

#### Y Bont Faen Primary School

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#### Weekly highlights

What a fantastic fortnight we have had. Years 4 and 5 thoroughly enjoyed their time away at their residentials in Govilon: Year 4 went for 1 night and Year 5 for 2 nights. The weather was on our side, with beautiful sunshine and clear skies! Both year groups enjoyed a beautiful walk on The Blorenge mountain, taking in the breathtaking views. Year 4 had the opportunity to either canoe or gorge walk and Year 5 took part in both caving and gorge walking. There were very happy faces when the children jumped into the water pools and sat under the waterfalls! A huge thank you must go to our amazing staff who gave up their time away from their families to look after the children: Miss Jones, Mrs Davies, Miss Harrington, Mrs Millard and Mrs Carr. I know they were really grateful for the lovely messages of thanks they have received.

Nursery have loved welcoming new faces into the classroom and it is a joy to see how well the new children have settled. They have started their new 'minibeast' inquiry and went on a bug hunt in the sensory garden! In Reception the children have been reading 'The Scarecrows Wedding' and designed and made their very own moving scarecrows!

Year 1 have started our their inquiry for the Summer Term 'How can we help make our school more hedgehog friendly?'. They started by completing a survey of the school grounds to help them create an action plan. Year 2 have started their new inquiry- Why is nature important?. They looked at the book The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle and used the beautiful illustrations to recreate their own versions using the skills they learnt last term. Year 3 kicked off their inquiry 'What lies Beneath the Ocean's Surface?' by doing a kahoot quiz to assess their current knowledge.

Year 4 had an exciting visit from the Architecture Department at Cardiff University. They worked in groups to design sustainable houses and community features that they would want in their town such as a park, football pitch and pond. Year 5 have have started a mini inquiry project, working with Screen Alliance Wales. The project kicked off with the children creating gruesome 'injuries' using special effects makeup! They looked fantastic and very realistic! Year 6 have begun their new inquiry based on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The children began by looking at the life of William Shakespeare and practiced note taking. They also began researching his life and plays to write a fact file or biography.

What a fantastic time we had celebrating VE day as a school. The children looked wonderful dressed in red, white and blue. The whole school had a lovely picnic together and sang 'We'll Meet Again!' out on the field.



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#### Summer Term 2025 ~ key dates

**23.5.25:** Seren and Sbarc Art Exhibition (the children are exhibiting artwork, collaborative and/or individual, in the school hall from **2pm-3pm**. The art has been influenced by a Welsh artist and will be a celebration of Seren and Sbarc day. There is a £1 admission fee per person, family and friends welcome - the artwork will not be for sale).

26.5.25 - 30.5.25: May half term

3.6.25: Cluster Olympics (Years 1 - 3) held in the school field

6.6.25: Cluster Olympic Games (Y4-6) held at the NIAC Stadium - more details to follow

10.6.25: Colofoto (Year 6 Leavers Photos and class photos)

12.6.25: Open Day event for prospective families - 2pm start

16.6.25: Stay and Play Pizza event 3pm start

20.6.25: Sports Day (12.45 start)

4.7.25: Reserve Sports Day (PM)

10.7.25: Beach academy trip (Year 3 and 5)

**18.7.25**: Last day of term



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