



YSGOL PENRHYN DEWI

12th April 2019

Dear Parent /Carer

I would like to once again express my heartfelt thanks to you all for your excellent support during the second half of the Lent term. It has been a busy time for the school since I last wrote to you and I am delighted to report that the school has continued to grow with our pupils being involved a wide range of activities. Thanks to all parents/carers of the primary phase for supporting the recent 'Play –Streets' walk /cycle/scoot to school initiative. We were only one of two schools in the whole of Wales to take part in the event and our pupils thoroughly enjoyed having access to the front of the school as the gates were closed for the day. On so many levels the event was so positive, from reducing air pollution, improving safety around the school and encouraging healthy lifestyles. The pupils really enjoyed the day and the response from them exceeded all of our expectations.

I was delighted to see the children celebrating the re-scheduled 10 year anniversary of the Dragon Lantern Parade in St Davids on Saturday 6th April and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Elly Morgan, lead artist from the National Park Authority, for assisting the pupils in making their lanterns for this event. We would also like to thank the community of St Davids for providing all of the milk cartons for our pupils to make their beautiful lanterns. Many thanks also to Dr Sam Langdon for introducing the Adders are Amazing initiative to the school. It was great to see so many parents joining in the 'Superhero's' party at the Aidan campus as a culmination of the Toy Box Project.

I was thrilled to see so many of you at the schools first St David's Day service at the Cathedral and it was so pleasing to see so many pupils representing their new Houses so proudly in the recent Eisteddfodau across the campuses. I was delighted with the number of pupils who competed at the local Urdd Eisteddfod at Letterston and Crymych and look forward to seeing many of them taking part in the Cardiff and the Vale 2019 Urdd National Eisteddfod between 27th May and 1st June.

The Easter holidays for our older pupils is always a busy time as they complete their revision programme prior to the external GCSE's exams which start on 7th May with year 11 sitting their mathematics numeracy paper. I would like to remind all year 10 pupils of the science GCSE pre-public exams which are taking place on the 30th April, 2nd May and the 9th May. The annual National Tests for years 2 to 9 start on the 30th April. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our pupils the very best and to thank all families for supporting your children during this sometimes stressful time.

The highlight of the term for me must have been our first Awards Evening which was supported by so many pupils, parents and members of the community. As I listened to Peter and Cerys reflect on the wide range of achievements I was filled with joy for remarkably talented pupils we have at this wonderful school. I would personally like to congratulate the head boy and girl on their outstanding work this year and wish them well for their exams. I would also like to thank the recently formed Cyfeillion Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi for providing teas, coffee's and cakes at the Awards Evening and for supporting a number of other recent events. They have already raised a significant amount of money to enhance provision at the school. If you would like to get involved, follow the group on Facebook in order to receive updates of forthcoming events.

I am of course very grateful to our excellent dedicated teaching and support staff who have worked tirelessly and given up their time freely so that pupils can experience a wide range of activities and events on offer; some of which are contained within this newsletter. It is also very heart-warming to hear so many positive comments from the community, guests and visitors about how the school goes from strength to strength as we approach the end of our first year. I am so proud of our wonderful pupils who take pride in their smart appearance, conduct and attitude across the three campuses. They truly demonstrate our Christian values of faith, belief, respect, honesty, openness, mindfulness and to be the very best we can be.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your outstanding support over the last term. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or pupil achievements to celebrate. I would like to take this opportunity to wish our families a very happy Easter.

Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things.

David Haynes

Headteacher



St Davids Day Service at St Davids Cathedral

Our annual St. Davids day service of celebration at the Cathedral was held on Monday March 4th this year as March 1st fell in the half-term break. The service which was led by Canon Leigh and attended by the entire school. It was a wonderful moment of school unity, inspiration and reflection celebrating the life of St David, our patron saint and his message of joy, faith and a reminder to us all to do the little things, which is often the most important of all.



Thank you to Robbie, Meredith, Toby, and Tom for representing the school and playing in the Brass Band on the Cross Square on March 1st.



The Rt. Revd. Joanna Penberthy,
Bishop of St Davids.



Annie Production

Many thanks also to everyone who supported the school production of 'Annie' with a special thanks to all the pupils who performed and produced this outstanding show in front of over 1000 people during the three nights and our matinee performance. This student run production included pupils all the way from Year 1 to Year 11 and was an outstanding success and a proud example of the talent of our pupils. We would also like to thank Mrs Bramley for her invaluable support over the term and a huge thanks to Cyfeillion Ysgol Penryhn Dewi for their outstanding work during the nights of the production which raised a considerable amount of money for the school.



Ash Wednesday School Service

Canon Leigh led a highly successful 'Ash and dash' to celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Pupils and staff were invited to receive a blessing from Canon Leigh, who administered a cross on each person's forehead. Canon Leigh presented a challenge to see who could retain evidence of the cross symbol until the end of the school day.



