

Bwletin Bro Gwaun Bro Gwaun Bulletin



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CROESO/WELCOME

Welcome to the second edition of our informative newsletter. We hope to give you a taster of what life is like at Ysgol Bro Gwaun, answer some questions or concerns you may have and give you some tips and support in dealing with any issues you may encounter.

LLWYDDIANWN OLL YNGHYD / TOGETHER WE ALL SUCCEED

Working together as pupils, parents, staff, governors and primary colleagues we can all support our children in becoming confident learners with positive attitudes towards life. This newsletter will be key in transferring important information to all stakeholders of Ysgol Bro Gwaun.

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter, please get in touch. We have a 'Parent Corner', 'Go to Governor' section, 'Cornel Cymraeg' and a Teacher and Pupil blog so that we can share information. Please contact the school and ask to speak to Miss Alana Finn.



We would like to inform you that we have been successful in raising the full amount required for our new school mini-bus. Thank-you to all who supported our fundraising. Further details in the next issue. Diolch yn fawr.

AMDDIFFYFN PLANT CHILD PROTECTION

**The Child Protection
Officers for the School
are:**

- 1. Miss Alana Finn
(Deputy Headteacher)**
- 2. Miss Rhian Lewis
(ALNCo)**
- 3. Mr Paul Edwards
(Headteacher)**

**Please report any
Child Protection
concerns to us
immediately.**

**# SAFEGUARDING IS
EVERYONE'S
BUSINESS.**

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PARENT CORNER #1

- How do I join the 500 club?
- Can I register my child for Free School Meals?
- My child is struggling in school. What can I do?
- My child is worrying about the move from Primary to Secondary. How can I support?
- **Answers on Page 4**

Important
Dates

DYDDIADAU PWYSIG / KEY DATES

26/2—Pupils return
after half term

26/2- 1/3—Year 9
exams

12/3—16/3—Year 10
exams

19/3—Eisteddfod
Ddawns @ Ysgol Bro
Gwaun

20/3—Eisteddfod
Offerynnol -
Hwlfordd

23/3—Eisteddfod
Uwchradd - Crymych

26/3—Certificate
Evening 7pm

30/3—Easter holidays
begin

16/4—INSET

17/4—Pupils return to
school

Following a whole school and community consultation process, it was agreed that the school logo and motto needed updating. Here is a preview of our new school logo and motto:

‘Angori Doeth, Dyfodol Disglair’

The motto translates to: **Roots and Wings.**



From September 2018 we are also changing our school uniform. The new school uniform will consist of a:

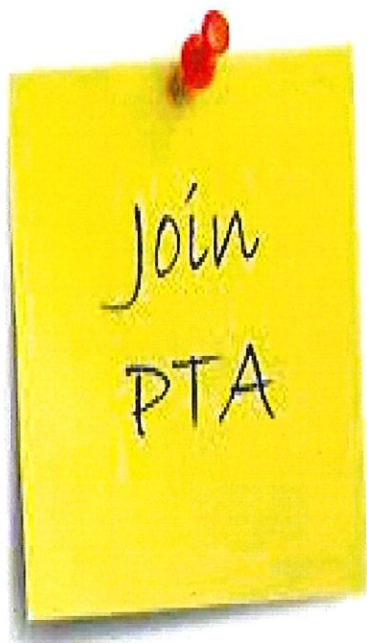
Black V- neck knitted jumper with new logo and motto
White shirt/blouse
Red and Green striped tie for Years 7-9
Black and Teal striped tie for Years 10-11
Black trousers/skirt
Black shoes

Pupils will change into a polo shirt after Easter until the end of the Summer term.

**** We do not expect years 8-11 to change into the new school uniform immediately, only if they wish to do so.**

Here is a preview of the new school uniform:





FFRINDIAU/FRIENDS OF YSGOL BRO GWAUN

The PTA meet at the school every half term. The aims of the association is to: foster more extended relationships between parents, staff, and others associated with the school; and to engage in activities which support the school and promote the welfare of its pupils.

Trudie Brew is the Chair of the PTA and has created a Facebook page to share all PTA events. The PTA are very keen to increase their members and need support in organising key events for the school.

The 500 club draw takes place in the meeting. You have to be in it to win it! Please ask in the school's reception for application forms to become a member.

At the moment the PTA are supporting the school in fundraising for new outdoor equipment and resources for the pupils.

The PTA have been successful in raising the necessary funds for a new school mini bus. It raised over £600 in the Christmas Fair and over £200 during the production of Aladdin nights.

**JOIN THE PTA TODAY
ASK IN THE SCHOOL
OFFICE.**

If your child is struggling in school or worried about transition please contact the Support Department and ask to speak to Miss Rhian Lewis or the relevant Year Progress Manager.

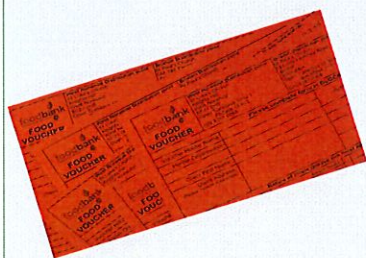
Communication is important. When we know, we can help.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Ysgol Bro Gwaun also hold Foodbank vouchers.

Please contact Miss Alana Finn for more information.



◆ **Is your child entitled to Free School Meals? Do you need support in completing the application? Help is at hand. Read below.**

Free school meals will only be provided for pupils who receive or whose parents receive one of the following benefits:

1. Income Support
2. Income Based Jobseekers Allowance. Contribution Based Jobseekers Allowance does not qualify
3. Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
4. Child Tax Credits only, with an annual household income of under £16,190
5. Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
6. Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (IR)

Please note that if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credits in addition to any of these benefits you will not be eligible for free meals, even if your household income is below £16,190

Ysgol Bro Gwaun uses a Cashless Catering System where all transactions and payments are made using fingerprint technology. The system does not distinguish between FSM and non-FSM pupils!

If you need support in completing the application please ask in the School office. Please apply even if you don't want the free meal.

