

Bwletin Bro Gwaun Bro Gwaun Bulletin



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CROESO/WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition for this academic year of our informative newsletter. We hope to give you a taste 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 is 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.



Thank-you to all who supported us with our Open Evening, Christmas Fair and with the production of Annie. 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

07/01/19—INSET

08/01/19— Pupils return
to school.

09/01/19—January
Exam series begin for
Year 11

15/01/19—Ffrindiau Bro
Gwaun (PTA) 5-6pm.

17/01/19—Year 9 exams

22/01/19—Year 9
Choices event in
Pembrokeshire College.

6/2/19—Year 11
Parents Evening

e-Twinning

Ysgol Bro Gwaun recently joined the e-Twinning community with the British Council. We are currently twinned with a school in Marostica, Venice and Gaiman, Patagonia. Some of our Year 7 pupils have been creating videos to show our partner schools how Ysgol Bro Gwaun works and they have been e-mailing/lettering the pupils in both countries. This is a great experience for them to learn about the different cultures around the World.



School Uniform Reminder

Our school uniform consists 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



Newyddion o Fro Gwaun

Bro Gwaun News

Ifan yn arddangos ieir.

Cafodd Ifan Richards diwrnod da yn y sioe Aeaf yn arddangos ieir ym mis Tachwedd. Fe fuodd yn cystadlu mewn 4 dosbarth.

Cafodd 2 Cyntaf, 2ail a 3ydd.



Rowing Achievements.

Three students from Ysgol Bro Gwaun competed in the Welsh indoor rowing championships recently, namely Amy Thompson and Frankie Murrow from Year 11 and Gabriel Bingham from Year 7. All did so well in their competitions, and this was their first go at the indoor event, which had competitors from all over the UK. Amy gained a personal best in a tough field, Frankie gained an impressive Bronze in the J12 2K race and Gabriel achieved an incredible Gold medal in the J12 2 minute race. They represented Fishguard and Goodwick Jemima rowing club extremely well and we are also very proud of them as a school.

Welsh Target Sprint Championships

Seren Thorne (Year 10) participated in the Welsh Target Sprint championships at Llandovery College. This was her first ever go at Target Sprint and she did amazingly well. She won the silver medal in the Youth women category and was also an overall bronze medalist in the Welsh women. She qualified for the National final in October.

She is competing in the Welsh Open championships which is held over three days in November. Seren is now part of the Welsh High Performance development squad for pistol and is training once a month in Sofia gardens.



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 95.4%. Year 7 are the best attendees.
Da iawn Blwyddyn 7!
- ◆ 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.

For more information regarding our school please visit our Website, Facebook page or contact the school office to arrange a meeting or a visit.

We are more than happy to arrange tours of our school during the day or after school.

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18 TIPS for a

Mindful Afternoon

10-MINUTE
MINDFULNESS

71 Simple Habits for
Living in the Present Moment



peace relax
quiet calm
live in the present
contentment
serenity

1. Practice "Slow Work"
2. Be Present with Peers
3. Cultivate a Beginner's Mind
4. Create Mindful Meetings
5. Stand, Stretch, and Get Moving
6. Take a Digital Break
7. Tune into Your Moods
8. Show Appreciation
9. Practice Strategic Acceptance
10. Be an Objective Advisor
11. Brainstorm with Mind Map
12. Take a Music Break
13. Cultivate Humility
14. Practice a Growth Mindset
15. Notice Your Body Language
16. Take a Laughter Recess
17. Practice a Loving-Kindness Meditation
18. Use ABC Method with Distractions and Interruptions

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FFRINDIAU/Friends of Ysgol Bro Gwaun (PTA)

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 membership 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, new curtains for the Hall and resources for the pupils.

The PTA would like to thank everyone who supported with our Open Evening and Christmas Fair. A sum of £580 was raised in the Christmas Fair.

The PTA are looking for more volunteers to support in organising a 'Bingo or a Pudding evening' event next term.

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

Join
PTA

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.

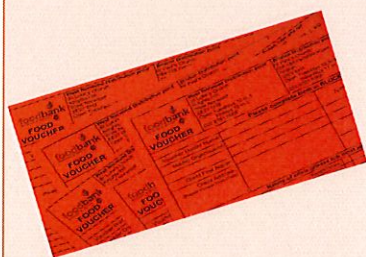
Free school meals will only be provided for pupils who receive or whose parents receive one of the following benefits:

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.



Adran Gefnogi

Support Department

It has been a productive and positive term. What a joy seeing so many pupils with additional learning needs progress in their work, give full effort in lessons and participate in so many extra-curricular activities. Many are involved in Music, the School Production and various Sporting Events.

Groups of pupils from Enfys and Harbwr have had the opportunity to join in the 'Get Out Get Active' programme. They have visited different areas, learnt about the environment and have joined in team-building activities. Some pupils in KS3 have also been visiting Fishguard Town Library, reading and participating in activities.

Pupils in Harbwr LRC have added to their learning experiences by visiting Ocean Lab, Yet y Gors and Trefgarne fisheries, and Haverfordwest woods. They also held a 'Reading Marathon' day that raised over £300.00. Congratulations to all for taking part!