School Eisteddfod



Llongyfarchiadau a diolch yn fawr!

Congratulations and thanks are due to everyone who contributed to the successful school Eisteddfod on Dewi campus on March 4th. We enjoyed the polished performances on stage and the high quality of homework entries. The pupils managing the technical side of the day helped it run smoothly and year 11 pupils leading their houses did a great job enthusing their team to take part. Included in the points this year were the "Tocynau Iaith" awarded for using Welsh around the school, which meant even those who do not enjoy performing could help support their house. At the end of the day, Dewi were the winning house. We look forward to another successful event next year.

Inspirational Former Pupils

Former head boy and Gold sports ambassador, Ben Sutton has returned to school on several occasions this year to present raising achievement assemblies to years 10 & 11 as well as supporting science activities in years 7 and 8.



Ben is an inspirational speaker who can engage with the pupils. He has delivered an important message about how they should make the most of their opportunities in school, so that they keep as many doors open as possible to their future careers instead of shutting them down. A year 8 assembly was held on a science theme—the molecular interactions that allow geckos to stick to glass upside giving an insight into quantum entanglement and how fungus can zombify an ant!

The Jeff Davies Award

The Jeff Davies art competition ran for time this year. Prizes were awarded across the three campuses and there was an opening of the exhibition at the Tower at Oriel Y Parc on 21st January. Following the exhibition the art work was returned to the school by Rod Williams and has been hung in the Dewi Campus atrium where Malcolm Grey has kindly donated a plaque to commemorate the work.



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Ardderchog Pawb! Eisteddfod for YPD

Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi took part in the County Eisteddfod for the first time as a new school and were absolutely thrilled with the performances of our pupils which are a credit to them and the hard work of the staff who prepared them. It was great to see the school having such a high profile in a county wide celebration of talent and reaffirming Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi's commitment to the youth movement, the Welsh language and culture.

Entry	Pupil	Position
Individual recitation Year 2 and Under	Ffion	1st place—Continued to County Eisteddfod
Individual recitation Year 4 and Under	Danny	1st place—Continued to County Eisteddfod
Individual recitation Year 6 and Under	Llyr	1st place—Continued to County Eisteddfod
Parti Llefaru—group Recitation	Megan, Megan, Llyr, Laney, Llinos, Maddie, Laney, Harrison, Kara, Char- lie, and Sabrina	1st place—Continued to County Eisteddfod
Dialogue	Charlie, Sabrina, Laney and Maddie	1st place—Continued to County Eisteddfod
Piano solo	Sabrina	1st place—Continued to County Eisteddfod
Strings solo	Sebastian	1st place—Continued to County Eisteddfod
Dialogue	Charlie, Sabrina, Laney and Maddie	2nd place
Individual recitation Year 6 and Under	Caroline	2nd place
Individual recitation Year 6 and Under	Harriet	3rd place



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

The School wishes to reduce its environmental footprint. To reduce the amount of single use plastic cups we ask that your child brings a water bottle to school that can be filled from the water fountain located in the school canteen. Thank you!

Entry	Pupil	Position
Cerdd Dant	Heledd Yr 8	1st—Going to Nationals
Llefaru Yr 5 + 6	Llyr Yr 6	1st—Going to Nationals
Girls Singing Solo Yr 7-9	Heledd Yr 8	2nd in County
Brass Solo yr 7-9	Morgan Yr 7	2nd in County
Llefaru Yr 10-13	Cerys Yr 11	1st—Going to Nationals
Llefaru Yr 7-9	Rhydian Yr 9	1st—Going to Nationals



Letters from the Urdd Eisteddfod

on saturday Llyr won the solo recitation
And Llyr, Meg T, Meg G and Llinos
won the group Drama Recitation also Llyr,
Meg T, Meg G, Llinos, Charlie L, Kara,
Maddie and Sabrina won the group
Recitation.

Llyr ☺

Eisteddfod

On the 22nd of March, my school pupils and I went to Ysgol Bro
Gwyn in Fishguard and what we did was amazing! I g... us went to represent
YSGOL PENRHYN DEWI! The best school ever. Meg T, Kara P, Charlie L,
Llyr G, Maddie G, Llinos P, Sabrina and I took part in 2 things with me
is, Rap Rheolau all of us did and a scripted one where Llinos, Llyr, Meg and I
took part in the course... 1st in BOTH. Cardiff is next YAY. I had a
blast and I'm sure everyone else did after competing against let's go school and
coming 1st Megan G.

Eisteddfod saturday 22nd
march - Charlie Leonard

On Saturday 22nd March we went
to Fishguard for the county
Eisteddfod. I and eight other pupils
were doing the parti llafari which
was called 'Rap Rheolau'. When we
had all got there Mrs Smith found
us a little corner behind Bro
Gwyn for us to practice in.
after that we went inside and
waited for some other acts to
finish until finally it was our
turn. I have to say that I think it
was our performance yet and
guess what, we came first, I was
so happy, now we are going to
Cardiff for the national.

