

Radnor Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Radnor

Newsletter 15

18th December 2025



Together we can do our best!

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Reliable

Be Responsible/Safe

The staff would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you all have an enjoyable and safe half term. We have had a wonderful Autumn Term with your children and have so many highlights. We look forward to seeing you all in school on Tuesday 6th January 2025.



Diolch yn fawr iawn – Thank you very much

I would like to thank:

- The staff and M4 Mortgages for making donations to create a toy raffle for the children. We were able to choose 13 names from the whole school register and the winners were: Harrison, Gbolahan, Jasper, Amelia, Mahtab, Alysa, Travis, Kaylum, Finn, Liam, Jac, Cora and Tulip.
- Mrs Pritchard's parents for donating a food hamper. The winner of this was Aria in Dosbarth Coch.
- The PTA who have provided every child with a stocking filler for Christmas.

Llongyfarchiadau! – Congratulations

★★ Seren Y Wythos ★★

Dosbarth Enfys	Dosbarth Coch	Dosbarth Oren	Dosbarth Melyn	Dosbarth Gwyrdd	Dosbarth Glas	Dosbarth Indigo	Dosbarth Fioled
Lily	Daisy	Arun	Aizah	Max G	George	Zak	Harry

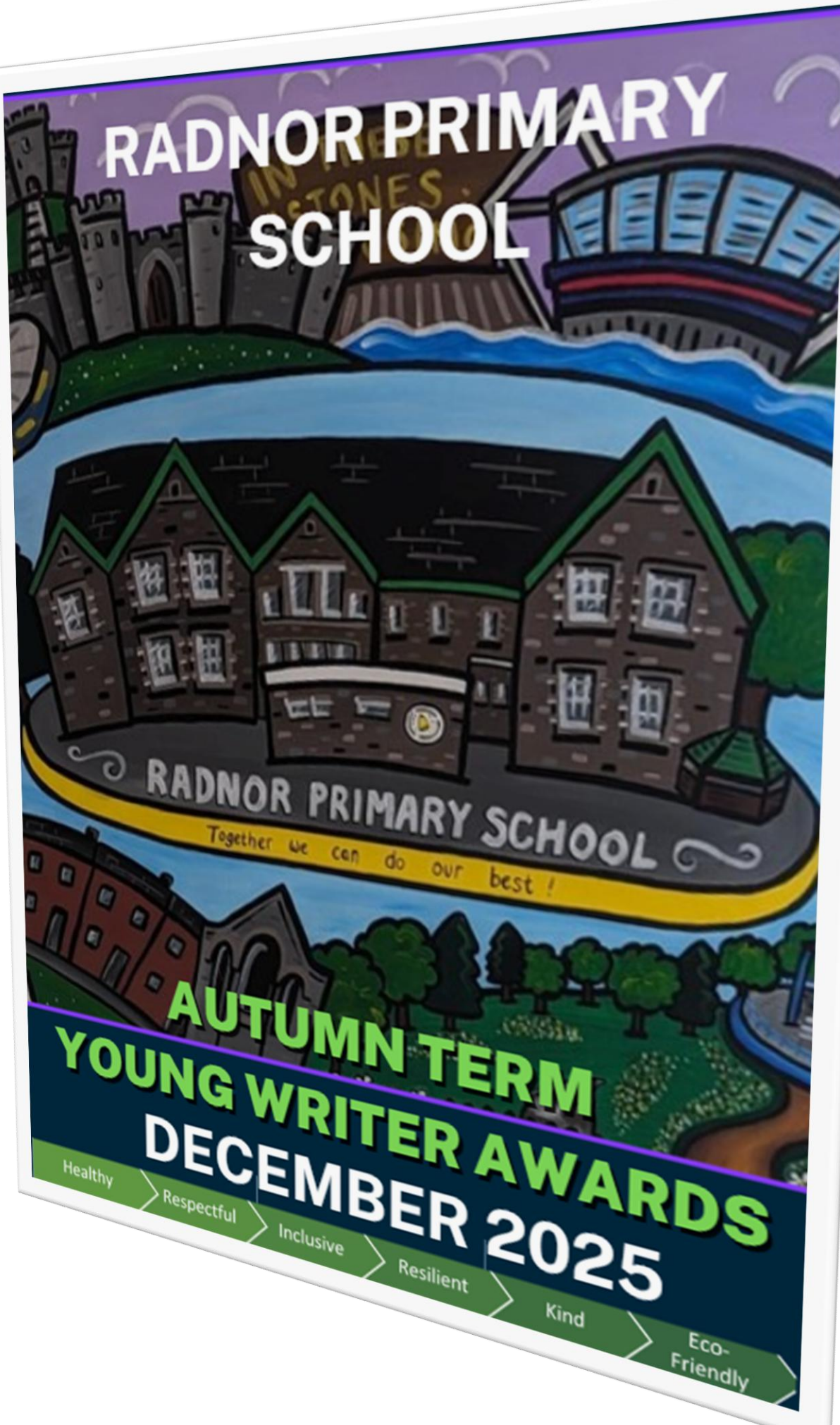
★★ Siaradwr Cymraeg Yr Wythnos ★★

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Oscar	Isabel	Elin	Felix	Greyson	Matilda	Charles	Olly

★★ Radnor Young Writer Award ★★

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Dylan Samaira	Kanishka Artie	Ines Farah	Asya Janek	Daniel Omid	Ayla Anna T	Stepan Wren	Dante Salma

RADNOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



AUTUMN TERM YOUNG WRITER AWARDS DECEMBER 2025

Healthy

Respectful

Inclusive

Resilient

Kind

Eco-Friendly

Dosbarth Enfys

Dylan



Focus: To write 'ar' words and sentences.

9.12.25

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Great Sentence

I had a hard toy

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Samaira

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Sound Mat to
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Super sentences
Samaira! *

Dosbarth Coch

Kanishka

