

# Bwletin Bro Gwaun Bro Gwaun Bulletin



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## CROESO/WELCOME

Welcome to the final edition for this academic year 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 our new mini bus has arrived and pupils have been transported to a wide variety of locations already. Thank-you to all who supported our fundraising and for the generous contributions. Diolch yn fawr.

## AMDDIFFYN 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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Important  
Dates

## DYDDIADAU PWYSIG / KEY DATES

03/09/18—INSET

04/09/18—Pupils  
return to school

13/09/18—Friends  
of Ysgol Bro Gwaun  
meeting.

Croeso i bawb /  
Welcome to all.

## SWIMMING



On the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018, Fishguard Flyers held their annual club championships. During the event, both Ffion and Alexa took part in five events carrying out a range of different strokes. Following the event, Alexa was awarded a trophy for 'outstanding swimmer' for a recent gala in Llanelli. Ffion was successful in being awarded a trophy after being named 'rising star', due to her recent performance. Both girls have excellent potential, keep up the great work!

## Newyddion -YBG- News

The following staff members will be leaving us at the end of the Summer term. We wish to thank them for their contribution to Ysgol Bro Gwaun and wish them all the best for the future.

Mr Daryl John  
Mrs Heulwen Reynolds  
Miss Yvonne Griffiths  
Miss Corinne John  
Miss Amy Watson  
Mrs Elin Jones  
Mrs Margaret Morris  
Mrs Christine White  
Miss Amber Howells

## School Uniform Reminder

As you are aware, from September 2018 we are 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 the new school uniform:





## Presenoldeb / Attendance



### 18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



### 10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



### 9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

## Mae Presenoldeb yn Bwysig It's Cool to be in School.

- ◆ The School's Attendance Target is 95%.
- ◆ The School Attendance for the year stands at 94.4%. Year 8 are the best attendees.

### Da iawn Blwyddyn 8!

- ◆ If your child is unwell please contact the office before 9am or text on 07860005051
- ◆ The YBG Attendance Policy can be viewed on the School Website.
- ◆ We do not authorise holidays during term time.

**Website Update:** Our new Website is up and running. Please visit [YsgolBroGwaun.com](http://YsgolBroGwaun.com) for more information regarding school life. We also have a new prospectus and this can also be viewed on the website.

I have a **GROWTH MINDSET.**

I am in charge of how smart I am because

I can **GROW** my **BRAIN**

like a muscle by learning hard things.

I can achieve

**ANYTHING**

with **EFFORT** and

**RIGHT STRATEGIES.**

And when I fail or make a mistake,

it is a **GREAT** thing, because

I can **LEARN** from them and

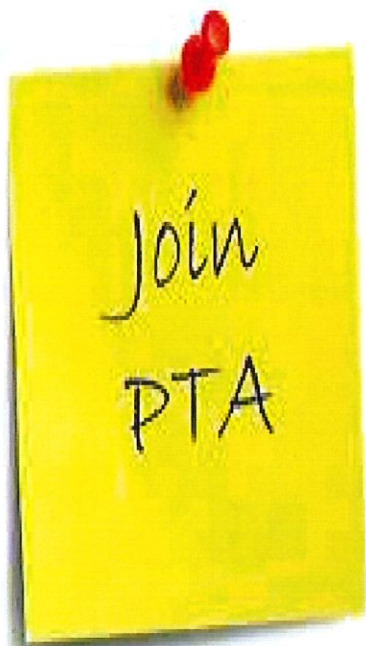
**I GET BETTER!**

Big Life Journal

[www.biglifejournal.com](http://www.biglifejournal.com)



## 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 are looking for more volunteers to support in organising a 'Bingo' event next term.

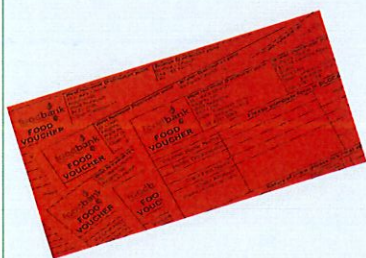
Frinds of Ysgol Bro Gwaun are also on Facebook. Please check in and register your support.

Thank you to Trudie Brew for her work this year and a huge thanks to Mrs. Pat Truss for her work as treasurer of the PTA. She will be handing the baton over to Miss Emma Bowen for September.

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

**Ysgol Bro Gwaun also hold Foodbank vouchers.**

**Please contact Miss Alana Finn for more information.**



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

♦ **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.**

# Prydau Bwyd/School Meals

## SCHOOL MEALS

All pupils will be able to pay for school meals using a cashless payment card or finger recognition.

The account can be credited in a number of ways:

Via the PCC website [www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk](http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk). You will need to register on the 'My Account' facility and create a password. Select 'My Services', cashless catering balance. Enter your child's date of birth and Account reference number, click **check balance**. You are then able to check the balance on the account and top up if necessary by following the instructions on screen.

- By using the Pembrokeshire Automatic Telephone Payment Service on 01437-775164
- By telephoning the County Council's Contact Centre on 01437-764551(9am-5pm Mon-Fri)
- By visiting the County Council's Customer Service Centres in various locations

It is also possible for your child to take money to school and credit their account using the Cash loading machines which accept 10p 20p 50p £1, and £2 coins and Notes.

**Please note that you will need to arrange to credit the cashless account before 11pm the night before.**

We encourage Parents/ Guardians to pay online in order to limit cash handling within the school.