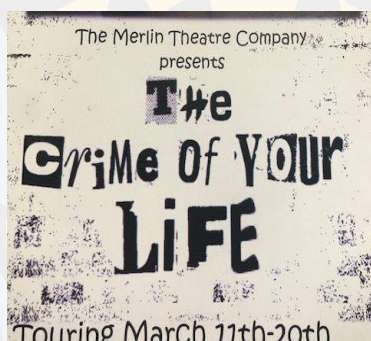
The Eisteddfod

On the 30th of March 2019 Some of ysgol
Penrhyn Dewi children went to fishguard to
do the eisteddfod and we did individuals and
groups and the ymgon and cidadrodd come
first out of 4 groups altogether but the
ymgon went against 1 other school and
the cidadrodd went against 3 other schools
and were really happy because were now thro
to cardiff and we had a really nice day on
Saturday to.

By Kara.

Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi - Transition Day Two

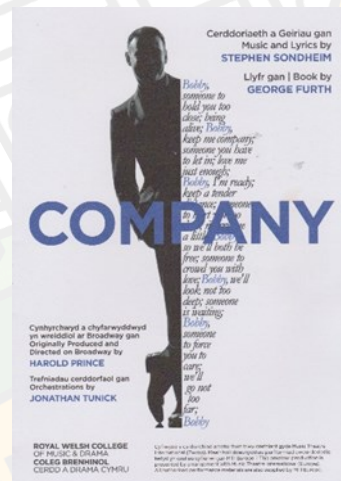
Year 6 pupils from our cluster primaries and from further afield joined us for an exciting transition day on the Friday before half term. The theme for the day was languages and European culture. Pupils participated in a range of activities including making welsh cakes and Speaking French and Welsh.



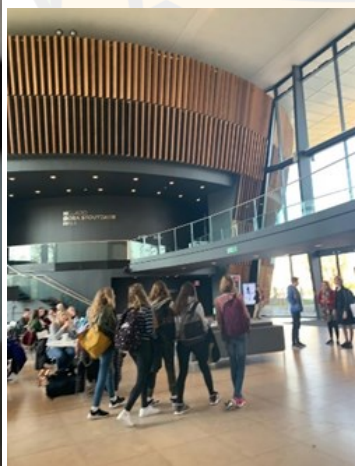
Year 7 pupils enjoyed a day called 'The Crime of Your Life' which featured a day of workshops from the Police, Fire Brigade, Youth Justice and Magistrates Court.

YPD visit the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama

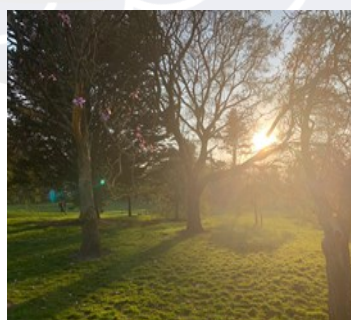
On Thursday, 28th March 2019, pupils from Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi visited the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff as part of The Seren Schools Programme. There were opportunities throughout the day to experience workshops in music and drama. A short walk through Cardiff University grounds led to the Sherman Theatre for a performance of *COMPANY* from the book by George Furth with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.



Nia and Isabel outside the Richard Burton Theatre dressed for action at the workshops.



Pupils gathering at the RWCMD.



After dinner in the refectory pupils walked in the park, this was shot by Seren who is a keen photographer.



Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi pupils worked together to raise a substantial amount of money for Comic Relief. In total over £700.00 was raised through a series of fun activities that were organised by the Charity Committee. On the Aidan Campus they also had a non school uniform day, the children made Pudsey hats and had a toy sale. On the Non Campus children had a non school uniform day and a special version of 'Non's Got Talent!' seeing some delightfully enthusiastic performances.

On the Dewi Campus there was a non school uniform day, a delicious bake sale and an open mic lunchtime stand up routine in the hall. A big thank

you to everyone for getting involved and in raising such a big amount for a small school! Nationwide a total of £63,548,668 was raised.