Once upon a time
there lived a kind boy
called Jack he lived
with his fluffy dog
called Bella and
his freindlet mum.
Jack's man was
frustrated because
the city decided
to build a fly over.
The kind courtesians
were gone!

Artie

Once upon a time there was
a boy called Jack and his
muther and his black dog
called Bella. It was his home.
Lots of peopl were coming to the
fast food truck but sudunly the
buidr made a flyover. They
were frustrated and?
sad

Dosbarth Oren

Ines

Jack and his mum had a
burger van and they always
had happy customers. One day
the city council decided to
build a huge flyover. Jack
and his mum were very
poor because the flyover
swept the customers away.

Farah

← Jack and his
← mum had a
← old burger van
and had a
good cage. A
new
flyover
was built
and no
more people
came to
the cage.
They were
poor and
they were sad.

Your Next Step
Please
remember to
write from
the edge of
the page.

You had super ideas

27/11/25
 Stopped at a isolated looking woman. The poor woman looked sadder than rain, the wisp stopped at her small feet "I think it just wants to tell you something." Wisp spread whispered Idris. The woman not looking so sure picked up the wisp and her face too lit up with joy and glee as she danced around with joy happiness Idris felt proud for lifting up a woman's spirit but what was going to happen next?
 After the woman, the poor man reassured but Idris was determined so after telling the man and asking the man he finally picked it up and a few seconds later the man was jumping with love and excitement a flag of happiness poured into the man's soul. Soon he was brought home again.
 When he arrived, he wondered was there a wisp out there for him? So he just waited and he waited and he waited... until a wisp settled down for him. It didn't flutter or flutter and it didn't show any memories but that is when he realised it wasn't a memories memory. It was a promise for a brighter future. "One day I is whispered."
 if it is
 whispered
 excitement
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 excitement
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 whispered
 Well done A lovely ending
 Check your 5 criteria

