

Bwletin Bro Gwaun Bro Gwaun Bulletin



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CROESO/WELCOME

Welcome to our last edition for this academic year of our informative newsletter. We hope to give you a taste of what life has been like at Ysgol Bro Gwaun since Christmas, answer some questions or concerns you may have and give you some tips and support in dealing with any issues you may encounter.

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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 '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 the 'Friends of Bro Gwaun Duck Race'. We raised over £300.

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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
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DATES**

2/9 INSET

**3/9 Pupils
return to
School**

**17/9 Ffrindiau
Bro Gwaun &
AGM (PTA)
5pm**

**16/10 Year 11
Maths
information
evening for
Parents
4.30pm**

**Gwisg Ysgol
School Uniform**

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 (skirts must be knee
length—please see the recent letter
issued)
Black shoes
Pupils are expected to wear this uniform
in the Autumn and Spring term.**

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

**Here is the school
uniform:**



NEWYDDION YSGOL BRO GWAUN—SCHOOL NEWS

Rotary Chef Competition

Three pupils represented Ysgol Bro Gwaun at the Rotary Young Chef competition which was held at Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi on Monday 28th January 2019 :-

Chris Harries year 10

Rebecca Hall year 10

JJ Butcher year 9

The competition was judged by professionals from the catering/restaurant sector. Entries were judged according to technique, creativity and visual appeal, taste, overall impact and plating along with observation of excellent hygiene. The standard of competition was extremely high. Rebecca from Ysgol Bro Gwaun secured second place and represented the school at county level, Pembrokeshire College.

Geography Fieldwork

A group of year 10 Geography students completed a Fieldwork on the Pembrokeshire coastline on Tuesday 19th February 2019. Guest speakers Dr Sid Hooper (a Geologist from Natural Resources Wales and also Geology lecturer with the University of Wales) and Mr Ian Meopham from the Pembrokeshire coast national park gave the students an in depth insight into coastal processes and erosion at Newgale and Abermawr beach. The impact of climate change on Welsh coastal communities was also analysed throughout the day with the students completing a decision making task on the coastal village of Newgale. On Thursday 21st February the whole of year 10 attended a Skills Cymru careers event at Parc Y Scarlets in Llanelli.

Skills Cymru

The aim of the event was to provide KS4 & KS5 students with an interactive insight into the vast range of career opportunities available, as well as raising awareness of various career pathways that pupils can take. There were over 150 exhibitors present. We, as a school, were allocated a 90 minute time slot where pupils were able to walk around and talk to the exhibitors.

It was a successful day with pupils saying they had an opportunity to talk to someone who had the knowledge about a future career they were thinking about, which helped them make a decision as whether this was a path they wished to follow. Others said they spoke to people about careers they hadn't thought about and have changed their future plans.

Many thanks to Skills Cymru for organising such a productive and informative event. We look forward to the opportunity again next year.

Lead Creative Schools - initial visit - part 1

On Monday 21st January 20 Year 8 Ysgol Bro Gwaun pupils visited Carew Cheriton Control Tower and Pembroke Dock Heritage Centre as part of their Lead Creative Schools scheme. The scheme aims to promote new ways of working in schools, providing the opportunity to develop an innovative and bespoke programme of learning. This year's focus in Ysgol Bro Gwaun is to develop creative approaches to numeracy and develop resilience and motivation in learning. Making links with the local community and setting a regional context to the project gave an amazing insight into World War 2 and how Maths was used to win the war. Pupils had a wonderful first-hand experience of World War 2 heritage right in our Pembrokeshire community and wish to say a huge thank-you to all the wonderful volunteers. We look forward to returning again!



Careers Day

On Tuesday 22nd January, Ysgol Bro Gwaun's year 9 pupils took part in a Careers Day held at Pembrokeshire College. The aim of the event was to give the pupils and insight into a variety of different careers and to inform their option choices for GCSE. Throughout the day over 80 different careers were on offer; ranging from hairdressing, accountancy and engineering to becoming a lawyer or a chocolatier.

The highlight of the day was seeing all of the pupils engaging with students from other schools and participating in all activities.

As a school, Ysgol Bro Gwaun would like to thank Pembrokeshire College and all of the providers for the amazing opportunity given to our pupils during the event.

'Un Mewn Miliwn'

Ar Ddydd Mawrth 29ain o Ionawr 2019 teithiodd 26 o ddisgyblion blwyddyn 7 Ysgol Bro Gwaun i Hwlfordd ar gyfer diwrnod o weithgareddau a oedd yn hybu'r defnydd o'r Gymraeg sef 'Un Mewn Miliwn'. Dyma gynllun a drefnwyd i gydymffurfio gydag ymgyrch y Llywodraeth sef miliwn o siaradwyr Cymraeg erbyn 2050. Mae hefyd yn weithred i gefnogi'r Siarter Iaith o fewn ysgolion y Sir, sef project sy'n annog y defnydd o'r Gymraeg yn ein hysgolion.

Yn ystod sesiwn y bore, trefnwyd i gyflwynwyr y rhaglen 'Stwnsh' ddiddori'r disgyblion gydag amryw o gystadlaethau. Cafodd nifer o ddisgyblion yr ysgol llond wyneb o 'Pei Stwnsh' wrth iddynt gael eu ffilmio ar gyfer rhaglenni'r dyfodol agos.

Ar ôl cinio, cafwyd y cyfle i wyllo ac i wrando ar lwyddiant Ameer Rana, neu Sgrameer fel yr adnabyddir ef o'r rhaglen Hansh. Pwysleisiodd sut yr oedd ei allu i siarad yr iaith Gymraeg wedi ei alluogi i wneud gymaint o swyddi gwahanol. Cynhaliodd cwis i godi ymwybyddiaeth y disgyblion o'r iaith Gymraeg. Yn ystod yr un cyfnod, cafwyd y disgyblion gyfle i wneud amrywiol weithgareddau megis diamwnd 9, wal graffiti ac olwyn droelli a oedd yn codi eu hymwybyddiaeth o Gymru, eu diwylliant a'u hanes.

Yn ystod y sesiwn olaf, cyflwynwyd cwmni lleol i'r disgyblion o Dŷ Ddewi sydd wedi arallgyfeirio sef 'The Bug Farm'. Esboniwyd y cynllun i'r dyfodol ynghyd a'u gweledigaeth i sicrhau bod y busnes yn un Gymraeg a Chymreig. Cafodd y disgyblion y cyfle hefyd i flasgu cynnyrch a oedd wedi cael ei baratoi gyda phryfed fel un o'r cynhwysion.

Cafodd y disgyblion ddiwrnod pleserus a hynny drwy gyfrwng yr iaith Gymraeg. Gobeithio bydd y profiad yn eu hannog i ddefnyddio'r iaith yn gymdeithasol o fewn a thu hwnt i'r ysgol.

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Bro Gwaun Scholars success celebrated in style

Wednesday 13th February marked a huge celebration for pupils undertaking the Brilliant Club Scholars programme at Ysgol Bro Gwaun. This date saw the finale of a fantastic opportunity for twelve pupils who undertook the challenging task of attending university style lectures, developing new skills and gaining an advanced subject knowledge through completing a taxing, yet rewarding STEM assignment, at a full key stage above their current working level. Suffice to say that Aled James, Daniel Cleary, Amelia Cox, Nancy Mason Hoskins, Xaria Davies and Huw Davies from year 9, as well Alonwy Roberts, Maddy Stott, Ben Tannahill, Libby Rands, Archie Howell and Toby Colley from year 10, fully embraced the experience concluding with them achieving outstanding results. This amazing opportunity began with a launch trip to Bristol University. Pupils made a positive start to an eight week commitment which aimed to provide insight and challenge, broadening their knowledge beyond the curriculum restrictions. The task providing pupils with opportunity to demonstrate confidence in their ability, aiding university applications of the future, by giving a unique edge over other applicants. Under the guidance of a PhD tutor, Dr Allison Zwarycz, Ysgol Bro Gwaun pupils worked on a project titled 'The microbial Hunger Games – eat or be eaten'. This was to be a study of two bacteria and their predatory interactions, namely *Bdellovibrio bacteriovorus* and *Vibrio cholerae*. They achieved incredibly well, all gaining university style gradings on their final assignments. The celebratory graduation trip to Oxford University saw the final stage of the programme where the impressive efforts of pupils gained full recognition with Alonwy and Nancy confidently presenting their findings to the graduation audience. As a school, we are immensely proud of the attitude, determination, resilience and commitment shown by these pupils.



YBG Lunch with the Director

On Friday 22nd March, Wil Robinson and Alfie Bean, year 7 members of Ysgol Bro Gwaun School Council, attended an invitation to lunch with the Director of Education, Kate Evan-Hughes. They enthusiastically shared their experiences of the transition activities they had experienced in the process of transferring from their primary schools to secondary education and of their future involvement as very valued members of the School Council at YBG.



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Bro Gwaun participate in International Women's Day Celebrations

Friday March 8th marked the annual International Women's Day celebrations with this year's theme being to build a gender balanced world. Ysgol Bro Gwaun pupils, namely Ellie Cleary, Elin Maycock, Lily Cox and Molly Phillips, were fortunate to have been invited to an event run by Bluestone National Park resort. The day was inspiring with female Bluestone representatives highlighting to pupils how they have developed, what their roles consist of and what their experiences in the workplace have been. This was done through a number of workshops held throughout the day based on business areas such as Construction, Career opportunities, Food and Beverage and Marketing/Brand, all highlighting that gender balance is essential for economies and communities to thrive. As a school, we are very grateful of the fantastic welcome given by the inspiring team hosting the event, and look forward revisiting to celebrate International Men's Day later this year.



Democracy Training

On Friday 12th April four pupils from Ysgol Bro Gwaun attended a Democracy training event hosted by the Children and Young People's Rights Office and Pembrokeshire Electoral Services. Zoe LaTrobe, Leon Delaney, Mefin Hughes and Chris Harries all representing the school superbly through contributing their views on Votes@16 being researched in conjunction with the National Assembly for Wales. Pupils gained valuable insight into the process of registration, the procedures within polling stations, contributed to discussions on the importance of the vote and provided valuable input into the next steps in becoming future Democracy Champions.



