



Spring Term 2

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Head Teacher's Message

It has been another busy and successful half term at St Thomas, with pupils enjoying a wide range of enriching experiences both in and beyond the classroom. From outdoor learning and educational visits, to sporting events and creative workshops, our children have continued to demonstrate excellent enthusiasm, teamwork and pride in their school. It has been particularly pleasing to see their positive attitudes recognised by others in the community. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide these opportunities. As we approach the next half term, we look forward to even more exciting events and continued progress for all our learners. Have a restful and enjoyable break.

Beicio Cymru – Bike Wales

Year 5 pupils took part in exciting Beicio Cymru cycle sessions, developing confidence, balance, and road safety awareness. Through practical activities and expert coaching, children improved their skills while enjoying active learning outdoors. The programme promoted wellbeing, independence, and safe cycling habits, preparing pupils to travel responsibly within their community.



School Nurse

Visits

Our school nurse visited to support pupils' understanding of healthy lifestyles. Year 4 explored balanced diets, learning about nutritious food choices and wellbeing, while Year 2 focused on effective handwashing techniques to stay germ-free. The sessions were engaging and helped reinforce important habits for keeping our children happy and healthy.



Cardiff Senedd Visit

Our Cardiff trip was a fantastic day! The children got a tour of the Senedd including the main debating chamber and media rooms. We also met three Plaid Cymru members for Swansea and asked important questions about our area. We then finished with a walk around Cardiff Bay!



Kilvey Hill

In recent weeks, our Year 3 and Year 6 children had a great experience of walking to the top of Kilvey Hill. We are so lucky to have such wonderful opportunities so close to us and the children were fantastic. They completed sketching at the top, as well as discussing an appreciation of beauty. The Year 6 children also participated in forest school activities including roasting marshmallows and building shelters. Da iawn, pawb!



Barclays Bank

Year 4 pupils participated in an engaging Barclays Bank finance workshop, supporting their Enterprise project. They learned valuable skills about budgeting, saving, and making financial decisions through interactive activities. The session helped develop their confidence with money matters while encouraging teamwork, creativity, and real-world understanding to support their enterprise learning.



Size of Wales Rainforest Talk

Year 3 pupils took part in an exciting Size of Wales Rainforest Workshop, learning about the importance of protecting rainforests and their role in our planet's future. Through engaging activities, children explored conservation, sustainability, and how their actions can make a difference in caring for the global environment.



Outdoor Learning

Maesteg Park

Year 6, Year 4 and Year 2 pupils enjoyed outdoor learning sessions at Maesteg Park, where they explored nature, built teamwork skills, and took part in practical, hands-on activities. The sessions encouraged curiosity, problem-solving, and appreciation of the environment, providing memorable experiences that supported learning beyond the classroom for everyone.



Cymraeg yn y ty – Welsh in the house

Throughout the school, our children have been practising speaking about themselves in Welsh. This is something that our Pupil Voice Group -**Dreigiau San Tomos** - are helping us all with. This is also a great opportunity for you to help at home by asking some simple questions regularly. Can you help practise this half term's focus questions at home?

Ga i ... os gwelwch yn dda?

Can I have ... please?



Literacy Workshop @ Taliesin

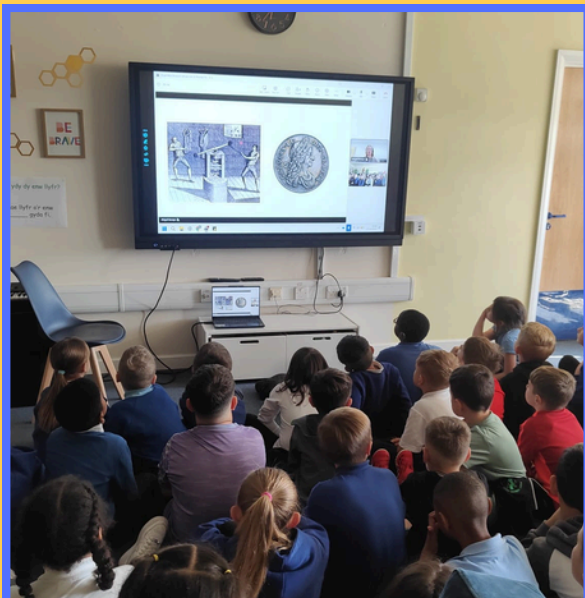
Theatre

Year 4 and Year 5 pupils took part in an inspiring Literacy Trust Taliesin workshop, exploring creativity through reading and writing activities. The sessions encouraged imagination, confidence, and a love of literacy, helping pupils develop their storytelling skills while engaging with Welsh culture in a fun and meaningful way together.