24/11/25
 Progress Review
 Once in a far away land, there lived a young boy called Idris. Now Idris lived in a not so welcoming place, a place where shadows ruled and a place full of people but where everyone was alone. In Idris's world there was nothing but sad, lonely dark knees. It was a lonely lifeless town, everyday there was nothing but a dark, grim sky hovering above the sleeping people at night. "If only something exciting would happen in this world to me," murmured Idris to himself.
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 Soon after (one day) there came a wisp. It was a strange looking thing. Nobody noticed it except for Idris. He picked the wisp up and brushed off the brown dirt while staring at its beauty. It started to flutter and flutter in the dark night sky. It took Idris by his arm and they flow over rivers, waterfalls and along the fences glow. Idris watched over the lovely view "Wow I must be dreaming," said Idris but he new it was real. "Unbelievable!" said Idris again. Little Idris had never felt better in his life! Idris wondered were he was going. Was Idris being saved or was he being captured once again?
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 knew

16.9.25

Focus to write a visible narrative



Write



Progress Review

- To use the past tense ✓
- To write in the third person ✓
- Use words and phrases to show emotions ✓
- Use effective verbs ✓
- Use direct speech ✓
- Use fronted adverbials ✓

Becoming Visible Narrative

Success Criteria

The chilly cold morning, (t) a little girl named Isabel, lived small but warm house and she didn't have so much money but yet she was very greedy and happy girl she was quite poor so the heater didn't always work, the fridge wasn't always full and all sorts of those things, (the morning) the tax often came and it wasn't always easy and she was still a very happy and jolly girl but one terrible morning...

...There was no money to pay the tax, (soo or tte) warmth so they had to leave all their precious memories behind they didn't really want to but they had no choice, Isabel was so lost and disappointed she simply wanted to go home. she said, "bye bye house" then she signed she was emotional, sad and lost at the same time (the) then they arrived at a unfamiliar location with un familiar faces. it was a very sad place.

Great vocab

she figure & again and looked out over the (the) car window out there was a city exactly like her city as a man un-notices, it was winter and unpleasant. Other smartly dressed never notices her they unkeas though her the she looked at her feet and she bearly saw her feet, she was disappearing eventually Isabel was invisible

Sp - slowly she noticed other invisible people, there was a old man saving clothes, a young boy fixing a bike, and lonely isabel, then...

Word spaces

Sp lonely

Lonely

lonely

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lonely

...she got an idea and another and another one about old man, one about the young boy day by day they came to life. She started to help day by day, week by week, month by month they all started to reappear then their hearts were truly filled with joy. Isabel cheerfully said "Well this looks better than a gloom, dark, sad city after all". Then every one smiled.

She wasn't invisible now. She felt like she belonged there now. Her parents were amazed how there own daughter could make such possibilities. She was brave, helpful and hopeful at the same time, now that she has made a community she didn't miss her old home so much, the town was more colorful than she had called, it was a very vibrant community. THE END...



I loved this retelling Janek
Superb sentence ideas with adverbials

Check punctuation and spellings

SMALL SMALL
World

Idris Lived in a small small
camp where everyone was ^{lost}
Lonely and shadows Ruled nowon ^{of}
fences ^{grew} and Idris felt Sorrow
the sky was as dark as a crow.
Wow, what a start!

Some sentences need to be broken up into smaller
sentences. Can you sort that out?

IRIDES saw this glowing thing that
shone to him Irides Irides held
the wisp to his hands It was as bright
as a moon.

"Look!" what's that? cried a man
excitedly the man held the wisp close
to his ear. Then suddenly he remembered
he saw his mother and he was happy

Next the woman who held the
wisp in her hands then the woman
saw her happy mother and the woman
was as happy as a sun.

Idris had NO memories but
everyone else did. Idris was as
sad as a sad moon and so sad and
lost.

Idris felt vibrant and out
of a trap. Idris was as happy
as a bird. What a trap that
was a scapit. Idris escaped in a trap.
Idris felt like he was in a
dance and dancing show and
the world was like a sun.
Idris said "I feel happy"

A Small world

In a Small Small City there was a boy called Idris. He always felt dull and grey, ~~one~~ shadows owned every breath. Idris felt invisible. Trees ~~long~~ were invisible Idris look at the stars only.

