



Catchup

Pleidiol Wyf I'm Gwlad!



The eisteddfod was the highlight of a week that was full of Welsh culture and traditions.

The school's houses - Cadog, Llanofor and Islwyn - competed in front of the judges in singing competitions. There were soaring voices, funny choir leaders and a few bottom shakers!

Mr Jonathan Richards from Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw judged the Year 6 poetry writing competition.

All of Year 6 had written a poem based on either 'Wonders' or 'Slavery'. They each chose a pseudonym so that the poem would be judged anonymously. The proud winners were: 3rd place Megan-Rose Howarth; 2nd place Dylan Pollock; 1st place Luca Hoole. Luca got to wear the bard's cloak and sit in the school's bardic chair. Congratulations to the three of them!

As the bard was sat in his chair, a group of singers, comprised of

teachers, sang the traditional churning song led by the splendid voice of Mr William Locke - a student teacher. As a former member of Only Boys Aloud and having performed on T.V. in front of millions, Mr Locke said that this was the most nervous he had felt!

Welsh-themed activities had been celebrated throughout the school all week: Meithrin created lovespoons; Derbyn cooked Cawl; Year 1 created fact

files about our Patron Saint - St David and made Welshcakes; Year 2 studied the story of Gelert the loyal dog of Prince Llywelyn- it is a very sad story and there were some tears; Year 3 studied the story of Morgana's Magical Island and made a Welsh fruit cake; Year 4 studied an Arthurian story about Sabrina; Year 5 studied the story of Guinevere and Merlin; Year 6 studied the story of how Merlin discovered his magic.

Gingerbread Joy!

Meithrin

The Meithrin children have had lots of fun this term after reading 'The Gingerbread Man.' 'Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!' he said. No problem for the children in Meithrin who knew exactly what to do. They wrote a shopping list of ingredients for Miss Williams so they could make their own gingerbread men! "???????" The children decorated the gingerbread men using raisins for eyes and buttons.



Beware of the Bear!

Derbyn

Last term the children in Reception warned us about dinosaurs in the school grounds. Well, look out! Because now we have to worry about bears too! After reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', the children went on a bear hunt around the school. They walked "???????"



How EGGSiting!

Blwyddyn 1

Year 1 children had a bit of a shock after reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk' when the giant wrote asking if he could come and visit! He was a very bossy giant, it seems, as he has kept the children busy with many challenges for him since his visit, including creating seed packets and writing planting instructions for his magic beans. The children had lots of fun decorating plant pots to plant the seeds to take home. The children have put all they have learnt about birds this term to good use by looking after some baby chicks which finally hatched in their incubator last week. The new arrivals caused huge excitement when they visited each class in school so everyone could have a cuddle!

Who's Trip Trapping Over Their Bridge?!

Blwyddyn 2

The children in Year 2 were certainly inspired after reading 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' this term! The children created puppets of the characters and performed puppet shows in front of sets they designed themselves and even built bridges for the Three Billy Goats Gruff to cross the river. They had lots of fun making story maps and acting the story themselves "?????" The children are now using all they have learnt to create their own stories but with different characters "???" We certainly look forward to reading them!



Bread of Roman!

Blwyddyn 3

Year 3 have been learning even more about the Romans! They have been learning about the Roman way of life when in Rome and in Wales. Elijah said "The Romans made their own hand made bread with honey and flour and hot water." A big to Mr Marshall who came in to help year 3 make their own Roman bread - it was delicious! They have also been busy creating geometric shapes in their Mathematics lessons.



Going Batty for Bird boxes!

Blwyddyn 4

Year 4 have been studying bats and creating factual work on the many different bats in the world. Omar said "There is a bat called a fruit bat! Bats sleep upside down!" The RSPB came in to work with the children of Years 3 and 4 and created bird boxes for our gardens. Omar added "We made them out of big blocks of wood and nails to keep the roof on. Also we made a circle in the front of the house for a door." Let's hope the local birds are as impressed with them as we are!



Life in the Pits!

Blwyddyn 5

Year 5 have been learning about life in the Victorian age, they have turned their classroom into a Victorian workhouse and they have even had a visit from a Mr Bumble - the workhouse manager. They have also taken a trip down into the Big Pit. Some of the children were even afraid of the dark! But it gave them a good understanding of what children would have to put up with during the Victorian times if they couldn't afford to go to school. They went on to discuss how child labour is still a problem for some children in the world and how big corporations will pay pittance for child labour to make a bigger profit. It was a real eye-opener for some!!



