

# Casnewydd

## Catchup

# Welcome to our Website!



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After much discussion, planning and preparation, the all-new Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd website is ready to be launched!

We are very fortunate to have a former graphic designer working within the school. Mrs Ann Sneddon, a classroom assistant in the Reception, has been working hard and discussing with children, staff and Governors as to what they would like to see on the website. As it is an in house job we decided that it would be a great opportunity to ask the children what they too would like to see on the website.

Here are some of the comments made by pupils from Years 3, 4 and 5.

"I really liked decorating the webpage" said Courtney from Year 5; "I just like helping the school out" was Luke's opinion. Evelyn from Year 3 agreed with him. Carmen from Year 4 said "it's about the school and the children are important to the school too, as well as the teachers, and they can tell other people to go and look at the website."

Therefore, it really is a whole school product where pupils, staff and governors have all had a say in the development.

The new website will feature a gallery of photographs from the vast variety of activities that occur within and without the school; it will have updates on all the clubs that run throughout the year;

information on the PTA activities; a calendar showing different events or HMS days; Urdd events and results and a gallery of staff and governors.

The website will be going live in the next few days so it is ready to be up and running for the new academic year in September. It will also have many photographs from this academic year for you to view.

The new Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd web address is -

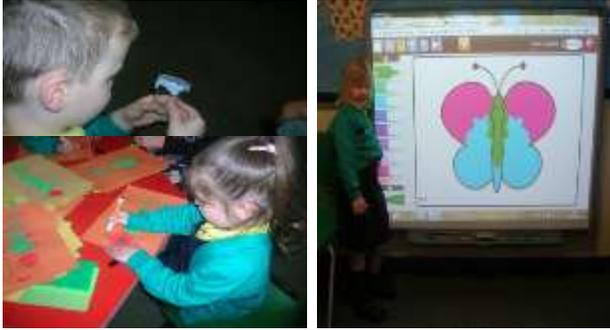
[www.ysgolgybraegcasnewydd.co.uk](http://www.ysgolgybraegcasnewydd.co.uk)  
remember to keep it in your favourites!

You can always follow us on Twitter on **YsgolGCasnewydd**. We also will be **blogging** on the News page.

## The Very Hungry Caterpillars

Meithrin

During the summer term, Meithrin Sali Mali have been very busy learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We observed caterpillars growing every day. Some ate more than others and grew very big! We enjoyed lots of activities based on the life cycle of a butterfly such as printing circles and making marks for the eyes and antennae, making a colourful butterfly on the Whiteboard, making play dough caterpillars and butterflies and role playing in our pretend garden. We had lots of fun!



## Pirate Paaaaarty!

Derbyn

Where would pirates hide their treasure? We followed clues and a map all around the school and forest; and with super team work - we found it in the sand! We wrote questions to put in a bottle to send to the pirates, we made a hat, patch and hook and built a huge ship! After completing the tasks we all dressed up and had a brilliant pirate party!



## Sensational ships!

Blwyddyn 1

Did you know that some Viking ships could only hold up to 60 people at a time? We did! Within our Splish, Splash, Splosh topic, we focused on different types of ships and boats. We decided to research these and order the most popular on a timeline. We used the software 'Purple Mash', to create a graph on our favourite ships. We also made our own version of Van Gogh's ship painting, using pastels. Alongside these activities, we were able to build our own ship, paint our own ship and describe a ship of our choice.



## Making a splash!

Blwyddyn 2

Diving straight in at the deep end, Year two children became historians for the day! We worked in groups to log the artefacts we found by number and discover their names and purpose. We were given the opportunity to handle the artefacts from the Victorian wash day and describe to our classmates what we thought each one was for!! Our weird and wonderful suggestions labelled a scrubbing board as a tea tray and an iron as a wood cutting device!! Fortunately with a drop of information and a bucket load of enthusiasm we were soon able to describe their purposes accurately.