11/12/25 All of a sudden a shiny glowy thing appeared. "What is that?" said Idris. It lead him to a man, that was 4 foot tall he put it to his ear. A sudden smile came to his mouth he saw a lovely sunny forest.

2/12/25 Soon it lead him to a woman. "Is this your thingabob?" said Idris. "No but can I use it for a second?" said Idris. She put it to her ear.

Then he thought "maybe I can remember good things" so he waited... and waited he felt confused and lonely. "hmmm maybe my brain will do it". So he thought and thought until he thought were hopeless to be to home until...

He saw all the villagers adults dancing with joy. "oh said Idris" and then the sun ~~was~~ had dead clothes his body turned bright yellow. He soon realised him feeling happy not dull or dark any more.

the end

Dosbarth Glas

Shelter for Anger - Ayla

Today, anger is coming to stay. She's running around me and won't leave me alone. Anger is a huge tightening knot in my stomach. When Anger visits me, I hesitate as she comes stomping towards me. Anger is following me and I don't know what to do. It fills my mind with giant flames. I try to stop her from following me, but it won't work. Anger darkens my room when she goes through my door.

I'm building a safe place for Anger to stay. I will start with the bricks on the outside. I'm starting to paint the bricks a bright red fading into a neon orange. There's a window at the top to look at the welcoming spring flowers blooming. I made it so it's sturdy in the winter during big, wild raging storms. There's a path that leads to the shelter with flowers around the path. There's a door with a little window. Lastly, I write Anger on the top of the door in big, bold red letters.

I put inside some cosy, soft cushions and blankets piled into corners. I strengthen the roof and walls, so Anger doesn't fill it with flames. There's a bookshelf if it needs a bit of a rest. I will make it a warm, welcoming place for Anger to stay. There's a window so Anger can let her anger go. The walls are a bright yellow to make Anger feel happy. I'm building a tranquil garden, surely there will be enough space. My fingers are crossed and I hope she will like it. Finally, I'll be able to show Anger the shelter.

Anger is spinning around my mind and tightening my stomach. She sees the shelter and at first, she's furious when she enters the room stomping, but then, she calms down when she sees the sign saying Anger and the cushions and the tranquil garden. I tell her, "This is for you." It feels like she's a whole different thing. Anger takes a deep breath and snuggles into the cosy, soft cushions. She's finally settled and has found her new home.

A letter to stop deforestation and save the jaguars – Anna T

Dear woodcutter,

I am heartbroken that you want to cut down our gorgeous, tranquil rainforest. I am begging you to think about what you are doing. Deforestation is becoming a big problem. Trees provide oxygen and to keep us alive we need oxygen. Do you want us and the animals to suffer? The forests' trees are being damaged and destroyed, and the animals need them to survive. Often jaguars and other creatures become homeless, do you really want this to happen? If we continue felling trees these important life-givers will suffer.

Firstly, deforestation is really bad for our planet because our incredible amazing world needs trees. When a tree is cut down another animal has been ripped from their home, imagine how that would feel? The jungle is essential to the fantastic wealth of plants and animals because our lush green home saves lives. Jaguars need the trees to sleep on and hunt for their food. Do you want them to starve? Day after day another animals' home will be slashed and burnt.

Secondly, if you cut down the rare flourishing trees the world will be polluted. Do you really want that to happen? These wonderful home-givers are living things like everyone else, imagine if you were being cut down? Jaguars crave lots of animals that live in the jungle and if the trees disappear so will the animals, if that happens jaguars will starve. In addition, if you cut down trees these innocent, intelligent cats' homes will be gone.

In a few years, all the forests' trees will wither and die. All the animals are counting on you. Deforestation is killing life if you will make the rainforest a dark, gloomy place. Lots of animals dwell in the tropical paradise so you can't slash it down. We don't have a say in if people cut down the rainforest or not but you can make the right decision. Imagine all those crestfallen animals yearning people to stop. If you make a change our wonderful safe place will be saved.