The Sorcery of the Cinema

Blwyddyn 6

Year 6 have been studying "The Invention of Hugo Cabret" which was a mysterious book including the real life character of a famous film maker - Georges Melies. They had a chance to watch some of his wonderful movies like "A Trip to The Moon" from 1902. We also watched some funny clips by Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd, Laurel and Hardy and Buster Keaton. Although they were black and white and mostly silent, the children really enjoyed the experience of watching early films. They later wrote about their life as an old film projector and the wonderful things they had seen throughout their life. The writing was of a very high standard!



Amazing Art!



Our budding artists have been extremely busy this half term creating art pieces for the Eisteddfod. The theme this year was 'Patterns in Nature' and there were many winners from Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd. Congratulations to Benjamin Bradshaw, Morgana Davies, Luke Davies and Liteesha Hughes who came first in their categories. Congratulations to Maisy Evans, Nadia Iqbal, Megan Shergold, Jemima Bradshaw Jasmine Butler Bright, Chloe James and Owain Jones who were awarded second and third prizes for their entries. Well done to everyone who worked so hard to create some amazing masterpieces and a very big thank you to parents and teachers who helped the pupils with their work. The winning entries now go on to the national Eisteddfod in Pembrokeshire. Good Luck everyone!

Eisteddfod

Congratulations and a big THANK YOU to all pupils and staff members who have been practising during playtimes, dinner times and even after school, in preparation for the Urdd Eisteddfod competitions. In the regional competition on March 2nd, in Glanyrafon, our school performed brilliantly and we had the following successes: Carys Baker and Ellie Reynolds came 1st for singing the duet; Carys Baker came 1st for singing a folk song; Ellie Reynolds came 2nd for singing the solo for Years 5 and 6; Caitlin Sykes came 2nd for singing the solo for Years 1 and 2; Cerian Baulch and Ffion Llewelyn came 3rd for singing the duet and our group recital came 1st! All the 1st and 2nd places go on to the county competition in Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymini on March 16th.

Good luck to all our pupils, including those in the Disco Dancing and Creative Dancing competitions!



YBrodyr Gregory

What a lot of fun was had by Key Stage 2 when the Gregory Brothers brought their Eco stage show to school! We found out that Mrs Parry was quite the groovy mover!



NSPCC

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children came to discuss their work. They showed examples of children whose lives had changed for the better with the help of the NSPCC. They also informed children of what to do if they were ever bullied or placed in danger. The Foundation Phase did a sponsored dance and Key Stage Two did a sponsored spelling test in order to raise money for the NSPCC.



Willow Wonders!

The Eco Council worked with the Grounds Maintenance team, headed by Natalie Waller, to tidy and trim our Willow Tunnel. The challenge was to find different sized branches of Willow and sort them into piles ready for when The Willow Company visit us in April. Our overall target is to create a Willow statue for our gardens. It was an exceedingly cold day but they soldiered on and enjoyed working in the (very)fresh air!



Rock up in Red!

We would like to welcome back Harriet Symonds to Year 4. Harriet was being treated for heart complications in hospital. As a way of saying thank you to the people who helped her, we had a 'Rock up in Red' day to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. We raised £327.87 which will go towards helping more people with heart conditions in Wales.



Comic Relief

Friday 15th of March was Red Nose Day. Everybody came to school dressed in red or in very silly outfits! We raised which will go on to improve the lives of people living in the UK and Africa.



A School of Bookworms

March 7th was World Book Day and the whole school came dressed as characters from their favourite books. From Rala Rwdins to Minnie the Minx, from Gangster Grannie to Mrs Wishy-Washi, it was a very colourful day!



Sport Spot

A Medley of Medals

The frequent practises every Wednesday are certainly helping the performance of the school rugby team. The boys won an outstanding four games and drew one in the Newport spring tournament before unfortunately losing out to Marshfield in the final. The boys also played well in a friendly match against Pwll Coch. Although Pwll Coch won the match Casnewydd put in an extremely good performance against the strong opposition.



The gymnastics team have also been keeping busy this term travelling to Aberystwyth to take part in The National Urdd Competition against teams from across Wales. The team competed extremely well but unfortunately did not receive any medals this time.

A huge thank you to Miss Davies and Mr Taylor for their hard work with these teams.

It's a pleasure to offer congratulations to students success in sporting events outside of school this term.

A huge congratulaions to Oliver Morgan who's football team Newport Schools District has reached the final stages of the All Wales Final.

Taiya Williams from Year 1 came first in five categories of a dancing competition organised by her School of dance and second in four categories and won this huge trophy. Well done Taiya!



A group of y6 students ihave succeeded in their rugby trials to join the Newport Well done to Lewis Bates, Luca Hoole, Dylan Pollock, Ieuan Jones and Harri Lloyd-E

We also have some trampoliners! Bouncing high and winning trophies in an All-Wales was Chloe James and her sister Ellie.

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.

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