YBG Show Racism The Red Card

As part of the PSE programme, year 8 have been considering the topic of racism. **Show Racism the Red Card** is the UK's anti-racism educational charity. The organisation utilises the high-profile status of football and football players to help tackle racism in society. Show Racism the Red Card Competitions encourage young people from schools and other educational settings to produce creative work with an original anti-racism theme. The school entries for the competition have been judged and have been sent on to compete on a national level. Congratulations to Thea Lerwill, Ava Cheynie and Liah Williams who were successful Ysgol Bro Gwaun winners.



Comic Relief

With the biannual Comic Relief date set as Friday 15th March, Ysgol Bro Gwaun pupils were set the challenge of raising a minimum of £100. Staff were faced with a slightly more daunting challenge of volunteering to be one of the 'Secret Seven'. These brave individuals fully embraced the challenge of 'doing something funny for money', by teaching in fancy dress for the day following a full assembly reveal. Being taught by an angel, knight, dragon, lion, ogre, queen and villain are not every day events at Ysgol Bro Gwaun.

Needless to say that the target was surpassed, and a lot of laughs were had for a very good cause.

Many thanks to the pupils, parents/guardians, community and of course staff who supported our most recent YBG fundraising event.



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Riverside Library

Harbwr pupils from Ysgol Bro Gwaun attended four sessions at the Riverside Library, Haverfordwest. The pupils built Lego robots and programmed them to move in different directions, leading them to the last session of a robot war. The pupils from Harbwr thoroughly enjoyed this experience and would like to thank the members of staff from the Riverside Library for all their help and making it such an enjoyable time.



Seren Llwybr

On Thursday the 28th March, 3 pupils from year 9 attended a Seren Llwybr Music & Drama Workshop in the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff. The day started with a workshop from a Jazz musician. After lunch the pupils took part in two Drama workshops from lecturers at the university. The practical workshops were undertaken with pupils from others schools from across Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire. The exciting day was finished by a visit to the Sherman Theatre where the pupils watched an incredible performance of the musical 'Company' performed by the Post Graduate students of the Musical Theatre Course at the college.



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Ysgol Bro Gwaun's 2019 Prize Giving Evening

Ysgol Bro Gwaun's school hall was the venue for a relaxed and enjoyable Certificate and Prize giving Evening. Mrs Wendy Raymond, Chair of the Governing Body, introduced Dr Alis Deason, this year's Guest Speaker. Dr Deason is a past pupil of the school, and her inspiring speech made her an excellent role model for young people.

In her address, Alis detailed how she was determined to use her persistence to succeed in the world of work. Following A Levels at Ysgol Bro Gwaun, Alis studied Natural Science at Cambridge, where she also completed her PhD in Astrophysics. Following her Degree, Alis carried out research into Astronomy at the University of Santa Cruz, California, and at Stanford University. Her current role is as Assistant Professor of Astronomy at Durham University.

On congratulating pupils on their excellent results, Alis encouraged the audience to persevere and be flexible as they continue to work hard towards their future goals.

Headteacher, Mr Paul Edwards, stressed how many aspects within school life should combine to ensure all pupils achieve their goals, and thanked all concerned for their invaluable efforts.

The Head pupils, Elen Maycock and Iago Evans, gave the guests an informative and comprehensive overview of 2017-18's wide and varied range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities, and the Deputies, Ellie Cleary and Morgan Evans delivered the vote of thanks.



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Welsh Whisperer

Cafodd dosbarth Bwrlwm Blwyddyn 8Y brofiad gwych pan ddaeth y Welsh Whisperer i gynnal gweithdy gyda nhw am ddiwrnod cyfan yng Nghnolfan Iaith Bro Gwaun. Cawson nhw gyfle i gyfansoddi cân newydd 'Abergwaun' a chwason nhw berfformio'r gân o flaen dosbarth Bwrlwm Blwyddyn 7Y cyn mwynhau gig yng nghwmni'r Welsh Whisperer yn canu rhai o'i ganeuon enwog fel 'Ni'n Beilo Nawr', 'Loris Mansel Davies', 'Bois y JCB' a llawer mwy.

Cafodd aelodau o Radio Bwrlwm Bro Gwaun gyfle i gynnal cyfweiliad ganddo yn ystod y dydd gan holi cwestiynau diddorol i'r perfformiwr. Maen nhw yn y broses o gynhyrchu'r rhaglen nesaf fydd yn cael ei darlledu cyn bo hir ar radio Cymru FM.

Year 8Y Bwrlwm class had a great experience when the Welsh Whisperer came to hold a workshop with them for a whole day at Canolfan Iaith Bro Gwaun. They had the opportunity to compose a new song 'Fishguard' and they performed the song in front of the 7Y Bwrlwm class before enjoying a gig in the company of the Welsh Whisperer. They enjoyed listening to him singing some of his famous songs such as 'Ni'n Beilo Nawr', 'Loris Mansel Davies', 'Bois y JCB' and many more.

Radio Bwrlwm Bro Gwaun members had the opportunity to interview him during the day asking some interesting questions! They are in the process of producing the next Radio Bwrlwm Bro Gwaun programme that will be broadcast soon on radio Cymru FM.



Wear A Hat Day @ YBG!

On Thursday 28th March 2019, staff at Ysgol Bro Gwaun took part in 'Wear a Hat Day', a national campaign aiming to raise awareness of the effects of brain tumours across the UK, by wearing their hats to school for the day.

As well as raising awareness within the school, over £75 was raised, which will be 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 Jessie Ballard said "Brain tumour research is woefully unfunded so it has been great to get Ysgol Bro Gwaun involved in the campaign once again, helping to raise brain tumour awareness on a local level and highlight the support that the Thorne Mason Trust can offer to those who need it within the county".

To find out more about the charity you can visit www.thornemasontrust.co.uk or telephone 01437 766011.

Trio-Sci STEM Day

Year 7 pupils were recently involved in a Trio-Sci Cymru STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) day at Ysgol Bro Gwaun.

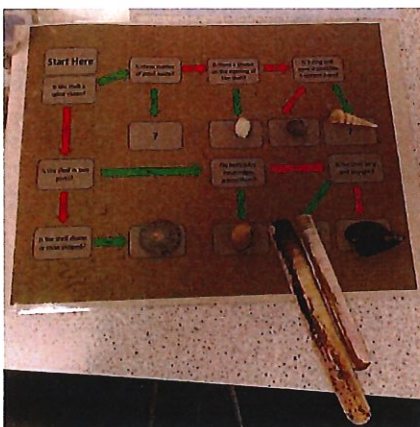
Researchers and outreach officers from Aberystwyth University held a series of Science activities to assess the impact of STEM on pupil ideas about careers in STEM. All year 7 pupil conducted activities on shore and rock pool habitats, parasites, the Solar System using Virtual Reality and Exoplanets. Many had the opportunity to observe the night sky inside a planetarium.

This was the first of 3 taster sessions run by Aberystwyth University aimed at improving pupil perceptions of careers in STEM.

Pupils experiencing Virtual Reality

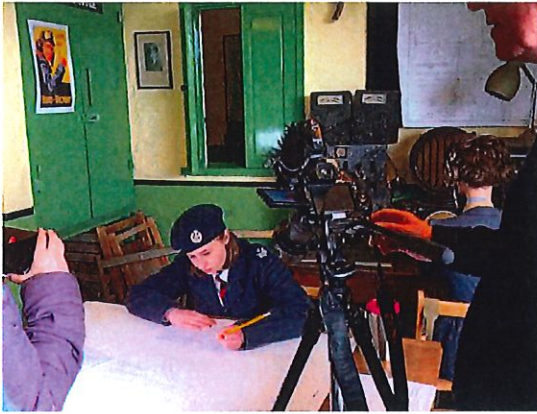


Exploring beach habitats



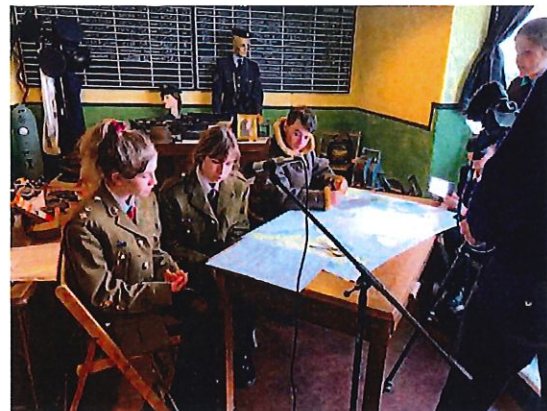
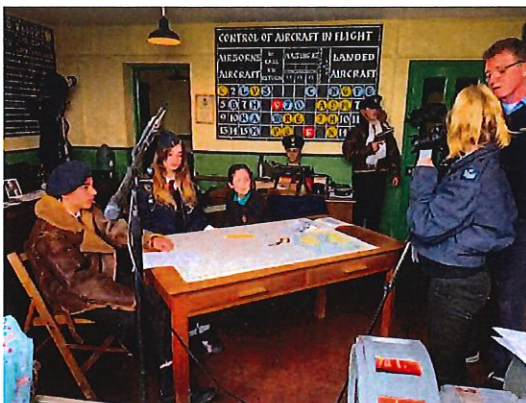
Investigating parasites





Creative Schools - return visit - part 2

Year 8 pupils returned to Carew Cheriton Control Tower on Thursday 4th April to film the final culmination of their Creative Schools project. Pupils had been working hard for 9 weeks learning about the important role that maths played in the Battle of the Atlantic. Pupils had been split into 4 groups, taking on the roles of Coastal Command, the Ministry of Signals, the Ministry of Supply and the Ministry of Transport. Each group were tasked with developing a challenge set in the context of World War 2, for example deciphering ciphers, using Morse code, and working out the fuel needed to safely return convoys to home. Pupils were filmed recording their challenges, as well as solving them, so that the clips can be used in future lessons with subsequent year groups. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed filming their mathematical puzzles, dressed up in full regalia, whilst others also enjoyed the roles of studio and script managers. Fantastic assistance was given from the wonderful volunteers at Carew Cheriton Control Tower as well as the Creative Practitioners involved in the project. A wonderful Battle of the Atlantic experience which proved how Maths really did win the war!