HARBWR (LRC) NEWS

We are happy to report that Harbwr KS4 pupils participated in their 1st Christmas prom. Three smartly dressed pupils spent a special afternoon wine-ing (non-alcoholic!) and dining in our new kitchen. The pupils excelled themselves, and even proposed a toast to the staff who were cooking and waitressing. Year 11 pupils must also be congratulated on achieving a GCSE in Maths.
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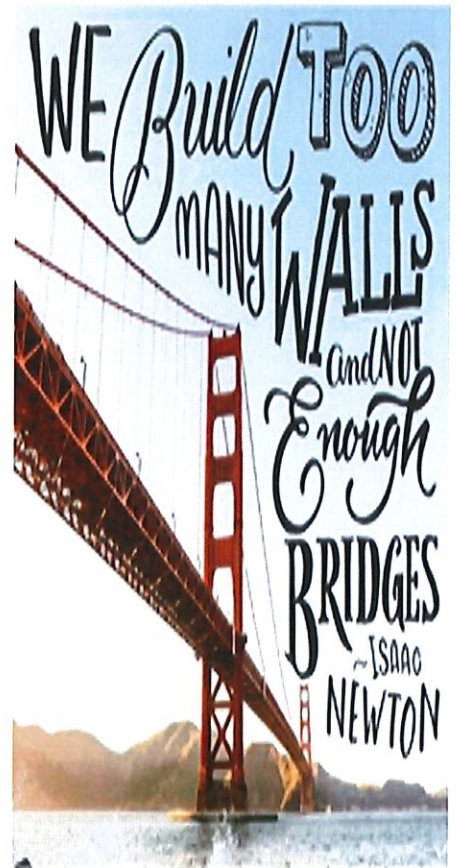
Pupils have also enjoyed a day off-site visiting the Blue-Lagoon in Haverfordwest and Theatr Mwldan in Cardigan, as a means of celebrating a good term of hard work.

The pupils in the Enfys class have been reminiscing about our old school building, whilst being full of excitement for the new adventure beginning in our new build. This acrostic poem, written by Maggie Tanner, captures some of their thoughts and feelings :

Yelling "Good Bye" to the old school.
Staying inside an awesome new school.
Going to move on to a fresh new start.
Only just finding my way around and laughing about being lost.
Learning and developing new social skills.

Betting to beat my friends in a race to school.
Reading out loud in class makes me feel happy.
Opening the new school and feeling excited.

Going into bright, clean classrooms.
Wanting to know my way around, remembering with friends.
Always think fondly about what school means to me.
Ugly marks on the wall are a thing of the past.
Never disliking my school, where I made best friends forever!

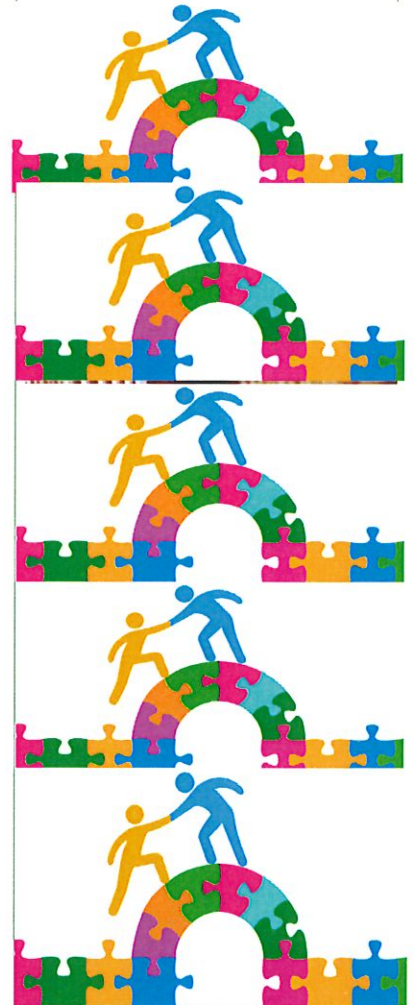


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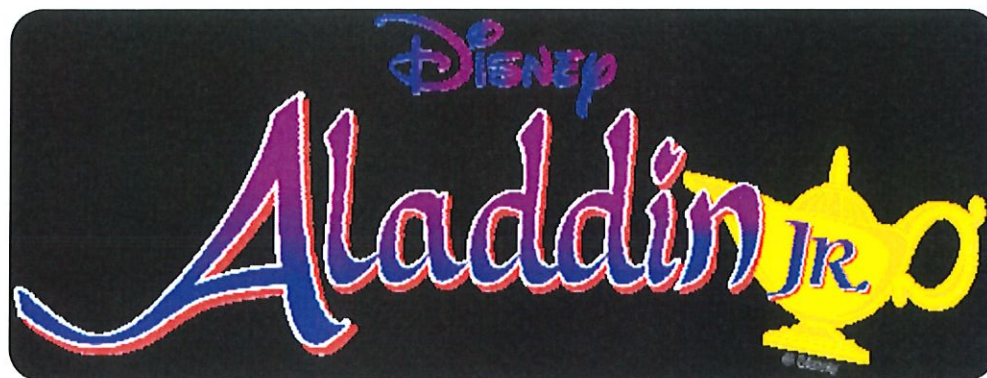
Does your child have autism?

Advice : (based on "Ten things every child with autism wishes you knew" by Ellen Notbohm.)

- Don't lose sight of your child behind a label. Autism is only a part of who your child is.
- Their environment often seems hostile, therefore try to understand their sensory issues.
- Tell them what you want them to do now, and what will happen next.
- All behaviour is communication and it happens for a reason. Model the qualities you wish to find in your child because whatever you reinforce, that behaviour is what will be repeated.
- Language is interpreted literally. Please don't say "hold your horses" when you mean "stop running!" Don't say "it's a piece of cake" when there is no dessert in sight!
- Be alert to body language - withdrawal and agitation tells you something is wrong.
- Show them how to do something, don't just tell them. Visual support helps them to get through the day.
- Teach them how to play with others. Teach them to say "are you ok?" if someone is hurt.
- Melt-downs or blow-ups are more horrid for the child than for you. Look for a pattern when they are happening - they are not be able to tell you what is wrong, but they are still communicating.
- View their autism as a different ability, rather than a disability. Look past their limitations and see their strengths.