If your child has lost his/her card or you need to be reminded of your child's Account number, please contact the Catering Section via [cashless.catering@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cashless.catering@pembrokeshire.gov.uk) or telephone 01437 775943.

## School Meal Discount

Have you got three or more children in any Pembrokeshire school?

If so, a 'Family' discount of 50p per child, per meal is available. Saving you at least £1.50 per day! You must have three or more children who attend a primary or secondary school within Pembrokeshire. Please contact the office on 01437 775943 for more details.

For a copy of the cafeteria price list and further information in relation to the Family discount scheme, please see [www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/school-meals](http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/school-meals)

We look forward to providing our customers with a healthy nutritious meal every school day from our facilities on campus.



# ADY/ALN

## Tymor yr Haf/Summer Term

### Pupils' activities :

There has been much activity and excitement in the ALN Department over the past few weeks.

The Enfys and Harbwr pupils have been working alongside 'Splat Cymru' to create an outdoor chair - all using recycled materials! The pupils designed, measured, drilled, hammered and nailed, and created this colourful chair using only recycled tyres. Finally it was spray painted, with many individuals and groups of pupils adding to the project by stencilling their names to decorate and personalise it. Many thanks to all for supporting, and to the generous donation from the Ca-trin Vaughan Foundation who helped us as a Department to finance the project. The result is a comfortable and unique chair that is proudly displayed and used in our outside area. Diolch i bawb a gymerodd rhan.

It is with pride that a few pupils from years 9 and 10 have worked as a team to participate in work experience sessions. We have a strong link between our ALN Department and the Outreach Cafe in Letterston - on a weekly basis pupils have worked in the cafe serving customers and taking on the responsibility of kitchen duties, while others have contributed to the community Church and garden cafe. A great experience! Profiad gwych!

Many of our year 11 pupils have visited Pembrokeshire College recently for their Transition Days. We wish them well as they move on to the next stage of their education! Pob lwc i bawb!

The Enfys and Harbwr staff have been welcoming the new year 6 pupils as they have joined us for various activities during the past few weeks. We look forward to September with our new intake. Croeso.

Pupils have taken part in the Boccia Competition, and others have participated in the experiences offered by Scolton Manor to view the history of the Medwyn house, learn about bee-keeping, and learn new facts by exploring the woodlands. Diolch i'r staff am bob help.

### Events for Parents and Carers :

Our latest ALN coffee morning was held in May. Parents met with the ALNCo, Link Governor, and the Head of English who informed all about the new Lexia Reading Programme for the pupils.

The next coffee morning for parents will be held on Friday 14th September from 9.30-11.00am. Please feel free to pop in for a coffee and a chat. Support is always offered. Croeso i bawb.



## Mini-bus's proud moment!

### Fund raising success secures new mini-bus for Ysgol Bro Gwaun

It is with excitement and pride that Ysgol Bro Gwaun's staff and pupils have received a new mini-bus which will replace the well-used and well-worn Sunshine mini-bus! A big thank you goes to the PTA for their dedication and commitment in raising funds to buy the brand new bus. The journey to purchase the bus was started by Mrs. Sue Griffiths of the ALN Department in early 2017 and reached its pinnacle in October of that year during the "chance to say goodbye to Fishguard High" fundraiser coffee morning, when a very generous donation was given to the PTA fund by a former pupil of the school. The pupils are grateful for the new high-spec mini-bus which will be used to transport pupils to numerous extra curricular visits and events. The new school logo is also proudly displayed.

### Gweddnewid Ysgol Bro Gwaun.

Caiff y logo newydd "Angori doeth, dyfodol disglair" ei weld ar furiau'r ysgol, y wisg ysgol newydd ym Medi, ac ar y bws-mini newydd. Hoffai staff a disgyblion yr ysgol ddiolch i'r Gymdeithas Rhieni Athrawon am eu gwaith di-flino i godi arian tuag at brynu'r bws newydd. Diolch hefyd i ffrindiau'r ysgol am eu cyfraniadau hael iawn. Bydd y bws-mini yn cael ei ddefnyddio'n gyson er mwyn cludo disgyblion i weithgareddau allgyrsiol niferus.



In the photo are – Mr Paul Edwards – Headteacher, Mr Jordan Ryan – Mayor of Fishguard, Mrs Wendy Raymond – Chair of Governors, Mrs Sue Griffiths – LSA, Dr Trudie Brew – Chair of PTA, Miss Rhian Lewis – ALNCO, Mrs Gian Cafolla – ALN Link Governor and Mr Gerald Rowlands – Fleet Manager PCC.



# Bwrlwm

## CWRS BWRLWM a BWRLWM BACH

Yn ystod yr wythnosau diwethaf dilynodd nifer o ddisgyblion o flwyddyn 6 y cwrs BWRLWM a'r BWRLWM BACH yn y Ganolfan Iaith. Bwriad y cwrs oedd i'r disgyblion ymdrochi'n llwyr yn y Gymraeg a'r pynciau y byddant yn eu dilyn trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg yn yr ysgol uwchradd ym mis Medi.



# Ffrindiau o Ffrainc

## French Pen Pals

We are pleased to announce that we have set up a link with the Lycée Clément Marot, in Cahors near Toulouse and we have a number of pupils corresponding with some French students.

We were contacted by a teacher, an ex student at Pembrokeshire College originating from Newport, and who has been teaching English in France for a number of years.

Our pupils have been busy writing their letters to their new pen pals and are now waiting in anticipation for their replies.