SEREN Maths Challenge

A group of four year 10 YBG mathematicians recently attended a countywide SEREN event which aimed to promote and encourage young people to pursue Mathematics at higher education. Held in Haverfordwest High, teams from each of the secondary schools in Pembrokeshire were set a series of mathematical problems to solve. These challenging problems were created by Aberystwyth University and the FMSP (Further Maths Support Programme). Although the challenges were tough, the essence of the event is to emphasise the importance of problem solving and breaking complex tasks down into smaller, achievable pieces. The Bro Gwaun team consisting of Joss Lerwill, Zoe Latrobe, Ella Merritt and Maddy Stott all performed excellently, despite some initial nerves! They worked fantastically as a team and answered all the questions posed to them, even when they were put on the spot! Overall, it was a successful event with the YBG team doing the school proud.

Example Questions

1. Fairly Hungry

Anna, Charlie and Michael are hungry at the fair. They buy a candy floss, a hot dog, and a gourmet burger, respectively. They meet Sue, who asks the cost of each item. 'Well,' said Michael, 'we spent £27 in total and mine was the dearest.' 'The product of the prices was 585,' added Charlie helpfully. Sue still looked confused. 'My food was the cheapest item,' Anna told her kindly. How much was each?

4. Domino Deception

Peter is playing dominoes with a standard 'double-six' set and begins by laying the double six. He then continues to lay dominoes, but in just one direction, until he has either exhausted his supply of 28 dominoes or cannot carry on. What will be the number at the end of the last domino? Why? Suppose now that Peter plays in both directions from the double six. He discovers that he can use all the dominoes that he has available, but Ann announces that she hid one before he started. Can Peter always identify immediately (without checking the whole set!) which domino it will be?

2. King's Procession

On a chessboard, a king is to be allowed to move one square at a time: horizontally to the right, vertically downward, or diagonally to the right and downward.

Imagine a reduced 4×4 chessboard, with the king beginning in the top-left square. By how many routes can he reach the bottom-right square? By how many routes can a similar journey be made on a full 8×8 chessboard?

6. Archie and Phoebe

In the traditional game of hopscotch, children hop along a grid of squares drawn on the ground. At each position, there is either one square or two.

When one square is at a position, you land on one foot; when there are two squares, you land with one foot in each square.

Archie and Phoebe want to play.

Draw all the different possible hopscotch grids they could make with four squares.

Now do it for grids of five squares.

A particular number of available squares will yield 34 possible grids. Thinking about any patterns between successive numbers of grids, predict this number of squares, explaining your reasoning.

(You do not need to draw out the 34 grids.)

Grassland Event Report

On Thursday 6th of June, twenty-five pupils from years 7 to 10 attended the Royal Welsh Show Grassland event in Carew on a 180 acre site at Cardeeth Farm. As Pembrokeshire is the host county for the Show this year, the event gave pupils a unique opportunity to attend the Grassland event in the local area. Pupils observed all of the latest machinery and farming technology being demonstrated from the country's leading brands including John Deere, JCB and Krone. Pupils were also able to speak to some of the leading local and national agricultural engineers about the uses of the technology and future developments including driverless tractors.



'Cwpan Hiraeth'

On Friday 28th June, at a full school assembly, Captain Brian Thomas presented the 'Cwpan Hiraeth' to Andrew Morris, Year 10, for most outstanding achievement, having overcome a challenging time in his life, and in doing so gaining self-confidence and self-esteem.

In school, at home, and in the community, Andrew is a kind, friendly and helpful person who continues to make others smile and laugh.

As a former pupil, Captain Thomas donated the cup to the school to celebrate outstanding achievement of pupils. This is the fourth year it has been awarded.

Captain Thomas stated that it was a wonderful privilege to present the cup, and encouraged pupils with a speech on inspiration and motivation, giving examples to the pupils.



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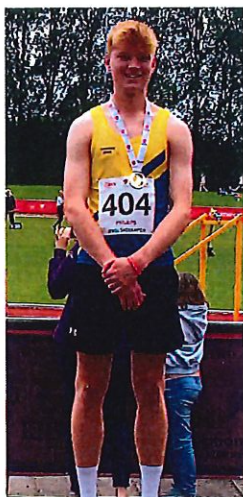


YBG Lunch with the Director of Education

On 7th June, Abbie Norris and Damion Mason, Year 9, attended an invitation to lunch with the Director of Education, Ms Kate Evan-Hughes. They took part in an informal meeting with the Director, in order to establish and ongoing dialogue about the delivery of education in Pembrokeshire, which was an excellent opportunity for them to be involved in.

Under 17 Shot Put

Dylan Phillips winning gold for U17 shot put at the Welsh Championships in Wrexham 16.05.19.



World Championships

Jaycee Jones (Year 7) attended the dancing World championships in Blackpool winter gardens.

Representing Wales, Jaycee danced against competitors from all over the world. In her first dance, she and a team mate achieved a 6th place in the pair event. A very good achievement indeed.

Then competing her slow dance on Saturday, being told that her category was the biggest of the evening, she battled through the heats and really worked hard in each round. She had recalls over 5 heats, making it to the finals and coming 4th in the world! To have a recall at Worlds is amazing but to be placed is something else. Leading on to the Sunday evening, Jaycee was ready for freestyle, dancing first time as a champ. Freestyle is all about speed and skill. The competitors from around the world showed skill and talent, it was going to be tough. Jaycee again had 5 recalls and really battled at each round as the standard was exceptional.

If you make it to a final you are then asked to do a spot which meant Jaycee had to do a routine on her own in front of a panel of judges and we are thrilled to announce that she came 8th. This is such an amazing achievement, being placed 3 times at the Worlds. She is very overwhelmed and thrilled.

It shows that hard work, determination and dedication really does pay off.



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YBG@ Pembrokeshire College Summer Update 2019

Three YBG pupils continue their academic success on their A level programme at Pembrokeshire College. Michael Lewis, Samuel Rummery and Callum Harries have all been successful in gaining places on the prestigious SEREN network summer school at Jesus College, Oxford. All three students have also been successful in their applications to the Sutton Trust Summer School programme. This programme places students at one of the UK's top 13 universities including Durham, Bristol and Imperial College, London. In addition to this, both Callum and Samuel have been the inaugural recipients of the College's brand-new mentoring initiative and have successfully linked up with Dr. Alis Deason, a former pupil of Ysgol Bro Gwaun, and now a world-renowned astrophysicist who spoke at this year's Prize Evening. The college is very grateful to Mr. Edwards for helping to set this up. We are also pleased to congratulate Michael Lewis, who has recently been elected as Student overnor of the College.

Gold Medal

Dylan Phillips achieved a gold medal at the Welsh Schools Championships with a new PB and so secured an opportunity to represent Wales in shot put at the SIAB competition on July 20 in exotic Swansea. Well done Dylan.



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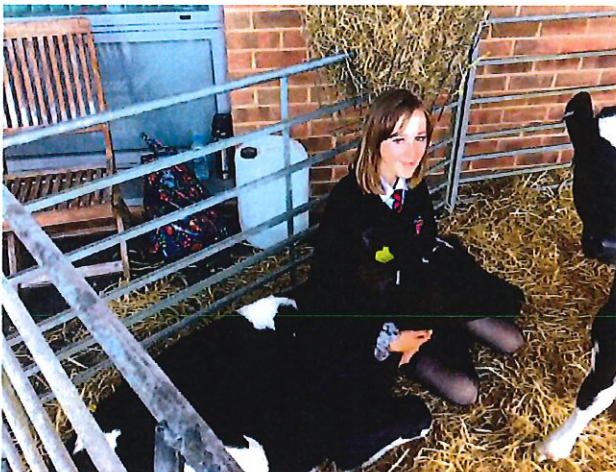
Cows on Tour



Telling The Farming Story | Yn adrodd Stori Amaeth

A very large Hereford bull caused a stir in the Ysgol Bro Gwaun playground – but this was no rampaging beast, he was very definitely on the guest list.

The bull, owned by Croesgoch farmer Euros Rees, was a member of the Cows on Tour team, an initiative aimed at educating children about where their food comes from. For one week in May, Cows On Tour, supported by Ibers and Aberystwyth University, visited five schools across Wales with livestock and machinery in tow, and Ysgol Bro Gwaun proudly launched this year's tour.



Hundreds of children from our feeder primary schools, as well as YBG pupils and staff participated in the event which was organised by Olwen Thomas, president of Fish-guard Agricultural Show, in conjunction with the Cows on Tour team.



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The local farming community rose to the challenge with some excellent interactive sessions. Interesting facts were provided by poultry producers, pupils were engaged in the process of potato production, given an overview of cereal production and a snapshot of the scale of modern farming, including farm safety too.



We have had a very positive response from the children. There were lots of questions and, with farmers who make their living from the land on hand to answer these, they left with a good understanding of agriculture and where their food comes from. Many thanks to Olwen Thomas, president of Fishguard Agricultural Show, in conjunction with the Cows on Tour team for a fantastic opportunity.



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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 has been reported as 95.1%. Therefore we have reached our target. Da iawn pawb! Year 7 are the best attendees.

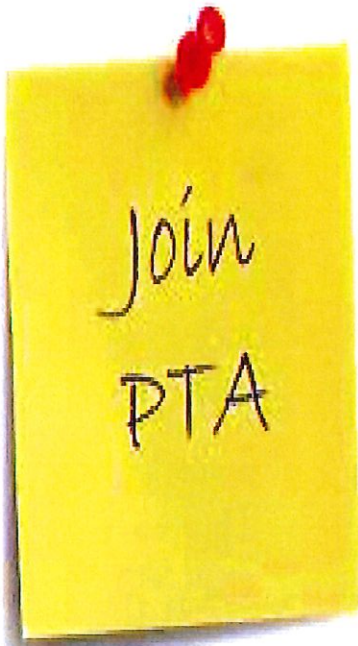
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- ◆ If your child is unwell please contact the office before 9am or text on 07860005051
- ◆ The YBG Attendance Policy can be viewed on the School Website.
- ◆ We do not authorise holidays during term time.