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS :

The ALN Coffee Morning has proved to be very successful! Parents and carers have the chance to share ideas and suggestions, as well as raise any concerns and questions. In November, PC Helen Llewelyn gave a powerful presentation to parents on how to keep children safe on the internet.

The next coffee morning will be held on Friday 8th March between 9.30-11.00am. Please feel free to join us, you would be very welcome! Croeso mawr i bawb!

Strategies to use with children who have speech, language and communication needs :

- ⇒ Give your child the main, key vocabulary that he/she needs.
- ⇒ Use real things, and photos or pictures to help with the meaning of new words.
- ⇒ Ask your child to add detail to their answers, and expand on their responses.



INFORMATION TO PARENTS AND CARERS :



BONJOUR

Here's a quick update of what French language learners have been getting up to this half-term!

Year 7s are fully into the swing of learning French as a new subject! Much fun has been had learning numbers to songs– check out “Alain le lait numbers” on YouTube to see what we mean!



Collège Racine Nom: Thomas Dubois Classe: 6 ^{es}					
	lundi	mardi	mercredi	jeudi	vendredi
8h30	MATHS	P	MATHS	EPS	ATP
9h25	ANGLAIS	ANGLAIS	MUSIQUE	EPS	MATHS
10h20	RÉCRÉATION				
10h40	FRANÇAIS	FRANÇAIS	ARTS PLASTIQUES	ANGLAIS	ANGLAIS
11h30	FRANÇAIS	ALLEMAND	HISTOIRE-GÉO	SVT	MATHS
12h30	DÉJEUNER				
13h30	TECHNOLOGIE	EPS		FRANÇAIS	VIE DE CLASSE
14h25	P	EPS		FRANÇAIS	FRANÇAIS
15h20	RÉCRÉATION				
15h40	ALLEMAND	HISTOIRE-GÉO		HISTOIRE-GÉO	SVT
16h35					

P = Permanence
– supervised study period

ATP = heure d'aide aux devoirs – help with homework

ALLEMAND
– German

SVT = Sciences de la Vie et de la Terre – life and earth sciences

VIE DE CLASSE – form/class period (with form/class teacher)

Year 8 have continued learning about school in France and many have decided that they would prefer the French education system to the Welsh! This could be due to having a half-day on a Wednesday! What do you think?



Year 9 have been considering their future plans and what they would like to do when they leave school. Many interesting career choices have been discussed!



Year 10/GSCE have been discussing themselves and their relationships, including their view on whether they want to get married or not! One class member preferred to marry an Orang-utan in the jungle– you know who you are!

Year 11 have been busy revising for and sitting their mock exams– we have complete faith in their hard-work and we're sure it will pay off in the end.



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Anelu am y Ser

Reaching for the Stars

Future Astronomers, Scientists and Engineers from Ysgol Casblaidd enjoyed a planetarium show in the Ysgol Bro Gwaun Starlab recently. The 1 hour show included stories of Greek mythology, a tour of the Solar System, the birth and death of stars, galaxies and a 360° movie 'Back to the Moon'. The event was delivered by Robert Woodman, Head of Science and Technology at Ysgol Bro Gwaun. Robert is also a lead educator with the National Space Academy and a Space Ambassador with the European Space Education Resource Office.

Casblaidd pupils are pictured with Robert Woodman and Headteacher Mrs Wendy Raymond.



Seremoni Adeiladau Hanesyddol Sir Benfro
Pembrokeshire Historic Buildings Trust Awards Ceremony

On Friday 16th November, eight pupils travelled to County Hall, Haverfordwest, for the Pembrokeshire Historic Buildings Trust Schools Awards Ceremony. The pupils were given a task of creating a project about a medieval castle, church or building in Pembrokeshire, as part of their studies. The pupils joined other students from Greenhill School, Haverfordwest High School, Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi and Ysgol Harri Tudur for this prestigious Ceremony.

Liah Williams was awarded 3rd place out of all the entries for her project. Well done Liah! The following pupils were also awarded Certificates, along with monetary prizes for their achievements –

Lily Proud, Amana Kinver, Iolo Evans, Gwenna Maycock, Alexa Horne, Carwyn Evans and Ceri Thomas.



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On Saturday the 17th of November, the following pupils represented Ysgol Bro Gwaun and gained success in the Pembrokeshire Music Secondary Valero Festival.

Elen Maycock Year 11 - 3rd Grade 7 Woodwind Category

Phebe Salmon Year 9 - 2nd Popular Music year 7-9 Category

Phebe Salmon Year 9 - 2nd Classical and Musical Theatre year 7-9 Category

Alonwy Roberts Year 10 - Highly Commended Grade 4 Strings Category

Gwenna Maycock Year 8 - Highly Commended Grade 4 Strings Category

Owain Williams Year 7 - 2nd Grade 3 Brass Category

Iwan Brew Year 9 - 2nd Grade 5 Brass Category

Rosa Brew Year 11 - 3rd Grade 6 Brass Category

YBG Brass Ensemble- 2nd in the Ensemble Grade 6-8 Category.

