

Blackwood Primary School

Senedd Newsletter Summer 2024



Pupil Leadership Team

Our Pupil Leadership Team has been absolutely fantastic this year and a real asset to the school. They have worked so hard to fulfil their action plan targets and have really developed their pupil voice. Improved attendance has been a huge target this year and the introduction of a points system building up to incentives and prizes is definitely having a positive impact on attendance. The Pupil Leadership Team has also begun to think of ways to improve unstructured times such as the introduction of equipment trolleys, reading areas and playground games. We are so proud of everything that the Pupil leadership Team has achieved this year and they will be a hard act to follow! We wish them all the best for the future!

Sports Council

Sports council worked hard to give Reception to Year 6 pupils the experience of a top athlete visit Natalie Powell who put the pupils through their paces completing a fitness circuit. Thank you to everyone who supported this by raising money for new sports equipment the pupils will benefit from this massively going forward.

We also supported the running of this years sports day where Red house (Ty Coch) were winners with 1266 points.

We are now thinking of new ways to support and promote sport in our school going forward into September.

Rights of the Child

Our Super Ambassadors have worked hard this year to promote the values and principles of the rights of the child. They have continued to engage with pupils to obtain thoughts and opinions on a variety of topics on behalf of the Children's Commissioner's monthly matters surveys. This month, the questions were linked to the right to play and as the summer holidays are fast approaching, pupils were asked questions such as what there is to do in the local area and what they would like to improve play in the area.

Looking forward to a new academic year, we would like to increase the number of Super Ambassadors in the team. In September, elections will take place within year groups to vote for new pupil parliament groups. We are also intending to restart our links with cluster schools to work on joint projects.

Thank you to our Super Ambassadors for their work this year. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and safe summer break!

Anti-bullying Crew

This term, our Anti-Bullying Crew has continued their important duties, working hard to create a safer and more inclusive school environment. One of the key focuses this term has been understanding prejudice and learning effective ways to tackle this issue. To achieve this, the Anti-Bullying Crew explored the impact of prejudice through the lens of the Olympics and Paralympics. They examined how prejudice can affect athletes and the broader sporting community, fostering empathy and awareness among pupils. The Anti-Bullying Crew set a challenge for pupils to create a poster or poem highlighting the issue of prejudice in the Olympics and Paralympics. The creative poems and posters were fantastic, showcasing our pupils' commitment to promoting fairness and inclusion. We are incredibly proud of the Anti-Bullying Crew's efforts this term and look forward to their continued contributions to our school community.



Digital Leaders

What a fantastic year our Digital leaders have had. During the summer term we combined forces with the ABC crew to create an I-Movie about racism ready for an S4C competition. The finished video looked amazing! We have spent time evaluating our action plan looking at how successful we have been and what our focus needs to be for next year. One of our key objectives was to spread awareness and educate people on E-Safety. We have been really successful in sharing our message, for next year we have decided to carry out E-Safety activities around digital citizenship during the Autumn, not just during Internet Safety Day. One of our key points for next year will also be creating tutorials/resources to help children access Digital Technology around the school.

Mini Police/Heddlu Bach

What a great year it has been for our Heddlu Bach! Not only have we learned lots about local law enforcement through our sessions with PC Hayley, but we have also had an impact on school life in our wider community. At the start of the year we identified that the biggest issue around our school was the road safety outside our school gates. With the support of our local community alongside our traffic monitoring, we have finally heard that we will once again have a crossing patrol thanks to all of our work to highlight this issue within our community. Along with this we have securely water tagged all our school devices to protect them from theft, as well as promoting messages about law and order within the school.



Criw Cymraeg

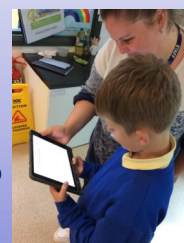
We are winding down now for the end of the summer term. Candidates have been selected for the new Criw Cymraeg members for next year and we will find out soon who they will be. We also need to think of new ways to get the whole school speaking Welsh more confidently. All ideas are welcome! We held an assembly sharing all our targets with the rest of the school and we can proudly say that we have been very successful in achieving all of our targets this year and they are displayed on the new Pupil Parliament board. I wonder who will be the next winners of the Tocyn iath rewards for speaking Welsh regularly in class and around the school.



Languages

Bonjour, 您好, Hola, Guten Tag, Jó napot, Dzień dobry!

We have had a wonderful year celebrating languages and cultures. As the year draws to a close, we have been conducting our end of term surveys to collect data on the languages spoken in our school. We have also led our class assembly about Bastille Day and learned about the celebrations that take place in France each year. We have been working hard to finalise our phrase of the week so we are ready for the year ahead!



Librarians

Our School Librarians have been working hard this year to ensure the school library is kept tidy. Looking at ways to encourage reading for pleasure and promoting literacy focused celebrations such as World Book Day. Using their organisational skills the librarians have been working on categorising. What fantastic role models you have been this year!