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.





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 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 Duck Race.

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 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)

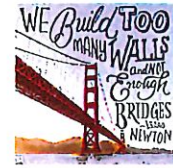
Please note that if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credits in addition to any of these benefits you will not be eligible for free meals, even if your household income is below £16,190

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.



Support Bridge Pont Gwyrth



Pupils' activities :

There has been much activity during the past term for pupils with Additional Learning Needs at Bro Gwaun.

Pupils based in the Harbwr LRC Unit have been participating in outdoor learning. 'Forest school' has played a major part in the pupils' teaching and learning, equipping the pupils with thinking skills, team-work, and independent living skills. Literacy and numeracy have been used in practical situations in the outdoors. Many pupils in Harbwr have also taken part in the County Inclusion Sports Day.

Pupils from Harbwr and Enfys proudly competed in the Fun Day at Haverfordwest, entering many competitions ranging from Art and Crafts, to Photography and Design work.

Pupils with ALN across the school have been fortunate to gain work experience sessions at Letterston Community Cafe. We have a strong link between our ALN Department and the Outreach Cafe in Letterston - pupils have worked in the cafe serving customers and taking on the responsibility of kitchen duties. A great experience for all involved.

Some 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!

Congratulations to the pupils for taking part in the above activities, and many thanks to the school staff and the outside providers for the continued support. Diolch yn fawr, a llongyfarchiadau mawr iawn i bawb!

Events for Parents and Carers :

Our latest ALN Coffee Morning was held in May. Parents of pupils in year 6 had the opportunity to meet with the ALN Co-ordinator and parent/link Governor. Many issues were discussed and worries elevated.

Our next coffee morning for parents will be held on Friday 20th September from 9.30 -11.00am. Please feel free to pop in for a coffee and a chat. Support is always offered. All welcome. Croeso i bawb.

Strategies for children who display 'signs of anxiety' :

- Let your parents and teachers know so they can support you.
- Talk the feelings through with a trusted adult.
- Talk the thoughts through with a close friend.
- Ask if anyone else has conquered this fear.
- Think of ways to 'talk yourself through' this anxiety.
- Find ways to distract yourself, so that you do not dwell on it.
- Breath in, and breath out, slowly, 'in colours'.
- Go to your 'safe place' in your mind.

Chocolate Factory

On Tuesday 14th of May, pupils from Harbwr visited Wickedly Welsh chocolate factory in Haverfordwest, where they truly experienced chocolate, not only by tasting it and making their very own chocolate pizzas, but having a true chocolate experience. The pupils visited the demonstration room which looks into the factory which had chocolate making machines filled with chocolate.

While having a demo, they got to peek into the factory and watch the chocolatiers in action and they learnt the history of chocolate and learnt how it is made.

Cheese Factory

On Monday, 13th of May, Harbwr pupils attended Cenarth cheese factory, where the pupils were shown around the factory and were given a demonstration of how the cheese was made, followed by a video on the history of the cheese factory. An experience they shall never forget!

They were then able to taste the beautiful cheeses made at Cenarth Cheese factory. We would like to thank all staff for making it a very enjoyable day.

Funday

On Wednesday 15th of May, pupils from Harbwr and Enfys attended a funday, held at Withybush show ground, where schools from Pembrokeshire entered their amazing pieces of art work, cookery, written pieces for a competition. Also being able to enjoy a fun filled day, from nail painting to face painting to dancing.

All the pupils thoroughly enjoyed their day. We would like to thank the amazing organisers, staff and businesses that were able to make it such a joyous day, as always. Diolch yn fawr iawn.

Work Experience

Pupils from year 9 Harbwr have been attending work experience at the Cafe in Letterston, where they have had experience in working with the public, waitressing and general cleaning.

The pupils have all gained so much from doing this experience, improving their knowledge, experience, and team work. They have gained many skills while building their confidence at the same time. We must say their breakfasts and cakes are amazing also!

We would like to thank the team at the Cafe, and at the School, for making this possible for our pupils. Many thanks also to the parents for supporting. Diolch yn fawr iawn i bawb.

The Big Conversation Well-being Event

A group of Ysgol Bro Gwaun pupils from Year 8 and Year 9 attended The Big Conversation Well-being event on 8th May in Pembrokeshire Archives, Haverfordwest. The event consisted of several schools across Pembrokeshire who took part in a variety of activities to encourage well-being for young people.

In the afternoon, Ysgol Bro Gwaun pupils took part in sport activities for the inclusion of pupils with disabilities and received certificates from Mrs Angela Miles – Disability Sports Wales Development Officer.

The day gave Ysgol Bro Gwaun pupils a better understanding of the benefits of maintaining good well-being for all people in the community.

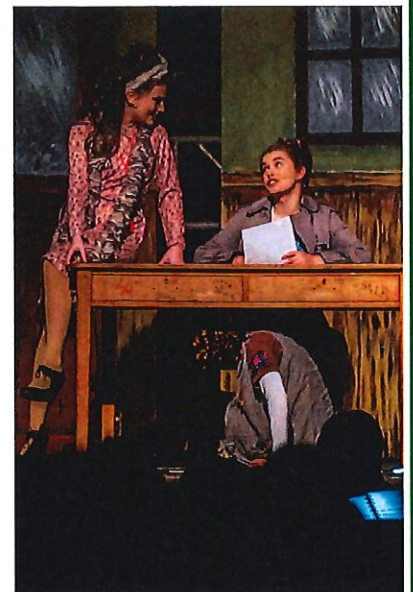
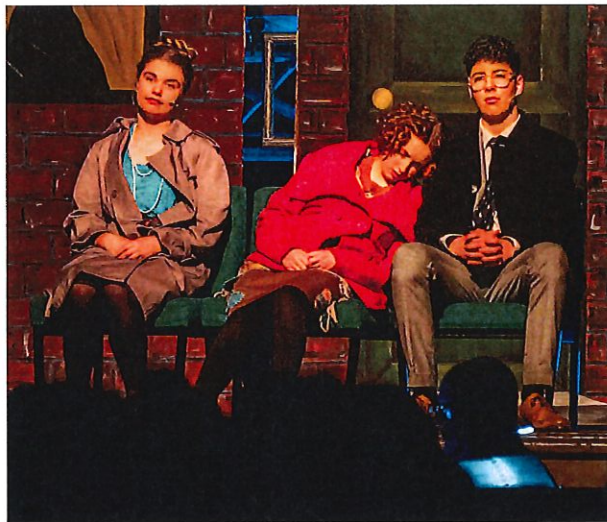


On December the 11th, 12th and 13th 2018 pupils from years 7-11 at Ysgol Bro Gwaun once again took to the stage to perform their annual school production. This year's show was 'Annie' the Musical. With the school hall brimming for 3 nights of performances, the pupils showcased the hard work, determination and effort put into their production since July. The cast of around 40 pupils took to the stage in an all singing, all dancing, and colourful performance!

A moving performance of the lead role, 'Annie', was given by year 8 student Gwenna Maycock. The 'Orphans', played by Ella Merritt, Nancy Mason-Hoskins, Anwen Williams, Emily Townsend, Emily Fearon and Abbie Lewis, help Annie to escape from the orphanage and horrible Miss Hannigan played by Neeve Hallet in year 10, who's incredibly mature performance was a joy to watch. Miss Hannigan, along with a playful Rooster (played by Karl Davis year 11) and flirtatious Lily (played by Tegan Jones year 10) hatch a plan to kidnap Annie and take the reward money for themselves- 'getting rid' of Annie in the process. Annie is saved from the orphanage by the kind Grace Farrell, played by Rosa Brew year 11, and Phebe Salmon year 9 on alternate performances. On Miss Farrell's return to the mansion, grumpy Mr Warbucks, played by Iago Evans year 11 begins to warm to her and they strike a warm, funny and likeable relationship. The story accompanied by wonderful music leads us to the grand finale- Christmas Day, where Annie is adopted by 'Daddy' Warbucks in an uplifting ending to a heart-warming story.

Exceptional performances were given in all four shows including the Primary School's matinee on the Monday, allowing 600 pupils from our feeder school to enjoy the performance. The familiar songs from the original film rang out through the hall, filling it with a warm family glow!

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



Digital Leaders 2019-2020

appointments!

On Monday 1st July, Ysgol Bro Gwaun appointed its first batch of Digital Leaders for the next academic year. The team will be led by Senior Digital Leaders Ella Merritt and Tomos Davies, and will include 4 pupils from each year group. It was an incredibly tough job to choose from the applications received, and all pupils did extremely well through the interview process.

The successful applicants were:

Dafydd Cornock	Alfie Bean	Kai Lewis	Olivia Dunn-Heaton
Alexa Horne	Aliyah Westrip	Kyle O'Sullivan	Lara Van Soest
Thomas Bowen	Jacob Hancock	Carys Evans	Kara Thomas.
Tegan Jones	Osian Rowe	Rebecca Hall	Zoe Latrobe.

It was a tough decision for the staff, governors and pupils involved, and all pupils should be proud of themselves.

The teams purpose will be to develop the schools use of Information Communications Technology; and will provide training to staff, pupils, governors and the wider community to help upskill them.

Pupils have already sent out a questionnaire to staff to see what support they would like, and have also created a questionnaire for the wider community to see what they can do to help support you. This could include information evenings about the latest smartphone apps, demonstrations on how to use E-Mail or E-Safety newsletters.

If you would like to take part and give any suggestions, please use the link or QR code below:

<https://bit.ly/2Xqiwn1>

Thank you.

The Digital Leader Team



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Microsoft Licenses available free to all pupils in Welsh schools.

