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GCSE NEA Exhibition Success

We are delighted to share that Year 12 pupil Esme's GCSE NEA project has been selected for display at the Welsh Joint Education Committee (WJEC) Exhibition at the All Nations Centre, Cardiff.

This exhibition showcases some of the highest-quality GCSE, AS and A Level work from across Wales. This is a fantastic achievement and recognition of Esme's creativity, hard work and dedication. We wish her every success in the judging process.



It's Showtime! This Year's School Production is:-

We are delighted to announce that this year's school production will be '*Mamma Mia*!', taking place from 6th to 9th July. Rehearsals will begin in January, with auditions taking place in December. Pupils from across the school are encouraged to get involved, whether they are interested in acting, singing, dancing or being part of the wider production.

Anyone interested can register their interest by joining the 'Mamma Mia cast and crew' Google Classrooms. Details can be found on posters displayed around the Performing Arts area.

We look forward to beginning work on what promises to be yet another exciting and energetic production!

Value of the Month

Harmony / *Cytgord*

Working together

Merits awarded this month:

23,641

Sparx Maths:

Pupils have completed 344 hours of personalised learning.

Key dates for October

7th Nursery Stay & Play 10.15-11.30am
8th SLT Open Door Session 4.00-6.00pm
9th Non-Uniform wear Yellow
9th Year 2/3 Harvest Assembly 9.30-10.30am
15th Primary Phase Parents' Evening 3.30-7.00pm
15th Year 13 parents' Evening 4.00-7.00pm
21st Year 10 -13 Bristol Art Trip
21st Reception Stay & Play 2.00-3.10pm
22nd PTA Halloween Disco
- ✓ Reception-Year 3 & SRB Starfish and Shrimp 3.45-4.45pm
- ✓ Years 4-6 & SRB Sea Turtle 5.00-6.00pm

A reminder to parents and carers - Half Term is Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

Staff Training Day - Monday 2nd November School closed for all pupils.

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Dosbarth Seahorse Welcomes Dr Neville



As part of their topic on *Community*, Dosbarth Seahorse welcomed Dr Neville, a practising local doctor, to school. Pupils prepared thoughtful questions to learn more about the important role doctors play within the community and were fascinated to hear about her work.

A highlight of the visit was the opportunity to explore and try out some medical equipment, giving pupils a valuable hands-on learning experience and bringing their classroom topic to life. It was a fantastic and memorable session for everyone. Diolch yn fawr iawn, Dr Neville, for taking the time to visit us and inspire our pupils.

Wildfire Prevention

Year 6 were delighted to welcome Katie from the South Wales Fire Service as a special visitor. The session provided a valuable link to the class enquiry, *"What methods protect our local area from wildfires?"* Pupils engaged enthusiastically, asking a range of thoughtful and insightful questions to deepen their understanding of wildfire prevention, and the important work of the fire service. A big thank you to Katie for sharing her expertise with our pupils.



A Buzz-Worthy Visit!





Years 2 and 3 have been learning about bees. They explored a hive, made beeswax candles, tried on a beekeeper's suit, and enjoyed tasting delicious honey. A huge diolch yn fawr to Tŷ Mêl Apiary for a fantastic afternoon!

Year 1

To celebrate our Cynefin topic, Year 1 have been learning about the different people who help to keep our community safe. As part of their learning, pupils came to school dressed as an occupation or community role of their choice. We were delighted to see a wonderful range of costumes Well done, Year 1, for your enthusiasm and creativity!



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Rotary Young Chef Competition

There was a great turnout at the Abergavenny Food Festival's new Lower Brewery Yard venue to watch our pupils Rosie and Jenson compete in the Rotary Young Chef competition. Judged by renowned local chef Steven Terry, both young chefs were praised for their impressive skill, technique and creativity. Rosie prepared an asparagus, pea and mint risotto, followed by lemon tarts with mixed berries, while Jenson impressed with seared venison loin, blackberry jus, pomme purée and seasonal vegetables, finishing with a lemon and white chocolate cheesecake dessert. The competition was extremely close, but Jenson was awarded first place and will now represent our school in the next round. Congratulations to both pupils for producing dishes of such a high standard and showcasing their culinary talent so brilliantly.



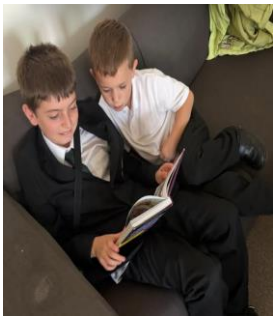
Years 10-13 Information Evening



It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers attend our Years 10-13 Information Evenings. Thank you for taking the time to join us and engage with the information shared about the exciting opportunities and important milestones ahead for our pupils.

Reading Buddies

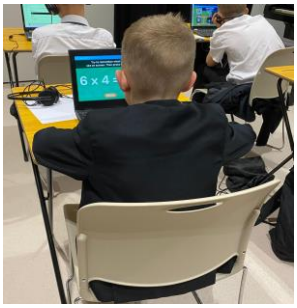
Year 6 have loved spending time with their younger reading buddies. It has been wonderful to see our older pupils encouraging, supporting and inspiring our younger readers.



PALS (Peer Assisted Learning Support)

It was amazing to see our pupils complete their PALS training. They're ready to support our Year 7 and 8 pupils, helping them feel welcomed, supported and confident in school.





Maths

Year 8 have been testing out the new functionality on Sparx maths as part of their independent learning. Da iawn

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Sporting Success

- ✓ Congratulations Jack for representing Dragons u18s. Well done on the win against Ospreys.
- ✓ Congratulations to Dylan on achieving a Silver medal in the Team Sprint at the Junior European Track Championships over the Summer Holidays.
- ✓ Congratulations to year 7 pupil Ivy on representing Wales in Triathlon in the British Super series. Goodluck in her upcoming events. This is a fantastic achievement at such a young age.
- ✓ Zach in Year 7 been selected for Newport Schools U12s in football and was voted best young cricket player at his club Llanarth. Massive congratulations keep up the great work
- ✓ Well done to our King Henry VIII 3-19 boys representing Blaenau Gwent rugby.
- ✓ Congratulations to our Year 7 pupils at the Welsh Athletics Road Relay championships at Pembrey. Ivy was crowned under 12 Champion.
- ✓ Congratulations to our three players selected to represent the U16 Netball district and good luck in the county trials.
- ✓ Congratulations to all pupils that took part in the Cross-country relays and a huge well done to the Year 7 Girls on securing a gold medal. All teams placed in the top four.
- ✓ Congratulations to all of our "Iron Kids" who competed in the Ironman junior races in Tenby.