



Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig ST RICHARD GWYN Catholic High School

THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL

22 May/Mai 2015

Diary Dyddiadur

Half Term
Friday 22 May

Year 11 Study Leave
Begins
Friday 22 May

Year 8 Parents'
Evening
Thursday 4 June
4pm-7pm

Year 7 Parents'
Evening
Thursday 11 June
4pm-7pm

Year 8 Pantasaph
Thursday 4 June and
Friday 5 June

Welsh Phrase

Revise and succeed!
Adolygu a llwyddo!

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A Day of Celebration for Year 13 Diwrnod o Ddathlu i Flwyddyn 13

This morning Year 13 had a fitting finale to their last day. They started St Richard Gwyn in September 2008 by celebrating mass together and this is how it finished. It was a lovely occasion with the new school chaplain Fr Luigi the celebrant, and members of the sixth form reading from scriptures, undertaking the offertory and prayers of the faithful. All joined in prayers and hymns making it a truly spiritual occasion. After mass all Year 13 students released a helium balloon which had attached to it a prayer card in the shape of a dove. Whoever finds the balloon is asked to think and pray for our current year 13.



PENTECOST

As we come to the end of Eastertide the great Feast of Pentecost is a celebration of our life in God's Holy Spirit.

What does this really mean? It is that God gives us gifts which enrich our lives, without which our future would be bleak. This is brought home in various lists St Paul gives us in different New Testament letters. Faith, Mercy and Justice are only three.

If we were to think about these, that would make a useful start. That we should look to be faithful in all we do and say; that we should seek to forgive and be truly merciful to those in need; that we should treat others with dignity and respect and work to make this world a fairer place. Do we think this would be a way to begin the work of transforming our world? On the day of Pentecost two thousand years ago, God certainly did think there should be a start. Christianity has, since then, been a world embracing religion. That is some beginning, by anyone's standards!



Teen Tech at Glyndwr University Teen Tech ym Mhrifysgol Glyndwr

On Wednesday, thirteen Year 8 students attended a 'Teen Tech' event at Glyndwr University. It was an opportunity for students to learn from businesses that use STEM subjects. The day started with an introduction by Maggie Philbin (of **Tomorrow's World** fame) and then a team exercise of designing a new computer game. Pupils then visited various stands including; Samsung, Maplin and Royal Society of Chemistry. After lunch they had a go at flying a model aeroplane and looked at the dynamics of wing design before completing a 'gutter challenge' set by Sodexo. The day ended with a prize giving. The St Richard Gwyn team won the 'Best game' category with their idea for a game entitled **The human apocalypse; zombies bite back** and Ieuan Edwards won an I-pod for coming up with an idea for the future; a copy and paste pen. Ardderchog! Miss Renowden



Work Experience Year 10 and 12 6-10 July 2015 Profiad Gwaith Blwyddyn 10 a 12 Gorffennaf 6-10 2015

As we get nearer to the date for work experience placements to take place, it's now time for students to contact their employer to check on a variety of issues to do with their placement. This may include: start times, end times, lunchtime arrangements (all students must remain on site at this time), what to wear, who to report to on the first day and any other relevant points. Students will be given a preparatory session in school on June 22. They will each be given a Health and Safety booklet and a Placement Diary that should be filled in each day on their placement. All parents will receive a copy of the employers risk assessment before the placement begins. If a student has any relevant health issues, it is the parents responsibility to contact the employer and pass this information to them. We are not allowed to do so from school. If any paperwork is still to be sent to school and this has been mislaid, all documents are available from the school web site (School Information - Work Experience). Please contact Miss Whittaker (Year 10) or Miss Hunt (Year 12) or Mr Rowlands if you need any further assistance.

New School Prospectus Available Online Prospectws Newydd yr Ysgol Ar Gael Ar-lein

Our new school prospectus is now available on our web site. This can be accessed in the usual way or by using the QR code that is included on Gwyn News.



GENERAL INFORMATION UPDATES

If there are any changes to your child's personal details i.e. address, telephone numbers, mobile numbers and any medical information, please inform your child's Learning Coach immediately in writing so the school's database can be updated.

Kestrel Visit Ymweliad Cudyll Coch

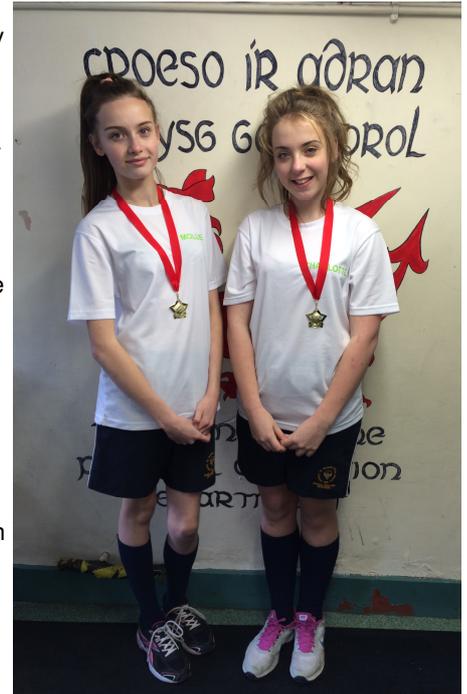
A group of year 9 students had an up-close and personal encounter of the avian kind on Friday last week, as their study of Barry Hines' celebrated novel **A Kestrel for a Knave** was taken outside the classroom, thanks to some glorious sunshine and some unusual guests. Students were introduced to a British kestrel (the star of the book and familiar to many from the film **Kes**) as falconer Mr Rory Thomas explained in detail about the natural habits of this tiny bird of prey, and the history of its use in falconry from the medieval period to the present day. They then questioned Mr Thomas, using the research they had done, and were delighted to receive thorough and occasionally surprising answers.



Ben Shakespeare, a student involved, said "The falconer amazed us by showing us how to train kestrels and even how to feed them" as Mr Thomas and the kestrel, Kester, treated the students to a flight demonstration, exhibiting the kestrel's skills at hovering and chasing a lure. Student, Jack Thorn described the experience as "a once in a life time opportunity", a view shared by many of his classmates who certainly had a lesson to remember.
Miss Daniels

Interclub Success Llwyddiant Aml-glwb

Congratulations to Molly Underhill 8H and Charlotte Trust 8Q on their recent success in the Netball interclub tournament in Merthyr Tydfil. Both girls travelled to South Wales to represent North Wales and their Deeside club in the tournament. The girls fought against tough competition to win their group, the team continued their success during the semi final and went on to win the Final to bring home the plate. *Da iawn genod*, we wish you every success for the future.
Mrs Berry



St Richard Gwyn in the News 'Literally'

Sant Richard Gwyn yn y Newyddion 'yn llythrennol'

In the week beginning 29 June, St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School will be featured in a 5 - 6 page pullout in the **Flintshire Standard** and **Flintshire Leader** newspapers. We are putting together a presentation to celebrate 60 years of excellence at our school and look forward to an exciting future. If anyone would like to advertise their business as part of the pullout, please contact Michelle Handforth at michelle.handforth@nwn.co.uk. She will then contact anyone interested to make the necessary arrangements.

