



A Night of Celebration for Year 13 Blwyddyn 13 yn dathlu

After seven (and, for some, eight) years in one place it is an understatement to say that moving on is not an easy thing to do. Memories of beginnings way back in Year 7 might not be so fresh, but how we change in appearance and in maturity is probably one of life's miracles. Year 13 gathered on Friday evening to have their celebration and farewell this year at Llyndir Hall in Rossett. Speeches concentrated on thanking staff for all they have done over the years in bringing about individual success. Mrs T Jones, Director of Sixth Form made reference to future success being within the grasp of everyone, and that no-one should leave without knowing they were part of the Saint Richard Gwyn family. Head Boy, Callum Mulvey and Head Girl, Carla Bithell expressed their gratitude on behalf of the student body to the school. The Headteacher, Mr Keating, spoke about historic events which might make us remember this evening even more as a time of change in our world. Holy Mass was celebrated by Bishop Peter with our chaplain, Fr Luigi concelebrating. The Bishop reminded us of our need to look with hope to a world created for all of us to have opportunity with Jesus as our constant companion. The delicious meal which followed had the added interest of coinciding with the Wales vs. Belgium match in the Euro Football Championship. Needless to say, there was some celebrating and hearty cheering. An awards ceremony during half time was an opportunity to have some fun with categories about aspects of some aspiration; the topical one was won by Carla Bithell as the student most likely to become Prime Minister. Watch this space!



Henry V

Upper school students recently presented a morning of drama, music, games and reflection to around one hundred students from St Winefride's and Ysgol Gwenffrwd Primary Schools. This was part of the 600th anniversary celebrations held at St Winefride's Well in Holywell to commemorate the pilgrimage of thanksgiving made by King Henry V in 1416 after the Battle of Agincourt in 1415.

Mrs Kerry Fitzjohn, Curriculum Leader for Drama said, 'The students acted out the story in a thought provoking way before working with the primary school pupils on their own versions of the story. As always, we are proud of the way our students shared their many talents to make this event such a great success.'



Spelling Bee 2016 Cystadleuaeth Sillafu 2016

Could you spell 'onomatopoeia' or 'chameleon' standing in front of a crowd of over five hundred people? That is exactly what our Spelling Bee winners had to do in last week's final. Twelve Key Stage 3 pupils made it through to the finals having beaten off competition from twenty other keen spellers in the qualifying rounds. Last year's winner, Aiden Sommerford, presented prizes to Rheagan Edwards, Daniel Hanson and Rebecca Owen for coming first, second and third respectively. Congratulations to all who took part and thanks to all staff who supported the event.



Careers Fair at St Richard Gwyn Ffair Gyrfaoedd



All Year 10 students had the opportunity to find out about the world of work this week when eighteen organisations / employers visited the school. Students asked questions on qualifications, skills, training, future job prospects and finance, as well as many others. The morning was an enormous success. Our visitors were extremely complimentary about the way that our students entered into the spirit of the morning. Thanks should go to all of our visitors and especially Lesley Lloyd from Careers Wales who helped to co ordinate the morning.

Living with one another in peace Byw gyda'n gilydd yn heddychlon

News reports and advice to schools in recent days have brought to our attention the need to reaffirm our commitment in this school community to our multi-national and inclusive character. We welcome the diversity of pupils who come from different backgrounds and we value them all equally. It has been interesting to note the positive, and perhaps unexpected, spin-off of the Wales team's triumph in getting so close to the final of Euro 2016 in the media's embracing our Welsh national pride. Cymraeg was seen in unexpected places, and a sense of unity has grown. We work hard to celebrate our national identity here in this school.

We celebrate, too, our Polish pupils and their tremendous contribution to our life. It has been shocking to see the unacceptable behaviour of people who have been racist and shown hatred to anyone living in our country who comes from outside our borders. Anyone who is a victim of or sees others being victimised in this way should report it to the police as a crime.

Cardinal Nichols has released a statement entitled No Racism, Hatred and Division ([link](#)) and calls for a renewed purpose in our country. As we come towards the end of the academic year, we renew our resolve to work together for a brighter future for all. Europe has experienced unparalleled levels of peace between nations over the last 70 years. Let us not forget the work required to make peace happen, and the lives lost in pursuit of what we now enjoy.

Remembrance Coffa

We bring before God the souls of the faithful departed, in thanksgiving for their contribution to the life of this school. **Mr David Johnson**, who was Head of English. He will be remembered by many as an inspirational teacher who opened up to them the wonderful world of possibilities through his integrity as a lover of the wonderful variety of human endeavour.

Mrs Madge Lloyd, who was the Head of the Newsom Department which was set up in the early days of support for those with additional learning needs. We entrust them to the merciful care of our Lord. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

We also pray for their dear families and friends in the time of their loss and sorrow.