A special mention must go to Phebe Salmon in year 9 who won the Open Vocal competition. A fantastic achievement for a young pupil! Llongyfarchiadau mawr i ti Phebe.



Cyngerdd gerddorol ar y cyd gyda Ysgol Danescastle

Ysgol Bro Gwaun and Danescastle School lunch time Music concert

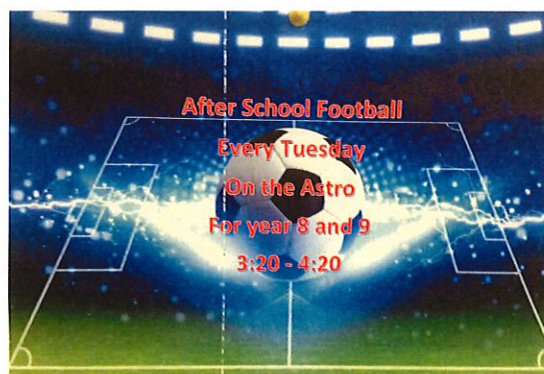
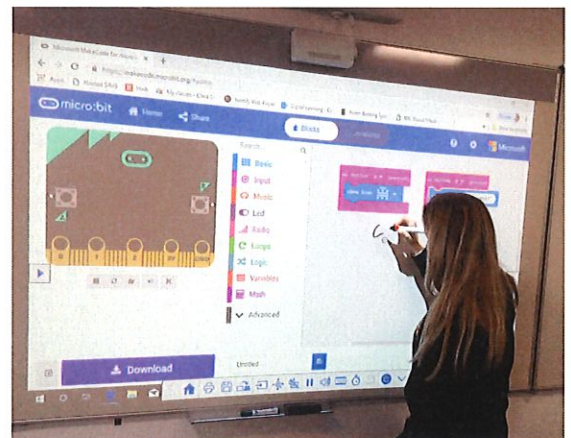
Friday the 19th of October saw a wonderful lunch time concert in Ysgol Bro Gwaun school hall. The school hosted performers from Danescastle Music School, Wexford, Ireland. The school have visited Fishguard many times before, performing at local primary schools, but this was the first time for them to visit Ysgol Bro Gwaun. Performers from both schools showed a variety of both Welsh and Irish traditional dance, vocal and instrumental performances. The similarities between the two Celtic cultures was clear to see and the afternoon was a roaring success. After the performance, pupils from Ysgol Bro Gwaun and Danescastle had a chance to socialise and build new friendships. This will now hopefully open the doors to an exciting new relationship between the two schools and Ysgol Bro Gwaun hope to visit Dansecastle in Wexford in the summer term. A special thank you to Councillor Myles Pepper for putting the two schools in touch and allowing such a wonderful community event to take place.

Welsh Baccalaureate

Enterprise and Community

Year 10 pupils returned after half term to take part in a Dragon's Den activity as part of their Welsh Baccalaureate 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 GPS trackers, glow in the dark balloons, mobile Wi-Fi, Segway's and portable showers. All the pupils and Governors who acted as the Dragons, enjoyed the event and we hope to have inspired some future entrepreneurs!

During the first half term Year 11 ran clubs at lunchtime and after school for Year 7 pupils as part of their Community Challenge. This was a great opportunity for the Year 7 pupils to help them settle into the school and make new friends. Some of the clubs that took place were, micro-bot club, football club, language club and an art club. It was lovely to see Year 7 taking full advantage of these clubs and getting involved with school life.



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Iechyd a Lles Health and Wellbeing



Bro Gwaun pupils 'Restart a Heart'

On Tuesday 16th October, to mark the world-wide 'Restart a Heart Day', Ysgol Bro Gwaun year 9 pupils and members of the School Council participated in CPR training. The purpose of the day being to train as many people as possible to react to a life or death situation of cardiac arrest. With every minute that passes before CPR is started, a person's chance of survival dramatically decreases. One in five will witness cardiac arrest, with a UK survival rate of one in ten. Pupils showed great maturity, enthusiasm and determination to perfect the technique. Needless to say, we are very proud of our potential lifesavers. Many thanks to the support given by Rhys Thomas, local paramedic, who volunteered to facilitate the training.

Llais y Disgybl

Bro Gwaun pupils have their political voices heard

On Thursday 11th October, Ysgol Bro Gwaun year 9 pupils took part in a political education project, namely 'Our voices heard'. The purpose of the project, run through the electoral reform society and co-production Wales, backed by the Education Secretary, was to hear what pupils want to learn about politics. The exciting project will run throughout Wales and targets pupils who will be the first to vote at the age of 16. Recommendations from the sessions will be presented to an expert panel later in the year. Bro Gwaun pupils presented themselves spectacularly with presenters commenting on 'high standards of behaviour, understanding and enthusiasm. Matt Mathias, Campaigns and Projects Officer for ERS Cymru, as well as ex-pupil stated 'We could not have been happier with the group and I could not have been prouder of my old school'.





