

Casnewydd Catchup



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It's not easy being GREEN

Green support schools



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Track record in sustaining a high level of learner outcomes
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Challenged to move towards or sustain excellence



Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd was banded a green school by the Welsh Government.

Back in January, the Welsh Government released colour banding for all primary schools of Wales. The colour is decided upon by schools Challenge Advisors and their local Authority before being forwarded to the Welsh Government. The colour bands are based on a school's ability to raise

and maintain standards and learner outcomes as well as understand how to improve and move the school on to the next step.

Out of 1,332 primary schools assessed, 207 have been put in the green support category and 58 have been put in the red support category. We are one of twenty other Newport Primary Schools that have been awarded this category.

Education Minister Huw Lewis said it was time to "wake up" for anyone who did not think he was serious about raising standards.

Here are the requirements of green schools. **These are highly effective schools which:**

- have a track record of sustaining a high level of learner outcomes.
- Know themselves well and identify and implement their own priorities for improvement successfully

- Demonstrate resilience at all levels
- Are rewarded with greater autonomy
- Will be challenged to move towards or sustain excellence
- Have the capacity to lead others effectively and to contribute to school-to-school support.

Already we have been working in partnership with other green schools from the EAS (the local Education Achievement Service for South East Wales which includes schools from Newport, Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen, Monmouthshire and Caerphilly.)

We are very pleased and excited to get recognition for the hard work that goes on.

Mini Beast Madness

Nursery

We have had such fun reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar book and learning about the life cycle of a butterfly in the Nursery. We have been making our own caterpillars out of egg boxes, painting a symmetrical butterfly, created a caterpillar/butterfly dance. We had such fun giving instructions to the Bee-Bot to find the Hungry Caterpillars food and have loved making our own caterpillars out of dough. We have been observing our own caterpillars grow and can't wait until they turn into butterflies! Thank you very much to Mrs Barton-Williams one of our parents for buying them for us.



Reception

Pili Pala and Jemeima Mop had such fun reading the book 'Aaaa Corryn', and I'm sure everyone wants a little friend like the spider. We made mini beats out of popoids, looked for spiders in spaghetti, played lady bird bingo, observed and discussed the mini beats, did an obstacle course like a mini beast, created a new mini beast in the forest, played Morus the Worm game on the interactive white board and Mili the African Snail came to visit.

Wonderful Wolves!

Year 1

Here and there

Year 2

Romans Rule the School

Year 3

The Slimy Stuarts

Blwyddyn 4

We have been learning about a very icky part of history - The Stuart Era. We've learned about the Great Plague of London and created herb bags to keep the plague away. We read about the story of Black Bart - Bartholomew Roberts - the most successful pirate ever and he was from Wales! We also read about Sir Henry Morgan. William Shakespeare was an intriguing subject - we studied the witches of Macbeth and got the chance to become a witch 'Double Double Toil and Trouble!'. The Great Fire of London was a thrilling journey where we acted out scenes of horror.



School of Superheroes

Year 5

Role-Models and Inequality

Blwyddyn 6



Amazing Art!

The after school club for the More Able and Talented artists among us have been very busy creating for the Art competition held by the Urdd. The theme this year is 'Growth'. Parents, teachers and pupils have been designing, creating, painting, sewing and much more. Thank you to all who have helped: Miss Leyshon, Miss Davies Y4, Mrs Davies Y6, Miss Thomas Y6, Mrs Phillips, Miss Cutts, Miss Williams Reception, Miss Harding, Mrs Thomas Y3, Mrs Law, Miss Davies Y2, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Evans Nursery, Ms Beth Davies, Mrs Rachel Morgan, Mrs Fulton, Miss Rachel McDonald, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Fettis, Mrs Adllam, Mrs Hobbis and Mrs Mandy Evans. Wow! What a lot of people who were eager to volunteer their time and expertise. No wonder we did so well:



Eisteddfod



Good luck to Freya Barret from Year 4 who will be representing the school in the national stages of the solo singing for Years 3 and 4 in this year's Urdd Eisteddfod in Caerphilly during the half term holidays. A massive THANK YOU to the children and all the members of staff who have been training hard during break times, dinner hours and after school for many weeks: the disco dancing group and solo with Miss Davies Year 2 and Miss Williams Reception; sketch acting with Miss Davies Year2; the soprano choir with Miss Leyshon; the duets with Mrs Parry; the solo singers with Miss Cutts, Miss Williams of Year1, Mrs Davies of Year 6 and Miss Leyshon; the recital group with Mrs Ridley; the solo recitals with Miss Davies Year4, Mrs Thomas Year 3, Mrs Ridley Year 2 and Miss Cutts. A big thank you also to parents for bringing the children to compete and to Mopsy - Lola's gran - who has been playing the piano in practice sessions and at the Regional and County Eisteddfods.



Quiz at Ringland Library

On World Book Day children from Yr 6 went down to Ringland Library to take part in a book quiz. The winning team were Aimee Duff, Emily Stokes-Tyler, Cai Hobbs and Evie Campbell. Well done to all who competed.

Gold Stars for 100% Attendance!

Here are the children who received certificates for 100% attendance this term. There were also certificates for the most improved attendance. Well done all!



Investors in Families

On the 22nd of April, assessors came to school and we gained the Investors in Families award which recognises the achievements of working with families. Thank you to all who filled in the questionnaires.

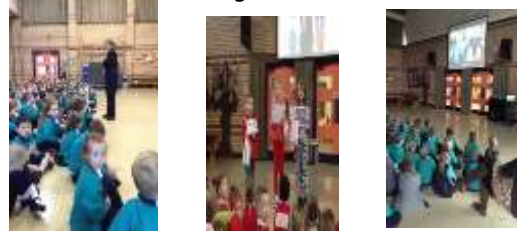
School Eisteddfod

We had an exciting School Eisteddfod this year with many children participating in their houses. Mr Richards from Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw came to judge the poetry competition. Brooke Young was the winner of the chair this year, closely followed by Maisy Evans 2nd and Aimee Duff and Megan Hancock coming joint 3rd.



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day was held on the 10th of February. The Children participated in various activities during the day for example learning the Smartie the Penguin Song and making an internet safety promise. PC Thomas came in to talk to the children about e-safety issues during assembly. The homework task for the week was to design an e-safety poster. The winners were 1st Carys Sims, 2nd Eleri Marshall and 3rd Fergus Fulton. Well done all!



World Book Day

Once again our school was full of Twits, Wonka's, hobbits, Elsa's and Anna's and wizards to celebrate reading and books. We all had a lot of fun and loved guessing everybody's costumes.



Comic Relief day

In March we all had a fun Friday dressing up in red clothes and noses to raise money for Comic Relief. We raised an amazing £270.77



Easter Party

The PTA held a very successful easter party, and the sun was shining! Lots of children turned up with their Easter bonnets and enjoyed an evening of fun. There was also a surprise visit from Sali Mali! Thank you so much to the PTA for organising another great event.



Sport Spot



Super Dragons

The Dragon Sports club was a great success this year with more and more children joining in. The boys and girls made excellent progress in their ball control and passing ability. Come and join us.

The Rugby Boys and Girls

The Rugby team drew with Monnow and Marshfield in a mini tournament. Rhys Wilkins Jones scored 2 explosive tries with Omar Taylor Clarke supporting at all times. Unfortunately, we didn't match the same success in the Newport School Tournament. There was a great tackling display from Ethan Clarke and Callum Edmunds. Maisey Evans was outstanding in the tight play tackling three players to tackle her and George Harris looked very dangerous with regular darting runs.



Awesome Athletics

The children have been having lots of fun in the athletics club. They are looking forward to showing off their new skills in the annual sports day.

Once again thank you to the PTA for providing to enable us to produce this newspaper and for organising the many activities throughout the term. If anybody would like to become a member of the PTA, registration forms are available in the office.