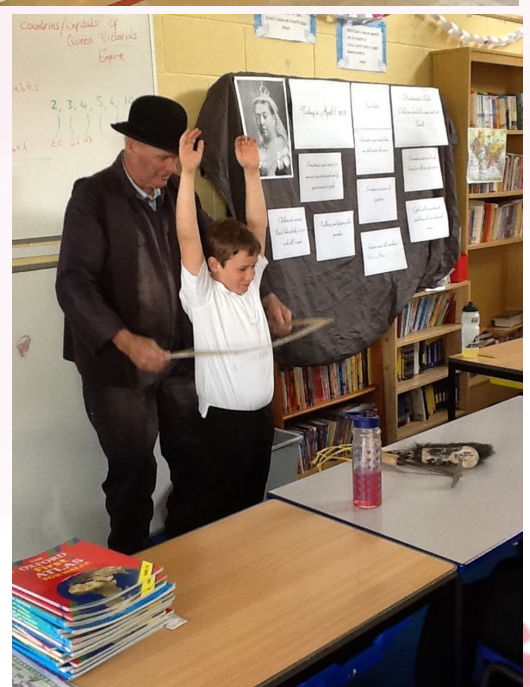
12 Characters Project

The YPD Wellbeing Committee welcomed Jerome Flynn and friends from Giraffe Social Enterprises to deliver the '12 Characters in Search of an Apocalypse' event. The characters portray a day in the life of diverse individuals, enabling us to reflect upon ourselves, our families, and our communities being affected by global environmental issues. The project was conceived by Jason Stewart and is hosted through GSE. For more information see 12characters.org.uk and bettercatastrophe.com





We unexpectedly time travelled back to 1875 and lived life as Victorians. Our teachers tried to sell us to various visitors who arrived unexpectedly to recruit us. These included: A factory owner, coal miner, chimney sweep farmer and the workhouse matron! A slightly scary but familiar looking Victorian vicar led Assembly too! Huge thanks to Solva Amateur Dramatics Society and Canon Leigh for their support with this exciting event. The pupils now have a much better understanding of what life would have been like for a Victorian child and spent a tiresome day working hard and ensuring they followed the headmaster's rule: Children should be seen and not heard.

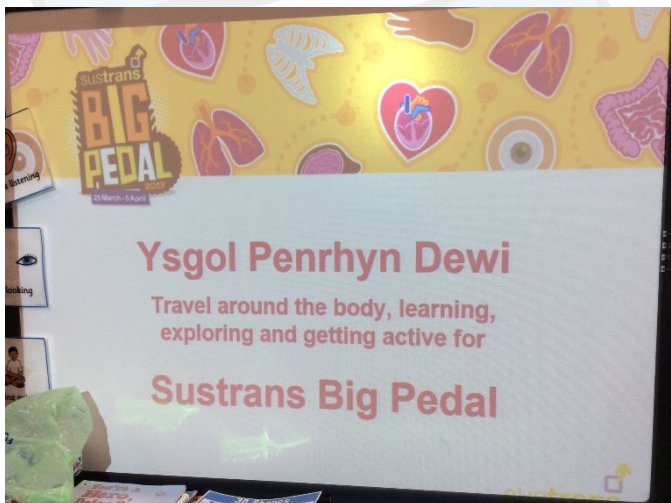




Sustrans Big Pedal Day



To kick start this competition, on Monday 25th March, Non Campus closed the road running through the school grounds to cars for the day, to reduce congestion and increase safety for those walking, scooting and cycling to school. The gates leading to the school site and exiting the site were shut for the whole day. We created 2 walking buses from Quickwell Hill and walked children up to school. Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi were only the second school in Wales to hold an event like this and close their school site for the day.



During the day on Non Campus, there were activities for the children taking place in the staff car and on the hill, making the most of the space with no cars! We had measuring the school grounds, chalking around friends and measuring them, nature adventures, big blocks for building and rolling tyres down the hill! Sioned from Sustrans held fantastic bike and scooter workshops on Aiden and Non Campus. Neil from Sustrans checked all bikes in his puncture clinic and Dr Bike had a busy day checking all bikes and scooters are safe to use.

Young Musicians Festival

Non pupils had great fun Samba drumming with Sambadoc and didgeridoo playing with our Mayor Cllr Mike Chant as part of St Davids Young Musicians Festival. Thank you to Melanie Maloney for giving up her time to run the festival across both sites. The children from Dewi thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and the evening concert.





FIKA FRIDAY

Following Mr Haynes' and Mrs Bramley's conference in Sweden pupils in Year 4 decided to introduce a Swedish custom into their classroom to improve Health & Wellbeing.

They now love to slow down, escape from the hectic fast paced life we all live in and spend some time just socially communicating and enjoying the simple things so they have 'Fika Friday' in true Swedish tradition.



Every fortnight a different 'Fika team' use numeracy skills to shop for 'mainly' healthy food and work out costs, change, best value for money.

They prepare all food and wash/clear themselves. Pupils try and socialise with different people each Fika time and have developed in independence.

Long live Fika Friday!



These skills can also be practiced at home!

Spring has arrived on Aidan



The advent of spring saw the arrival of a special visitor to our campus, Julia the lamb! The children learnt more about lambs and even had the chance to feed one. Thank you to Stacey from Treginis Farm for bringing her in.



Pupils on Aidan campus have extremely busy over the Spring Term and have thoroughly enjoyed their topic 'Toy Box'.