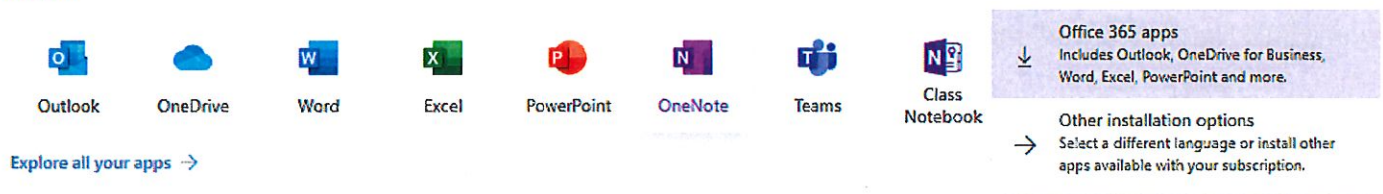
Further to the Minister for Education's press release in March 2019, Microsoft 365 licenses are now available for pupils in all maintained schools in Wales. This will help learners gain the skills they need to thrive in an increasingly digital world, an essential aim of the Welsh Government's Digital Competence Framework.

The agreement for Microsoft 365 A3 includes:

- Office 365 pro Plus
- Access to the latest versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Outlook
- 5 installs on desktop or mobile devices
- Minecraft: Education Edition and Code Builder
- Window 10 enterprise upgrade
- Access to Microsoft's Shape the Future Programme

Pupils can access these downloads via their HWB account. They must then navigate to office 365 and click 'Install Office' (see image below).

Apps



Install Office

Office 365 apps
Includes Outlook, OneDrive for Business, Word, Excel, PowerPoint and more.

Other installation options
Select a different language or install other apps available with your subscription.

Please note that once learners have left a maintained school in Wales, their license will end.

For more information, please visit the following websites:

<https://gov.wales/wales-leads-way-microsoft-schools>

<https://hwb.gov.wales/support-centre/hwb-services/microsoft-365-licences>



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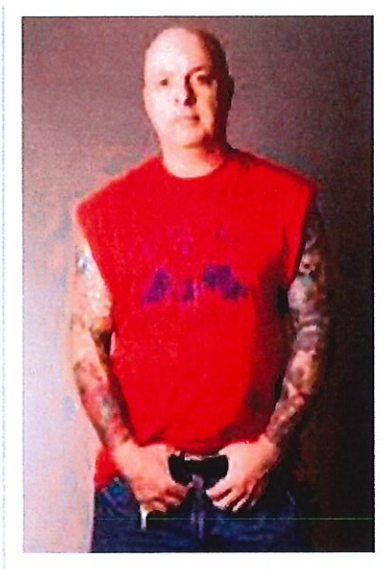


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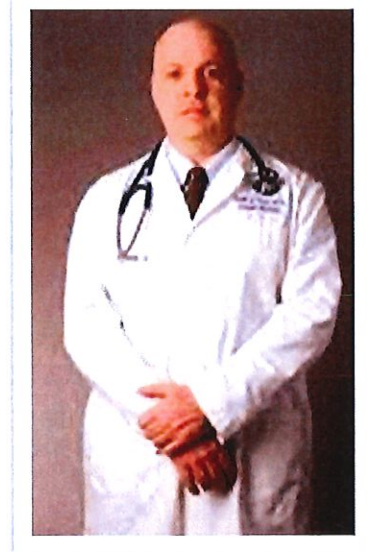
This term Year 10, along with Year 9, have been considering what makes a good global citizen. Various key terms have been discussed, such as tolerance, respect, racism, islamophobia, prejudice and discrimination. We have also talked about our own reactions when we meet and see people for the first time.

Do you think that you prejudge people?

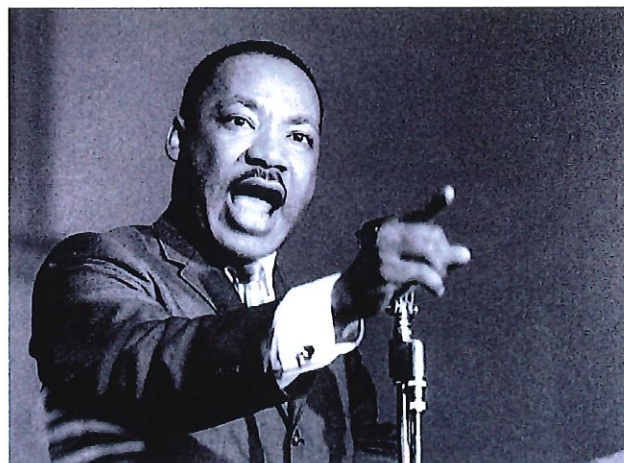


What's your immediate reaction to this person?
What type of person do you think they would be?

Would you have had a different reaction if you had seen this picture of the same person?



In the same way, are all extremists bad?



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Art workshop with Raul Speek.



At the end of last term a group of 15 year 10 Art students took part in an inspiring painting and drawing workshop led by renowned Cuban/Pembrokeshire artist Raul Speek at Oriol Y Parc Gallery in St Davids.

Raul gave us a guided tour of his exhibition and pupils engaged in various discussions about his work and the social issues that triggered his creative responses. The emphasis of the workshop was to recognise the importance of **individuality** (how essential it is to be ourselves, to stand firm in who we are and what we believe rather than just following the crowd). We talked about how social media can have both a positive and negative effect on our creativity, how essential it is for us to be able to think for ourselves and how future employers will be looking to recruit creative thinkers who can think independently and out of the box.

Pupils were encouraged to make bold, confident and expressive marks, shapes and textures onto large sheets of paper.

Raul demonstrated one of his painting techniques and the pupils then added blocks of colour to complete their unique and original mixed media pieces. Pupils felt very proud of the work they had produced and are looking forward to experimenting with these techniques further, back in the classroom.

Raul has very kindly offered to run another workshop for our pupils during the summer term and is planning to bring large boards and canvases into school for us to work on outside.

We are very grateful to Oriol y Parc for hosting us and of course to Raul who so generously gave of his time and expertise. It was a memorable visit and we look forward to round 2.



Technology Tournament

"On Thursday 28th March, a group of key stage 3 pupils took part in a technology tournament, which was held at Pembrokeshire College. The event, which was organised by the Rotary Club, saw pupils working in small groups to create a solution to an engineering problem. Pupils were given the opportunity to develop many new and existing skills, and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Ysgol Bro Gwaun would like to thank the Rotary Club for their hard work in organizing the day, and look forward to attending the event next year".



BONJOUR

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



Year 7s have been learning how to talk about their family members, including their pets. Some pupils even designed their own extra-ordinary animals. Give it a go yourself:



Year 8 have been learning about sports and hobbies, including what activities they can do when it's sunny or raining. Quite a handy topic to be able to discuss in Pembrokeshire!



Year 9 have been considering aspects of their personality, as well as what makes an ideal friend. Lots of the adjectives were cognates and many linked with Welsh e.g. triste. What do you think this adjective means in English?



Year 10/GSCE have been discussing festivals and traditions in France and Wales. Did you know that Father's day is on the same day in Wales and France, but that Mother's day is different? Can you find out why?

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



Lead Creative Schools Project– a report by Lara Van Soest

In early 2019, a group of pupils in Year 8 were asked to participate in a project, myself included. The project was called Lead Creative Schools. Its purpose was to create a mathematical game which used maths throughout history. The historical time our game was set in was World War II, about the Battle of the Atlantic.

The Battle of the Atlantic was when convoys from America were sending food and supplies to Britain. German U-boats were sinking these convoys and stopping the food supply to Britain. The U-boats were German submarines that used an almost unbreakable code to communicate and plot what convoys they would attack.

In the lead up to creating the game, we learnt many interesting facts about the Battle of the Atlantic and the many other battles that happened, such as D-day, the invasion of Poland, Dunkirk and Hiroshima. We were put into groups and we each made a small presentation about the battles to our classmates. We also went on many interesting trips; we went to Carew Cheriton and learnt about many intriguing aircrafts and what Carew Cheriton did during the war. We also went to the Pembroke Heritage Centre and we learnt many facts about the aircrafts that were used during the Battle of the Atlantic. The Pembroke Heritage Centre was a dock where the aircrafts would land. There was also a flight simulator there. We learnt lots from all the days we spent in the classroom being taught about The Battle of the Atlantic and other events during World War II. One particular day we had a lesson with a video-call from Bletchley Park, where Alan Turing discovered how to break Enigma, the coding machine. During the day we were taught all about Enigma and we used an online mechanism to decipher German messages into English.

To create our games we were separated into groups. Each group was numbered and given a different role that would have been used during the Battle of the Atlantic. The groups were: supply, signals intelligence, convoy and coastal command. We had to think of a scenario for our games and give a set of challenges that people in the coastal command etc. would have to do. We then had to work out the challenges and write a set of instructions. Then we had to make a set of videos explaining the scenario and how to do each challenge. We wrote scripts for each of the videos and went to Carew Cheriton for a second time to film the videos.

For the filming a group of us were selected to assist with the production. I was doing the lighting. To film the games the pupils in the groups used the clothing from Carew Cheriton so that it made them look like they were in World War II. We were filming in the control tower, which had also been restored to look exactly like it had done in the war. We filmed each group and it took an entire day.

During this Lead Creative Schools I have learnt so much that I did not know before. I found this project very enjoyable and I am glad I was able to participate in it! The thing that I enjoyed the most was probably the trips that we went on. I found it very interesting learning about what it was like in the war from, in some cases, people who were actually there. I also liked seeing what it was like during the war and what it looked like inside an aircraft that would have been used in the Battle of the Atlantic.

In conclusion I enjoyed the Lead Creative Schools project very much and I am lucky I could participate!



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Shwmae/Ciao Marostica!

Shwmae! My name is Llinos Reynish and I'm twelve years old. I am currently in year seven, Ysgol Bro Gwaun. Ysgol Bro Gwaun is a school in Fishguard, South Wales. We have over five-hundred pupils and the age range is 11 to 16. My favourite subject is Welsh.

We have been working closely with a school in Marostica. We have been:

- e-mailing pupils
- Making a Christmas video from Ysgol Bro Gwaun
- Working and sharing a project called Welcome aboard – speaking about Fishguard
- Using a chat space to speak to pupils in Marostica
- Learning about Marostica. We enjoyed learning about their culture and history.