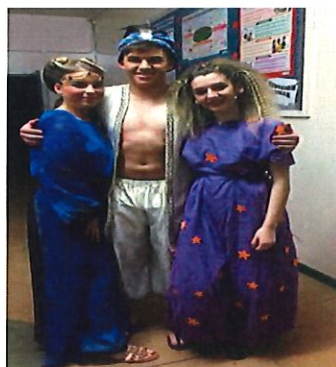


YSGOL BRO GWAUN PRESENTS



On December the 12th and 13th 2017 pupils from years 7-13 at Ysgol Bro Gwaun once again took to the stage to perform their annual production. This year's show was Disney's Aladdin. With the school hall full for both nights, the pupils showcased the hard work, determination and effort put into their production since September. The cast of around 80 pupils took to the stage, with some pupils in the orchestra, and many helping to change sets between scenes.

The main part of Aladdin was performed by year 13 student Dafydd Ridgway. This is



Dafydd's 3rd (and final) year taking the lead role in the school production. A cheeky portrayal of the "street-rat" Aladdin saw him overcome all challenges thrown at him by evil Jafar and his sidekick Iago, played respectively by brothers Ioan and Iolo Evans, to win the heart of Princess Jasmine, played by Cerys Grant. Morgan Griffiths'



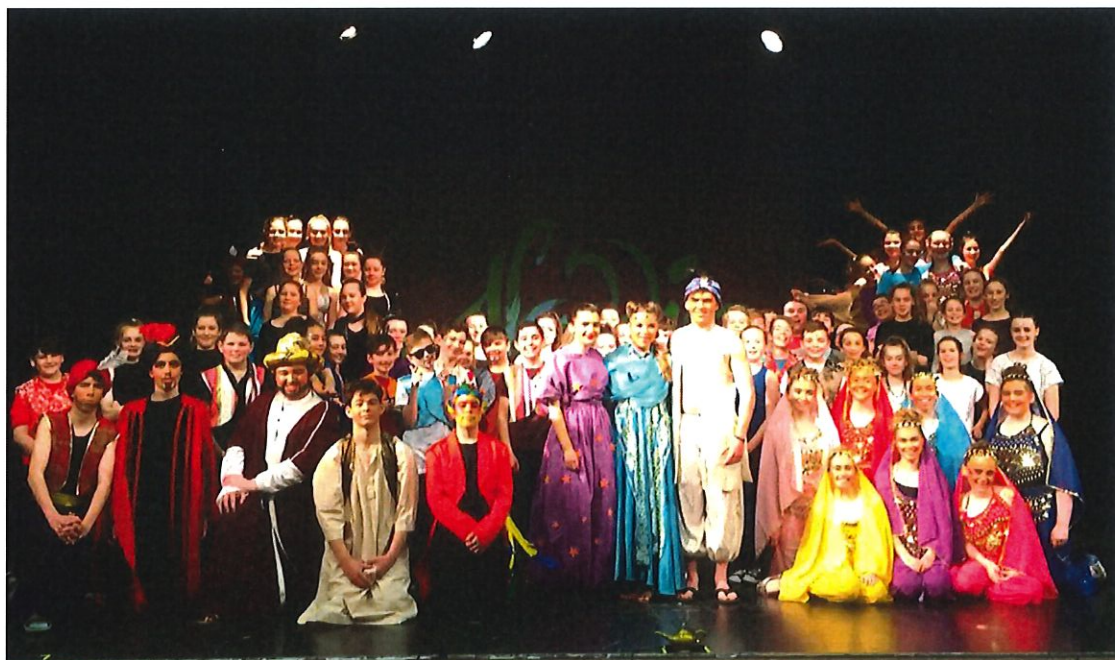
performance of The Sultan, Princess Jasmine's father, was a heartfelt performance and Morgans' enjoyment of performing was clear to see. Jafar was helped with his dastardly deeds by Razoul and a Guard played, comically, by Jonathan Cafolla-Ward and Iago Evans. We were guided through the story by 7 wonderful narrators, who, in their beautifully bright costumes, took the audience from the dusty streets of Agrabah to the dizzy heights of the clouds with a jaw dropping beautiful elevated magic carpet scene. The narrators were played by Gwenna Maycock, Phebe Salmon, Seren Thorne, Neeve Hallett, Elen Maycock, Rosa Brew and Ellie Cleary.



The familiar songs from the Disney film rang out through the hall with a mixture of excitement, comedy, a fast pace along with a romantic balcony scene which led to a visual delight- an actual flying carpet!

The evening's entertainment was spectacular, the orchestra of pupils, peripatetic music teachers and friends of the school accompanied the familiar soundtrack, with the exciting and colourful staging amplified and lit professionally. The show was directed by both Mrs Bethan Harkin and Mrs Sioned Page-Jones, with the band also being conducted by Mrs Bethan Harkin.

The evening's entertainment was spectacular,



YBG Sporting Newsletter

The Big Rugby Match Year 11 v Year 10 End of Autumn Term Fixture Match Report

After much build up and anticipation Year 11 went into the game with a really focused and intense attitude with a great warm up, determined not to be undermined by their KS4 understudies. However, it was Year 10 that saw most of the ball in the opening plays, despite lacking the territory to score. With the sniping Max Jones always looking to attack the fringes, Year 11 were forced to defend for a lot of the opening quarter with poor discipline putting them on the back foot. Carries by Nathan Thomas, Justin Haden and Dylan Philips tested the Year 11 defensive resolve, however they were met by equally spirited defending in the forms of Callum Kinsella and the valiant Rhys Nicolson. After a heated opening, which was watched by the Head of WRU Martyn Phillips, the deadlock was broken by Vaughan Batty who stylishly meandered his way through the Year 10 defence, much to the glee of his team mates. This try was followed by more resolute defending by Year 11 before a swift counter attack led to the selfless Iwan 'Melv' McVeigh offloading the ball to Callum Harries to score in the corner. A frustrated Year 10 then conceded again, this time straight from the KO as Iwan Evans derailed the fringe defence around the ruck from his own half and merrily ran in a try from long range. Year 10, after starting so well, had appeared to capitulated with heads down despite dictating a lot of the play in the first half.