Ysgol Bro Gwaun Junior Safeguardsians

On Tuesday 13th November, four pupils of the Ysgol Bro Gwaun School Council attended a county led annual Junior Safeguarding conference at The Pembrokeshire Archives. Justin Haden, Oliver Job, Leon Delaney and Zoe La Trobe participated in a newly designed module, 'Keeping Children, Young People and Adults Safe in Pembrokeshire', as well as completing an inspiring workshop run by the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust educating the importance of staying mentally well. Participants proved to be superb advocates for Safeguarding, and excellent ambassadors for the school, returning to share their feedback and raising the profile of National Safeguarding Week.

Newyddion o'r Maes Chwaraeon

Sports Newsletter

Foreword

Over the Autumn Term we were fortunate to have a number of pupils involved in a variety of sporting activities, performing from local to international standard. We are very proud of the achievements of our pupils, and as a school will always try our best to acknowledge the achievements and success of our pupils past and present. If you/your child has achieved any sporting success this year please feel free to pass the information to the school office so we can celebrate the success.

Bro Gwaun celebrated at Sport Awards

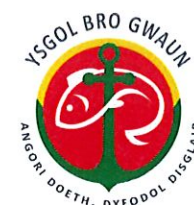
A number of pupils were nominated in last months prestigious Pembrokeshire Sports awards, achieving great success. Alex O ' Sullivan was the recipient of the U16s boys sporting achievement awards for his outstanding success in the boxing ring over the last year. Alex represented both Wales and GB last year, and is targeting the Commonwealth games in 2022. Dylan Phillips was a runner up for his feats on the athletics field and rugby, for which he achieved a Welsh Vest and represented the Scarlets West.

Past faces of the school included Ryan Foot, who was the recipient of the Disability Sporting achievement award for his success with the Welsh Deaf last year. Ryan has been an inspirational role model for inclusion having been involved in numerous inclusion programs across the county. Also amongst the winners were former Head of PE Simon Roach who achieved 'Coach of the Year' for his success with Weightlifting Wales at the Commonwealth Games as well as the success of his Weightlifting Club 'Strength Academy Wales'.

Other nominees that were shortlisted included Chloe Hale for her performance in middle distance running and Seren Thorne for her accomplishments in Tetrathlon .



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Joss excels on the Golf Green

Congratulations to Joss Lerwill who has recently been selected as one of ten to represent Wales Golf at U15s level. He will undergo an elite training performance camp over the winter season which will include S&C and psychological performance.



Kyle achieves weightlifting Gold in Bangor

Well done to Kyle Colella who achieved Gold in his weight category at the Welsh Schools Championships in Bangor. Kyle has participated in Olympic Weightlifting through the school, as well as through local club 'SAW'.

Mikey packs a punch

Congratulations to Year 8 Pupil Mikey O'Sullivan captured a Welsh schoolboy title as well as representing a Welsh Select Team.



Bro Gwaun Girls are top shot

Seren Thorne, Sophie Harding and Nia Bateman took part in the Welsh Schools Pistol Championships. They formed a team representing Ysgol Bro Gwaun in the intermediate section (year 9 and 10). They did really well and are now the Welsh Schools intermediate team champions 2018 .

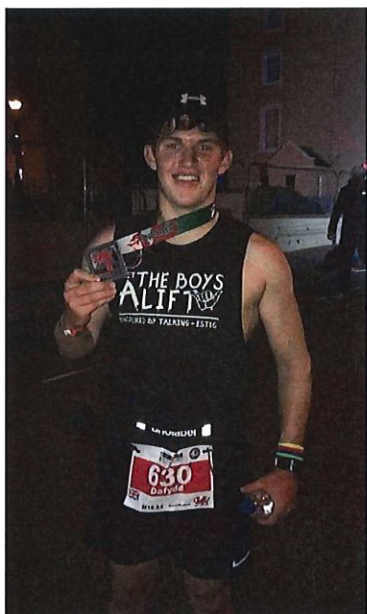


Arabella top of the podium in gymnastics

Congratulations to Arabella Hurst year 9 who competed in the West Wales area level 4 artistic gymnastic competition and has represented Wales in gymnastics this year.

The Sky's the limit for Meirion

As well as success on the rugby field Year 11 Pupil Merion John has enjoyed great success in the skies undertaking his first solo plane flight. Merion's ambition is to gain himself a private pilot licence when he turns 17.



Head boy and Iron Man

A HUGE congratulations to former Ysgol Bro Gwaun Head Boy, Dafydd Ridgway who completed Ironman Wales in Tenby on Sunday the 9th of September. Dafydd said in his very first assembly as Head Boy in September 2017 that his ambition was "to complete Ironman next year after leaving school." The hard work, training and dedication paid off as Dafydd undertook the extraordinarily difficult physical challenge of a 2.4 mile open water swim, 112 mile cycle and after all of that the small task of a full 26.2 mile run. Dafydd completed Ironman in 16 hours and 28 minutes. An unbelievable achievement for such a young man!

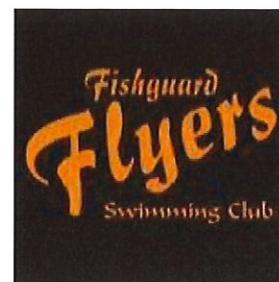
Rowing Club a Success

Congratulations to students Amy Thompson, Frankie Murrow, and Gabriel Bingham, who competed in the Welsh indoor rowing championships last Saturday. This was their first go at the indoor competition, and there were competitors from all over the UK. There were excellent performances from all three, with Amy getting a PB in a very tough field, Frankie got bronze in the J16 2k race, and Gabriel got Gold in the J12 2 minute race. They represented Fishguard and Goodwick Rowing Club, who are coached by Technology Teacher Mike Hughes. Congratulations and well done from all at Ysgol Bro Gwaun.