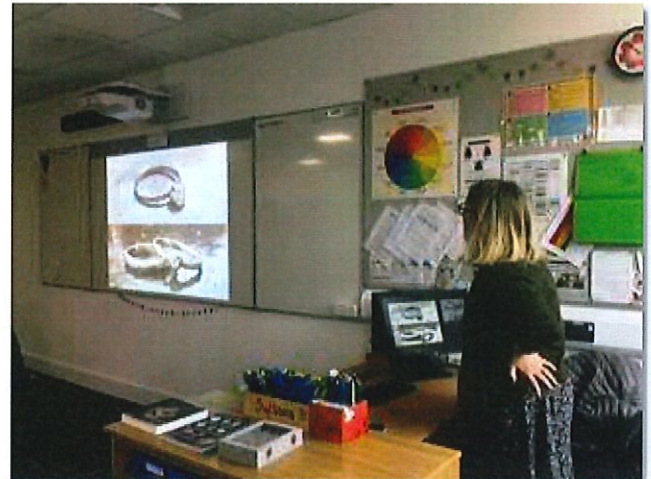
Having a pen pal has many benefits. It promotes many skills, including the development of social skills. It can improve pupils' reading and writing skills by organising their thoughts and writing for a real purpose and a real audience. It encourages a greater understanding of other cultures, traditions and values. Pupils will become better learners by developing their curiosity to know about world events and the ability to search for and find common bonds between each other. It is a great way to make genuine friends.



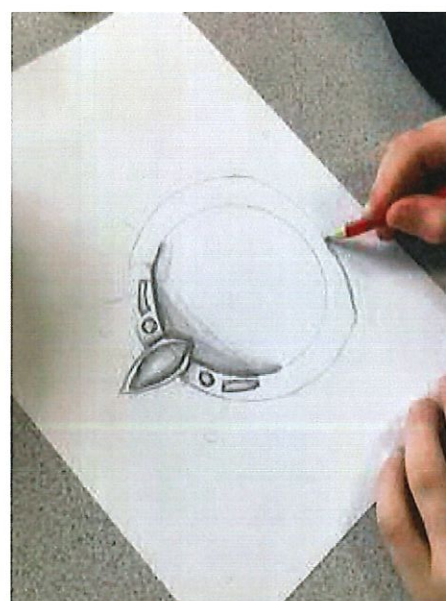
# Technology department receive visit from local jewellery designer

On 12th March, a group of year 9 Technology pupils had the opportunity to meet with luxury Jewellery designer Jemma Slade (of Slade Fine Jewellery). Pupils were able to chat with Jemma about the jewellery that she makes in her Pembrokeshire workshop as well as the processes that she uses to cast metals and set stones. Jemma talked the pupils through each stage of the design process from creating mood-boards and initial drawings to developing prototypes and finished products.

Since Jemma's visit, the pupils have been using her work as inspiration when designing their own jewellery products.



Pupils were able to try on a selection of rings made by Jemma.



These images show some of the celebration jewellery designs being created by the pupils during the session, inspired by Jemma's work.

# Year 10 Welsh Bacculaureate

## Enterprise challenge

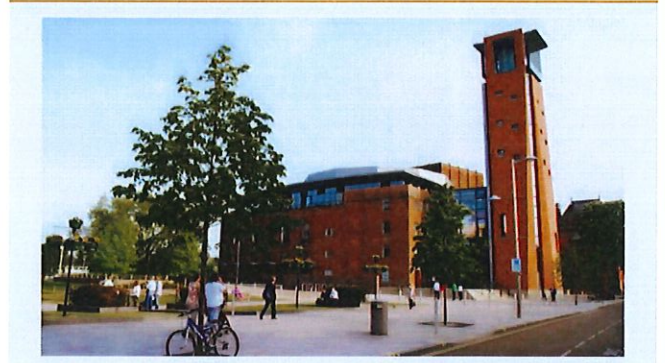
Year 10 pupils recently took part in a Dragon's Den activity as part of the their Welsh Bacculaureate Enterprise Challenge. Pupils developed a product or service to sell at a festival. The groups then delivered their business pitch to a group of Dragons in which each group explained their product or service and they also discussed the finances of setting up their own business. Some of the ideas developed included luxury yurts, edible drinks cups, home made ice-cream, glow in the dark tent pegs and festival ready bags. All the pupils enjoyed the event and we hope to have inspired some future entrepreneurs!

Last week pupils in Year 10 began work on the Community Challenge in which they planned and organised clubs to run in school next September with our new Year 7 pupils. This will be a great opportunity for the Year 7 pupils to get involved in and to help them settle into the school. Some of the ideas we have had so far include, robot club, cooking club and a variety of sports clubs.



# English Department trip to Stratford upon Avon

On Friday 27th April, year nine pupils took a residential trip to Stratford upon Avon with the English department to watch a production of Romeo and Juliet.



Twenty year nine pupils attended a workshop and watched a matinee performance of one of William Shakespeare's most famous plays with the Royal Shakespeare Company. As Romeo and Juliet is part of the GCSE English Literature specification, pupils were able to benefit from seeing the play live, as Shakespeare intended.

This was the English department's third trip to Stratford upon Avon, with another trip planned for Autumn 2018.



# Cinema Celebration!

A fantastic evening's entertainment was had by pupils, parents, staff and the community in Theatre Gwaun, on Wednesday 11th July.

Year 9 pupils completed their creative arts project which involved a wide range of enrichment activities, with guest speakers attending the school, professional artists teaching pupils new skills and several trips out into the community. Pupils enhanced their drawing skills, learned how to take photographs, as well as interviewing many members of the community about their lives in Fishguard and the surrounding area.

