



Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL

13 February / Chwefror 2015

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to a Fantastic Production of The Wizard of Oz.

Dilynwch Ffordd y Brics Melyn at Gynhyrchiad Ardderchog Dewin Gwlad yr Os

The school has been filled with the sounds of the famous songs from the musical 'The Wizard of Oz' this week, as staff and students presented a wonderful production of the musical. Capacity sold out audiences, including a special performance for all the school's feeder primary school students, were entranced, enthused and inspired by the excellent performances given by the cast. Curriculum Leader for Drama Mrs Fitzjohn said, 'All the hard work that has been put in by the whole community has been worthwhile. It has been a very special time at St Richard Gwyn and an amazing week'. Headteacher Mr Keating said, 'Once again, I am very proud of the students and staff for their hard work and commitment in producing this outstanding and brilliant celebration of their talents'. The production was a colourful, lively and hugely entertaining celebration of the hard work of a large number of students and staff. A massive 'thank you' goes to all those who have taken part in the production in any way.



Lenten Thoughts 2015 Myfyrdod y Garawys

Although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, Ash Wednesday is a day we should try to attend Mass to receive Ashes at the start of this holy and joyful season which will bring us to Easter. Other Christian churches also receive ashes on this day as a mark of the start of Lent. Look up when you can go - during our half term holiday make the centre of the week a Holy Day!

With this Gwyn News edition you shall also receive a Calendar for Lent 2015. It would be amazing to hear that you will look at it and keep the challenge going of doing everything you can on the days of Lent as it suggests. Reading Holy Scripture; sharing our faith with others; giving to charity and praying will all help bring us closer to God. This is the God who is always close to us. If only I could do what it suggests on 27 March all through Lent, then that would be a BIG achievement!

Celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes and prayer for the sick

Dathlu ein Harglwyddes Lourdes a Gweddïo dros Gleifion

On Wednesday the Church celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and it was also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. We decided to mark this event in a number of ways. First, all the students were given a prayer card to write their own intentions, thinking especially of any sick member of their families or friends. These prayer cards were gathered and placed in a basket which was part of a display in the Chapel to remember Our Lady. On Wednesday we celebrated Mass during which we prayed for any sick members of the student body or staff, as well as all the intentions written on the prayer cards. It was a really beautiful moment of prayer and communion. More than 100 people; students, staff and visitors came to the chapel to participate in the Mass. We only wish we had a bigger chapel! The students were then assured that their intentions were going to be handed over to a pilgrim visiting Lourdes so that all the prayer cards would be presented to Mary at the Grotto. It was really moving to have this moment of prayer, we came out stronger in communion and enriched in our spirit.



Wythnos Cymraeg / Welsh Week - Dydd Llun Chwefror 23 i Ddydd Gwener Chwefror 27

Dydd Mercher: Year 9 MAT morning Dydd Iau: School Eisteddfod for years 7 and 8 Dydd Gwener: St David's Mass

More able and talented (MAT) event at Techniquest Glyndŵr
Digwyddiad Mwy Galluog a Thalentog (MGTh) yn Techniquest Glyndŵr

In January approximately 80 students from KS3 attended a MAT event in Wrexham. Students took part in numerous activities including: Crime Scene Investigation, Lego robotic, Bacteria evolution, as well as utilising the scientific displays and models that Techniquest has to offer. All students had a fantastic time.

- Terrific
- Engineering
- Creative
- Helpful
- Numeracy
- Investigating
- Questioning
- Understanding
- Exciting
- Scientific
- Techniquest is great!



Thirty Year Nine students took part in a Hands-on DNA workshop: **Exploring Evolution.**

When we first arrived at Techniquest we went through to the DNA lab, where we had to put on white lab coats. We were then introduced to pipettes; these pipettes were different from the ones we use in school, these measured out micro litres! We had the privilege to use expensive equipment and carry out advanced scientific procedures so we all had to be very careful. We then had experience with different bacteria. We had to measure out specific volumes of different bacteria and then put the bacteria onto gel. After dinner we put our gel onto blue UV light, we had to wear special orange glasses to protect our eyes from the light. We also had to use the glasses to identify the bacteria in the gel. Our experience in Techniquest was beneficial to us because we learnt how science works.

Report by Holly Vaughan 9M



Year 8 MAT group experienced the methods required to solve a crime. Mollie Underhill (8H) wrote about her experience;

I went to Techniquest on a MAT trip, highlights included: the forensic workshops and the activity centre. The forensic investigation centre was very realistic, with blood on the knife and all over the floor and the dead bodies. It felt like I was in a real crime scene. Also I enjoyed the workshops at the beginning; they included looking at footprints, handwriting, blood types, bullet holes and evidence on the computer. We had to figure out who stole £100,000. It was a fun day!

Confirmation in Flint Parish. Saturday 27 June at 6pm
Bedydd Esgob ym Mhlwyf Fflint, Dydd Sadwrn Mehefin 27 am 6yh
Confirmation candidates:

Matthew Hugh Mullarkey, Mia Roberts, Elouise Robinson, Jessica Williams, Georgia Anne Williams, Seren Williams, Ethan Pill, Lewis Marley, Leanne Bithell, Leah Paula Farquhar, Charlotte Abbie Roberts, Libby Louise Williams, Alphons Sara Punnoose, Sophie Elliott, Morgan Michael Pritchard, Lowri Cartwright, Kevin Hamer, Veronica Hamer, Filip Wojtowicz, Kacper Wojtowicz, Joseph Nicolas Hayes, Jack Patrick Dalton, Alex Anthony Peter Cox and Fran Robinson.

YEAR 10 BTEC SCIENCE EXAM

Mock Exam Monday 23 February 09:00 GCSE Exam Wednesday 4 March 09:00

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Sixth Form Options
Evening

Thursday 26 February 2015
at

St Richard Gwyn
6.00 pm - 9.00 pm



An opportunity for students and parents to meet subject staff and discuss Sixth Form Options.