## Pond Life!

Blwyddyn 3

This term we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about pond life. At the beginning of the project we had the opportunity to create our own pond where we learnt more about water plants. We went to learn about Pond dipping in Tredegar park where we got to be water detectives as we researched what creatures lived in the lake. Following this, back in our classes we have explored further facts about specific pond life creatures and created our own collage of the life cycle of the frog. We have learnt the importance of caring for our ponds and protecting such creatures in their own habitat.



## London's Burning, Fire Fire!

Year 4

As part of our studies on the Stuart times, we researched and found out about the Great Fire of London. Did you know that Samuel Pepys - the diarist - buried his Parmesan cheese in his garden to protect it from the flames because it was such an expensive commodity? We also discovered why the flames spread so fast by looking at a film of London streets before the fire. They were very narrow and crowded! We used our knowledge of this story to write a newspaper article for the Stuart Times where we all dressed in period costume to look terrified in the flames. We even used the story within our Science lessons as we had been studying shadows and light - so we created a shadow puppet show of the story.



## Our visit to Welsh Water.

Year 5

During this half term we have been learning about the river! As well as learning a variety of topics such as river safety and the important parts of the river, we also had the opportunity to visit the Welsh Water site at Cilfynydd. We were given a very warm welcome by Matt, who explained the order of the day. At the beginning of the day we learnt a great deal regarding life in African villages and the pressures they face on a daily basis to find water to drink and use. Did you know that one member of the family has to walk for miles in order to fill just one large plastic bottle with dirty water! So, we went on our own journey to the river's edge to fill one large plastic bottle and carry it back to our very own African village. It was extremely hard work! Welsh Water continue to raise money in order to build water wells for the African villages. We learnt a great deal on our trip, thank you Welsh Water!



## Back to the Future!!

Year 6

During the Summer term we have been comparing the decades of the 1940's and 1980's. We have created pamphlets on fashion, sport, film and music. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of June we were very lucky to have the chance to go to the 1940's museum in Swansea Bay. There we learnt about life during the war and about what food was rationed. Did you know that you were only allowed one egg per week? When we smelt the tea grains, dried eggs and milk we were all horrified! How could anyone eat anything that smelt like sulphur. We also had the opportunity to try on clothes and hats from the 1940's. In the afternoon, we had the opportunity to test our knowledge about life in the 1940's by completing a quiz.

Thank you to the school, the PTA and Miss Pugh and Miss Thomas for a splendid trip.



# Goodbye Year Six!

We will be extremely sad to say goodbye to Year 6 and we wish them the best of luck in their move to Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw, St Josephs, Bro Edern, St Julians and Dyffryn. Some of the pupils have prepared their memories of their time in Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd especially for our final issue.

One of my favourite memories was when Ffion, Mali, Nia and I dressed up in Year 2. I was a busy bee, Mali and Ffion were butterflies and Nia was a fairy. Libby Newell

My favourite memory is when we went canoeing in Gilwern and everyone was racing!  
Iestyn Taylor



My favourite memory is when we went to Llangrannog and Tom was dancing 'Gangnam Style' in the disco. Maddison Seivwright

My favourite memory is when we went to Big Pit and we went down the pit and there was a huge noise! Abigail Doherty

I remember when Miss Thomas dressed up as an Umpa lumpa !She was really orange!!  
Jasmine Butler- Bright

My favourite memory is when we started Year 5 and got the best two teachers in the world!!  
Owain Jones.

I gave Miss Davies Year 4 a scarf and she said she would remember me!.  
Kayley Sydenham

My favourite day in school was when I met Luca Payne because he is my best friend.  
Kaden Kinsella

My favourite trip was to Llangrannog because I was mega excited to have the chance to do all the amazing activities.  
Ellie- Mai Evans

My best memories are of meeting teachers And friends.  
Jessica Lewis



My favourite day in school was in Year 1 When we got to play with Lego!  
Presley Power

One of my best memories is when I met Owain, Maddy, Rocky and Molly. We played together for the day and I fell in the bin! George Ovey

The Orange Day in Year 5 is my best memory because it was lots of FUN!!  
Brandon Lovett

My favourite day in school was when Mr Taylor told me I had got a place on the athletics team and got to represent the school in the Newport Athletics Competition throwing the discus.  
Chloe Coughlin



## Winding Snake

Year 6 have been participating in the Bird in a Cage project. The project is all about the Suffragette movement. The Suffragettes were a group of women who fought and protested for the rights of women, especially the right to vote. The project included the history of the Suffragettes, composing a song, as well as creating an animation. We have even created a HUGE banner! We especially enjoyed studying the antics of Lady Rhondda. Did you know she blew up a post box in Newport?