The main project outcome was an animated film, which was kindly and generously hosted by Theatre Gwaun. To watch the pupils' work and see them in action on the big screen was truly inspiring and a terrific experience for them all. Another outcome of the project, which was on display in Theatre Gwaun, was pupils' outstanding artwork in their sketch books. Also, with funding from the Arts Council, we were able to print and frame lots of the pupils' photographs, which will be hung in the school corridors for all to see.

We would like to formally thank many members of the community for giving up their time and use of their buildings for the project, it had a huge impact on the pupils and has given many of them a stronger sense of community. These included: Ein Hanes, the Yacht Club, Sea Cadets, Ocean Lab, Fishguard Library, the Royal Oak and Theatre Gwaun.

Mr John, Senior Leader and project co-ordinator, stated, "I am delighted with the pupils' work and enthusiasm when participating in the project. They have learnt so many new skills from artists and learnt many interesting and amusing anecdotes about their local area from local people. I would like to thank Sue Davies, from the Arts Council, for her commitment and support. Mostly, I would like to thank and congratulate Mrs Rachel Williams and Miss Tanya Griffiths for their massive contributions, energy and enthusiasm, that ensured that this project was a success."



# Bro Gwaun Scholars success celebrated in style



The beginning of May marked a huge celebration for pupils undertaking the 'Brilliant Club Scholars' programme at Ysgol Bro Gwaun. Twelve year nine and ten pupils undertook the challenging task of attending university style lectures, developing new skills and completing taxing, yet rewarding STEM assignments, at a full key stage above their current working level. Suffice to say that Neeve Hallett, Rowan Hathaway Henderson, Joss Lerwill, Zoe LaTrobe, Ella Merritt, Tomos Davies, Meirion John, Elen Maycock, Ceri Watts, Ashyen Mujica, Matt Thomas and Iago Evans fully embraced the experience, concluding with them achieving outstanding results. This opportunity began with a launch trip to Cardiff University. The day was highly successful, with initial introductions made to university lecturers and mentors, working alongside student ambassadors, touring the Cardiff campus and being inspired with course information and university life. Pupils made a positive start to an eight week commitment which aimed to provide insight and challenge and broadening their knowledge beyond the curriculum restrictions. The task provided pupils with an opportunity to demonstrate confidence in their ability, aiding university applications of the future, by giving them a unique edge over other applicants. During the launch, pupils learnt the research and referencing skills that will be crucial for higher education. They also 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. At Ysgol Bro Gwaun, we were very fortunate to have worked alongside Dr Stephen Chapman from Aberystwyth University. Under the guidance, Ysgol Bro Gwaun pupils achieved a staggering ten first class, and two upper second class university gradings on their final assignments. The celebratory graduation trip to Bristol University saw the final stage of the programme where the impressive efforts of pupils gained full recognition. This event was well attended by supportive parents, guardians, county representatives and school staff. As a school, we are immensely proud of the attitude, determination, resilience and commitment shown by our pupils and thank Pembrokeshire County Council for the opportunity given through this inspiring project.

# Bro Gwaun Biology Brilliance



Ysgol Bro Gwaun pupils from Year 8, 9 and 10 have recently successfully participated in the National Society of Biology Challenge. The online challenge tested student's general Biology knowledge and encouraged a wider interest in Natural History and Biological media coverage. This year, a total of 38 pupils gained certificates ranging from Commended to Silver

Congratulations is extended to all who took part and especially to the following pupils who excelled in their subject knowledge:

Commended: Archie Howell, Lewis James, Joss Lerwill, Ella Merritt, Jake Norris, Kaleb Owen, Libby Rands, Alonwy Roberts, Ellen Smee, Ben Tannahill, Callum Bather, Daniel Cleary, Jimmy O Donoghue, Morgan Evans, Justin Haden and Dylan Phillips.

Highly Commended: Cai Llewellyn, Osian Rowe, Osian Perkins, Maddy Stott, Iago Evans and Jake Rogers.

Bronze Award: Tomos Davies, Oliver Job, Zoe LaTrobe, Meirion John, Elen Maycock, Ashyen Mujica, Molly Phillips, Matt Thomas and Amy Thomson.

Silver Award: Rosa Brew, Osian Feild, Iwan Morris, Oliver Thomas, Ceri Watts, Ellie Cleary and Anwen Reed.

**Llongyfarchiadau Mawr.**



# National Music For Youth Success



Congratulations to Ysgol Bro Gwaun pupils ; Alonwy Roberts, Seren Thorne, Gwenna Maycock, Alex Tuddenham, Iago Evans, Thomas Bowen and Anwen Reed, for their excellent achievement in performing with the Pembrokeshire strings at the National Music for Youth Festival in Birmingham. An incredible achievement, outstanding performance and a very proud school.