Confirmation Bedydd Esgob

Fr Adrian Wilcock has asked that those who wish to enrol for the next Confirmation programme should do so as soon as possible. This is for those attending the parish of the Immaculate Conception, Flint. Further information from the parish office on 01352 732245. Any enquiries about the sacrament of Confirmation in other parishes can be made by getting in touch with the parish priest.

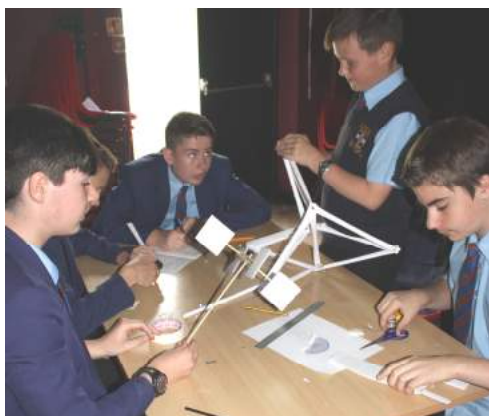
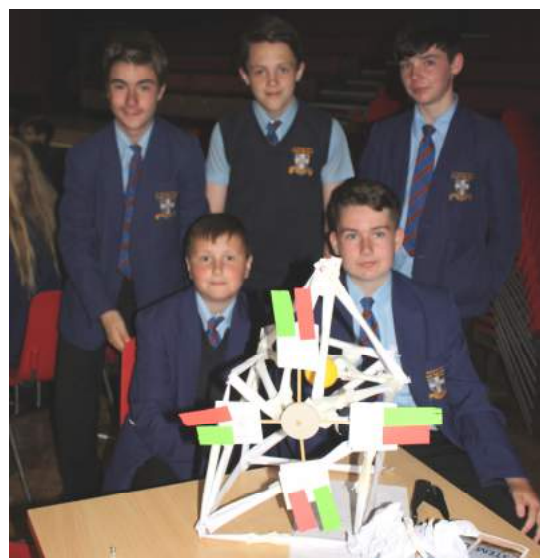
Engineers of the future! Peirianwyr y Dyfodol!

Last Thursday 60 year 8 and 9 pupils were fortunate to have the opportunity to take part in a workshop run by the Smallpeice Trust which encouraged us to consider the design and engineering challenges of building an efficient wind turbine.

The day was very educational; we learnt how to build model wind turbines out of paper tubes and other common materials. We used engineering skills to construct a stable structure which could support the weight of the turbine at the top and learnt that different designs can seriously affect the wind turbines' performance.

The day was full of informative challenges combining creativity and science; it was great. I really learnt the true meaning of teamwork. Our team consisted five positions, team leader; marketing manager; finance manager; deputy leader and designer. In conclusion, the day revealed which wind turbine was the most efficient and that almost every team had been successful in creating a working turbine. It has made me consider the engineering which takes place in the world around me and the opportunities available for us in jobs for the future.

Lauren Downes, Fran Robinson and Charlie Thomas, Year 9



Fantastic Fair! Ffair Fendigedig!

Saturday 2 July 2016 saw the long awaited return of the school's first Summer Fayre taking place in the gym and top yard. The gym hosted a wide range of stalls, including local businesses and school-run stalls. The cake stall proved to be very popular as was the bottle tombola. Thank you very much to those parents, friends of the school and teachers who donated cakes.

Top yard offered a further variety of activities, with many of the younger visitors enjoying the bouncy castles, whilst the parents were able to relax with some food from the two catering vans. The ice cream van was extremely popular with everyone! Thank you very much also to Flint Air Cadets, Flint Army Cadets and Holywell Army Cadets for all coming along and providing much more to do on the field.

It's fair to say that the Summer Fayre wouldn't have happened at all without the help and support of our brilliant Sixth formers. The Sixth Form helped a tremendous amount leading up to the day and with the smooth running of all events during the Fayre. Their hard work and dedication was outstanding and they were praised on several occasions by both exhibitors and members of the public.

Mr Woodmansee and his team of pupils who will be going to Malawi also had a strong presence in the fayre, keeping visitors entertained with all of the classics, such as hook a duck, bounce the ping-pong ball into the jar and many more.

The total raised on the day was £1,705! There is still some money left to come in meaning that we will be very close to raising £2,000! All of the money raised is going towards the Friends of St Richard Gwyn, which directly supports departments when making certain purchases.

Diolch yn fawr iawn to everyone who made the day such a special event. We're already looking forward to next year's fayre!





Sports Day Result

Canlyniadau Mabolgampau

House Winners 2016

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Yr	7 M	8 H	9 Q	10 B
Victrix Ludorum	Sadie Lee	Rheagan Edwards	Lauren Adams	Lauren Griffiths
Victor Ludorum	Callum Morris	McKenzie James	Kyle Andrews	Joe Nixon

POSITION	YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10	
1	M	152	H	173	Q	170	B	166
2	F	142	B	160	F	142	Q	135
3	B	136	Q	131	S	138	F	132
4	Q	132	F	106	B	126	H	115
5	S	108			H	121	S	103
6							M	80

