



Diary Dyddiadur

In Remembrance

A two minute silence was observed on Tuesday of this week by the whole school.



Governors' Annual Report to Parents

This report will be available on the school website on 13 November.

Governors' Mission and Ethos Meeting

Tuesday 17 November
5pm

Operation Christmas Child

Collection day
Thursday 19 November

Welsh Phrase

Mae hi'n oer!
It's cold!

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Welsh Band Blows the Roof off SRG Band Cymraeg yn Codi Tô SRG

On Wednesday afternoon, the school gymnasium became host to a Welsh music gig for 500 pupils. As part of a project to promote The National Eisteddfod's Maes B, the youth section of the festival, several groups of pupils took part in a range of hands on cross-curricular workshops, culminating in the live performance.



One group of pupils worked with Branwen Williams, a singer with the groups Siddi and Cowbois Rhos Botwnnog, to look at how to arrange a music performance, including the different agencies that would need to be involved. This session was invaluable to think about the practicalities of hosting such a large event, and also to learn more about the Welsh music scene.

Also as part of the project, after two sessions with producer and musician Mei Gwynedd, the school formed its very own band, called Saith Draig - Seven Dragons in English. The group wrote some original music, with Welsh backing vocals and chorus, and performed to all of years 7, 8 and 9 at the gig. The band had their debut performance by being the warm up band for Candelas who then took to the stage. Candelas are one of the most popular Welsh bands at the moment, who've recently released their second album, so it was a fantastic opportunity to have them performing in school. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the 45 minute set of modern Welsh songs, and for many it was their first time of seeing a live music performance!

On the day of the gig, a final workshop took place in order to transform the gym. A group of art students helped to create bunting, banners and signs. Once they'd finished, it was hard to believe that the performance was taking place in a school gym once all of the lights, decorations and equipment had been set up.

"It was an absolutely fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience Welsh medium music in their own school. The entire project is an excellent way of showing that Welsh is a modern language with a vivid and very alive music scene. It was then brilliant to see pupils using Welsh on social media to thank the band directly, show much how much of a positive experience it was for them. Diolch yn fawr iawn Griff Lynch and the National Eisteddfod for facilitating this event in our school."

Mr Crawley



GCSE Welsh Oral Controlled Assessments Asesiadau dan Reolaeth Llafar Cymraeg TGAU

All Year 11 students will be completing their final spoken controlled assessment on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 November. Students have been working on this task for several weeks, and should now be on their way to learning the piece of work off by heart. To help students revision sessions are available Monday-Thursday next week for anyone who requires further help, or would simply like somewhere to practise. The sessions will be until 4:30pm. Students should have a note giving parental permission to stay after school. Diolch yn fawr!

Shakespeare Schools' Festival

Gwyl Ysgolion Shakespeare

"Be not afraid of greatness" is the motto of the Shakespeare Schools' Festival and fifteen Year 10-12 students at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High certainly lived up to this as they performed an outstanding version of "The Taming of the Shrew" in Theatr Colwyn last Friday. This was part of a national event which will see a total of 1150 schools across the UK performing abridged versions of Shakespeare's most well-loved plays. Two North Wales schools took part on the night, performing in front of members of the public as well as family and friends. Nick, our professional venue director watching the performance, was extremely impressed with the quality of the production, especially as the challenging subject matter means that the play is rarely performed as part of the festival. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by all the students who participated – they were fantastic!

2016 marks the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death; to commemorate this, the school will be holding a number of events and activities this academic year. If you would like a chance to see this fantastic production again, we are performing it in school on the evenings of Thursday 10 and Friday 11 December, along with another 30 minute Shakespeare play starring students in Year 7. Tickets will be on sale shortly – times and prices will be announced via Gwyn News.

Mrs Williams

Flintshire Success Llwyddiant Sir y Fflint

Congratulations to the following girls on getting selected to represent their sport for Flintshire.

Lauren Griffiths for U16 netball, May Wharton U14 netball, Lydia O'Neil U18 Hockey and Mollie Underhill U14 netball. This is a fantastic achievement for all the girls and we wish you all, the very best of luck going forward to the North East Wales trials this month. Da iawn!



Operation Christmas Child

What gift will you bring?
Beth fyddwch chi'n rhoi?

Thank you very much to everyone who has taken part in putting together a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. If you haven't had time to bring something in yet, please make an effort over the weekend to get an item or two for our form boxes. It will make a huge difference to someone's life! The collection day for all shoeboxes is Thursday 19 November. Thanks in advance.



Year 7 Welsh Cup Football
Cwpan Pêl-droed Cymru Blwyddyn 7
Second round game against St David's Saltney is on Wednesday 18 at 2pm at St David's.



International Netball Success for Past Student
Llwyddiant Pêl-rwyd Rhyngwladol i Gyn-ddisgybl

Madeleine Hanna has been selected for under 17's Welsh Netball long squad. This involves her training monthly in Cardiff until, being selected for the short squad to travel to Gibraltar to play in the Netball Europe competition. She is one of only three players from the North East who were selected for under 17's. We are extremely proud of her achievement and wish her every success in the coming months.



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