# Bro Gwaun STEM success at Valero



On Thursday 12th April, three Ysgol Bro Gwaun year 9 pupils, Tomos Davies, Joss Lerwill and Zoe Latrobe, participated in the STEM club finals day held at Valero. The day saw the culmination of the ten week after schools STEM club where the students participating had the opportunity to develop skills in Chemistry, Computer Aided Design, 3D printing, Electronics, Welding and driving a tractor around an obstacle course (via a simulator!). To demonstrate their acquired skills, pupils competed for their county in a friendly Pembrokeshire Vs Carmarthenshire showdown. All performed fantastically well, with Pembrokeshire coming out victorious and winning the Valero STEM club cup. Individual task prizes were also awarded with congratulations given to Zoe Latrobe for gaining joint first in the Welding Challenge and first position in the Electric Challenge. The highly successful event was attended by Assembly member and Minister for Lifelong Learning Eluned Morgan, Councillors from Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire, Directors of Valero, Careers Wales, ITV, parents and Mrs Emma Bowen. Massive thanks goes to Pembrokeshire college for their support in running the clubs and to Valero for their welcome and hospitality. Pupils gained many new skills, were presented with new experiences and were suitably challenged within the programme. They also gained a valuable insight into the fantastic opportunities presented within STEM future careers, and encouragement for more girls to take up a career involving Science, Technology and Engineering.

# YBG Marine Tourism Collaboration



A group of ten Year 8 pupils have recently participated in an inspiring Marine Tourism collaboration between Pembrokeshire College, Fishguard Friendly Faces, STENA and Ysgol Bro Gwaun. Their journey to become Fishguard Friendly Face Cadets began with portside and customer service training. A full day of customer care and research into local attractions was held at Pembrokeshire college, presented by Gareth Mills who quoted 'The children were bright, enthusiastic and great fun to be with. They were a credit to their school'. The final stage was to meet and greet the tourists departing from the Corinthian ship and assist in guiding them through a tour of the last invasion tapestry and Saint Marys church. Phebe Salmon sang beautifully to give visitors a true welsh experience. Alex Harding from the Fishguard Bay Welcome wished to 'thank the YBG cadets for their brilliant attitude and enthusiasm.' We would like to thank all contributors for their fantastic support and congratulate them on their incredible achievement.

# Hwyl fawr I'r Chweched Dosbarth! /Goodbye Sixth Form!

It is with great sadness that Ysgol Bro Gwaun say goodbye to their last sixth form this summer. The sixth form have been an integral part of Ysgol Bro Gwaun and have been at the forefront of many fundraising, coaching and mentoring schemes. This year the Head Boy (Dafydd Ridgeway) Head Girl (Jasmine Williams-Meaney), Deputy Head Boy (Thomas Robinson) and Deputy Head Girl (Shannon Rees) have had a successful year in representing the school on numerous occasions. Between them they have delivered many interesting and engaging assemblies on a variety of topics. They have laid wreaths for Armistice Sunday, shared a lunch with the Director of Education and delivered speeches at our annual awards evening. We would like to specifically thank the senior prefect team for their contribution to the school.

The sixth form have also been at the centre of many fundraising activities for the school, dressing up, performing to younger pupils and walking around tirelessly with buckets to collect money! Students have also excelled academically and we are always very proud of the achievements and careers that they have forged for themselves. This year we look forward to students studying a range of subjects in university, like History, various Sciences, ICT, Medicine, Physiotherapy, Dance and Events Management, to mention but a few!

We wish all of our sixth form leavers all the very best for the future and look forward to a new era in Ysgol Bro Gwaun. **Pob hwyl i'r dyfodol.**

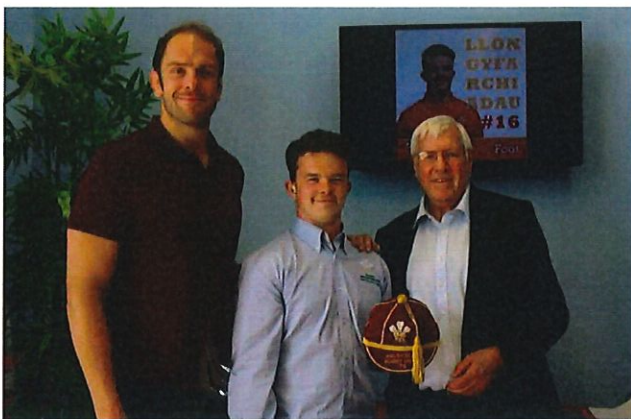


# Cylchlythyr Chwaraeon

## Sports Newsletter

### Ryan Foot stars for Welsh Deaf

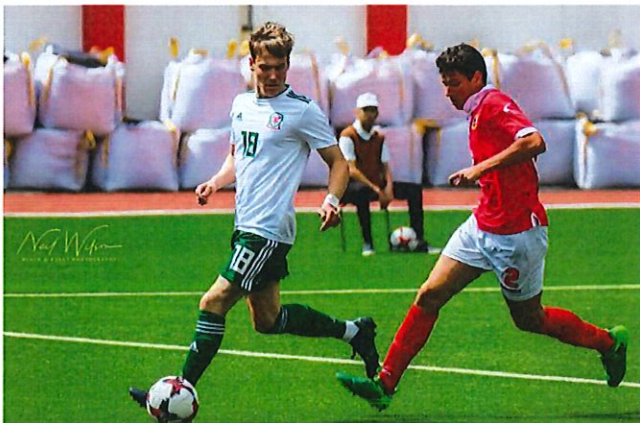
Congratulations are in order for past pupil and sporting role model Ryan Foot who represented 'Welsh Deaf' out in Australia during April. Ryan was part of the squad that won the World 7s Deaf Champions. Ryan also featured in a traditional 15 a side match against Australia, a game which the team won. In June, Ryan was presented with his international cap by Wales Captain Alun Wyn Jones. As a school we are immensely proud of Ryan's accomplishments and wish him every success in the future.



