



St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Week Ending 28 March 2014

Diary Dates

Year 10

Subject Parents Evening

Thursday 3 April 2014
4pm -7.00pm

Governors' Termly

Meeting

Tuesday 8 April
6pm

Enrichment Week

Year 7

Information Evening for the

Trip to France.

Tuesday 8 April
6pm at school

SUCCESS AT PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Year 12 student Ellie Whittam entered the Catenians Province 4 Public Speaking Competition at St Anselm's College, Birkenhead last week and achieved an excellent joint third place. It was the first time that St Richard Gwyn has entered this prestigious competition that attracts competitors from schools across Merseyside, Cheshire and North Wales. The standard of speakers was extremely high. Ellie spoke on the topic 'Is Religion Their Excuse?' She was commended by the judging panel and audience members alike. She also met an old friend of the school, author, Frank Cottrell-Boyce who praised her presentation. Mr Keating said 'We are very proud of Ellie's achievement and all of the hard work that she put in to writing the speech and rehearsing its presentation.'



Year 11 Welsh Cup Semi final St Richard Gwyn v's Ysgol Eifionydd



Most of the school made it out onto the school field at lunchtime last Friday to support our year 11 footballers who were competing in the semi-finals of the Welsh Cup.

Our boys have been unbeaten in four years of competitive school football. The only game they had lost was the quarter finals of the same cup when they lost on penalties to Ysgol Eifionydd in Year 9. The two schools had now been paired together again in the Semi-Finals.

In difficult, windy conditions it was Eifionydd who started well, putting us under some real pressure, but when Will Leonard burst through after beating three players he was brought down in the penalty area. Iwan Williams put SRG into the lead with an excellent penalty. The lead didn't last long as Ysgol Eifionydd replied immediately to make the score 1-1. They added another soon after to send them in at half time with a 2-1 lead.

Both teams added two further goals in the second half to leave the game finely balanced at four goals to three. Our goals coming from a second Iwan Williams penalty and a great header from Joe Palmer. St Richard Gwyn continued to pile on the pressure having a number of chances right until the end, but the opposition goalkeeper kept them in the game with outstanding saves. The game finished St Richard Gwyn 3 Ysgol Eifionydd 4. Despite the disappointment, this has been a fantastic journey for the team, their performances, commitment and attitude have been commendable throughout. They have finished their time in Key Stage 4 as one of the top four schools in the whole of Wales. We are very proud of their achievements.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School
Music Department Spring Concert

Tickets available at Pupil Reception at Lunchtimes

7:00pm
10TH APRIL

Concessions/
Children: £2
Adults: £4

Next Week-Timetable **A**

Welsh Phrase

Mothering Sunday

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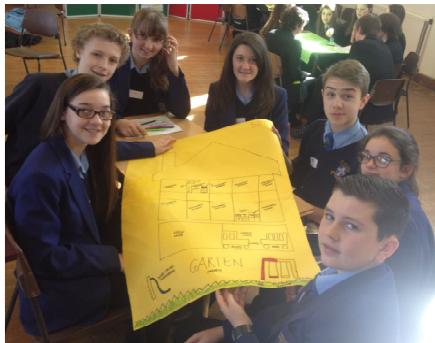
HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY!



Flintshire Language Championships

Last Friday, Year 7 and 9 students travelled to Ysgol Maes Garmon to take part in the inaugural Flintshire Language Championships. The day gave the students the opportunity to compete in a variety of games, activities and quizzes designed to test their linguistic skills in German and Welsh, as well as their teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills. Out of the eleven competing groups, the SRG team came third - an excellent achievement.

Mr Crawley, who accompanied the group, received compliments from other teachers on our pupils' exemplary behaviour and attitude during all the activities. Sehr gut! Da iawn!



Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd 2014 National Urdd Eisteddfod 2014

On Tuesday evening our recitation group from 8S competed at the Urdd County Eisteddfod and were victorious meaning they now progress to the Urdd National Eisteddfod. They were reciting a poem called **Cym On Reff** which is about a football referee.

The National Urdd Eisteddfod will be held in Bala during May. Llongyfarchiadau a Phob Lwc!



Easter Egg Appeal

The Religious Education Department are collecting Easter eggs of all sizes for a local Hospice and Hospitals. Please bring your eggs to the Department. Thank You!

FRENCH TRIP: OPAL COAST DISCOVERY 14-17 JULY

Please note that the final payment of £60 for the above trip is due on Wednesday 2 April 2014. We will be applying for a group passport soon and each pupil will need to hand in 2 recent passport sized photos with the final payment. Any problems, please let Miss Amos know. Merci

Attend and Achieve.

Well done to those classes who are at or above our school target of 96% attendance. Remember that good attendance at school is the first step towards achieving your full potential so please try hard not to be absent.

Attendance for this week for the whole school is 94%.

Very well done to year 8 who have made a great improvement in their attendance this term. Keep it up!!!

Year	H	Q	M	S	F	B	Year average
7	97% ☺	98% ☺	93%	95% ☺	95% ☺	96% ☺	96% ☺
8	98% ☺	98% ☺	94%	96% ☺	98% ☺	92%	96% ☺
9	92%	97% ☺	89%	99% ☺	96% ☺	93%	95% ☺
10	92%	96% ☺	93%	84%	95% ☺	90%	92%
11	88%	97% ☺	95% ☺	89%	95% ☺	91%	93%

Flying Start Challenge

On Tuesday ten Year 9 Students made their way to Airbus to take part in a 'Flying Start Challenge'. The outcome of the 2-day workshop was to build and create a plane (glider) out of extremely light but very strong balsa wood. St Richard Gwyn had 2 teams entered. On day one they were taught how to make a good glider and had to design their plane fitting all the ideas they had talked about during the day. Airbus employees guided them in their choices and helped them through the design process. Both teams had to keep on top of paper work as the next day they had to give a 5 minute presentation on their design and evaluate it. After that the group had a quick safety talk and they headed off by bus to the other side of the Airbus site to visit the factory. They all agreed that it was amazing and one of the highlights of the day. The next day they arrived with fresh ideas in their heads and after a quick introduction and plan for the day, they were allowed 15 minutes to tweak their designs. They then had 2 hours to build it! Both teams edited their designs along the way and did face a few problems, but nothing Mr Owen couldn't solve! For one of the 2 teams the test flight didn't quite go to plan when the glider broke. They fixed it quickly before they had to dash off to present all their work to the judges. The fly-off went well for one team but not so well for the other when their glider made a crash landing! Although neither team won, they all enjoyed the fantastic experience and would like to thank Airbus for organising it and Mr Owen for taking them. They all received a small prize and would certainly love to visit Airbus again!