## Puppet Show

Theatr Iolo came to school to perform a puppet show for the Foundation Phase. We met some interesting characters from the garden who introduced the children to their exciting bug-tastic lives.



## Eco Council

This term, the Eco Council really wanted to improve the re-cycling throughout the school. Jess from Waste-savers paid them a visit and gave them lots of ideas to help them improve. Thanks to the Eco Council, the school now recycles all the plastic milk bottles from the Nursery and Reception classes and all the broken pens and markers from the classrooms. But the teachers weren't going to be left out! It was time for the pupils to turn the tables and give some order on the Teachers!! After a short questionnaire, the Eco council decided that the Staff Room recycling credentials were not up to scratch! Thanks to them, the Staff now recycle all their plastic waste and food waste! Well done Eco Council, that was the toughest job of all!!



## Boiling Barry

This year, Year 1 and 2 went on their Summer trip together! All the children, teachers, classroom assistants and parents had a great time in sunny Barry Island. They went to the beach, had ice cream, went wild in the soft play area and they even watched a fun film on the bus on the way home!



## 1940s and 1980s

Over the last term we have been studying the 1940's and the 1980's. As part of our 1940's work we have been learning about the history of Ann Frank, the Swansea Blitz, children being evacuated and the Morrison and Anderson shelters. Everyone enjoyed dressing up on our 1940's day wearing clothes that evacuees, land girls and soldiers in the army used to wear. Everyone was busy cooking carrot cookies and vegetable pasties. They were great. Then everyone was racing with egg and spoon, skipping and also sack racing (with a few spectacular falls!) It was a day full of fun. For our 1980's day everyone dresses in luminous colours. We enjoyed learning about the Grange Hill protests, the protest for a Welsh language channel that ended in the creation of S4C as well as the women's peace camp at Greenham Common. Everyone was kept busy creating posters and placards for their protests. Fun filled days for all.



## Woodland Wonders

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed a trip through Goytre woods. They found out how to measure a tree's circumference to find out its age; went on a bug hunt; created a nest for an egg that was tested for strength; had a walk by the canal and created a habitat for a woodland animal. Everybody loved the wonderful sunny day out and having the freedom to build and create using only nature's resources.



# Sport Spot

## Amazing Athletics



It was great news for the Year 5 and 6 athletics team as they managed to win 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Newport Schools Athletics Festival. The boys' team had the highest score throughout Newport and the boys' and girls' relay team won the joint relay award. Hopefully we have a few Christian Malcoms in the making!!



It was success again in Cwmbran Stadium as the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 athletics team won the Urdd Athletics Competition. There were outstanding performances from all the children.

### Health and Fitness Day

To promote the importance of eating healthily, getting your 5-a-day and fitness, we held a healthy day in school. As part of their homework, the children were asked to plan and create a healthy lunchbox for the Friday. On that day we also had a lot of fun by doing obstacle course races in the hall in which we had to dress up in funny costumes as well as creating healthy snacks and meals. There was everything from fruit kebabs and fruit and yoghurt cups to healthy pizzas and smoothies. It really showed us what fun we can have by exercising and eating plenty of fruit and veg. Thank you to Mrs Morgan, Miss Davies 4b and the School Council for helping to organise the day.



Congratulations to Cadog for winning the Years 1, 2 and 3 sport day and to Llanofor for winning the Nursery and Reception Sports Day. Unfortunately, the rain prevented us from having a sports day for Years 4, 5 and 6 (although it has been rescheduled for the final Thursday - fingers crossed for the weather!)

Well done to the rugby 7 a-side team who won the Newport School Tournament again this Year. Finishing on Top!!!!



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.