

Catchup

Christmas spirit fills the air!



The whole school has been getting into the Christmas spirit preparing for their Christmas shows.

'Pantolig' was a huge hit with outstanding and funny performances from years 3-6. Year 1 and 2 put on a dazzling performance of 'Annest yr Angel'. The Nursery and Reception children were amazing in 'Sach Sion Corn'.

A big thank you to all staff members and students for putting on these fantastic shows for all to enjoy.

Good luck to the school choir who have been working hard to entertain the crowds in the school's Christmas Fair on Friday the 14th of December. Thank you to Mrs Parry and Miss Lotwick for all their hard work practising with the choir.

A message from the Eco Council: The annual Marks and Spencer Christmas Card Recycling Scheme, which will take place once again in January 2013, is different to most kerbside recycling schemes because, at the same time as making sure vast quantities of card are recycled, it supports the Woodland Trust by paying for thousands of extra trees to be planted in the UK each year. But remember you can also recycle your cards using the Newport recycling scheme.

Welcome

Welcome to the magical world of Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd and to our **first issue** of 'Casnewydd Catchup'. We have had a lot of fun planning this amazing newspaper for you to enjoy. A big thank you to all the children who have helped us put it together and to the PTA for their generous donation towards printing the paper. Congratulations to Rhys Wilkins-Jones in Year 4 and Mali Edwards in Year 5 for thinking of the names for the newspaper.

We have some new faces in Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd this year. We would like to welcome the new children in the Meithrin who are settling in well to school life. "I like coming to school because it's fun." said Rory. "I like Miss Williams and Mrs Morgan because they are nice and give me stickers" added Mia.

A warm welcome to our new members of staff, Miss Williams, Miss Davies and Miss Jones who seem to be enjoying life in Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd, "I'm enjoying my time in Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd so far," said Miss Jones, "the staff and children get on well and make the school an enjoyable place to work."

We hope you enjoy reading our newspaper! Nadolig Llawen and remember that the new term begins on the 7th of January 2013! Let's see what the pupils have been up to during the past term!!

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Lessons Go Off With a BANG!

Meithrin

The nursery children have had a lot of fun learning about Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot. Joining Year 1 to celebrate Bonfire night, the children wrapped up warmly to watch a fireworks display, made some edible sparklers and enjoyed some hot chocolate and toffee apples. "It was amazing! I loved it," said Tegan, "and it was fun making rockets in class too."



Jurassic School!

Derbyn

Reception have had an interesting term learning all about dinosaurs and space! They had a wonderful picnic in Space!! "I enjoyed because there were aliens and they were green and gloopy" said Hannah. Beware of the dinosaurs around the school. "We saw a dinosaur with sharp teeth like mine!" said Elen.



Toytastic!

Blwyddyn 1

As well as enjoying Bonfire night with the Nursery children, Year one pupils have had great fun completing their project on toys. To kick-start their project, the children 'visited' a toy factory in the classroom to learn how toys work. We asked the children what did you learn about toys, "I learnt that Slinky springs need gravity to go down the steps" said Taylor. We were interested to learn what toys did they enjoy playing with, "I enjoyed playing with the balloons because they made funny noises when they were flying around" said Taiya.



Art Attack!

Blwyddyn 2
Year 2 have had an interesting term learning about Newport in their 'Our wondrous world' project. "We've learnt all about things that are in Newport. I've enjoyed making pictures of things like the castle and the transporter bridge on the computer." said Damari.



They have also had fun looking at different artists during the term including Kevin Burgess. "I like Kevin Burgess because his pictures are lovely." said Geraint. They have been copying Kevin Burgess's style while drawing pictures of churches in Newport. Don't they look great?!



Romans Invade Casnewydd!

Blwyddyn 3
Year 3 have been busy over the last term working on their Roman themed garden. They are making good progress adding lots of different types of herbs and mosaics just like the Romans did. Did you know that the Romans grew herbs in their gardens to stop them from getting a blocked nose?! "We went out to the garden for a maths lesson. We had to measure different things like the bench. It was fun, I enjoy being outside." said Lauren.



Snakes Alive!

Blwyddyn 4
Year 4 have enjoyed two school trips already! The first was to Tredegar House. Many said that their favourite animal was the Snake because it was colourful and slithery, although the owls were also popular because they were cute and friendly. The teachers also had a fun day! "My favourite bit of the day was the animals because I got to hold some of them." said Miss Davies, who also said that she learned that not all animals can be as friendly as she thought! They also went to Wastesavers to learn about Newport's recycling scheme. Tia Morgan wrote a splendid newspaper article on the trip.



Blooming Lovely

Blwyddyn 5
In Year 5 we have been planting plants that they had in the Victorian times in our year five Victorian style garden. We went to Belle Vue Park to see a real life Victorian Garden. We have also been measuring the size of our garden and the trees with a trundle wheel. Thank you to the special people who came in to help create our garden and to make it look like a Victorian garden.



Dig For Victory

Blwyddyn 6
Year 6 have been extremely busy this term working on the gardens with Mr Comfort and Miss Davies. We have been harvesting the last of the tomatoes, composting dead plants and preparing the beds for planting in the spring. Our hard work was rewarded when the school won First and third prize in 'Newport in Bloom's school garden competition 2012' for best school allotment garden and best nature garden'.

Thank you to everyone who collected the 'Morrison's let's grow vouchers' for our school. The equipment we were able to buy came in very handy!



Sport Spot

A Medley of Medals



It has been a busy term for our sports teams! We competed in the Urdd netball tournament in Cwm-Rhymni against many netball teams. We came third in our group scoring 13. Although we didn't win this time, we enjoyed the tournament. We will keep training hard and hopefully we will win for our school the next time.

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

A big congratulations to our gymnastics team who came first recently in a competition organised by the Urdd in Cwm-Rhymni. Congratulations to Anais Henson, Mia Allen and Evie Hond who came first in the trio gymnastics competition.

The football and rugby teams have also had a very successful term. The football team travelled to the football factory where they beat Ysgol Gymraeg Cwmbran 18-2 in an outstanding game of football.

Congratulations to the rugby team who have won two tournaments this term. The first was held in Tredegar Park where we beat four teams to reach the finals against Marshfield. We won 1-0 with an interception try, winning the Autumn Shield. The second was organised by the Urdd in Cwm Rhymni where we won 10-0 against Santes Helen, with Luca Hoole and Steffan Owen scoring a try each.

This term we have had a lot of fun dressing up and raising money for charity. The juniors had a Roald Dahl Day in September where teachers and children dressed as a character from his books. We raised £130.30 for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. We also dressed in spots to raise money for Children in Need. Amazingly we raised £319.30! Well done to us and thank you for your support!



Once again thank you to the PTA for organising the Christmas Fair and the many activities throughout the term. If anybody would like to become a member of the PTA, registration forms are available in the office.