Reception @ Jersey Park

Reception pupils enjoyed a wonderful visit to Jersey Park, where they explored the outdoor environment, observed nature, and took part in fun, hands-on activities. The trip supported their learning through play, encouraged curiosity, and helped develop social skills, teamwork, and confidence while making special memories together.



Royal Mint Workshop

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting Royal Mint workshop, exploring how coins are designed and made. Pupils learned about currency history, security features, and budgeting, while taking part in hands-on activities. The session inspired curiosity and developed financial awareness, giving children a memorable, interactive experience linked to maths and real-world learning.

Sport @ St. Thomas



Y4 Girls' and Boys' Football Festivals

Our boys' and girls' football teams represented the school brilliantly at the recent festivals held at Pure Football. Their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship shone throughout every match. We are incredibly proud of all who took part.



Basketball Festival

Over the last few weeks, Year 6 children have had an opportunity to develop their basketball skills by attending after school club. It was great to be able to reward this dedication by taking the children to a basketball festival at LC2. The children played fantastically well and what really stood out were the positive comments from other schools about their attitudes. They certainly did St. Thomas proud!



School Gardening

We would like to thank Olli, our community gardener, for working with Year 4 to continue developing our school grounds. Through hands-on activities, pupils learned about planting, teamwork, and caring for the environment. Their enthusiasm and hard work are helping to create a greener, more welcoming space for our whole school community.



Fun 4 All Cinema Trip

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic cinema trip, creating lasting memories with their friends to celebrate their hard work. Pupils demonstrated excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout. Many thanks to Miss Layla and the Fun 4 All project for kindly providing this wonderful opportunity, which was greatly appreciated by everyone involved truly.



World Culture Day

World Culture Day was celebrated across the school with exciting activities that explored traditions, food, music and art from around the world. Pupils shared their own backgrounds, learned about others, and developed respect, curiosity and appreciation for different cultures, making it a vibrant and memorable day for everyone together.



Methodist Church

Year 4 pupils enjoyed a visit to Swansea Methodist Church, where they learned about the building's history and its importance to the local community.

They explored key features, asked thoughtful questions, and reflected on different beliefs and traditions, making the visit a valuable and enriching experience for all pupils involved.



Right Of The Month

June



Article - 12

Your right to say what you think should happen and be listened to!



UNCRC
United Nations Convention On The Rights Of The Child

Roaring Rights We are a Rights Respecting School



Right Of The Month

July



Article - 19

You should be looked after and kept safe.



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Upcoming Dates

- Monday 1st June - Year 6 - Crucial Crew Trip
- Tuesday 2nd June - Year 6 - Gorge Walking Trip
- Wednesday 3rd June - Year 3 and 4 - Sports Day - 9.30
- Wednesday 3rd June - Year 5 and 6 - Sports Day - 1.30
- Thursday 4th June - Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 - Sports Day - 1.30
- Friday 5th June - Year 5 - Residential - Cardiff
- Monday 8th June - Year 6 - Family Residential Meeting - 2.30
- Wednesday 10th June - Nursery Sports Day - 9.30 and 1.15
- Tues 16th June to Thurs 18th June - Year 1 - Waterfront Museum - My School @ The Museum
- Tuesday 16th June - Year 6 - Athletics v Danygraig - 9.30
- Wednesday 17th June - Year 3 - Glynn Vivian Art Workshop
- Friday 19th June - Year 6 Residential - Manor Adventure
- Friday 19th June - Year 4 - Enterprise Market - Castle Gardens
- Wednesday 24th June - Year 3 - Neath Abbey / Gnoll Park
- Thursday 25th June - Year 6 - TreUchaf Sport Festival
- Friday 26th June - Year 6 - Beach Rugby Festival
- Tuesday 30th June - Rec and Year 1 - We Need Bees Show
- Wednesday 1st July - Year 5 - Cefn Hengoed Athletics
- Tuesday 7th July - Year 6 - Transition Day - Cefn Hengoed
- Thursday 9th July - Reception - Blackpill
- Wednesday 15th July - Year 6 - Leavers' Assembly - 2pm
- Thursday 16th July - Last day for children (3.20 Finish)

Y4 Bowls

Year 4 pupils enjoyed an exciting bowls session at Jersey Park, developing teamwork, coordination, and confidence while learning new skills. They showed fantastic enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship throughout. We are very grateful to the local bowls team for their guidance, encouragement, and support in making the experience so memorable.



Attendance Target for Year – 95%

Attendance so far – 92.3%

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's success at school. When children attend, they build strong learning habits, stay connected with their teachers and classmates, and keep up with lessons and activities that support their growth.

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