Diolch yn fawr/ Grazie!

Ysgol Bro Gwaun.

Cymru/Wales

- St Davids is the smallest city in Wales.
- Snowdonia is the highest point in Wales
- Cardiff is the capital city of Wales.
- We are best known for our stunning national parks
- We have many ancient castles filled with history
- There are also many beautiful beaches covered in golden sand and turquoise sea water
- Fishguard is full of history and is a port of travel to Ireland.



Chwaraeon / Sports

It has been a busy athletics season once again this year for YBG. It all began back in May with 75 pupils from yr 7 - 10 representing the school in the county sports. 20 of those pupils gained a place in the County team and had the opportunity to participate in the Dyfed Athletics Competition held in June at Carmarthen. Congratulations to 2 of our pupils that were selected to represent Dyfed in the Welsh School Championships in Cardiff. Elen Delaney competed in the long jump and Dylan Phillips in the shot. He was also selected as the team captain. Congratulations to the both of them.

The school also participated in the NASUWT team event back in June where we saw 45 pupils representing the school. Everyone did their best yet again, with the 7 and 8 girls team and the 9 and 10 girls team coming very close to going through to the next round. Well done everyone again.



Last week the girls from yr 7,8 and 10 represented the school in the county rounders tournament. It was a long day but everyone tried their best and played well.

The Urdd Football competition was held last week in Aberystwyth and again YBG had 4 teams playing. It was a hard day playing football against schools from all around West Wales. After many pool games the yr 7 and 8 boys team found themselves in the quarterfinals. Unfortunately they lost against a strong Penglais team but they fought to the end and played well as a squad throughout the whole tournament.

All teams played well throughout the day and represented YBG well.

Thank you to you all for your hard work and dedication to the PE department during the last few months. Diolch.



Chloe Hale has qualified and will be competing at Swim Wales Summer Nationals at Swansea at the end of July. She has qualified for 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly and 50m freestyle. She will be representing Pembrokeshire County Swimming Squad.

Rugby Results

Ysgol Bro Gwaun have had a couple of fixtures over the last few months. Unfortunately, both involving cup rugby heartache.

Year 10 lost out in the final of the U15s Pembrokeshire Cup to a strong Dyffryn Taf side 5 - 17. It was not a classic, with the 90-degree slope of Haverfordwest 2nd team pitch playing a crucial role in making it very attritional game of two halves. However, with a handful of talented Year 9 playing up a year group and performing well; most notably Jac Delaney and Bryn Thomas as well the regular Year 10 cohort of Rhys Lewis, Cai Llewellyn and Dylan James performing outstandingly YBG could not ask for much more in terms of effort. Just maybe a flat pitch next time!

Year 10/11 came together for the Welsh U16s cup also at short notice against a strong St Davids school side, the majority made up of Year 11s. With the majority of the YBG side made up of Year 10s with a handful of very able Year 11 it was a great contest. Captain Griff Williams, playing out of position, provided 'Warrenball-esque' momentum in the centre. Meirion John being the main forward threat and Max Jones providing the crucial link between the backs and the forwards. They were accompanied once again by the outstanding Year 10 duo of Cai Llewellyn and Rhys Lewis in the forwards. Old faces returned to the fixture with athletic sensation Iago Evans achieving a Bro Gwaun record of playing in 4 different positions within the game; full back, wing, flanker and hooker. It was also great to welcome back Jay Evans and Patrick Woods to the rugby field after long absences. Despite the score finishing 21-15 to the visitors, Bro Gwaun can hold their heads up high; as despite being the more youthful side and with several boys playing out of position were in the ascendency throughout most of the game.

Congratulations

A massive congratulations to Arabella Hurst from year 9 who was placed in silver medal position for the West area National Grade 3 competition in Swansea recently. In two weeks time she will compete in the All Wales Competition in Cardiff. Year 9 and all of us at Ysgol Bro Gwaun wish you all the best for the competition.



'South Wales Dragons'

Congratulations to Ffion Wilmott, Year 8, who was recently selected to play hockey for the 'South Wales Dragons'. A huge achievement for Ffion.



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URDD National Cup Competition

The boys of Ysgol Bro Gwaun made a fantastic effort, losing out on the semi-finals of the URDD National Cup competition in Cardiff.

Out of 64 teams, Ysgol Bro Gwaun finished in the top 4 of schools in Wales overcoming some stern opposition, finishing ahead of all Pembrokeshire rivals and beating strong opposition from across Wales.

Super effort from a squad of 10!



Year 7 Netball

On the 26th of March, 15 Year 7 girls competed in the Pembrokeshire Schools Netball Tournament held in Haverfordwest High Portfield Site. With 9 secondary schools involved it was going to be a full day of exciting Netball play. YBG started against Preseli. A tough match to start with, in a close match they lost 4-3 to a good team. As a team, throughout the day we developed and improved; winning against:

Milford 6-2

Penrhyn Dewi 4 – 2

Harri Tudur 8 – 1

Caer Elen 1 – 0

Castle 5 – 2

Unfortunately we lost against Tenby 10 – 2 and Haverfordwest High 3 – 1.

After an exhausting day YBG Year 7 Netball Team finished in the 3rd position, behind Tenby 1st and Preseli 2nd. A promising start to our netball development and we know there is more to be seen from this squad of girls in the future. Congratulations. Llongyfarchiadau.

Swimming

We would like to congratulate Rachel Lewis from year 9 who recently represented Pembrokeshire in a swimming competition in Liverpool. Rachel gained a 2nd,3rd and two 1st places during the competition. A massive congratulations to her on her achievements. All of us here at Ysgol Bro Gwaun congratulate you and wish you all the best in your next competition.

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Rugby Results

The last week before half term saw plenty of rugby action with Ysgol Bro Gwaun girls and boys from KS3 all involved.

Dyffryn Taf Away (Wednesday 20th February)

Year 7 boys and 7/8 girls made the trip down to Whitland on a typically wet Wednesday. Year 7 boys faced a strong Dyffryn Taf side, however were very much in the game throughout only falling short 3 tries to 1. Despite not getting the rub of the green in terms of some decisions, the boys persevered well and continued to play, with Ben Jones on song again running in a busting try from some distance. The team on a whole gave a hard-working performance, with all players contributing towards the effort and doing so in a sporting manner.

The year 7/8 girls had a baptism of fire against their Whitland counterparts, with a high scoring 15 a side game falling just in Bro Gwaun's favour. With some girls playing their first game of rugby, it provided an ultimate learning experience with 18 girls from 7/8 involved. Bro Gwaun's effort was epitomised by teamwork with all girls new and experienced trying their best to be involved in some capacity. Notable performances included Esme Richards and Phoebe Johnson who both scored a couple of tries, and Abbie Leyshon who was an absolute rock in defence. At the end of the game the Bro Gwaun girls conducted themselves exemplary. On the whole, it was a good and very mature outing for both teams.

Greenhill 7s Festival (Thursday 21st February)

Year 8 and 9 boys both had successful outings at a well-organised 7s festival hosted at Greenhill school, with the sun making its debut appearance this season! With both teams in unfamiliar territory in terms of playing 7s it was a learn on the job experience with both team improving as the day went on. With Year 9 winning 3 out of 4 games and Year 8, 4 out of 5. Year 9 made a sticky start against hosts Greenhill, losing by a fine margin in a performance littered by little mistakes. However, with credit to the senior players of the side they recognised these errors, working together instead of banging heads and emerged with stonking victories over Haverfordwest High and Preseli A and B sides. With a team blessed with some very athletic and talented players it was great to see the 'top two inches' involved, which will put this group of players in good stead for the future.

Year 8 progressed in a similar fashion learning as the afternoon went on. They lost the opening game to Greenhill despite a long-range try by Evan Curtis. The boys improved as the day went on with Year 7 Dom Sinnott scoring a hat trick against Haverfordwest High and Aled Davies defending well. A special mention goes to Iolo Evans who put in an 'iron man' performance playing for his own year as well up with year 9 in-between games.

Inclusion Festival

10 sporting ambassadors of the school accompanied Ysgol Glannau Gwaun to Pembrokeshire's first Inclusion Rugby Festival. The ambassadors took part in assistant coaching roles as well as 'buddying' up with pupils from the primary school. The event was a massive success with over 80 primary school pupils from all over Pembrokeshire involved. The ambassadors were praised by both primary school and WRU staff for their work throughout the morning, being superb representatives of the school and local community.

County Cross Country

56 pupils competed on Tuesday 16th of January in the County Cross Country in Haverfordwest Race Course. The following pupils won a place to represent the school and county in the Dyfed round that took place on Tuesday the 22nd at Oakwood.

Year 7 -

Kaitlyn Sharp, Lara Thomas, Esme Richards and Taine Williams

Year 8 and 9 -

Chloe Hale, Rachael Lewis, Ffion Wilmott, Alex Tuddenham, Pheobe Johnson, Evan Curtis, Rhys Evans and Dan Cleary.

Year 10 and 11 -Sinead Thomas, Jess James and Max Jones.

Congratulations to Lara Thomas and Ffion Wilmott finishing in the top 16 and well done to all runners.



Rookie Rugby

Rookie Rugby Week was a massive success with over 40 girls from Bro Gwaun either being involved in our come and 'Try' session or in the Rookie Rugby Festival in Haverfordwest.

The U15s (Year 10/9) won their respective fixtures against two Haverfordwest High sides, with a fantastic team effort. Chelsea Chesters enjoyed the collisions whilst Kygah Bird and Jess James brought good energy to attack and defence. This was accompanied by strong performances by Megan Sinnott, Kyra Lewis, Nia Jones and Chloe Perkins.

The small army of U13s (Year 7/8) also had a successful outing, with high numbers playing and performing well. With so many eager and talented girls it was hard to pin point any stand-out players as many girls were playing their first game of contact rugby, whilst others were still developing from last year; however a special mention goes to Jaycee Jones (Year 7) who helped herself to a couple of electric tries.

