CENTRE (Community Managed) Call 01352 355100 or visit www.holywellleisurecentre.com	SAT 12:00 - 1:00pm
MOLD LEISURE CENTRE (Gwella) Call 01352 704330 or visit www.gwella.wales	SUN 10:45 - 11:45am



Nursery Drop in Sessions

Our Nursery Department will be holding drop-in sessions for parents who wish to come along to visit Mountain Lane and view our lovely Nursery. The dates are as follows:-

Tuesday 6th October: 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 18th November: 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Please use the link to book your place: <https://forms.gle/a7ZxJy6EvSVs1rh78>

Key Dates for next the Term:

29 th September	Tempest Photography - Individual and Sibling photos
30 th September	Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm
6 th October	Nursery Drop-in
15 th October	FFML AGM at 3.15 p.m.
22 nd October	School Closes for Half Term
23 rd October	Staff Training Day
2 nd November	School re-opens after half term
4 th November	Flu Immunisations (for Pupils from Reception to Year 5)
4 th - 6 th November	Year 6 Pupils visit to Glan Llyn
18 th November	Nursery Drop-in
30 th November	Flu Immunisations (for Pupils in Year 6)
8 th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert 1.30pm - 2.30pm
9 th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert 9.30am - 10.30am
10 th December	Reception Christmas Concert 9.30am - 10.30am
14 th December	Nursery Christmas Concert 11.00am (Blue) and 2.30pm (Red)
14 th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Service at St. Matthew's Church 6.00 pm
15 th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Service at St. Matthew's Church 6.00 pm
16 th December	Christmas Craft Day and Christmas Lunch
18 th December	School closes for Christmas break
4 th January	Staff Training Day
5 th January	School re-opens for pupils

Friday Core Value of the Week Award Assembly:

This morning we held our first Core Value of the Week Award Assembly during which one pupil per class was awarded a Core Value of the Week Certificate. The names of those pupils who received a certificate this week can be seen below:

Class 1 - Sofia-May

Class 2 - Hattie

Class 3 - Pearl

Class 4 - Jackson

Class 5 - Nancie

Class 6 - Winnie

Class 7 - Orpah

Class 8 - Olivia

Class 9 - Elliot

Class 10 - George D

Class 11 - Max

Class 12 - Charlie

Class 13 - Oscar
Class 14 - Jocelyn

Attendance and Punctuality.

At the end of this week our whole school attendance is 94.19%

Week commencing 14.09.26 was 94.13%

Year to date is: 95.10%



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