Along with exploring, sorting and making our own toys we also looked at toys in the past and were very lucky to have our own toy museum in school along with a special visit from Mrs Gray! Thank you.

We have celebrated lots of events such as St Dwynwen's, Valentines, St David's Day, World Bok Day, Mother's Day and Easter.



Along with our visit from Mrs Gray we have also had lots of other special visitors over to our campus and would like to say a big thank you to you all including Elly Morgan who helped us make beautiful lanterns for the parade, Canon Leigh and Reverend Diana for their regular visits and lovely assemblies, and Teresa Canton who helped our mum and dads learn more about Physical Literacy.



Our Primary Eisteddfod on Non campus was also a huge success and a lot of fun for all the children. Aidan campus performed 'Beth Sy'n yn y bocs?' with great enthusiasm.

Our topic has also led us to explore Superheroes over the last few weeks and we had lots of challenges where we have used our Literacy, Numeracy and Digital skills in order to find out, rescue and become Superheroes.



For Red Nose Day we worked together and helped raise £47.46 by wearing red and dressing up. We also had a lot of fun decorating biscuits to eat.



A particular thank you to Denise Ingram for tending to our gardens, we look forward to seeing them in full bloom!



AIDAN CAMPUS

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We really appreciate all the support we get from you as parents and community. The loan of suitcases and donations of blocks of old toys and have been brilliant.

Thank you to you all. We have also been absolutely delighted to receive beautiful aprons and capes for the children to use within their learning. Thank you Jackie Willoughby and Gayle Twitchen.



A fantastic development for us as a school this term is having our Child Development pupils come over weekly to work first hand with our youngest children. They are a pleasure to have with us and are gaining a valuable insight into child development to support them with studies.

Finally one of the biggest highlights for us this half term has been our success with the Big Pedal! Most children were active every day on their Journey to school. Well Done all. The children have been so enthusiastic and they had a great time using their bikes and scooters as part of the day and finding out who would get the Golden Band next.

We look forward to seeing what next term brings.

Diolch am bleidleisio.

Pasg Hapus i chi gyd!

Spring Term Class Dojo Winners	Spring Term Star of the week winners
Skye	Leon
Rhodri	Freya
Sunny	Lilieah
Mali	Rudy
Ted	Dylan
Henry	Tyler
Iestyn	Archie
Rudy	George
Rhys	Esme
Freya	Sunny
Archie	Skye
Nathaniel	Beatrice
Esme	Aidan
Tyler	Seren
Seren	Celyn
	Laila
	Poppy

Roslyn Park 2019

On Tuesday 25th March YPD boys set off for south west London accompanied by Mr. Evans and Mr. Paul Owen to compete in their first ever Sevens tournament, the prestigious Roslyn Park Sevens, the biggest schools Sevens tournament in the world, with 160 teams in the U.16 section alone!

After a night spent just off Tolworth roundabout we made our way up the A3 on the following morning to park our minibus amongst the many others of teams arriving from all over the country. Our boys looked resplendent in their brand new training tops and shirts, kindly sponsored by the City Council and Councillor Lloyd, as they made their way to the W pitches, a group of four pitches amongst the 20 pitches being used that day.

Incredibly we enjoyed some welcome support as the first match kicked off, a band of parents having made the long journey up from the Peninsula that morning. We were a bit slow out of the blocks in the first match vs Leicester Grammar, as a disappointing “forward” pass decision ruled out a YPD try and effectively ended the match as a contest; a 29-5 defeat.

But the next match vs Sidcot school brought a 19- 5 victory and allowed all the squad a taste of competitive sevens, which was just as well as next up was Dean Close, a private school linked to the Gloucester RFC academy. They were group favourites (and indeed went through after comfortably defeating Leicester later on) but three minutes into the second half we led 14-10 through tries from Luke and Tom. We had possession in their 22 and a chance to seal victory but it was not to be as we conceded two late scores.



Squad pictured: Luke, Dafydd, Robbie, Fred , Tom, Finlay, Mathieu, Alfie, Tom, Harvey, Kieran, Tom.

However, the boys were buoyed by their performance and, after an hour's break spent checking out the rest of the tournament and the various sponsors' stands, they returned for their final match vs Ibstock Place School. Confidence was high and we ran into a 30- 5 half time lead. Changes were made but the momentum shifted and suddenly we led only 37- 29! Fortunately Mathieu scored the final try and conversion to ensure a 44-29 win.

Roslyn Park 2019

I had told several people that we might not win one game, but that one win would be good and two wins would be exceptional. We actually came very close to three wins, a testimony to the hard work this group of players had put in over a two month period, as they went from sevens novices to a squad that did not look out of place amongst teams that had been playing sevens for years.

The 16 training sessions, including four Sunday afternoons, and two practice matches paid off and demonstrated to me that our children are still capable of commitment and hard work.

A final thank you to all the parents and others who supported us.