Year 7/8 have success in Milford Haven

20 boys from years 7 and 8 (combined) went down to Milford Haven to compete in a 10 aside against Milford Haven (who also had two teams). Each team was mix of both 7 and 8, with a focus on more time ball in hand, more boys playing and more enjoyment. It proved to a massive triumph with all boys having a part in the action. With consistent performers playing well, it also gave an opportunity for others to shine most notable the galloping Ben Jones who helped himself to a couple of tries and the ever dependable David Pugh. This was accompanied by some fine tackling by Taine Williams, Dom Sinnott and Owen Nicolson. Bro Gwaun emerged winning all their games against two very competitive Milford sides.

Talent at Swimming Gala

On 30th January, a number of pupils competed in the Pembrokeshire ALN Swimming Gala at Fishguard Leisure Centre. Exceptional effort was shown by both beginners and advanced swimmers.

Praise has to go to the following for gaining 1st places in their races: Kimberley-Jo Bowen-Davies, Ollie Mathias, Quinn Reed, Orlando Prothero-Morgans and Curtis Yates. It was great to see pupils of all abilities integrating, supporting each other and having much fun!

Thank you to all who took part from mainstream, Enfys and Harbwr, and a big thanks to the organisers and the students for helping. Diolch i bawb am ddigwyddiad arbennig.



Inclusive Zone Basketball Competition

On Tuesday 5th February, pupils from Harbwr attended a Pembrokeshire Schools Inclusive Zone Wheelchair Basketball Tournament at Haverfordwest High School. The pupils played amazingly, showing great teamwork and communication skills. We are super proud of each and everyone who attended. We would like to congratulate all the other schools who participated. A big thank you to Elgan Vittle for coaching and to all who organised a great event.



Y Gornel Gymraeg

Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2019

Bu aelodau o Ysgol Bro Gwaun eleni eto yn cynrychioli'r ysgol yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd yng Nghaerdydd eleni. Phebe Salmon oedd yn cynrychioli Sir Benfro yn y llefaru i flynyddoedd 7-9. Bu Phebe yn llwyddiannus eleni eto mewn gwaith celf a chreffft yr Urdd hefyd yn rhanbarthol. Jaycee Jones fu'n cynrychioli'r Sir ar y gystadleuaeth dawnsio disgo, hip hop neu stryd i flynyddoedd 7-9 ac Iolo Evans fu'n brwydro am ei le ar lwyfan y brifwyl yng nghystadleuaeth unawd bechgyn i flynyddoedd 7-9. Llwyddodd y 3 i gystadlu i'r safon uchaf posibl gan gynrychioli'r ysgol a'r Sir i'r gorau o'i gallu. Pob lwc y flwyddyn nesaf.

Un Cwestiwn

Ar Ddydd Llun 1af o Orffennaf 2019, bu 15 o ddisgyblion blwyddyn 7 mewn clyweliadau gydag aelodau o dîm S4C sy'n ceisio dod o hyd i unigolion ar gyfer y rhaglen nesaf o 'Un Cwestiwn'. Cyfres yw hon sy'n rhoi cyfle i 8 disgybl disglair gystadlu mewn 4 tasg anodd, ond dim ond un clyfar fydd â'r cyfle i ateb yr un cwestiwn! Y nod yw ceisio bod yn glyfar wrth ateb cwestiynau a chyfle i fod yn gyfrwys wrth waredu'r cystadleuwyr eraill. Unwaith bydd y clyweliadau wedi gorffen, cawn wybod os fydd yna unigolion lwcus o Ysgol Bro Gwaun yn teithio i Gaerdydd er mwyn cystadlu ar y rhaglen 'Un Cwestiwn'. Cafodd pawb amser wrth eu boddau yn ystod y clyweliadau gan obeithio y bydd rhywun o'r ysgol yn cael ei dewis/ddewis.



Beth ydy'r Siarter Iaith?

What is the Welsh Charter?

The Language Charter is a strategy presented by the Welsh Government in relation to their aim to have a million Welsh speakers by 2050. The aim of the Language Charter is to develop practitioners' use of Welsh within the school environment so that pupils may realize that Welsh is not just for Welsh lessons, but it is a language that we should be proud to speak and use daily.

Sut fydd y Siarter yn effeithio fy mhleintyn?

How will the Charter affect my child?

The school has completed a Language Charter Action Plan. Within the action plan, pupils will be able to become a member of the Language Charter Committee where decisions will be made to promote the use of Welsh within the school. Pupils will be given the opportunity to complete activities of which will make pupils aware of their culture. We aim to develop the feeling of pride towards the culture of Wales and to develop the confidence in using the Welsh language in a variety of situations within school life and within the community. This is a collaborative task where pupils, teachers, as well as all staff work together to produce a Welsh ethos at Ysgol Bro Gwaun.

Beth sydd angen i mi wneud?

What do I need to do?

We would be grateful if you could promote the completion of Language Charter activities by your child. These activities may be as homework tasks or as activities within school or in the community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school so that we may discuss them further.

Dathliadau Dydd Gŵyl Dewi 2019

Cynhaliwyd Eisteddfod yr Ysgol eleni ar Ddydd Mercher 20fed o Chwefror 2019. Er hyn, roedd y cynnwrf a'r bwrlwm o baratoi ac ymarfer yn amlwg yn arweiniad ein Capteiniaid Tai newydd. Cafwyd amrywiaeth o gystadlaethau megis dawnsio disgo, meim, Mae gan Ysgol Bro Gwaun dalent, band nwyddau tŷ ac i gloi'r cystadlu, cystadleuaeth y côr. Dyma ganlyniadau'r cystadlu llwyfan:

	<u>Dawnsio Disgo</u>	<u>Meim</u>	<u>Mae gan YBG dalent</u>	<u>Band nwyddau tŷ</u>	<u>Côr</u>
1af	Arwyr	Celtiaid	Dreigiau	Celtiaid	Celtiaid
2il	Celtiaid a Dreigiau	Dreigiau	Celtiaid	Arwyr	Arwyr
3ydd	Dreigiau	Arwyr	Arwyr	Dreigiau	Dreigiau

Y Tŷ buddugol o ran cystadlaethau llwyfan felly oedd y Celtiaid. Diolch i aelodau o Fenter Iaith Sir Benfro am fodloni i feirniadu ar y dydd ac i gapteiniaid blwyddyn 11 am baratoi pawb ar gyfer y cystadlu. Diolch hefyd i'r staff a fu'n cefnogi'r disgyblion hyn.



Yn ystod gwasanaeth ysgol gyfan ar Ddydd Gwener y 22ain o Chwefror 2019 cadeiriwyd bardd buddugol. Arweiniwyd y seremoni gan ein Prifathro, Mr Paul Edwards. Adroddwyd gweddi'r orsedd gan Mrs Emma Bowen. Breuddwyd oedd ffugenw'r buddugol sef Phebe Salmon, disgybl blwyddyn 9 o Dŷ Arwyr. Cyrchwyd y buddugol i'r llwyfan gan Mrs Louise Wakely a Mrs Lovaine Jones tra bod Mrs Harkin yn canu'r piano. Canwyd cân y cadeirio gan Miss George a chyfarchwyd y bardd gan Mrs Page-Jones, Mrs Min Walsh, Mrs Rhian Scrimshaw a Miss Alana Finn. Yr ail yn y gystadleuaeth oedd Iago Evans o Dŷ Celtiaid. Diolch i bawb a gymerodd ran er mwyn sicrhau llwyddiant y seremoni a llongyfarchiadau mawr i Phebe Salmon ar ei llwyddiant.

Yn ystod y gwasanaeth hefyd, gwobrwywyd enillwyr y Goron Gymraeg sef Elen Maycock yn gyntaf o Dŷ Dreigiau a Ceri Watts yn ail o Dŷ Arwyr. Enillwyr y Goron Saesneg oedd Amelia Cox o Dŷ Arwyr, Ollie Yates-Boon o Dŷ Arwyr a Serena Martin o Dŷ Dreigiau. Ffion Nicholson o Dŷ Dreigiau enillodd tîws Cyfnod Allweddol 3. Yn seiliedig ar lwyddiant Phebe, a chanlyniadau'r tasgau gwaith cartref eraill, Arwyr oedd y tŷ buddugol yr Eisteddfod Ysgol Bro Gwaun eleni. Longyfarchiadau mawr iddynt hwy.



Life after YBG

Former Ysgol Bro Gwaun student Michael Lewis has answered some questions for us about his move to Pembrokeshire College last year.

Profile

Name: Michael Lewis

Age: 17

AS Subjects being studied: English Literature, French and History.

Hobbies: Swimming, D of E and researching current affairs.



How much of a step up from school is college?

College is definitely very different to school, because there is a lot more independent study involved within the College day. At school, there are normally timetabled lessons all day, all year round, but in College this is completely different. Sometimes there is only 1 hour of timetabled lessons in a day. So, in order to work effectively at College, I have found that it is a good idea to work through the day at College (9-4), which leaves less of a workload at home. So, I would say that College is a step up, because you have to be a lot more independent with your study.

Who do I go to if I have a problem? In school I would have a head of year is this the same in the college?

There are plenty of people around College who can help you. At College, we have weekly group tutorials with our tutor who can help with any problems/ concerns. In addition, we meet individually with that tutor every 3 weeks to discuss how we are getting on, any concerns can be dealt with here also. However, it is very easy to organise a meeting outside of your allotted time by emailing your tutor, if any problems arise that need dealing with quickly.

Where can I go to work in my free lessons?

There are a variety of workspaces in College which you can choose from. There is a silent study area for those who prefer to work in silence. There is also the LRC (the library), which is a little noisier and has plenty of computers. Or many people prefer to go home to study once their lessons are over for the day. Personally, I prefer to stay in College, but it really is up to you.

What advice would you give to pupils who are joining the college in September?

I would say not to worry about the transition, because the College and the School do everything they can to make the transition as easy as possible. I would also say to be prepared to be responsible for your own revision, because even though the College gives you the tools to do well and the teachers are great, it really is up to you whether you choose to revise in your free time at College. Most importantly, enjoy College!

