



LONDON WELSH SCHOOL
YSGOL GYMRAEG LLUNDAIN

Y Llundainwr

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Dear Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain,

The children here at Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain have recently had the opportunity to make some new friends.

We were extremely pleased to be invited to Griffin Primary School in the Battersea area last week. We received a warm welcome from the children in Jaguar class, their teacher Mr Downey and the other staff at the school. As Mr Downey is a proud Welshman from Caernarfon, he had jumped at the opportunity to teach his class the song 'Yma o Hyd' which has become increasingly popular recently due to the fact that Wales have qualified for the World Cup.

During our visit, our staff and children enjoyed a performance of the song from the Griffin Primary School children. We then had an opportunity to teach them the other world cup songs that we had learnt, such as 'Dewch â'r Cwpan Adre'n Ôl'. We were so impressed by their Welsh pronunciation! We must also say 'diolch yn fawr' to Mrs Hughes-Ahmad for leading the singing session.

We were also very grateful to Mr Downey for leading a sports session for the two schools where the children had an opportunity to play and make new friends. Although the Tube strike prevented Griffin Primary School from visiting us for the jamboree itself, we all thoroughly enjoyed the event and it was a pleasure to see them singing via Zoom.

We look forward to working with Griffin Primary School again in the near future.

Mr Sugg

Important Information and Dates

Here's what's coming up soon:

- 12. 11. 22 - Open Morning
- 21. 11. 22 - Welsh Children's Laureate Visit
- 22. 11. 22 - Wales Dome Visit
- 8. 12. 22 - Christmas Show

Llais Lleol

Local News

There has also been some very exciting news in our local area in the past week. We were thrilled to hear that the Elizabeth Line, which runs via our local Tube station, Hanwell, is now fully open.



We took the opportunity during our trip last week to travel to one of the new stations on the line to have a sneak peek of what is to come. Did you know that you can now reach school directly from central London via stations such as Bond Street and Tottenham Court Road? How lucky we are!

Newyddion o'r Nyth

Early Years

Our current context for learning in the Nyth is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' - we have taken the opportunity to learn about our favourite foods. We also went outside to search for minibeasts. We developed our Digital Competency skills by using an iPad to take pictures.



Y Diweddaraŵ o'r Dosbarth

Dosbarth Robin Goch

As we move through November, it is important for us to take a moment to reflect on all of the work that Dosbarth Robin Goch completed last month to mark Black History Month.



In our Language lessons, reading the book 'Shirley' by Bethan Gwanas afforded us the opportunity to learn about the life and career of Shirley Bassey, one of Wales' best-loved musical talents. After using the book's illustrations by Hanna Harris to sequence the events of Shirley's life, the children wrote a short biography, using such features as subheadings, chronological order and the third person.



In our Context lessons, the children's learning focused on Katherine Johnson. We began the week by learning about Johnson's life, her extraordinary talents and her innovative work with NASA. Having been inspired by her achievements, the pupils conducted their very own STEM investigation, starting with a prediction.

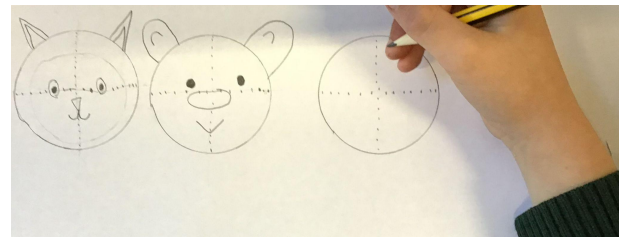
Working in small groups, the children explored how a rocket engine works. They achieved this by blowing different amounts of air into balloons and measuring the distance the balloon traveled along the piece of string. At the end of the investigation, we evaluated whether or not our predictions were accurate and discussed ways that we could improve further in the future.

Hwyl Gyda'r Hwyr

Wraparound Care and Clubs

Clwb yr Urdd - This club has been a hub of creativity during the past few weeks. We all donned our creative caps as we continued with the task of creating our very own characters, but this time with the expert guidance of our visiting illustrator - Maxime Lebrun. Diolch yn fawr to Max for agreeing to come and help us.

We have also been continuing to practice for the Urdd's World Cup Jamboree that was held this week. The children enthusiastically sang through the songlist and even created some actions to help them remember the lyrics.



Clwb Hwyl - During the past few weeks the children in this club have been studying "The Tempest" by Shakespeare. We started the book by discussing 'What is a Tempest'? The group answered this question by creating works of art to reflect a raging, violent storm at sea with large waves crashing in all directions. A discussion then took place to understand the difference between large waves created by a storm (weather fronts meeting) and large waves created by a tsunami (movement of the earth's tectonic plates).



Wraparound Care - In our wraparound care sessions this week, the children have been celebrating Guy Fawkes Night by making edible fireworks using breadsticks, marshmallows, sprinkles and melted chocolate. The children also had an opportunity to learn more about the history of Guy Fawkes during this week's assembly.