The Challengers: Year 10 hoped to get one over their Year 11 rivals

After a half time rally by Head of Year Emyr Hughes with a speech befitting of 'Braveheart' or 'Gladiator', Year 10 sharpened up and approached the 2nd half with a new lease of life. The first 10 minutes of the second half was again all action with plenty of physicality from both sides. However, the year 10 comeback was short lived as a well timed cross kick from the ever dependable Aled Lewis fell gratefully into the hands of Rhys Nicolson who pounced over the line. With the game seemingly beyond them, Year 10 mounted one final attack which saw great handling by Kieran King in putting Merion John away up the wing. Merion had never had so much open ground ahead of him as he happily scuttled his way up the length of the field before being tackled in the opposite half. After a game of perfect defence by Year 11 they began to creak with carries from duo Iwan Davies and Griff Williams edging Year 10 closer to the line. Eventually, the man who started the move, Merion John, crossed for a well - deserved consolation try!

Year 11 All Blacks: Year 11 showed great unity in their victory



Credit to both teams who showed great sportsmanship throughout, with Year 11 emerging deserved victorious by 4 tries to 1, with rumours of a rematch in the summer term before Year 11 leave. As mentioned before, the positive attitude and togetherness of Year 11 was probably the decisive factor, which was epitomised by Michael Lewis who played his first rugby match in many a year to help the team field a full side!

Together as one: Despite the friendly rivalry the boys showed great sportsmanship after the game



Athletics Success for Dylan

Year 10 pupil Dylan Phillips added to his previous success from last term having represented Wales at the Celtic Games. This term Dylan achieved Gold in the U17 shotput at the West Wales indoor championships, followed later in the week with a Silver in the Welsh indoor championships in Cardiff.

Golden boy: Dylan is happy with his athletics performances this year



Bro Gwaun Boys represent the county

On the 19th of January Pembrokeshire Schools U15s played Llanelli Schools under lights at Trimsarian RFC. Llanelli schools won 37-7 with a scoreline that didn't reflect the game, as poor handling errors gifted Llanelli a hat trick of tries. However a Bro Gwaun quartet of Griff Williams, Merion John, Max Jones and Dylan Phillips all started and played very well.



Pembrokeshire's only try came at the hands of our own Max Jones, when he sniped from the base of the ruck at close range and squirmed past the defence to score his first try for the county with a great outstretched finish. The boys have enjoyed a tremendous season thus far having played Cardiff at Cardiff Arms Park, The Vale of Glamorgan and Swansea. The school wishes them the very best of luck with their future rugby endeavours.

In the pack: Pembrokeshire boys before a match vs the Vale of Glamorgan

Potential international rugby honours for former pupil

Ysgol Bro Gwaun would like to wish good luck to former pupil Ryan Foot who is representing the 'Welsh Deaf rugby team' in an upcoming fixture against Whitland RFC and then a potential test match against England on the 24th Feb. Ryan is hoping to tour Australia during April with the Welsh Deaf squad and has been an exemplary role model in the rugby community. Ryan is a level 1 referee, having dedicated his free time to helping the 'minis' section at Fishguard and Goodwick RFC, as well as being an ambassador for Sport Pembrokeshire. In his final school year, Ryan won the Sport Pembrokeshire Disability Sports award for his fantastic efforts on and off the pitch.



Poetry in motion: Ryan in action during Welsh Deaf training

Josh Macleod shows success at Scarlets

Congratulations to former pupil Josh Macleod who is enjoying a 'break out' season with the Scarlets. Josh has represented the Scarlets in both domestic and European competitions this season, as well as scoring the last minute winner in an intense derby against the Ospreys.

Macleod flying high: Josh celebrating the Scarlets win over Bath



Lerwill leads the way on and off the Golf course

Year 9 pupil Joss Lerwill has enjoyed an excellent term, having achieved success on and off the golf course. As well as being involved in the schools 'young scholars' program, Joss has been involved in the Golf Union Wales Squad for which he is currently undergoing his winter training program. Joss has again made the Dyfed Junior Golf Squad this year, for which he captained the side successfully last year.

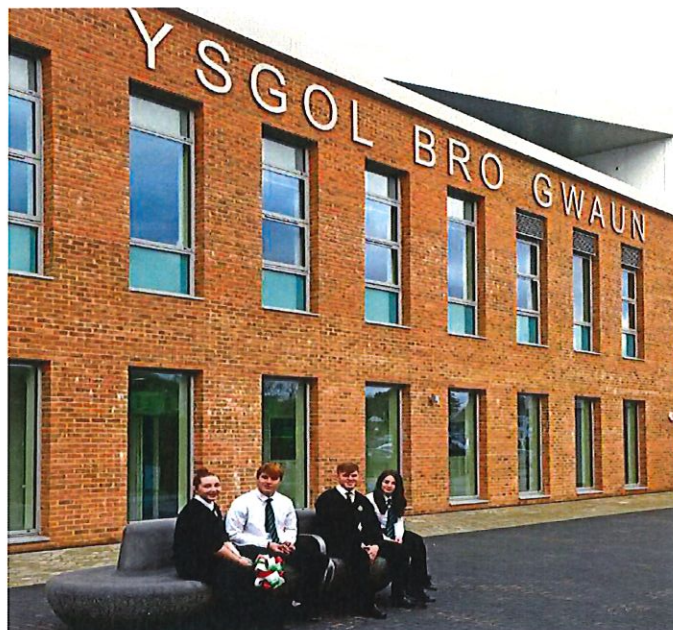
Wear Red For Wales And Velindre # Gwisgwch Goch I Gymru A Felindre

Ysgol Bro Gwaun's Community fundraiser for Velindre 2018

Introduction

In the build up to the national 'Wear Red for Wales and Velindre' day on the 2nd of February 2018 **Ysgol Bro Gwaun** and community took part in a series of successful fundraisers to raise money for the Velindre Charity. For those unaware, Velindre is Wales' premier cancer centre, providing care, support and treatment to cancer patients and their families. A cause that we can all universally appreciate.

Ysgol Bro Gwaun hoped to raise money for this phenomenal charity, and to reach out to the wider community and promote physical activity in the school. In order to do this, the school set out numerous active fundraisers and approached local businesses with the intention of painting Fishguard and Goodwick **RED** on the 2nd of February.



County Cross Country

One of the first events from the week was the annual Pembrokeshire school cross country. Pupils selected to run in the event were asked to raise sponsorship as an incentive to 'go the extra mile' to help others, with all proceeds going towards our Velindre fundraiser.

