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PGL Sports Tour 2024



Years 9 and 10 pupils embarked on an adventurous weekend of challenges and sport at Boreatton Park, Shropshire run by PGL. Here are some comments from pupils:

I liked how PGL had a variety of activities such as zipwires, shooting, climbing activities and more, I also did trapeze 3 times which I loved; and I don't particularly like heights. I really enjoyed Boreatton Park and would definitely go again given the opportunity. - Hannah Year 10

I found my PGL sports tour experience really interesting and beneficial for my netball skills and overcoming fears. I learnt many new things within netball and enjoyed playing many different games. Everyone was so friendly and the activities were really good and I made many new friends. All the leaders were really friendly and nice which made the experience so good, I felt settled and comfortable in a new environment. - Anwen Year 10



Merits awarded in March:-

9,255

Value of the month:- Equity/ Ecwiti



Ensuring everyone has access to the same opportunities; Providing everyone with the support they need.

Key Dates for April:-
8th INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
9th Return to school

Newport Mind Wellbeing Ambassadors



After hearing of the superb work completed by our Wellbeing Ambassadors, Newport Mind, the local branch of a national mental health charity, made links with the school regarding their wider work across Monmouthshire. Seven of our Wellbeing Ambassadors signed up to undertake a day's additional training, to prepare them to support peers across the county to promote the importance of mental health at events such as Newport Food Festival. They are also creating podcasts for young people about supporting their own mental health.

Accelerated Readers

Pupils have read a total of
158 books/6,964,817
For 43 minutes per day (pupils average)

Sparx Maths:

648,298 questions answered correctly
with 10,223 hours of personalised learning
completed.

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Eisteddfod and St David's Day celebrations

Our Eisteddfod was a fantastic day and included Welsh dance and poetry recitals. Pupils also designed a dragon and we had many wonderful entries, making it very difficult to choose our winners. Pupils were also dressed in a range of costumes including miners, rugby, and football players. Lots of pupils wore the traditional Welsh costumes.



Here are some of our amazing entries on Primary Site to the Dragon Model Making competition.

Lots of fantastic art work and poems - Da lawn Pawb!!



Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus - Dosbarth Panda (Nursery) have been celebrating St David's Day by celebrating all things Welsh! They have been busy making dragons, drawing daffodils, cooking Welsh cakes, and performing in our school Eisteddfod.



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St David's Day celebrations

Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus from Criw Cymraeg. Here are pupils giving daffodils to teachers they hear siarad Cymraeg.



Dosbarth Llew pupils celebrated St David's Day during their Spring Science lesson by dissecting a daffodil. They learnt about the different parts of a flower and their functions.



Comic Relief activities - Amount raised £105.50



On our Primary site Dosbarth ArthWen Year decorated cookies and completed activities for Comic Relief.

Well done everyone who participated in our activities.

At break time pupils came to take on Mr Price, Mr Newman, Mr Robbins and Mr Mills in goals. There were some excellent penalties taken and some dramatic saves. There was also a 5 a side staff football match after school.



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Author visit



Year 7 pupils were treated to a visit from local author and storyteller Daniel Morden. Daniel has been a professional teller of traditional tales since 1989 and has travelled all over the world, from the Arctic to the Pacific to the Caribbean, sharing and collecting stories. His latest book is *Strange Tales: a magical world of all*.

"Who's that behind the book?" Competition

Key Stage 3 pupils had great fun working out "Who's that behind the book?" in the library.



Scholastic Bookfair

We had the fantastic "Scholastic Bookfair" on our primary site for World Book Week.