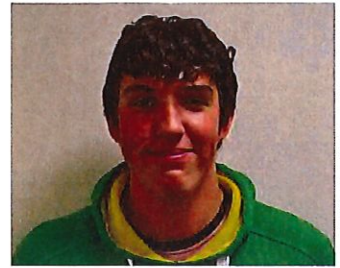
Profile

Name: Jake McGarthy

Age: 17

Vocational Subject being studied: Level 3 diploma in Engineering

(which is equivalent to 3 A Levels)



What does a level 3 diploma involve?

A level 3 diploma involves a lot of theory work and assignments that make you use more than one source of information to get your answers, however you are thoroughly prepared for the assignments by your lecturers.

When is enrolment day?

Enrolment is from on the 23rd to the 30th of August. Your enrolment date depends on what course you have been accepted to study. Prior to these dates, an enrolment pack will be sent to you with all the information you will need to know.

How do I get a bus pass?

Within the first few weeks of college, your tutor will be told when your course group can collect their bus passes from the library. Your tutor will direct you to who and where you need to go. The buses will allow you on without your pass during the first weeks of college until you receive your pass.

How much of a step up from school is college?

It is a big step from school, as you are required to be a lot more independent with work, as well as ensuring that you meet all deadlines. It is also down to you to attend all lessons without fail, as well as ensuring that you inform the college of your absence. However, you have a lot more freedom in college, this allows you to roam around in your breaks.

Who do I go to if I have a problem? In school I would have a head of year is this the same in the college?

If you have any issues in college you can talk to your course tutor, he/she is similar to your head of year in school, and they will help you to resolve any issues, as well as provide you with guidance. Course tutors arrange a tutorial lesson once or twice a week, this is to ensure that you are all performing as well as identifying any issues.

Do you have to re-sit Maths/English if you fail?

If you do not receive a C grade in GCSE English and/or Maths you will be asked to re-sit this in college. You will be provided with lessons and support so you can achieve this grade.

Are there any extra-curricular activities on in the college?

There are extracurricular activities, there is the college gym as well as chances to participate in other activities.

Do the teachers help if you are struggling with a subject? Do they run drop in clinics for help?

The lecturers are helpful, and they can provide support for you if you are struggling, however they check that the whole class understands the work. Appointments with the lecturers can be made for them to further explain the topics that you are struggling on, and they can provide help via email.

How do you find out more about EMA?

You can find out about EMA by visiting the finance office in college as staff there will provide you with information or you can visit either the college website or Student Finance Wales.

Was it easy to make new friends?

It is easy to make friends because you are all new to the college environment, and are all beginning to get used to your class mates. It is easy to fit in with your peers and you all have similar interest in the topic you are studying.

What was the highlight of your first year in the college?

Highlight of my first year in college was winning the Rotary Club engineering competition, where the level 3 enhanced engineers competed against each other.

What did you find the hardest when you moved from school to the college?

The hardest thing I found about moving to college was getting used to the timetable, and learning where the rooms are for my lectures. But after a week or two I got used to it and now it is easy to navigate college.

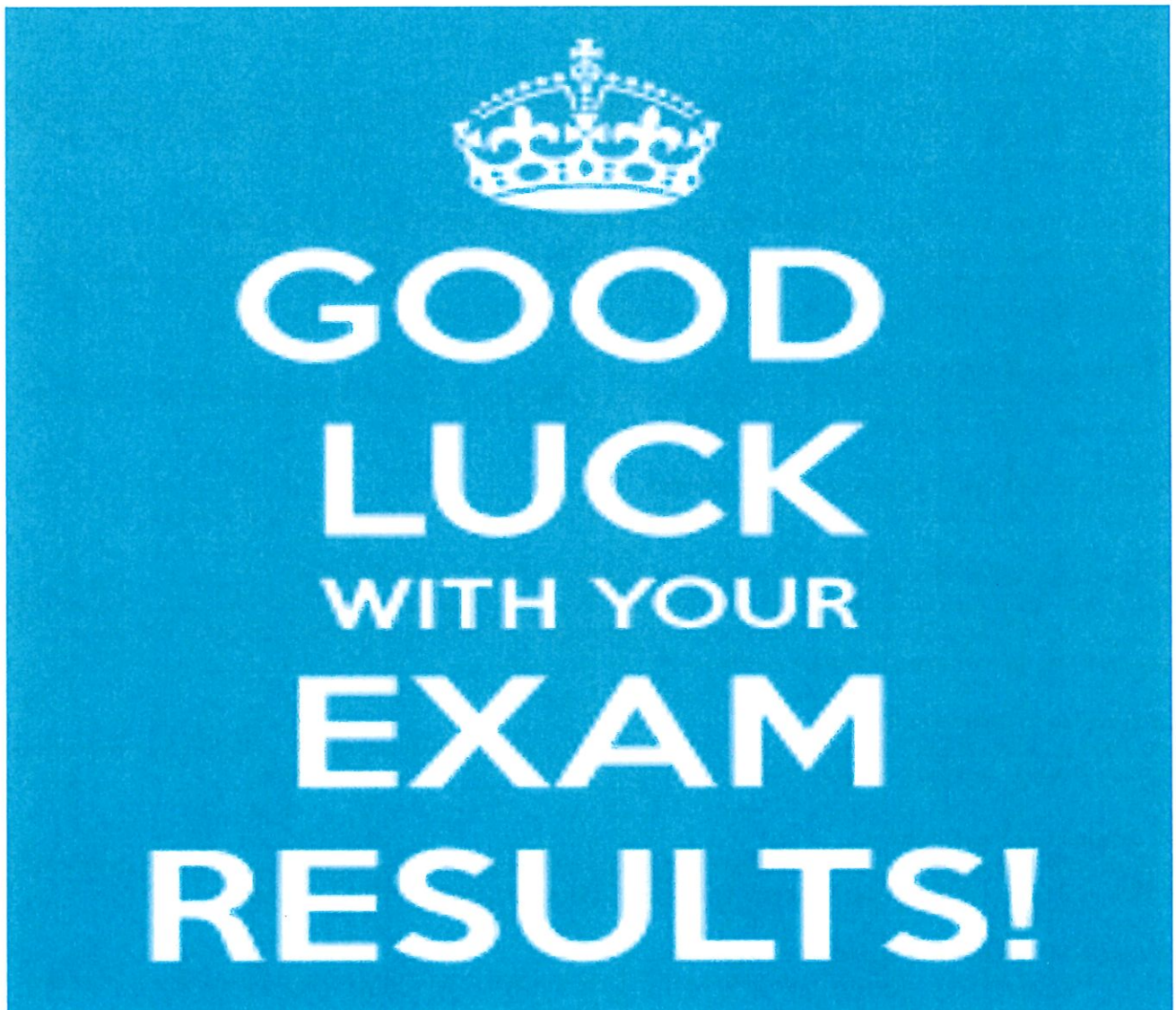
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My advice would be go with the flow, just be yourself and make sure you work hard to achieve your full potential.

Diwrnod Canlyniadau 2019
Results Day 2019

Results available 9am-12pm

GCSE 22nd August 2019



Pob lwc!

Ysgol Bro Gwaun



Governors Corner

As a governing body, we take a close interest in the work of the school. Throughout this academic year we have strengthened our involvement in monitoring and evaluating the quality of the work carried out in the school, from taking part in book scrutiny processes, listening to our learner voice and co-observing lessons with teachers. It has been a real privilege to be allowed to do this, and is a reflection of the close working relationship we, as a governing body, have with the staff of the school. These opportunities have provided us with the confidence that our young learners are getting the high quality education they deserve. It has also allowed us to act as critical friends of the school, to challenge it to strive for continued improvement. This approach to self-regulation is based on trust and respect, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for the trust they have shown in us as governors and as critical friends, and whose common aim is to support the school on its improvement journey.

As a governing body, we also recognise the important role we play as representatives of the wider community and parents. We understand the need to be transparent and accountable, and it is with these in mind that we have produced a handbook which details the roles of members of the Governing Body along with some information regarding specific subject links or other key responsibilities. The handbook can be viewed on our school website. I encourage you as parents to consider joining the governing body when vacancies arise and to take advantage of the opportunity to influence the direction and success of the school.

We continue to applaud the school on the many and varied activities that it provides for the pupils, many of which are highlighted in these pages. We recognise that being 'happy' in school isn't just about examination success, but also about taking advantage of extra-curricular opportunities that are of interest to our young people.

May we take this opportunity to thank parents for their support throughout the year, and to wish you all a happy and safe summer holiday.

Diolch i'r rhieni am eu cefnogaeth trwy gydol y flwyddyn. Dymunaf ar rhan corff y Llywodraethwyr haf hapus a diogel.

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 continued changes within the school.

The further development of the school's facilities are coming to an end. We have recently been allowed access to two 'Multi-Use Games Areas' (MUGA pitches) on the site of the old school. These are proving to be very popular with all students during break and lunch periods, with games of football, rugby and netball taking place on them...all at the same time! The upgrading of the school hall will also be completed over the summer and we look forward to returning in September to a scaffolding free school.

I'm pleased with our continued efforts to engage with the community at large. At the time of writing we are busy preparing for a festival of activities to mark the end of the school year. The aim of 'Gwaun-Fest' is to bring the community together with a variety of events, activities, music and stalls. It is also an opportunity to fundraise for charity. Our pupils are playing a key role in the planning of this significant project which we hope will develop into an annual community/school event.

We continue to strengthen our partnership with Pembrokeshire College, recognizing our responsibility to ensure a smooth transition for all our year 11 students following their GCSE results. To this end we have recently appointed Mrs Louise Wakely to the new post of liaison coordinator between the school and the college. Mrs Wakely's responsibilities will include providing advice and guidance to our students on possible courses and pathways available to them in further education. I'm delighted to note in these pages the positive comments from two of our past students, who give their account of the transition process as it affected them. I fully expect, through the appointment of a liaison officer, that this key partnership will go from strength to strength.

I hope once again that this newsletter has given you a sense of our continued progress as a school and the fantastic and varied achievements of many of our pupils. Please visit our facebook page for the latest updates and news. Finally, I would like to congratulate the pupils and teachers on all of their successes during the year and to wish them and you a safe and happy summer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Paul Edwards