Here's to next year!!



YPD Sporting Successes



Grace was selected to represent Dyfed Schools at the Welsh schools cross-country event at Brecon. Grace was an important member of the team who finished in silver medal position.

Kieran and Mathieu both from Yr 11 represented YPD at the Dyfed Cross Country.



Massive congratulations to year 7 pupil, Nell on recently winning the 2nd leg (of four) in the BMC youth climbing series in Merthyr.



Former pupils Lisa Neumann and Jasmine Joyce both had a brilliant season playing for Wales in the Women's Six Nations. Jasmine and Lisa both scored decisive tries for Wales and the school is proud to support both of them as they make their mark in rugby. They are excellent role models for our girls.

The Adders Are Amazing Project



Pupils from YPD that took part in the Weatherman Walking Adders Project will be featured in May.



Congratulations to Oliva and Heledd



Congratulations to Oliva and Heledd who were recently made full choral scholars at St Davids Cathedral. We are very proud of you!

Congratulations to Hannah

Congratulations to Hannah Year 8 who is representing Pembrokeshire Under 13's Football. A great achievement!



Well done to our Youth Worker Jonny Williams, Ian Meopham our National Parks ranger and a small group of year 9 and 10 pupils who have planted around 60 small trees and shrubs in the grass area in between the MUGA and the green fence.

The Young Scholars Programme



As part of the Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi VA Young Scholars Programme a number of pupils graduated from The Brilliant Club and travelled to Oxford University for their graduation. The programme involved 10 weeks of studying Criminology with Bridget Kerr, a PHD student and the completion of a 10k word essay. Da iawn I pawb!



Parc Yr Scarlets Careers Forum

In March all our Year 10 pupils travelled to the Parc Yr Scarlets venue for one of the biggest career forums of the school year. The pupils had the opportunity to try their hand things from electrical engineering skills to health and social care. Also present were universities and colleges from across Wales. It was an excellent day for the pupils to start thinking about their future careers, we know you'll be successful in whichever path you choose to take.



Techno Camps

Swansea University came to YPS to run the 1st of 5 workshops on the theme of Technology. pupils from Year 9 + 10 attended as part of their GCSE Computer Science. We look forward to the next workshops.



Dear Parent/Carer,

Last year Ysgol Dewi Sant pupils achieved the best GCSE results ever. During a year of transition pupils still achieved in all areas of the extended curriculum; in music, drama, sport and the arts. There was a school production, visits to the theatre, excursions around Ramsey Island to visiting Treginnis Farm and even to Lesotho. It was no coincidence that during that year our pupils recorded the best attendance that the school has ever had.

We maintain that a child who feels supported in school will attend regularly. There are times when incidents such as illness and appointments interrupt this and we aim to support our pupils and families when this is the case. Good attendance does not only impact upon academic attainment, it supports participation in so many extended opportunities and develops good habits of punctuality and reliability which will be needed in adult life. When children arrive late at lessons it is disruptive to learning and it impacts upon everyone in the class.

This year to date, our attendance levels have dropped in years 9, 10 and 11. This is disappointing as pupils of this age are generally more independent and able to organise themselves to arrive on time at school. It is also a crucial time in their education and it is the first time that their actions will have an impact on the rest of their lives. If they miss their morning mark but arrive later in the morning they still lose half a day's attendance.