Bro Gwaun swimmers make a splash

Bro Gwaun pupils had great success at this years Summer Nationals, with all 5, Alexa Horne, Chloe Hale, Hans Schmidt, Rachel Lewis and Kaleb Owen achieving Personal Best times and placed high in their events. Rachael was outstanding, securing a Bronze medal in 50m Breaststroke and swimming in two more finals. Hans also managed to advance to two finals. Partly as a result of this Rachael Lewis has been selected for the Pembrokeshire County Swimming National Performance squad. Hans also got selected for the Welsh National Skills squad and represented the West Wales team at the Inter-counties gala, doing very well.



Bro Gwaun retain gold!

Bro Gwaun retained its title at the Pembrokeshire Schools Weightlifting championships over the last term, making it 3 years in a row, courtesy of representatives from Year 10 boys! The boys lifted extremely well, with many taking first place in their respective weight categories and achieving personal bests. A special mention goes to Jake Norris who received 'best lifter' in his class, achieving an impressive 67KG in the Clean and Jerk.



Sports Leaders

Bro Gwaun pupils underwent sports leaders training alongside Sports Pembrokeshire 5x60 officer Elgan Vittle and Rugby Hub Officer Chris Shousha. Here they learned the skills and qualities it takes to lead a session and delivered a session of their own to feeder primary schools. The pupils received great feedback for their work.



Rugby Report

We would like to share the success of our rugby program over this first term, which has featured just short of 100 boys actively take part in competitive fixtures. We have been fortunate to maintain positive club links with local rugby club Fishguard and Goodwick RFC, for which a large proportion of players train and play. Furthermore we are very grateful for the support these coaches provide to support our extra curricular program as well as all the other volunteers that help make Bro Gwaun's Rugby Hub Program a success.

This year's new year 7 intake have grown from strength to strength over this term, with a handful of new players undertaking regular participation to strengthen the school and club side. The boys have definitely benefitted from the regular rugby over this term which we hope will benefit the club after Christmas.

Our Year 8's have been a focus group for us, as they do not have a club side. However we are delighted to have catered for a number of players this term who have featured in either combined 7/8 teams, 8/9 and on the odd occasion an entire year 8 team. Despite not having a club side we are delighted to have been able to provide consistent playing opportunities to a core group of skilled and able players.

Year 9 have been transformed in terms of maturity this year and has emerged as a major force in school and club rugby across the county. A team that has taken strides partly due to the a strong recruitment drive since entering year 7 are now flourishing especially with guidance from a dedicated club coaching team and school.

Our Year 10 group of players have been one of our most consistent groups of players for a long time. Complimented by an excellent coaching set up at the club, it has been a pleasure to help guide these young players' development. Many have represented the Pembrokeshire Schools 15s county side this year. The boys have emerged as one of the strongest teams in Pembrokeshire, and will face Dyffryn Taf in the final of the Year 10 cup.

Year 11 have struggled for game time over this term, which is totally justified due to the academic demands of this year. However it is great to see a core group of boys playing whether it be through rugby at break time or club rugby for the U17s side. This group have shown great character and have shown great 'rugby values' off the field which, will put them in good stead as they undertake their GCSEs.

Over the next term we hope to introduce house matches for both boys and girls, as well as further developing our girls' game in the school. The girls had great success last year, fielding teams for every year group as well as performing in the Scarlets and Pembrokeshire Cup competitions. Finally we hope to take great strides in developing our ALN provision with the school, with plans to involve our Harbwr unit in Inclusion rugby in the New Year. If you or your child would like further involvement of the rugby provision in the school please do not hesitate to contact Rugby Hub Officer Chris Shousha. Finally a massive thank you for the effort of the players as well as support from staff and coaches this term. See you in 2019!



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Bro Gwaun welcome Dublin Catholic University School

The visitors, made up of a mixture of rugby players, gaelic footballers and hurlers, made the better start with fleet of foot and strong contact skills. Bro Gwaun's defense remained resolute with some great tackling in the centre from Toby Colley and skipper Cai Llewelyn, however Bro Gwaun eventually conceded a couple of tries after 15 minutes of relentless pressure. Bro Gwaun responded with a try courtesy of some 'route 1' play from the forwards in which human avalanche Jac Delaney crashed over. Leaving the score 12-5 at halftime.

Bro Gwaun rose to the challenge second half, scoring off the kick off after talisman Rhys Lewis supplied Jake Norris with an audacious offload in the 22 to allow Norris to put the burners on and unceremoniously gallop over the covering fullback to score a half the field effort in the corner. The try was well received from his team-mates as well celebrated by a cohort of year 11 girls!! Score 12-5. Despite Bro Gwaun's best efforts their Irish counterparts did pull away with some well taken tries, which is undoubtedly a credit to their Irish cross sporting activities as well as being a month into their school season with the final score being 28-10.