Going the extra mile: Bro Gwaun Pupils at Pembrokeshire County Cross Country



Over 50 pupils took part and Ysgol Bro Gwaun achieved a record 3rd best finish overall across the whole county, with 12 pupils progressing to the next regional round. A fantastic achievement considering the size of our school.

Congratulations go to our own Chloe Hale who came 1st in the Girls Year 7 race.



**Leading by example :
Chloe Hale came 1st in
the Year 7 cross
country.**

Band Selling

As part of our Velindre fundraising pack, the school received red bands to sell on behalf of Velindre. Bands were sold to pupils at break and lunch times (courtesy of Wendy Davies) as well as to local sports clubs, including Fishguard and Goodwick Hockey Club, Fishguard and Goodwick RFC and Pembrokeshire Schools County Rugby.



Hard at work: Staff at Bro Gwaun gave up their breaks to sell bands to pupils.

The selling of bands proved to be immensely popular and a massive thank you to all those who donated towards the purchase of a band.

Cake Stall

During our week of fundraising, Year 8 Pupils hosted a cake stall on Thursday break and lunch time, which was kindly co-ordinated by Head of Year Emma Bowen. Pupils and staff all brought in a variety of cakes to sell and it was a total SELL OUT with over £160 raised.



Bro Gwaun Bake Off: Pupils enjoying their cakes with all year groups involved.



The Big Match

Another sporting event organised for this week of fundraising was the 'Big Match' between friendly rivals Year 10 and 11, to settle the ongoing saga for Key Sage 4 dominance! This charity match was organised with the help of 5x60 Officer Elgan Vittle with players making a kind contribution towards the charity. It was fair to say the match lived up to all expectation. With a back and forth encounter, with plenty of drama, the final score was 2-2. Moving onto penalties, Year 10 won 5-4 courtesy of the winning penalty coming from Dylan Phillips.



V for Vendetta: Year 10 boys show support for Velindre in a grudge match Vs Year 11.



Dream Team : Year 10 revel in their victory.

'Wear Red for Wales and Velindre' Friday 2nd February

The main Event of the week took place on the 2nd of February 2018 with the school taking part in the National initiative 'Wear Red for Wales and Velindre'. Pupils were permitted to wear an item of red clothing and in doing so make a contribution to the charity.

The day started with a whole school assembly which was magnificently delivered by the 6th form, outlining the everyday qualities that those persons battling cancer show and how our school community fundraiser would make a difference.

The day received fantastic support from all staff and pupils.



Together as one: Heads of 6th form lead an assembly and pupils stand together in support of Velindre.

Fishguard Leisure Centre

As part of the community links of the school, the local leisure centre on the 2nd of February supported the fundraiser by hosting their own cake sale, wearing red as well as putting on 'Get Fit' challenges along with a membership draw kindly donated by Gary Nicholas from Pembrokeshire Leisure. The day was brilliantly co-ordinated by Amelia Davies with help from Ffion Price. A fantastic sum was raised and fun had by all.



Community links: Fishguard Leisure centre helped contribute to Bro Gwaun's total.



Fantastic Community Effort

In an effort to engage with the local community the school reached out to local businesses to help paint Fishguard and Goodwick RED on the 2nd of February. Businesses were asked to wear red on the day and support the school by raising money and holding small collections.



Painted Red: Many local businesses supported Bro Gwaun's Cause.



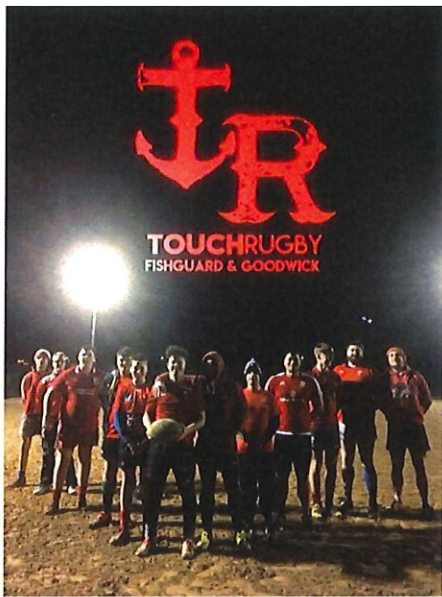
The support received from the community was overwhelming, with all types of businesses supporting the cause by organising prize draws, raffles, chef specials and collecting donations. The feedback was fantastic with all participating organisations wearing red on the day and having some fun on the way!!

Strength in Numbers: Many business' contributed towards the school's cause.



Support from local rugby club

Fishguard and Goodwick Touch Rugby Club hosted an 'All Red' game to support Velindre. Players regularly meet on a Friday night on the local club sand pitch including current and past pupils of the school in an inclusive rugby environment. Players made a donation over two Fridays which was co-ordinated by Marc Evans.



Brothers in arms : Fishguard and Goodwick Touch Rugby show support for Velindre.

Red Raffle

To create a bit of fun, all staff were requested to contribute a red item to a staff raffle to be held on the last Friday of half term 16th February. The raffle will take place at lunchtime along with a meal with all proceeds going towards Velindre.



Red surprise: staff will take part in a raffle last week of term.

Closing Statement

Ysgol Bro Gwaun would like to thank all those who contributed towards our school and community fundraiser, including all pupils, parents and staff as well as those in the wider community. Together, the school has raised an incredible sum (which will be revealed on the 16th of February), which will undoubtedly change and support the lives of those suffering with Cancer and provide support for their families. Finally, thanks to Velindre for supporting our campaign and allowing our school to come together and provide the fantastic opportunity to engage with the local community.



HUB Links: Bro Gwaun's fundraising effort was co-ordinated by Rugby Hub Officer Chris Shousha.



What's the point in learning another language?

"As Year 9 have been choosing their options, the Modern Foreign Languages department thought it was a good time to remind everyone why learning languages is so beneficial".

- * According to The Ethnologue Catalogue of World Languages, there are currently 6,909 living languages.
- * The proportion of the world who speak no English at all is 75%.
- * People who can speak another language earn on average 20% more than people who do not.
- * 1 out of every 5 UK companies is losing business because of language barriers.

Learning a second language can be extremely beneficial for your career opportunities. Some languages are more likely to get you a higher paid job than others in Britain. In fact, having a second language could become even more sought-after with the UK leaving the European Union.