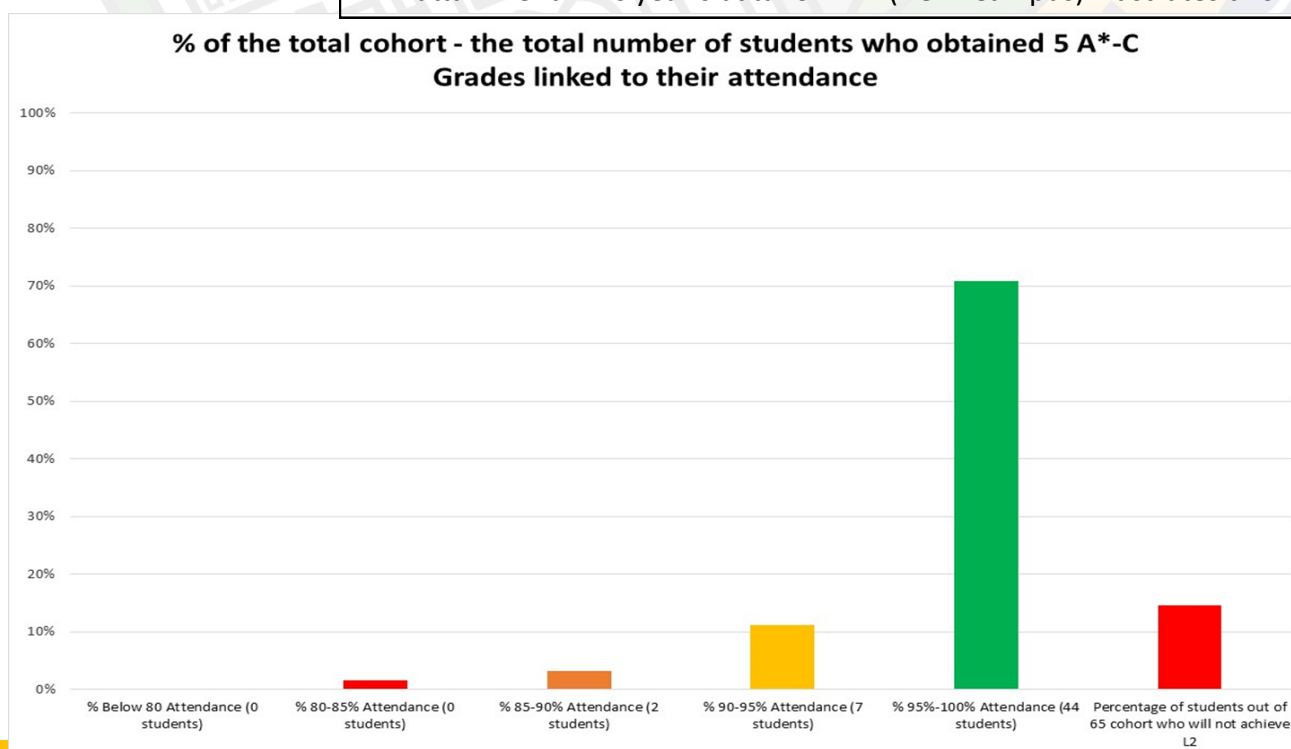
Those of us who are fortunate enough to be in work know how important it is to be on time and the impact that our absence or lateness can have upon our progress as well as on our co-workers; it is the same for pupils at school. Please support your child in encouraging good attendance and punctuality. Should your child experience difficulty in achieving this then do not hesitate to contact me to see if the school can help.

Thank you,

Rachael Thomas
Head of Secondary Phase.

2018 Attendance v Attainment at Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi

It is proven that there is a direct correlation between attendance and attainment. This year's data for YPD (Dewi Campus) illustrates this.



Attendance Matters

GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS...

Being in school at least **98%** of the time or 186 to 190 days

That's no more than 4 days off a year

175 non-school days a year

All this time for holidays and appointments

365 days in the calendar year

Expected attendance

Risk of
underachievement

Severe risk of
underachievement

What's your
attendance?



Rugby School—The Arnold Foundation

Post 16 opportunities: Rugby School - The Arnold Foundation - Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi Pupils

In 2003 the Arnold Foundation was set up by Rugby School to provide full fee support for pupils, with the talent but not the means, to enjoy an education at the school, (<https://www.rugbyschool.co.uk/arnold-foundation/about-the-foundation/>).

Ten years ago a pupil of Ysgol Dewi Sant, Rhodri Davies, went to Rugby School for the sixth form through an Arnold Foundation bursary, and became Head of House.

A member of our community, Liz Taylor, is involved in the Foundation and she has been instrumental in pushing for more our pupils to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

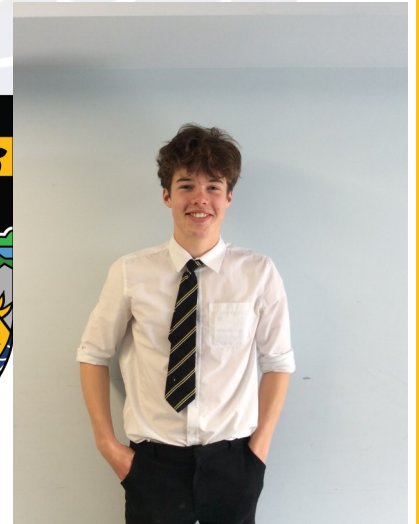
This year Efa will enter the Sixth Form as a beneficiary of an Arnold Foundation Award after impressing at the Open Day and in the Entrance Exams that she sat in November.

Another pupil, Mathieu, will also take up a place in the Sixth Form having obtained a sports scholarship and bursary, after impressing on the Sports Scholarship day and also passing the Entrance Exams.

Last week Year 10 pupils had an assembly explaining the possibility of entering Rugby Sixth Form either through an Arnold Award or through a scholarship (for sport, art, music, design and craft, and drama) and bursary, and there was a second meeting with parents/carers this week to explain the process.

It is hoped that some of these pupils will follow in Efa and Mathieu's footsteps and take advantage of these fantastic opportunities.

For any further information please contact Liz on 07779594080.