### Charlie represents Wales in Gibraltar

Further Congratulations go the departing 6th former Charlie Davies who represented the Welsh Academy Football Squad, playing a fixture in Gilbrator. Charlie has previously represented Welsh Schools as well as local sides Goodwick United and Haverfordwest County. We would like to congratulate Charlie on his excellent progression on and off the field during his time at Bro Gwaun, wishing him all the best in his future pursuits.

Charlie Davies



## County Sports Athletics Results

Over 70 competitors from Ysgol Bro Gwaun took part in this year's county sports, showing fantastic participation and determination. The school fielded complete teams for all events, which is a testament to the 'give it a go'

### Year 7

Ffion Wilmott, 800 metres 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mia James, 100 metre Hurdles 3<sup>rd</sup>

Chloe Hale, Thea Lerwill, Phoebe Johnson and Alex Tuddingham,  
4x100 metre, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Evan Curtis, Javelin and High jump, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Chloe Hale, 1500m, 1<sup>st</sup>

### Year 9

Kyagh Bird, 200m, 1<sup>st</sup>

Chelsea Chesters, Shot Put, 1<sup>st</sup>

Ellen Delaney, Long Jump, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ben Bone, 200m, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cai Llewylen, Shot Put, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Jonny

### Year 8

Rachel Lewis, 800m, 1<sup>st</sup>

Arabella Hurst, High Jump, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Rhys Evans, 800m, 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Year 10

Sinead Thomas, 100m, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Hannah James, Javalin, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dylan Phillips, Shot Put and 400m, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

Max Jones, 1500m, 1<sup>st</sup>

Merion John, Long Jump, 3<sup>rd</sup>

**And saving the best till last...**

Iago Evans, 100m Hurdles, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Following this, the following have been selected to represent Dyfed in the **Welsh Athletics Championships** ; Dylan Phillips, Chelsea Chesters, Racheal Lewis, Chloe Hale and Ellen Delaney. Da iawn pawb.

### Iago and the hurdle

The efforts of our pupils can be epitomised by the contribution of athletic role model Iago Evans, who competed against stiff competition in the Year 10 100m hurdles, a highly specialised event. Iago, with no previous hurdles experience, or anything athletic for that matter did not hesitate to answer the call from the PE department. On the day, Iago was faced against two streamline lycra clad superstars, with the hurdles double the size that he had practised the previous lunchtime. Mr Shousha and Mr Hughes had assured him they were the same size, but we all know that they were lying!! With 2 athletes and Iago on the starting line, I am sure Iago has some uncertainty about the race. What if he was to embarrass himself in front of his friends? What if he came last? However, I think the main take home message is that there is nothing embarrassing about trying your best.

The two athletes steamed out the blocks, whilst Iago followed in nimble pursuit. Iago adopted an unorthodox but effective hurdling technique, keeping in contention right to the end. Upon the last hurdle one of the athletes unfortunately tripped, which allowed Iago to overtake and come second in the event, accidently qualifying for Dyfed and receiving a massive ovation from his peers in the process! Reminiscent of the classic fable, the tortoise and the hare, it goes to show that persistence and self-belief are important qualities when undertaking any task. You don't need to be the biggest, fastest or strongest to have a go; slow and steady will get you there in the end! The PE department would like to thank Iago for his efforts and hope his story inspires others to have a go.



## Girls Rugby 7s Success

Well done to the Bro Gwaun Rugby Girls who put out 4 teams and had over 40 girls participating in July's Pembrokeshire Girls' 7s Festival. All teams played very well, with our Year 10 side reaching the U15s cup final.

Year 7 and 8 had a mixture of experienced players and first timers, who were brilliantly coached by past pupil and welsh international Sion Colella and 5x60 ambassador Leah Kitson-James. Both teams did well, just missing out on the qualification for the semi-finals. Stand out performers included Georgia Smedly, Abbie Leyshon and Nia Jones with tries scored by; Thea Lerwill, Phoebe Johnson and Abbie Norris.

Year 9 played well also, led by the talismanic Chelsea Chesters. Try scorers included Kyagh Bird, Jess James and Tegan Jones. Year 10 were at the forefront of Bro Gwaun's success, winning all pool stage matches over Greenhill, St.Davids and a tasty encounter vs Milford Haven. They went forward into the semi-finals drawing North Pembrokeshire rivals Preseli. The girls probably played their best rugby of the day in this game with regular standouts; Hannah James, Sinead Thomas, Lily Cox and Mari Williams playing fantastically well, winning the game by 6 tries to 1 after two brilliant trys from Kelsey Hall. Unfortunately after a long day Bro Gwaun fell short in the final losing to a strong STP side. However, the girls kept going to the final whistle with a fantastic consolation solo try by Kira Lewis to end on a high



## Boys Rugby Accomplishments

### County U14s

The following boys have been forwarded to the County Schools U14 program, which is used as a trial for those aspiring to be part of the Pembrokeshire Schools U15 squad for next year. We are fortunate to have a high representation of those involved, with our current Year 9 having a successful season for club and school.

The boys are; Kyle Colella, Cai Llewylen, Osian Rowe, Rhys Lewis, Jac Delaney, Joss Lerwill, Jake Norris, Dylan James, Toby Colley and Saul Peter-



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### Scarlets West

Griff Williams, Meirion John, Dylan Phillips and Max Jones have been selected with around 50 other boys from Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion and West Carmarthenshire to trial for the Scarlets West over the summer. The Squad will be eventually cut in September which will ultimately contribute to Scarlet U16 selection at the end of Easter. A fantastic achievement, well done to those nominated and best of luck going forward!!