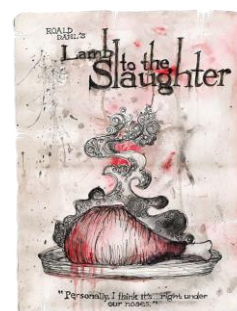
Storytime with Headteacher Mr Watson



During World Book week, Mr Watson held story time sessions for pupils across the through-school. Also the Senior Leadership Team recorded the story "Lamb to the Slaughter" by Roald Dahl. A section of this story was played to pupils every day during form time. To listen to the story click on the links below:-

[Part 1](#)
[Part 2](#)
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Story time at Waterstones

Reception class went on a school trip to Waterstones in Abergavenny to collect their free books for World Book Day, and a member of staff read a story to them.



Waterstones



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Geography Fieldtrip to the Brecon Beacons



Year 12 embarked on their second fieldwork trip of the year. On this occasion we were studying how the area of the Brecon Beacons has been shaped by previous ice ages. The group were able to create field sketches of the glaciated features and were able to describe how each of these have been changed since the last ice age ended. Year 12 were able to place their classroom studies into our local context, despite the occasional rain shower!

Year 12 Lectures



Year 12 enjoyed a day of online lectures on their exam set text, A Streetcar Named Desire. The lectures were detailed and informative and the pupils were able to collate a wealth of information in preparation for their summer exam. Pupils commented on how much they enjoyed the experience.

Celebration Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies have been held all week rewarding pupils for their hard work and excellent efforts this term.



Child Poverty Action Group



The Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) attended school for their second meeting with our Youth Voice Champions in March. Pupils explored how to best promote a questionnaire that pupils are to complete after Easter, and discussed important contemporary topics such as how the school can offer financial assistance for the upcoming Year 11 Prom.

Exciting activities in Forest School

Nursery pupils have been exploring and discovering the wonderful world around them in Forest School.



Reception class planted seeds to help encourage pollinators.



Pupils made wild flower seed bombs, a great way to learn about the life cycle of a plant.

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Plastic Lab



Well done to our pupils in the Plastic Lab who have made this lovely piece of furniture out of 8000 plastic bottle tops. Inspiring for us all!

Library Chess Competition



Nearly forty pupils from Years 7-10 took part in the annual Delancey Chess Challenge. Both competitions were played in a friendly, supportive environment with good natured matches all round.

Winners were:-

Years 7, 8 Competition

1st - Tomos

2nd - Kiril

Joint 3rd - Jack and Noah.

Years 9, 10 Competition

1st - Kiera

2nd - Iestyn

3rd - Kieran



Positive Self Affirmations

Years 7, 8 and 9 pupils coloured in bookmarks and wrote a positive self-affirmation to themselves on the back. The self-affirmation reflects the units of learning the pupils have been completing throughout the year, to support wellbeing.



Public Services talks for Years 10 and 11

Our Year 10 and 11 Public Services groups enjoyed their recent visit from South Wales Fire & Rescue, The Army and Royal Marines representatives. They presented information regarding their job roles and the skills and qualities required in each field. Pupils will now use this information to support their coursework assignments and their exam preparation.

We look forward to welcoming them and other public services again soon.



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Sporting News

- ✓ Key Stage 3 pupils attended the Disability 6 Nations, having the chance to meet the Dragons RFC players and mascot Rodney the Dragon.
- ✓ Well done to Nel in Year 7 and Alicia in Year 9 on their Cross-country success, they were selected in the top 12 in South East Wales and raced against the rest of Wales in Brecon, both pupils were fantastic and a credit to our school and area.
- ✓ Well done to Chloe in Year 7 on achieving her Grade 1 and 2 in Horse Care and Riding
- ✓ Pupils attended and won the under 13 indoor Cricket Plate Championship
- ✓ Well done to Erin on finishing in the top five for her category in the Pontypool 10 KM
- ✓ A Great day was had for our year 11 GCSE PE pupils at Usk campus, revising areas of the course for their GCSE's. They were also introduced to what is on offer at the college.
- ✓ We are excited to announce after Easter we will be taking part in our second TCS Schools Mini Marathon. Key stage 3 pupils will be completing their 2.6km in lessons and Mrs Beynon will be completing the 26.2 miles in the London Marathon on April 21st.