The final 10 minutes saw a barbarians style of play, in which boys traded tops for a final third. The final third did provide some cracking moments, most notably Toby Colley scoring against his Bro Gwaun team mates. The game did provide plenty of positives with a number of year 9 boys playing above their year, most notably Bryn Thomas, Dylan Scott, Dan Cleary, Jac Delaney and Ryan Sinnott. The hope of tough encounters like this is that it will prepare Year 10 for testing encounters most notably in county and regional cup competitions.



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Year 10 progress to Cup Final

Rugby action saw year 10 and 7/8 mixed face traditional rugby heavyweights Preseli. Typically, a fixture that would prove testing, compiled with the added incentive of a cup final at stake for a promising year 10 side as well as a new developing team for 7/8, it could have proved to be a difficult day in the office.

The main event was the cup semi-final match featuring Year 10. Skippered by the ever dependable Cai Llewellyn, Bro Gwaun opted to play up hill in the first half, with the advantage of the slope in the second. Bro Gwaun made the brighter of starts carrying well, however failing to penetrate the Preseli's armoured defence. Jake Norris provided some in roads in the forwards whilst Joss Lerwill set upon trying to ignite the backs, with the two combining for the opening try. Toby Colley was mesmeric in the centre using his fleet of foot to break the line which allowed for cult hero Ben Bone to cross for a score, Preseli were not dead and buried, as they responded with one of their own and capitalised on Bro Gwaun's poor discipline. With the half time score showing Bro Gwaun marginally in the lead, the second half looked full of promise. However, Bro Gwaun made a poor start for their standards, inviting pressure upon themselves with Bryn Thomas and Osian Rowe defending well. With Preseli creeping back in to the game, it would appear that Preseli would mount a small comeback after again capitalising on more poor discipline with another try. However, after some composure it was captain Cai that responded with a couple of forward tries, one off the back of a very impressive driving line out. With Bro Gwaun rescuing the game from the jaws of defeat they began to play with some freedom which saw a lovely backline try from Year 9 pupil Dylan Scott after some good work from fellow Year 9 pupil Dan Cleary and centre Dylan James. Final score 38-14 to Bro Gwaun.

Bro Gwaun will now face Dyffryn Taf School in the final of the competition, as well as winning a place in the Welsh cup competitions. Year 10s victory was only complimented by the Year 7/8 mixed recording a 30-0 mauling over their Preseli counterparts with Iolo Evans, Taine Williams and Jesse James again impressing!! From what could have been a tough day in the office, turned out to be a fantastically successful evening with Mr Hughes delving through the archives to say that this was the first time Bro Gwaun had been away to Preseli and won ALL their fixtures in over 15 years! (A lot of the pupils weren't even born then!). With pupils from year 7,8,9 and 10 involved it would appear the rugby future looks bright for Bro Gwaun!



Codi Arian

Bro Gwaun Macmillan fundraising success

Pupils, staff and parents joined efforts for another fantastic Macmillan fundraiser this year. The annual cake stall was run by pupils, coffee morning and raffle was held by staff and a bike ride sweep stake all helped to raise funds this year. A superb £509.80 was raised towards Macmillan and the fantastic research carried out to help combat cancer. Following the recent sad loss of our dear colleague, support assistant, fundraiser and friend Margaret Morris, contributions will also be made towards purchasing a Mags memorial bench. Many thanks to all for their amazing efforts and contributions.



Cornel Cymraeg

Taith yr Urdd—Cymru v De Affrica

Ar Ddydd Sadwrn y 24ain o Dachwedd teithiodd 30 o ddisgyblion Ysgol Bro Gwaun i'r brif ddinas i wylïo Cymru yn chwarae De Affrica. Achubwyd ar y cyfle i aros am gyfnod byr ym McArthur Glenn, cyn cwblhau'r daith er mwyn cyrraedd mewn da bryd i fod yn eu seddau cyn i'r gêm gychwyn.

Trydanol oedd yr awyrgylch yno gyda 64,203 yn y stadiwm i wylïo'r gêm. Gyda Chymru wedi ennill y 3 gêm ddiwethaf yn y gyfres, roedd pob Cymro yn y Stadiwm yn dymuno'r gorau i'r tîm ac yn gweddïo y byddent yn llwyddo i ennill y gêm olaf yn erbyn De Affrica. Llwyddodd Tomas Francis a Liam Williams i sgorio ceisiadau a Dan Biggar i gicio 2 cic gosb allweddol. Y sgôr terfynol oedd Cymru 20 De Affrica 11.

Roedd disgyblion Ysgol Bro Gwaun wrth eu bodd gyda chanlyniad y gêm wrth iddynt deithio yn ôl o Gaerdydd i Sir Benfro. Roedd eu gwerthfawrogiad yn amlwg hefyd i Miss Gwenno Thomas a staff yr Urdd am fynychu'r daith ac am drefnu'r daith.