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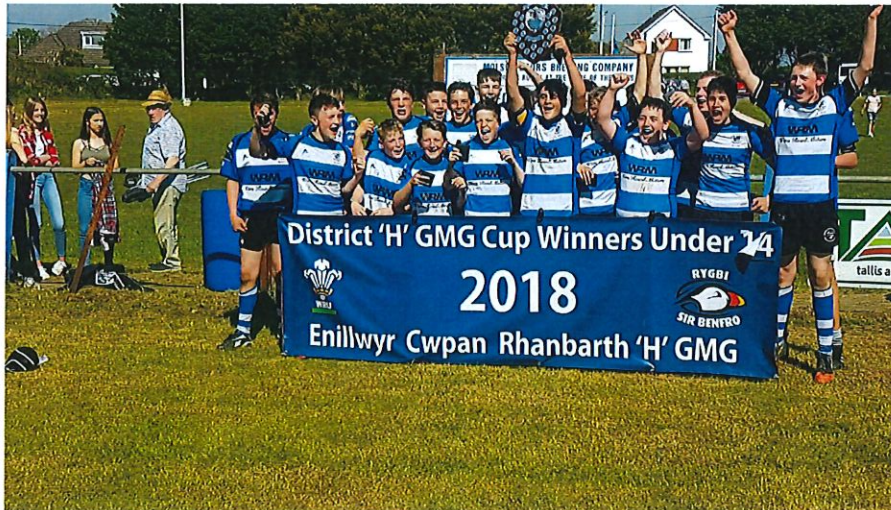




## U14 champions and regional finalists

Year 9 boys were involved in the rugby county finals day in Haverfordwest during May and emerged as U14 Champions, beating Pembroke 14-5!

The boys went onto the regional finals at Parc Y Scarlets, and despite a tough result can be immensely proud of their achievements.



## Wynne Lloyd District Champions

Congratulations to First XV captain Robbie Jones and former pupils Lewis Davies and Adam Bowen who represented Pembrokeshire District U19s in May, winning in the Wynne Lloyd District Finals at Parc Y Scarlets vs Ceredigion. The boys would go on to win, lifting the trophy at Parc Y Scarlets



## Sporting role models

This term we have had several pupils using their role model status and passion for sport to assist in many school and community events.

### *Urdd Primary School Festival*

Well done to members of Year 9 that supported the URDD Pembrokeshire Primary School Rugby Festival, which saw over 350 primary school kids involved! The boys were a great credit to the school, receiving fantastic praise from the URDD staff and WRU organisers.



### *Primary School Sports Days*

We have supported two feeder school sports days this term, with those schools being Holy Name School and Ysgol Glannau Gwaun. Past pupils of these schools revisited for sports day to assist in the running of the day by marshalling events, taking scores and providing motivation to younger pupils. The pupils received fantastic feedback from former staff members who commented positively on their attitude and maturity.



## Staff get active

### *Macmillan Walk*

Staff members have been leading by example this term being involved in numerous active events for school and charity.

Staff members took part in the Pembrokeshire Dawn walk, raising money for Macmillan Cancer support, which took place on May the 13th from Oriel-Y-Parc St.Davids, along the coastal path. Staff members walked the half marathon taking in the majestic scenery on St.Davids head. The members of staff that took part raised over £200 for Macmillan.



### *Step Challenge*

Staff over the last term took part in a step challenge, which was an initiative spread across all Pembrokeshire County Council work bases during mental health awareness week (14th—20th) May. The aim of the challenge was for individuals to record how many steps they made throughout the week, as departments and individuals. The challenge provided plenty of talking points as well positive motivation and lifestyle changes. Bro Gwaun emerged as winners across the county, with over 40 members of staff taking part, as we accumulated over 4 million steps across the week. Individual winner for most steps went to Exams Officer Wendy Davies who amassed over 285 000 steps on her own! Science took the prize for best team photo and blushes were spared for the PE department as they racked up the most steps as a team.



# Dementia and Young Carers fundraiser



On Thursday 14th June, Ysgol Bro Gwaun supported the Alzheimer's Society Cup cake Fundraising event, successfully raising an impressive £150.51. Pupils from all year groups contributed tasty treats with incredible support given from those who ran the stall. Congratulations to the Year 8 Community Challenge team, the School Council and the Young Carers team (in association with Young Carers Awareness week). Thanks also to pupils who made and sold cupcakes at the Fishguard Youth club to add to the impressive total.

# Brain Tumour Awareness Month

Throughout the month of March, staff and pupils supported brain tumour awareness month, a national campaign aiming to raise awareness of the affects of brain tumour. A number of activities were organised throughout the month including hat quizzes, an awareness assembly and pupils sold charity wristbands at break times.

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, staff also took part in 'Wear a Hat Day' by wearing an array of hats throughout the school day. As well as raising awareness within the school, a total of over £200 was raised, which has been donated to Pembrokeshire charity the Thorne Mason Trust, who support people in Pembrokeshire affected by a brain tumour or cancer, and also work in association with Brain Tumour Research to fund vital days of research.

Teacher, Miss Jessie Mason said "Brain tumour research is woefully unfunded so it has been great to get Ysgol Bro Gwaun involved in the campaign, helping to raise brain tumour



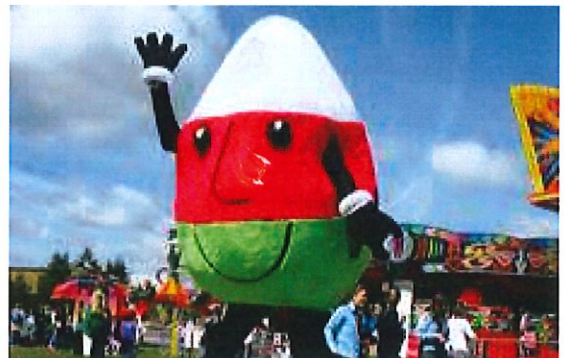
Pictured are some of the staff wearing their hats to school on 'Wear a Hat Day'.