The top four languages will get you the highest paid jobs in Britain are:

1. **German** - £34,534. Germany has strong financial services and business ties with the UK and is the biggest trade partners.
2. **Arabic** - £34,122. Jobs where you can speak Arabic as well as English are generally better paid.
3. **French** - £32,646. There were 6,149 jobs available back in 2016 for those who can speak French.
4. **Dutch** - £29,423. There were 1,865 jobs available for those able to speak the language of The Netherlands.

Languages can also help you with travel, communication, and appreciation of other cultures and much more throughout your life.

There are over 500 foreign-owned companies in Wales and many other Welsh companies who do business overseas. As a result, they are always looking to recruit people with foreign language skills.

Why French is important?

So, why is French an important language in today's world?

There are over 80 million people around the world who speak French as a native language of which 61 million of them live in France. **'Les Pays Francophones'** are French-speaking countries that exist around the world:

- Quebec and New Brunswick, Canada
- Wallonia, Belgium
- Parts of Switzerland
- Monaco
- 22 French-speaking countries in Africa

- * 274 million people around the world speak French.
- * 190 million people speak French as a second language.
- * 1 out of 5 Europeans speaks French as a second language.
- * French is the only language other than English that is spoken on at least 5 continents.

French is a **global** language. It is an official language in Europe, North America, South America, Africa, Asia and French Polynesia.

The number of French speakers is growing rapidly and it is estimated that the number of French speakers will reach 500 million in **2025** and 650 million by **2050**.

Over 87 major international organisations use French as an official administrative or working language such as the United Nations, the Red Cross, the World Trade Organisation, NATO, FIFA and more.

French is one of the easiest languages for English speakers to learn due to the fact at least 29% of modern English vocabulary comes from French and some sources even claim up to 45% of English words have French origins.

French is an important language for international business. The French economy is the 6th largest in the world, the 3rd largest economy in Europe. In fact, it's in 4th place in the Fortune Global 500 outranked only by the US, China and Japan.



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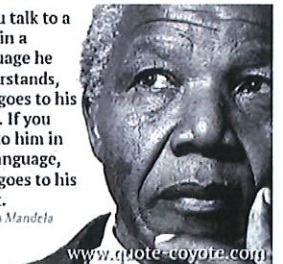
As a result, according to the British Council, 49% of UK businesses are seeking French-speaking employees.

Therefore, a word of advice to both the young and the old, always keep your options open and think carefully when you ask yourself the question 'What's the point?'

[Links](#)

www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk
www.K-international.com
www.Independent.co.uk
www.bbc.co.uk

If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.
Nelson Mandela



The Scholars Programme

Twelve year nine and ten Ysgol Bro Gwaun pupils recently visited Cardiff University as part of the launch trip of the 'Scholars programme.' They have made a positive start to an eight week commitment which aims to provide insight and challenge at a level of work expected at university level. Being able to complete the task will provide pupils with confidence in their ability and will also aid university application, giving them an unique edge over other applicants. They have already learnt the research and referencing skills that will be crucial for higher education, and have attended their first tutorial based upon powering the planet on biomass.

The Scholars Programme recruits PhD researchers, trains them as university access professionals and places them as tutors in schools to deliver programmes of university style tutorials to small groups of high potential pupils. Pupils study academic subjects based on their PhD tutor's research, completing weekly homework assignments and a final written assignment. We very much look forward to working alongside Dr Stephen Chapman from Aberystwyth University. The programme starts and finishes with a trip to partner universities, where pupils have a campus tour, meet undergraduates and receive guidance from university admissions staff. We look forward to a celebratory graduation trip to Bristol University when the pupils gain recognition of their hard work and determination to succeed in this challenging, yet inspiring project.



Welsh Bac

Back in November the school was awarded The Enterprise Award from the county council. Ysgol Bro Gwaun is the only school in the county to be awarded the Enterprise Award.

Pupils in years 10 and 11 have been looking at extremism as part of the global citizenship challenge, which raised lots of questions and generated lots of class discussion. They are currently working on the enterprise challenge with year 10 who, in groups, will be developing either a product or a service which they could sell at a festival. They will pitch their final business plans to a group of local entrepreneurs before the Easter holidays.



Year 11 and year 13 are busy writing their individual projects, which this year are looking at the use of the video referee in football, euthanasia, and looking at how fashion has changed over the last 20 years. These are just a few of the topics that pupils are currently researching for their projects.

In the summer term, year 10 will be undertaking their community challenge which will involve them participating in 10 hours of coaching within the community which should be great fun for them, both in school and out in the local community.

Daearyddiaeth/Geography

A group of year 10 and 11 Geography students completed a Fieldwork task on the Pembrokeshire coastline on Monday 15th January 2018. Guest speakers, Dr Sid Hooper (a Geologist from Natural Resources Wales and also Geology lecturer at the University of Wales) and Mr Ian Meopham from the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, gave the students an in depth insight into coastal processes and erosion at Newgale and Abermawr beach. The impact of climate change on Welsh coastal communities was also analysed throughout the day, with the students completing a decision making task on the coastal village of Newgale.



Mary's Meals-The Back Pack Project.

The Backpack project began in 2005 and provides the children of Malawi with basic educational resources and hygiene items they would otherwise go without.

Julie and her aunt, Margaret Hawkins, go around charity shops purchasing educational items to fill the bags. Ysgol Bro Gwaun staff and pupils were delighted to help and donated all their unwanted rucksacks along with other educational items.

Seen here are David (Julie's husband) and Ysgol Bro Gwaun head boy and girl, Dafydd Ridgway and Jasmine Williams-Meaney, handing over some of the donations from Ysgol Bro Gwaun.



Students given skills to de stress.

Ysgol Bro Gwaun's year 8 pupils enjoyed a full day of wellbeing activities last month. Private Practitioners and staff delivered a range of interactive workshops in Yoga, Fitness and Nutrition, Somatics, Homeopathy, Exploring Emotions and Mindfulness. The day was a resounding success, with pupils fully engaged in all the activities and unanimously agreeing that they would like to see more of these opportunities available to them in school. They said that the skills they had learnt had helped them to connect more with their bodies and that the techniques learnt will help them deal with stress when it crops up in their lives.

The event was organised by Rachel Williams (Head of Art) who, alongside the Senior Management team, is working towards embedding Mindfulness in the school curriculum to promote mental wellness and resilience in pupils.