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Roaring success for YPD at Rotary Competitions

Youth Speaks Debating Competition Success



YPD recently stormed to success in the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition with the motion that 'Social Media is Dangerous'. Nathan, Maisie and Evan won the local district competition impressing judges with their confidence and natural engagement with the audience. They then went on to represent the district against strong competition from other schools beating more experienced and older teams many years their senior. The judges particularly liked their natural charisma and spontaneity which connected well with the audience. The next round of the competition was held at King Henry VIII in Abergavenny against teams from all over Wales. Despite not making it to the UK finals this time, they were by far the youngest team there and performed brilliantly despite being disadvantaged by an overly complex question for their age. The school is very proud of them and no doubt we will see them compete again in the future. Thanks must go to Eirian Evans from the Rotary for his support and Johannes Neumann for coaching them through the competition.



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Congratulations to Robyn in Year 9



YPD has seen success this term with the Rotary Young Chef competition. Back in January the school hosted an inter house bake off which saw six entrants from Year 8-10 compete to take part in the competition. Four successful pupils Robyn, Keon, Elaura and Mollie progressed through to the first round of the Young Chef competition. YPD hosted the first round where the four winners competed against pupils from Ysgol Bro Gwaun. Competitors were tasked with producing a three course meal for two people for under £20. The competition was judged by former Masterchef competitor Daniel Jones from JT at 3 Main Street Fishguard. All competitors provided an impressive display of skill and talent and YPD's Robyn was victorious overall and progressed through to the Area round competition at Pembrokeshire College.

Robyn continued to be victorious sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fishguard and Goodwick. She won her way to the District Finals of the Young Chefs competition held at Builth Wells at the end of March which saw competitors representing most of Wales. There she was competing against other finalists from District 1060 (Midlands), 1100 (Cotswolds), 1210 (Midlands) as well as our own District 1150 (South Wales). She cooked an excellent meal and the experience will hold her in good stead in future competitions. Considering she was one of the youngest competitors overall Robyn did fantastically well and everyone at YPD is extremely proud of her. Da iawn Robyn!



Design and Technology Competition

Matthew, Henry, Carl and Dan competed in the Rotary Design and Technology Competition held at Pembrokeshire College last week. The task was to create a motorised crane out of wood, pick up and transport a piece of wood over an obstacle course in the quickest time. They were placed third!

Henry, Matthew Jorgia, and Kayleigh also took part in the competition and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.





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Holly in 7Y also won the area heat of the Rotary Club Young Writers competition and her essay on *My Inspiration* has now gone forward to the Cardiff national final. We wish you good luck!

Urdd Senedd Trip to Cardiff

YPD recently took part in a fantastic trip to Senedd in Cardiff as part of the All Wales School Age Forum and were only one of five English Medium schools taking part. The pupils started with ice breakers to get to know the other schools followed by an interesting tour of the Senedd, getting to meet Assembly Members and hearing about the work they do there. They then presented their speech on the topic of 'Female Inequality in Sports' and they held their own under some heavy questioning!



Cardiff
trip

I really enjoyed going to cardiff we firstly went on the mini bus to the senedd got a tour of it after that we went to the card hotel after that we went to see all of the welsh rugby players then we went bowling and to an arcade. The next day we got all of our stuff ready and went back on the way we got a makedonalds.

Kodey

Other highlights of the day include the Grand Slam Victory Parade and an evening of bowling and games at the arcade. The second day consisted of workshops on Zumba music, children's rights, art and working with the Office of The Children's Commissioner for Wales. There was also an excellent exchange of best practice, ideas and insight into the other schools that are part of the forum. Thank you to Conor, Robyn, Maisie, Nathan, Evan, Henry, Amelia, Lihla, Joe and Kodey for going.

Cardiff, I liked the bowling because it was really fun and behind it was a big arcade which was fun. The trip back was amazing because we went to macdonald and those were my favourite parts of cardiff.

Conor





Irish Rugby visit

On Friday 21st March our under 14 rugby side welcomed Dublin High School to St Davids Rugby Club as part of their weekend tour to West Wales.



20 Boys from Years 9 and 8 were invited in a match which was played with a real rugby spirit. Dublin High School were comfortable winners but there were lots of smiles after the game, and they elected Ben player of the match. A big thank you to Adam for bringing the team over.



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Dates for your calendar: 2019/2020

- Easter Holidays - Monday, 15th April - Friday, 26th April
- Yr 11 Art and French Revision—15th April
- Yr 11 Art, French and Music Revision—16th April
- Yr 11 Food and Nutrition Revision 17th April
- Yr 11 Maths Revision—18th April
- Yr 10 RS and Yr 11 PE Revision –23rd April
- Yr 10 & 11 History, French, Food & Nutrition Revision—24th April
- Yr 11 Biology and PE Revision - 25th April
- Yr 11 English and Numeracy Revision—26th April
- Summer Term Begins 29th April
- Christian Aid Week 15th May
- County Sports Day 17th May
- Dyfed Sports Day—15th and 16th June
- End of Summer Term—18th July



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