Yours faithfully,

A Rainforest protector

Dosbarth Indigo

My Night Journal - Wren

I'm writing this because I don't know how to talk about my feelings - even my family don't understand. I find it hard at night, my dreams are being replaced by a soul-crushing dragon. All these feelings are making me depressed, anxious, scared. It'll be fine, right? It'll be normal soon, won't it? It's like a dragon is nesting in my mind! I've been in the darkness for so long, will I ever see the light? I'm trapped within the overwhelming darkness in a dangerous cave of my mind - I need to find the light and escape!

Another day, and I'm still so depressed. I'm terrified - like a lion's prey. I feel hollowed, hungry and suffocated. I'm starting to lose my mind - I feel like a caged animal. My mind is like a stormy sea that just won't stop swirling. This dragon is killing me! At first, it was the size of a mouse - now it feels like it's as big as planet earth. I just keep retreating into my shell. I'm so helpless.

When I woke up today I felt, different. So I went to the park for some fresh air. As soon as I left the house something shifted. As I walked to the park my whole perspective changed - everything was so colourful. At the park I felt I could finally breathe. I don't know what happened. Was it the smell of the freshly cut grass? Was it the feel of rain on my skin? I'm not sure, but I feel so much better!

This morning, I felt amazing, I could actually see the light - the dragon is gone. I feel like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders. For the first time in months I feel free. I've finally seen the light at the end of the tunnel! I feel I've found the rainbow. I feel like drops of hopes are falling on me! I'm so relieved. Maybe I'll make it. Maybe the dragon is gone. Maybe he's disappeared.

Should we keep gorillas in captivity? Or not? - Stepan

Did you know only 900 terrific mountain gorillas are left on the entire globe? Many debate whether or not to keep these wonderfully-intelligent primates in captivity - many feel horrified by the amount of these amazing animals are in captivity. Today I'll be exploring the arguments of keeping them out of their natural habitat or not.

First of all, many people think that gorillas are healthier in captivity because they have access to way more food. In addition to that, they have vets and other people looking after them in captivity. Also, they are away from all types of danger such as poachers, climate change and deforestation. This is why some people think that captivity is safer for gorillas.

Secondly, people use animal captivity to find out more about animals (scientific research) to help them thrive. Furthermore, scientists need to establish breeding programmes and stop the species from depleting. Also, in captivity they have a lot more food and they are safe from wildfires and other natural disasters such as - hurricanes and other storms. These are the reasons why people want to keep them in captivity.

On the other hand, a lot of gorillas die during transport to captivity because it is not their natural habitat and they are not used to the environment outside of it. In addition, they could experience severe depression if they are taken away from their mother too early (first 6 years of their life) which is important for them. On top of that, if they're released back into the wild they wouldn't know how to survive because they are too used to captivity.

Additionally, gorillas shouldn't be used for entertainment because they have 96% the same D.N.A as us so they should have the right to freedom. Furthermore, it's very easy for gorillas to catch human diseases so they should be free-roaming animals and be fully safe from diseases. Captivity can also be a source of abnormal behaviour of gorillas so they should be cage-free.

To conclude, we all want to protect these magnificent animals and there is no perfect solution about gorillas in captivity or in the wild. Captivity has its good points and bad points but so does

the wild. After exploring both points of this argument, we have come to a conclusion that we want gorillas safe and happy. What's your opinion on keeping gorillas in captivity?

Dosbarth Fioled

Autumn 1 - Journal narrative - Dante

I have been feeling terrible in recent times. It is far more difficult to communicate with others than it is to record events in my journal. I believe that a mysterious mist forged of evil has been drifting into my soul every night - and sometimes during the day too. I feel like I am being dragged on and on across a never-ending room completely coated in the deadliest substances ever created, melting through me. What is happening to me? I am being swallowed whole by darkness, thought by thought. If I thought the past was terrible, the present is even worse. Ghastly thoughts keep on multiplying. An evil phantom has made a complex cave system in my body, and is now filling it with dread. Night after night, it fills my soul with murky darkness. I think a demon is puppeteering me, slowly turning me into living horror. A spider's web, I am the most recent victim.