The school would like to say a big thank you to Derek Owen, Amanda Clifford (Homeopathy), Sam Cox (Somatic Movement), Deb Mason (Yoga), Lyndsey Howells (Yoga) and Jo Phillips (Yoga for Teenagers) for generously giving their time and expertise and we look forward to working with you further in the future.



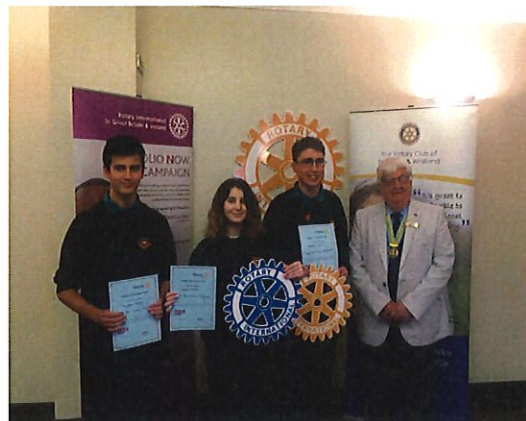
Blwyddyn/Year 9

On 23rd January, 100 year 9 pupils joined other pupils from across Pembrokeshire at a careers taster day run by Pembrokeshire College. During the day, pupils attended workshops relating to GCSE option subject choices and possible career paths that interested them. Pupils chose from a total of 30 different timetable options including accountancy, careers in the food industry, film making, social work, software programming, carpentry and a range of others catering for a wide variety of different careers. Pupils attended taster sessions where they gained a greater insight into the careers themselves and into the requirements for entering those particular fields; many also gained practical experience during hands-on activities. This was a very enjoyable and valuable day for pupils as they make their GCSE option choices.

Blwyddyn/Year 11 – Youth Speaks

Four member of year 11 have proved they can talk the talk, following considerable success in the Rotary Youth Speaks competition. The first round was held in the Fishguard Bay Hotel where the team, consisting of Michael Lewis, Josie Gabel-McEvoy and Emma Harries, impressed the audience by discussing algorithms and the influence they have on our everyday lives. The next round was held in Plas Hyfryd, with Vaughan Batty stepping in to replace Josie who was involved in a community event and was unable to compete. The team faced stiff competition from Dyffryn Taf, but produced a powerful debate which challenged to what extent freedom of speech is free. They were successful and will represent the West Wales area in the District Final at the start of March in Abergavenny.

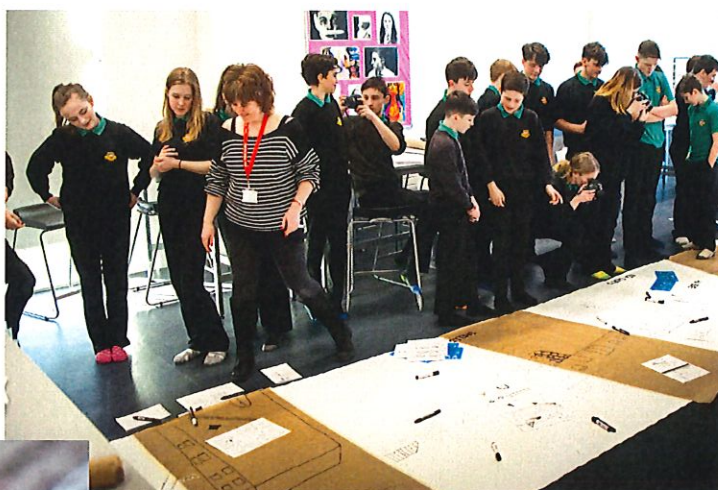
We wish them the best of luck!



Lead Creative Schools

Ysgol Bro Gwaun were recently awarded a grant to pursue an extensive Arts Council project. The project was launched on 22nd January with several inspirational speakers visiting the school and sharing historical stories about Fishguard and surrounding areas. The pupils learned about piracy, sea-fairing, agriculture and of local historical battles, like General Custar's last stand! The project involves Year 9 pupils and is teaching them a wide variety of skills, including line drawing, observational drawing, a 'fearless' speaking workshop, photography skills and animation skills. Pupils are working closely with professional artists to produce work of an excellent quality to be exhibited firstly in Fishguard and eventually around the school. Pupils have been working in school and in various locations around the local vicinity, to have a variety of stimulus to draw and photograph. Mrs Rachel Williams and Miss Tanya Griffiths are the lead teachers on the project and are delighted with the progress that the pupils are making. Mr John, Senior Leader stated, "We are so grateful to the community for their input into this project; Ein Hanes, the Yacht Club, Sea Cadets, Ocean Lab, Library, the Royal Oak and many others have been so supportive and helpful in maximising the pupils' experiences for this project. It's great to see the school and community working together so closely."

The pictures below show the pupils working on a collage after a cold day in Lower Town, also some photographs taken by pupils.



Safer Internet Day 2018

At Ysgol Bro Gwaun

Everyone deserves to experience positive digital wellbeing!

In the week leading up to Internet Safety Day 2018, pupils from Year 8 have been using their programming skills and the BBC Micro:Bit to spread the message of Internet Safety.

This year the message centred around 'Digital Wellbeing' and the importance of staying safe online.

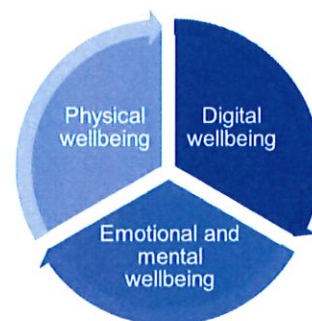
Some of their Internet Safety rules included:

Block people who are being deliberately unkind

Report content which worries or offends you

Reach out to people who might be feeling sad or worried

Talk to someone you trust and ask for help





Yr Adran Gymraeg

Cyngerdd Hen Galan



Ar nos Wener 19eg o Ionawr 2018 cynhaliwyd gwasanaeth yr Hen Galan yn Eglwys Santes Fair, Abergwaun. Croesawyd pawb gan y Parchedig Christopher Brown a'r Parchedig Richard Davies. Yn ystod y gwasanaeth cafwyd nifer o eitemau gan aelodau'r gymuned megis Merched-y-Wawr, Tangent, Band Pres Wdig, y Cymrodorion a chôr Abergwaun. Cafwyd eitem ar y delyn gan Eliza Bradbury a hanes yr Hen Galan gan Ysgol Llanychllwydog. Yn cynrychioli Ysgol Bro Gwaun roedd Phebe Salmon. Darllenwyd ganddi gyfres o benillion yr Hen Galan gan Eurig Salisbury ynghyd a phennill traddodiadol a genir ar ddathliad yr Hen Galan. Cafwyd bendith wrth wrando ar yr amryw eitemau yn ystod y gwasanaeth. Diolch i Phebe ac i bawb arall a gyfrannodd at lwyddiant y gwasanaeth. Er nad oedd tâl mynediad, roedd yna casgliad gyda'r arian yn cael ei rannu rhwng Apêl Tîm Harding Ward 10 a CFFI Abergwaun.

