



Diary Dyddiadur

May Day
2 May
School closed

Governors' Curriculum Meeting
Tuesday 3 May
5.00pm

Years 7- 9
Literacy and Numeracy Tests
3-5 May

External Summer Exams Begin
13 May

Governors' Personnel Meeting
Tuesday 17 May
5.00pm

Half Term
Monday 30 May

Governors' Finance Meeting
Tuesday 7 June
5.00pm

Welsh Phrase

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SRG Welcomes John Dobai, Survivor of the Holocaust SRG yn Croesawu John Dobai, Croesawu Goroeswr yr Holocaust



We recently hosted an inspiring and moving event when around 270 young people from St Richard Gwyn, Flint High School, Blessed Edward Jones, Rhyl and St Joseph's, Wrexham heard the testimony of Holocaust survivor, John Dobai, as part of a visit organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET).

The testimony was followed by a question and answer session enabling the students to better understand the nature of the Holocaust and to explore its lessons in more depth. The visit was part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's extensive all year round Outreach Programme, which is available to schools across the UK. Mr Ron Keating Headteacher at St Richard Gwyn said:

"It was a privilege for us to welcome John Dobai to our school and his testimony will remain a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced. We are grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for co-ordinating the visit and we hope that by hearing John's testimony, it will encourage all those who were present to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives."

Karen Pollock MBE, Chief Executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust added:

"The Holocaust Educational Trust educates and engages students from across the UK, from all communities about the Holocaust and there can be no better way than through the first-hand testimony of a survivor. John's story is one of tremendous courage during horrific circumstances and by hearing his testimony, students had the opportunity to learn where prejudice and racism can ultimately lead."

"At the Trust, we impart the history of the Holocaust to young people, to ensure that we honour the memory of those whose lives were lost and take forward the lessons taught by those who survived."

John Dobai also planted an Olive Tree at St Richard Gwyn, as a symbol of peace. The Olive Tree will be a poignant lasting reminder of the Holocaust for students and staff of the school.



North Wales Championships Pencampwriaethau Gogledd Cymru

Congratulations to Hannah Thomas for winning the gold in fighting and bronze in patterns in the British Tae Kwon-do 2015 Championships held at Derby and winning gold in fighting and patterns in the 2016 North Wales Championships recently held at Deeside. Hannah will be competing in the Welsh Championships at Cardiff and World Championships in Birmingham later this year. We wish her good luck!!



7F's Fabulous Fair 'made a splash' for CAFOD Ffair Fendigedig 7F yn Codi Arian i CAFOD

On Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes this week, Miss Spence and pupils from 7F hosted stalls in the study centre and a 'photo booth' (organised by Jess Noble and promoted by Sadie Lee) in the Learning Centre to help raise money for CAFOD. Each form was given the challenge to raise £30 during Lent and so 7F wanted to host a small fair of their own. There were many stalls including tombola (run by Grace Williams and Kaitlyn Williams); raffle (run by Mia Ledsham - with another big 'well done' to Jess Noble for making such wonderful prizes!); cake and sweet stall (organised by Ben Davies); name the bear (organised by Bianca Feliciello and Ffion Jones); hoopla and coconut shy (run by Isaac Lewis and Joseph Reynolds) as well as other games to win prizes. With great support from other pupils from all year groups, the fundraisers in 7F managed to raise a total of **£141** for CAFOD, as this will be matched during Lent, our total donation from our event will be **£282!** Well done and thank you to all of those who made this happen! Da iawn, pawb!



Iceland Tour Improves Literacy and Raises Thousands for MacMillan Taith Gwlad yr Iâ yn Gwella Llythrennedd a Chodi Miloedd i MacMillan

Students who recently returned from a very successful Iceland Tour have celebrated this week. They were awarded prizes for their literacy efforts, and have raised thousands of pounds for their chosen tour charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. As part of the St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School Iceland Tour, the Geography Department asked students to write a journal while they were out in Iceland and then improve it upon their return. Over the past week the fantastic journals have been looked at closely with great excitement by the staff who went on the tour and also by Dougie Eaglesham, Director of Bodhi360. Michael Hughes, Curriculum Leader for Geography, explains, "We always try to offer our students something extra as part of a large tour and this year saw us use the journals as a way of promoting literacy in school. It was fantastic to see such emotion being used in their work and it will always act as a great keepsake for them in years to come."

"It was great to get involved with SRG and work closely with the school. Bodhi360 is a new company specialising in situational awareness and risk management. To support education, we have been working with the school to develop an eLearning package for group trips which has been a huge success. As a qualified English teacher, I thought it would also be wonderful to get involved with the journals and as a company, we offered up a selection of prizes for the students. The quality of the writing, expression and passion for the tour shone through and it was very hard to choose a winner!" explained Mr Eaglesham.

Overall winner, Year 13 student Emma Reece, was shocked at coming first. "I loved Iceland and just want to go back. Writing the journal allowed me to improve my literacy skills by combining combine my interests in Geography and Art. To win this competition was fantastic and the action sports camera will be a great help as I continue on to University next year."

As part of the tour, students are also asked to put something back into the community and this year saw them raising funds for a charity very close to many of their hearts, Macmillan. To help raise funds a number of events were organised, including bag packing, fancy dress fun run and a geography themed cake sale.

In an assembly it was announced to a loud applause a final total of £3500 had been raised. "This huge amount is a real credit to the students who took part in the tour. They really are special and not only made the tour a success, but will now also be able to make a difference to people's lives when they need that support. Macmillan is a wonderful charity and we are proud to have helped to support them this year" commented Mr Hughes.



National Numeracy Tests (3-5 May 2016)

Past papers and practice worksheets can be found via the following pathway:

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Click on VLE, Choose the Numeracy box

Key Stage 3, Year ? (either 7, 8 or 9)

Course outline, Click the box saying: "Login as a guest"

Password: mathsisfun

You now have access to all the procedural and reasoning papers, practice worksheets, and solutions.

GCSE History Revision

Year 10 and resit Year 11

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Revision sessions for unit 3 USA 1930-2000 will begin on Wednesday 20 April. These will take place in T11 until 4.30pm.

Please bring a note from parents for permission to attend.

SHARE APPEAL Please bring in any colouring books and colouring pencils to Mrs King's room F12 next week to be sent to help refugee children. Thank you.