



Ysgol Uwchradd Catholig **ST RICHARD GWYN** Catholic High School

THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL

10 March/ Mawrth 2016

Diary Dyddiadur

Year 9 Options' Evening

Thursday 10 March
6-8pm

Emmaus Retreat Days Year 9

Pantasaph
Wednesday 16 March
Friday 18 March

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 17 March
4-7pm

Governors' Termly Meeting

Tuesday 22 March
5.30pm

Easter Reflection

Thursday 24 March

End of Spring Term Maundy Thursday 24 March 12.30pm

Welsh Phrase

Paratoi, adolygu, llwyddo
Prepare, revise, succeed

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Eisteddfod SRG

To finish Welsh week, Friday 4 March saw the school celebrating its Eisteddfod for years 7 and 8. The Eisteddfod was a superb opportunity for the students to showcase their talents. Students competed in homework tasks across all departments giving them an opportunity to demonstrate their writing abilities, as well as many other examples, creative and artistic. The quality of work was outstanding, and these have been on display in the school reception as well as on the video screens. There were also competitions for dancing, recitation of poetry, singing, playing musical instruments and sports.

This year, we had a very special opening to the Eisteddfod. Our newly formed year 12 boys male voice choir sang Calon Lân and the Welsh National Anthem. This set the tone for the entire day and it was a fantastic beginning to the celebration. As always, the performance competitions were of a very high standard, making the preliminary rounds very difficult for the



sixth form judges. Due to the number of pupils competing, the singing competitions were divided into 3 groups; year 7s, year 8s and pairs/groups. The winner of the year 7 singing competition was extremely difficult to call, however Jessica Owen 7M took the title for singing in Welsh. The standard for the year 8 competition was also extremely high, but well done to Elen Lovell 8F for winning. We were also wowed during the instrumental competition; however Ben Robinson won the competition on the drums. Other performances on the day included recital of Welsh poetry, a fantastic drama performance of the story of the *Lady in the Lake* by a group of 7F students and a performance of the German Song 'Was Machen Sie?' A dancing competition was also introduced this year, and this was won by April Powell 7S.

Da iawn to all winners!

New for this year was the introduction of a Welsh spelling bee. This was extremely successful with 10 students taking part in the final during the Eisteddfod; preliminary rounds had been held during Welsh lessons in the week. The competition ended with Rheagan Edwards 8H and Daniel Hanson 8B battling it out for 3 rounds, however Rheagan eventually took the win for Dewi. A special llongyfarchiadau must go to the following students who all came first, second or third in several competitions;



Weronika Kwolek 7Q, Jessica Owen 7M, Holly Griffiths 7M, Frances Hamilton 8B and Ellie Davies 8H. The form class which contributed the most house points was 7Q, so they have been awarded the Eisteddfod plaque to display in their room for the next year.

10 house points were awarded for all those students who came first, 5 house points for second and 2 points for third. The overall winners of the day were Gwen, with an astounding 895 points! In second place was Beuno with 685 points and Dewi came third with 681 points.

Da iawn i bawb yn Gwen!

I am very impressed with the wide range of talents that our pupils have at the school. It was a privilege to see so many different students winning a variety of different competitions, and truly being able to showcase their talents whilst celebrating their Welsh culture and the Welsh language. It was a particular treat to hear our sixth form boys singing such a popular hymn, Calon Lân, which is also my personal favourite. Mr Crawley

Congratulations! Masters in Educational Practice (MEP)

Llongyfarchiadau! Meistr mewn Ymarfer Addysgol (MYA)

We offer our warm congratulations to Miss E Daniels, Mr R Davies and Miss E Spence on achieving their Masters' Degree awarded by Cardiff University. Also to Mrs Gemma Thomas (née) Batt a former student who has been awarded a Master of Arts Degree.

Cystadlaethau Eisteddfod yr Urdd Urdd Eisteddfod Competitions

On Saturday, 5 March, the first stage of the Urdd National Eisteddfod competitions took place in Ysgol Gwynedd. St Richard Gwyn was competing in 4 out of the 5 competitions on the day, and our students were fantastic, with students going through to the next stage of competitions at county level next weekend in every competition that we entered!

KS3 Solo Recital	Leah Farquhar 2 nd	Matthew Hall 3 rd
KS4 Solo Recital	Jessica Edwards 1 st	Lauren Edwards 2 nd
KS3 Solo Singing	Rebecca Owen 2 nd	Jessica Owen 3 rd
KS4 Solo Singing	Olivia Thorn 1 st	Lauren Edwards 3 rd

As a result of their excellent performances and hard work, all these students will now go through to compete against other schools in Flintshire and Wrexham to earn a place to represent the county at national level at the Urdd Eisteddfod in May half term. The next round of competitions will take place in Maes Garmon this Saturday from 9:30am. Also competing this Saturday will be our year 7 group recitation and Cameron Eastham in year 10 competing in the drum competition. Llongyfarchiadau pawb a phob lwc!



Urdd Activity Bus Visits Year 7

Ymweliad Bws Gweithgareddau'r Urdd â Blwyddyn 7

On Thursday Last week, the Urdd activity bus visited the school. Throughout the day, all year 7 pupils went outside to the bus and learnt more about the Urdd. Dafydd Beattie, Youth Development Officer for Flintshire, talked to the students about the Eisteddfod that's coming to Flint in May, and talked about what the Urdd is and everything it does for young people. Students then got to complete some activities such as thinking about what Wales and Welsh means to them, followed by a quick session to practise circus skills! All students were given information to take home about the Urdd and it was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the many things the Urdd does to support the work of the Welsh department.



Welsh Cake Fundraising

Codi Arian Efo Cacennau Gri

To help celebrate Welsh week, Welsh cakes were on sale at breaktime and lunchtime throughout the week. All the cakes had been made by Mr Crawley and a group of year 13 students. There was also a guess the weight of the cake competition, where students had to guess the weight of a giant Welsh cake. Congratulations to the winner Lauren Edwards 11H who won a box of chocolates for her guess of 145g, with the actual weight being 138g! The total money raised was £70.20, with the money raised is going the charity, Papyrus. The charity was chosen by students of 13C, and they work to help prevent suicide in young people. Diolch yn fawr iawn to everyone who contributed.

A huge congratulations also to Stephen Boyle who won the Welsh theme menu draw for a £15 iTunes voucher. All students who purchased a meal on St David's day were entered into the draw, and Stephen was chosen as the winner.



Cross Country Success Llwyddiant Traws Gwlad

Rheagan Edwards a very talented young athlete competed in both the Welsh National Cross Championships on Saturday, and represented North East Wales at the Welsh Schools National Cross Country Championships held in Brecon on Sunday. Rheagan is enjoying a very successful season and her performance at both the championships of 11th is very impressive. Rheagan is presently a reserve for the Schools International Athletic Board Cross Country championships to be held in Falkirk on 19 March, where the best runners from Wales, England, Scotland and Ireland will be competing. We wish her every success.