Idiom y tymor:

Rhedeg nerth ei draed / ei thraed

(Running as fast as he or she can)

YSGOL BRO GWAUN SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

Twelve year nine and ten Ysgol Bro Gwaun pupils have recently visited Bristol University as part of the launch trip on the Scholars programme. They have made a positive start to an eight week commitment which aims to provide insight and challenge to work at a level displayed at university. Being able to complete the task will provide pupils with confidence in their ability and will also aid university application, giving them a unique edge over other applicants. They have already attended their first tutorial based upon 'The Microbial Hunger Games'.

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 Allison Zwarycz from Aberystwyth University. The programme finishes with an assignment submission and trip to another partner university. Here pupils have a campus tour, meet undergraduates and receive guidance from university admissions staff. We look forward to a celebratory graduation trip in the new year, when the pupils will gain recognition for their hard work and determination to succeed in this challenging, yet inspiring project.



YBG pupils Aspire To Be Future STEM Leaders

A team of five year 8 pupils participated in the Aspire 2Be Future STEM leaders' initiative recently. This incredible experience focused on providing opportunities for girls to recognize future possible careers in Engineering, through a successful collaboration between Coleg Sir Gar and Valero. The sessions involved using drones, 3D printing, virtual welding, robotics challenges, STEM experiments and pipe – line engineering construction. Good communication, confident team work and careful following of instructions were all essential skills demonstrated. Pupils also gained inspiration from ex-pupil Nancy John who facilitated the activities and is currently undertaking a Masters in Chemical Engineering, having gained a scholarship through Valero. Huge congratulations to Lara Van Soest, a member of the second place drone team, and Gwenna Maycock, receiving third place. Lauren John and Alexa Horne also gave noteworthy contributions, all girls representing the school admirably.



Cystadlaethau Tai

House Competitions



YBG BAKE OFF!

This is the first time we have had a cooking competition as part of the Houses Challenges, and it proved a huge success. In the first round before half term we had 24 pupils competing and representing their house with pride. Their challenge was to prepare and cook a quiche. The standard throughout was very high and this made the judges jobs even harder. However, we had to have our winners, so the following pupils gained 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for their houses.

Dreigiau/Dragons

1. Rebecca Hall
2. Abbie Leyshon
3. Nancy Mason-Hoskins

Celtiaid/Celts

1. Chris Harries
2. Theo Griffiths
3. Taine Williams /
J.J. Butcher

Arwyr/Heroes

1. Leon Delaney
2. Owen Thomas
3. Chloe Perkins

The final of The Bake Off was held on the 29th of November where the competitors were asked to prepare and cook a sausage plat. This was a very technical skill and again the standard was very high. Mrs Currie was very pleased with the whole competition. And due to this she has decided that all 4 competitors that have gained 1st, 2nd and 3rd will represent the school in the Rotary Chef Competition in St Davids at the end of January. But again well done to all of you that reached the final.

The winners in the 2018 Bake Off Competition are

1. JJ Butcher - Celtiaid
2. Rebecca Hall - Dreigiau
3. Leon Delaney - Arwyr
3. Abbie Leyshon - Dreigiau

Llongyfarchiadau i Bawb!



Next House Challenges will be Cross Country and Swimming Gala after Christmas, so get involved to make sure your House will be at the top at the end of this academic year.



Art work to inspire our pupils.

Paintings by esteemed local artists have embellished the walls of our new school this term thanks to our community Art competition. This was the first time we had ever held an event of this nature and we were absolutely delighted with the public's response.

The rationale behind the competition was based on two driving factors;

- 1) The relocation of our school (which provided us with unrivalled views of our local landscape and placed us in a prominent location within our community) and 2) The many blank walls we had to fill! Against this backdrop Helen Manley Jones from Yr Oriel Gallery in Newport approached us with a view to running a competition and so we jumped at the chance to collaborate with her. The timing was excellent, as if two jigsaw pieces were fitting together. We decided on the theme 'Land Sea, Sky' as we wanted to connect our pupils with their environment and reinforce the importance of our place within the community.

"There was a very high standard of entry" said Helen Manley Jones of the Oriel Gallery Newport. "All of the judges were amazed at the work that was entered. It was a real challenge for them to choose".

The five cash prizes were awarded to the following artists; Eirian Short for her two entries; 'Open Window' and 'The Raven', Barbara Price for 'Abercastle in Purple', Nia Tyrell for 'The Preselis', Yvonne Rylat for 'After the Storm' and Lyndon Thomas for 'The Path to the Promised Land'.

The judges were so impressed they also announced six highly commended pieces by artists; Denys Short, Bethan Maycock, Canduce Brooks, Janette Bowen and Melanie Wilmott. A special award for promising young talent went to Bethan Stewart James from Ysgol Wdig. The highly commended work will also go on the walls for a year.

Our head of Art (Rachel Williams) said that the artwork was already making a difference. "A year 9 pupil said that he thought the paintings made the school feel more homely and that's exactly what we want to promote in our school. It's important for the children to feel safe, supported and happy in their environment so that they're relaxed and ready to learn. The design and layout of the school ideally lends itself to a gallery space and the paintings have transformed it into just that. Our very own Art gallery which will be an invaluable teaching resource for us".