# Y Gornel Gymraeg

Llongyfarchiadau mawr i Phebe Salmon a fu'n fuddugol yn yr Unawd Alaw Werin i flynyddoedd 7-9 yn Sirol ac o ganlyniad fe gynrychiolodd y Sir yn yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yn Llanelwedd eleni. Bu Phebe yn llwyddiannus hefyd wrth gystadlu yng nghystadlaethau gwaith cartref celf a chrefft. Phebe gipiodd y drydedd wobr yn genedlaethol am ffotograffau du a gwyn. Cafodd Phebe wahoddiad i fynychu seremoni wobrwyo am ei llwyddiant a gynhaliwyd ar faes yr Eisteddfod.

Mae Phebe yn hoff iawn o gystadlu mewn cystadlaethau Eisteddfodol. Yn ystod y misoedd diwethaf bu'n cystadlu yn Eisteddfod Crymych lle enillodd y wobr gyntaf yng nghystadleuaeth yr Alaw Werin ac yn yr Unawd dan 18 oed. Yn Eisteddfod Aberteifi cafodd yr ail wobr yn yr Unawd.

Llongyfarchiadau mawr i Phebe ar ei llwyddiant a phob hwyl gyda'r cystadlu yn y dyfodol.



## Idiom y Bwletin

**Gwnewch eich gorau glas! (Do your best!)**



# Diwrnod Canlyniadau 2018

## Results Day 2018

To all those collecting GCSE or GCE (A-Level) results this academic year,  
please see the following information:

### GCE Results 2018

Date: 16th August 2018

Time: 9:00am until 12:00pm

Where: Ground floor void.

### GCSE Results 2018

Date: 23rd August 2018

Time: 9:00am until 12:00pm

Where: Ground floor void.

### FAQs

What if I can't pick my results up on the day?

Contact the Exams Officer prior to results day to look at postal options.

What if I didn't get the grades I needed to get in to University or College?

Don't panic, contact your University or College as soon as possible to find out if they will still accept you. Otherwise go to the UCAS website to look for clearing offers.

# Pob lwc i bawb!

### Llywodraethwyr/Governors:

#### Roles:

Mr Eifion Griffiths - Community  
 Mrs Alison Jenkins - 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  
 Mr Steve Maycock—Parent  
 Mr Ray Lerwill— Parent  
 Mr Ross Harries— Staff  
 Mr Robert Woodman— Teacher  
 Mrs Virginia Currie—Teacher

For me, having the opportunity to act as a Parent Governor at Ysgol Bro Gwaun has been a great privilege; and I have no hesitation in encouraging other parents to consider applying. The overwhelming benefit of taking up this post is to gain a much clearer understanding of how the school operates and how it establishes and pursues its objectives. This comes about by several methods. Firstly, by attending termly Full Governing Body meetings you will get a complete overview of, and opportunity to participate in, the formation of strategic policy. In addition, however, you will be asked to become a Link Governor with one specific department of the school. This will give you an in-depth insight into how that department functions and how its staff monitor the pupils' progress. Lastly, you may be asked to join one of the school's strategic committees, which are directly responsible for the day-to-day formulation of policy in one specific area. Of course, all of this does not come without some responsibilities. One has to set aside the time to attend meetings regularly, and new Governors will be asked to undertake some training courses. Last but not least, in taking up this post one is undertaking to act responsibly as an interface between the school, other parents, and the wider community. However, these responsibilities are more than made up for by the opportunity to become actively involved with what is a very vibrant school with highly committed staff.

Mr. Martin Batty (Parent Governor)

## BLOG Y PENNAETH / HEADTEACHER BLOG

Dear parent/carer,

As we approach the end of a long and exciting year in the life of Ysgol Bro Gwaun, it's an opportune time to reflect on the changes and developments within the school.

The school was officially opened by the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Kirsty Williams, on Thursday May the 3<sup>rd</sup>. During her visit we were able to highlight the progress we have made in terms of our developing ethos, values and beliefs. We pointed out that our new uniform will, from September, help to promote in our pupils a sense of belonging and pride in our new school. We were proud to point out also the many varied links that we have forged with the community, many of which are highlighted in these pages. In her speech, the Cabinet Secretary paid tribute to all who were involved in the building of the new school and wished the school every success in the future.

The further development of the school's facilities will continue over the summer when phases two and three of the Bro Gwaun project begin. This will see the upgrading of the school hall as well the development of multi-use games pitches on the site of the old school building after its demolition.

As a school, our aim is to be at the forefront of the changing agenda for education in Wales. With developments regarding the New Curriculum for Wales taking centre stage over the next few years, I'm pleased to say that we are well placed in terms of our structures and procedures to meet the challenges ahead. Fostering positive attitudes towards 'school and self' is a key driver of the new curriculum and, as a school, we will continue to further emphasise the key principles of respect, courtesy, ambition and resilience in all of our pupils. Our expectation of success for all will also remain top of our agenda.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the pupils and teachers on all of their successes during the year and to wish you a safe and happy summer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Paul Edwards



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