System Dai Newydd

Yn dilyn gofynion yr arweinwyr tai, mae'r Adran Gymraeg a Saesneg yn cynnal cystadleuaeth ysgrifennu. Bydd disgyblion Cyfnod Allweddol 4 yn cael y cyfle i ysgrifennu rhyddiaith tuag at dasg Y Rotary ynghyd a chystadlaethau rhyddiaith a barddoniaeth Eisteddfod yr Urdd. Yn yr un modd, bydd disgyblion Cyfnod Allweddol 3 yn cystadlu yng nghystadleuaeth rhyddiaith a barddoniaeth yr Urdd. Bydd pob ymgais yn ennill pwyntiau tuag at eu tŷ. Bydd y buddugol ym mhob blwyddyn yn cael y cyfle i gyflwyno eu gwaith i gystadleuaeth yr Urdd. Felly sicrhewch fod eich plentyn yn aelod o'r Urdd fel ei bod yn gallu cystadlu.

Idiom Y Tymor

Adar o'r unlliw a hed i'r unlle / Birds of a feather flock together

CORNEL Y LLYWODRAETHWYR / GOVERNORS CORNER

Llywodraethwyr/Governors:

Roles:

Mr Eifion Griffiths - Community
Mrs Alison Jenkins - Community
Mr Marc Owen - Community
Mr Geraint Evans— Community
Mr Peter Devonald—Community
Cllr Bob Kilmister—LEA
Mr Raymond Llewelin - LEA
Mrs Wendy Raymond - LEA
Mrs Patricia Morris - LEA
Mrs Michelle Bateman—LEA
Mr Martin Batty - Parent
Ms Giancarla Cafolla - Parent
Mrs Corinna Davies— Parent
Mr Steve Maycock—Parent
Mr Ray Lerwill— Parent
Mr Ross Harries— Staff
Mr Robert Woodman— Teacher
Mrs Virginia Currie—Teacher

Pleser o'r mwyaf sydd gennyf i gyflwyno fy hun fel Cadeirydd newydd corff Llywodraethwyr Ysgol Bro Gwaun. Hoffwn ddiolch i Mr Eifion Griffiths, cyn gadeirydd, am ei gefnogaeth, ac am ei waith caled yn ystod cyfnod brysur a newidiol i'r ysgol.

I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Ysgol Bro Gwaun. I am a past pupil at Fishguard Secondary School and my three children are also past pupils. The school therefore is very close to my heart and I am honoured to be elected by the governing body into an important position at this exciting time for the school.

As the head teacher of Ysgol Casblaidd, a feeder primary school, I have worked closely with the staff here at Bro Gwaun for many years and am always proud to see the development and successes of my past pupils. Now, in my role as Chair of Governors my ambition remains to help the school deliver a first class education for all the children at Ysgol Bro Gwaun so that they all have equal opportunities to do their very best.

I look forward to working closely with Mr Edwards, Miss Finn and with our committed teaching and support staff and supportive governing body to ensure everybody has the opportunity to be inspired to reach their full potential through memorable learning experiences here at Ysgol Bro Gwaun.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage parents to consider joining the school governing body when vacancies arise and to take advantage of the opportunity to express your ideas and concerns and to influence the direction and success of the school.

I look forward to meeting many of you - parents, carers, guardians over the coming months and, should you have any questions for me, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school.

Edrychaf ymlaen at gydweithio gyda holl rhanddeiliaid yr ysgol i sicrhau dyfodol llwyddiannus ac hapus i'n disgyblion a staff. Wendy Raymond.

BLOG Y PENNAETH / HEADTEACHER BLOG

Dear parent/carer,

As I'm sure you're aware, much has happened at the school over the past few months. I'm particularly pleased to inform you that pupils and staff have settled well into our new environment following our move into the new build in November. We now look forward to the beginning of phases two and three of the Bro Gwaun project, which will include the upgrading of the hall area, as well as the creation of two 'Multi-Use Games Areas' (MUGA pitches) on the site of the old school after its demolition. We will keep you informed of the progress of these exciting developments.

Following an extensive consultation process, we have finalised the look and design of our new uniform and logo, the details of which are outlined in the newsletter. I have been delighted by both the volume and the constructive nature of the response from parents, the community and pupils during the design process. The final design is intended to promote in our pupils a sense of pride and belonging in the school, as well as a sense of self ambition and raised expectation. I'm sure it will be successful in helping us achieve these goals.

I'm pleased with our continued efforts to engage with the community at large. The recent 'Wear Red for Velindre' charity fundraiser involved many shops and businesses around Fishguard and Goodwick supporting us in our efforts to raise much needed funds for Velindre cancer hospital in Cardiff. The initiative was led by our own rugby development officer, Mr Chris Shousha, and raised over £2,500, a great all-round team effort. I certainly hope that this sort of collaborative partnership working can become a blueprint for future charity fund-raising events. Should you be interested in supporting the school with its fund-raising work, or just in getting involved with school in general, I urge you to contact the 'Friends of Bro Gwaun' (PTA) who would be more than happy to hear from you- details are on page 4.

I hope once again that this newsletter has given you a sense of the continued progress of the school and the fantastic and varied achievements of many of our pupils. Please visit our Facebook page for the latest updates and news. Our new web-site is very close to being ready for launch and should you wish to contact us for whatever reason, please do so through the contact details displayed on it.

Thank you for your continued support, Mr Paul Edwards



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