

Llongyfarchiadau to our bardic poem winner ...



Wales the land of legends and story,  
This is because of the Welsh dragon's glory,  
Wings as wide as the heavens he soared,  
By all of Wales he was greatly adored.

In his presence the Welsh could be proud,  
ddraig goch had arrived and had vowed,  
He would serve Wales until came the end,  
But all on his battles that would depend.

Battle after battle, but Wales fought hard,  
With the aid of a dragon nothing was hard,  
No-one could believe that Wales would fall,  
Oh, I wonder, what ddraig could recall.

A hidden truth it seemed to be,  
One that ddraig couldn't bear to be free,  
What a nightmare it was to look back at September,  
The night he watched that wood burn to ember.

That ddraig was born with four brothers,  
Each of them with quite special colours,  
All of them destined to wipe out humanity,  
But ddraig wouldn't do it with his personality.

Ddraig's biggest fear, was it reality,  
Would he go face to face with his own family,  
A once loving family against him,  
Willing to happily tear off a limb.

What was to happen, what oh what,  
Would he go into hiding, no he could not,  
Oh, pull it together, it'll all be fine,  
Stop worrying, you have the perfect design.

The sharpest horns and the sharpest claws,  
Piercing eyes and piercing jaws,  
ddraig *was* the dragon, the highest of all,  
He would do his *all* to make sure Wales, doesn't fall.

Huge Llongyfarchiadau to this year's Bard: Eve who was chaired at the end of a week of Eisteddfod celebrations. Plenty of fun was had over the week including visiting the art gallery, folk dancing and singing. The children produced some wonderful items for the different competitions. Diolch yn fawr for all your efforts at home. The week ended on a high with a day of competing, costumes and culture which was enjoyed by parents and children alike. It was great to see so many of you come celebrate with us. Miss Morgan

# Preloved Uniform Sale

School Yard  
Tuesday 18th March  
3.30pm



Items  
£1-£2 each



Help save 💰 and the environment 🌍



### **Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Friday 21st March**

On Friday, 21st March, we are celebrating Down Syndrome Awareness Day by wearing odd socks! The tradition of wearing odd socks symbolizes the extra chromosome that makes people with Down syndrome unique. It's a simple and fun way to show support and spread awareness. We are also excited to share that Gwilym has designed a special PE T-shirt for Down Syndrome Awareness 2025! A huge thank you to Uniform 2 Go for their continued support. The T-shirts are available for £8 (kids) and £10 (adults), with £2 from each sale going to Friends of St Brides to support our school.

Thank you for joining us in raising awareness and celebrating inclusion!

## Siarter Iaith Presentation Ceremony



On Tuesday afternoon myself, Esme, Mr Mottram and Miss Morgan went to the Siarter Iaith award ceremony in the Vale Hotel. Siarter Iaith is a Welsh Government strategy to target the use of Welsh in schools across Wales. The aim of Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus is to promote the use of Welsh in English-medium schools, establishing a Welsh ethos and encouraging pupils and staff to develop their Welsh language skills. We were collecting a Silver level certificate. It was a fun ceremony with lots of free gifts. We're aiming for Gold level in the near future.

By Elsie (Y6)

# EASTER RAFFLE

THE FOSB ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS FOR  
OUR EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

DRAW 11TH APRIL



ALL DONATIONS IN BY 8TH APRIL

Following some confusion around the Easter Raffle, we have decided to simplify things and ask for donations that can be anything Easter or Spring related. From chocolates to decorations, bulbs for the gardens, flavoured tea, gardening tools, picnic blankets, scented candles, floral tea towels, spring-themed colouring books & pencils, all donations big or small will be greatly appreciated! Our aim is to raise funds to create more fun, extracurricular activities and purchase equipment for the children. Raffle tickets will be sent home with children next week and will cost 50p each.



## CALLING ALL SINGERS!



Join us to form a group to learn and help record the original composition **Britheg Brown** by Welsh composer **Emma Daman Thomas** in collaboration with St Brides Major Primary School Choir, the **High Brown Fritillary Project** and artist **Bettina Furnée**.

### WHAT YOU'LL DO

- **Learn & record a beautiful, original song** about the endangered High Brown Fritillary butterfly.
- **Work with renowned choir leader Jenny Moore** (F\*Choir, Chapter Arts, BBC Singers, The Barbican, 15+ years of experience).
- **Join 6-10 singers in 3-part harmony.** Some singing experience and the ability to learn by ear is helpful, but no professional experience required!

### DATES

- **Late March:** Teaching materials sent.
- **Wed 2 & Thurs 3 April:** Workshops (6:30-8:30 PM) at St Bridget's, St Brides Major.
- **Fri 4 April:** Dress rehearsal with composer Emma Daman Thomas (6:30-8:30 PM).
- **Sat 5 April:** Sound recording (AM) & filming (PM) at Old Castle Down, St Brides Major.
- **Sun 6 April:** Backup filming (if needed).

This free event is part of an artist residency by Bettina Furnée for **Natur Am Byth**, Wales' green recovery programme.

**Want to join or have questions?** Contact **Bettina Furnée:** [bettinafurnee@gmail.com](mailto:bettinafurnee@gmail.com)



## Welsh Phrase of the Week

Pwy ydy dy hoff awdur?  
(Pam?)

Who is your favourite author?  
(Why?)

*Fy hoff awdur ydy Liz Pichon  
achos mae hi'n ddoniol.*

*My favourite author is Liz Pichon  
because she is funny.*

## Makaton Phrase of the Week



**Book**

## World Book Day celebrated in style

*Last Thursday children from Rec – Y6 enjoyed World Book Day with storyteller Dylan Adams. He told stories to the children about famous Welsh myths and legends. The children had dressed up for the day to make it even more engaging. Thank you to the Friends of St Brides for funding this experience.*



*Mr Mottram*