Today, something shifted. It began as always. But then a chink of light darted through the curtains, at first blinding me but then destroying the darkness in my throat. Finally, I could breathe again. In a burst of elation, I sprinted towards the window, ripped open the curtains and bathed in the light. It freed me from the darkness and dissolved any dread that laid within me. I was finally free!

In my room, I ponder. Has the darkness really gone? It may come back. It always does. Maybe next time, it shall be less complicated to survive in total darkness. The nightshift cannot last forever.

Autumn 2 - Balanced argument (Gorillas in Captivity) - Salma

Gorillas (known as the biggest primers in the world) captivate millions. Many people feel concerned that they should not be kept in captivity (in zoos and sanctuaries), on the other hand numerous people think that gorillas should be kept in captivity.

Multiple people state that there are additional benefits such as, they can establish breeding programs (to increase the population of gorillas), moreover they can get better medical care when they get sick (which helps the population not become depleted).

Furthermore, research suggests that when gorillas are in captivity they can get better protection from the effects of deforestation and oil mining (deforestation is when land is cleared out specifically in forests which destroys their habitat).

On the other hand, multiple claims state that gorillas in captivity can get sick quicker because when in captivity they interact with humans more often, and because they share 98.3% of DNA with us, they can get sick easily which could later cause them to die. In addition, some state that when in the wild they get a more diverse diet (which helps them stay strong and healthy).

Similarly, many argue that when in captivity they show abnormal behavior like pacing back and forth over and over again and roaring to show their anger like they're trying to prove something to us - an example to this is the Ivan story. Ivan is one of many gorillas that was been kept in captivity for most of his life. Due to this issue they live a shorter life because of stress, is this worth putting them through all this stress for such little outcome? People argue: would you put a human in captivity?

There is clearly an issue concerning whether gorillas should be in captivity or be left as free-roaming mammals once more - there is no doubt that there is debate between both sides. What we humans choose to do over the coming years will determine the fate of all life on our planet.

Bike Bus Spring Term 2026

Please see below the bike bus dates for this term.

- Friday 16th January
- Friday 30th January
- Friday 13th February
- Friday 27th February - **Bling Your Ride – Proud to live in Wales**
- Friday 6th March
- Friday 27th March



Dates for your Diary 2025-2026



JANUARY

- **Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET DAY 3 – School closed for children**
- **Tuesday 6th January - Children return to school**
- Monday 12th January – Friday 16th January – Y2 Personalised Assessments
- Monday 12th January – Radnor After School Clubs Start (9 weeks)

FEBRUARY

- **Monday 16th – Friday 20th February –HALF TERM**
- **Monday 23rd February Children return to school.**
- Friday 6th February - National Wear Red Day to support children with heart conditions £1 donation
- Friday 27th February – Eco Eisteddfod – children dress in traditional Welsh clothes/house colours

MARCH:

- Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
- Monday 9th March to Wednesday 11th March – Y6 Residential to Llangrannog
- Thursday 19th March – 9:45am and 1:45pm Dosbarth Glas a Blwyddyn 5 Spring Term Performance
- Thursday 19th March – Radnor After School Clubs End
- Monday 23rd March and Wednesday 25th March – Parent/Carer Meetings
- **Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April – Half Term**

APRIL

- Wednesday 15th April to – Friday 17th April – Y4 Residential to Atlantic College

MAY

- **Friday 1st May – INSET Day 4 – School closed for children**
- **Monday 4th May – BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tuesday 5th May – Radnor After School Clubs Start (7 weeks)
- Monday 11th May to Friday 22nd May – Y3-Y6 Personalised assessments
- **Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May – HALF TERM**

JUNE

- **Monday 1st June - Children return to school**
- Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June– Y2 Personalised assessments
- **Friday 26th June – INSET Day 5 – School closed for children**

JULY

- Thursday 2nd July – Radnor After School Clubs End
- Wednesday 8th July – PTA Event – School Summer Fayre.
- Tuesday 14th July – 1:45pm Year 6 Leavers Performance
- **Monday 20th July – INSET Day 6 – School closed for children**