Mr Edwards added; "After such an overwhelming response from the public we have now decided to run this competition every 3 years to refresh the art work on our walls and it is our hope that, in time this event will gather momentum and attract a diverse range of Art styles to showcase in our school and inspire our pupils".

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the PTA and Yr Oriel Gallery for supporting us in this event and contributing to the prize money, to Mrs V Currie and our year 10 pupils for putting on a wonderful spread of refreshments at the prize giving evening and to our 7 judges who so generously gave of their time and expertise to come in and carry out this difficult process. Finally we would like to say a big thank you to all of the artists who submitted work, we really appreciate your support and hope that you'll consider submitting again next time.



Ysgol Bro Gwaun

Arholiadau TGAU Ionawr 2019

GCSE January 2019 Exams

Wednesday 9th January 2019

English Literature Unit 1

9am

Thursday 10th January 2019

Information Technology Unit 1

9am

Revision Sessions

Monday 7th January (INSET DAY) English

12.30 till 2.30 for Year 10 set 1 & 2

Tuesday 8th January English

Year 10-Lesson 1 & 2

Year 11-Lesson 3 & 4

Wednesday 9th January Information Technology

Lessons 3,4 & 5

At Ysgol Bro Gwaun we value the role of the governing body in supporting and challenging all aspects of the school's work. To do this effectively, all governors have a clear understanding of the role they play.

At Ysgol Bro Gwaun, our governing body is made up of a committed group of individuals, who each serve a term of office of 4 years.

Our governors are:

Parent Governors

Teacher Governors

Local Authority Governors

Community Governors

The Headteacher

Co-opted/non-voting Governor

Details of the Parent Governors currently serving on our Governing Body are:

PARENT GOVERNORS, THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE & RESPONSIBILITIES		
Ms Giancarla Cafolla	07.03.17 – 06.03.21	ALN Welsh Baccalaureate Health & Wellbeing / Pastoral / Attendance Links with parents
Mrs Emma Booth	16.02.18 – 15.02.22	
Mr Steve Maycock	25.05.16 – 24.05.20	Humanities
Mr Ray Lerwill	17.10.16 – 16.10.20	Science / Technology ICT / DCF
Mr Gareth Williams	18.10.18 – 17.10.22	Maths / Numeracy

Parent Governors are elected as representatives of the interests of parents of students currently attending the school and are instrumental in expressing the concerns and opinions of the majority of parents.

Ms Giancarla Cafolla is the governor with direct links with parents. Should you wish to contact Ms Cafolla for any matter related to the school, please contact the school office in the first instance.

BLOG Y PENNAETH / HEADTEACHER BLOG



Dear parent/carer,

As we come to the end of a busy yet exciting term, it is an ideal time to update you on the progress of the building works and other developments at the school.

Phases two and three of the Bro Gwaun project are ongoing. We are pleased that a major electrical refit of the hall and gymnasium area is progressing well, as is the structural work on the roof of the hall and canteen. This work is expected to be completed by Easter. Many of you will be aware that much of the 'old' school has now been completely demolished. We now look forward to the installation of two 'Multi-Use Games Areas' (MUGA pitches), which is scheduled to start in January and be completed by the summer. Once all of these works are completed, it is intended to build a sheltered walkway to join the technology block to the main building.

I'm pleased with our continued efforts to engage with the community. In October, and as a first for the school, we worked with The Danescastle School Musical Group from County Wexford in Ireland to produce a joint concert at Bro Gwaun. It was lovely to see the similarities and differences in the culture and background of the musical talents on display from both schools, and we very much hope that this will be the start of a long and fruitful friendship based around a shared interest and love for music. We must thank Councillor Myles Pepper for his important role in bringing both of our schools together. Other notable events include the Community Art Competition run in conjunction with Mrs Helen Manley-Jones of 'Y Gallery' in Newport, which has resulted in the school receiving a number of high-quality paintings which we have placed on our walls. The paintings along with other murals, one of which is pictured, form the beginning of our efforts to put our mark on the new building, all based around the theme of appreciating the value of our local landscape and community.

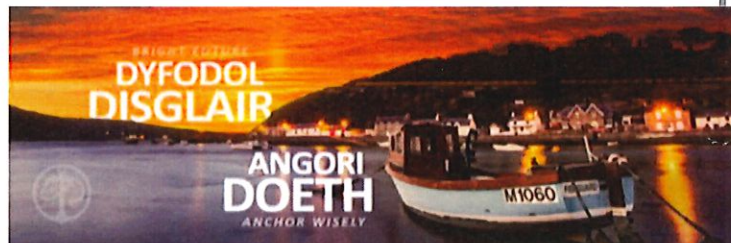
In September, we were proud to announce our new team of head prefects, the first from year 11. They are Elen Maycock (Head Girl), Iago Evans (Head Boy), Ellie Cleary (Deputy Head Girl) and Morgan Evans (Deputy Head Boy). The team have been working hard to represent the school at various events, including the laying of wreaths for remembrance, promoting the school to prospective new parents and acting as excellent role models and ambassadors. I have no doubt that they will continue to uphold the values and responsibilities associated with the role and set the standard for future head prefects from year 11.

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 our pupils. Please visit our Facebook page for the latest updates and news.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

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