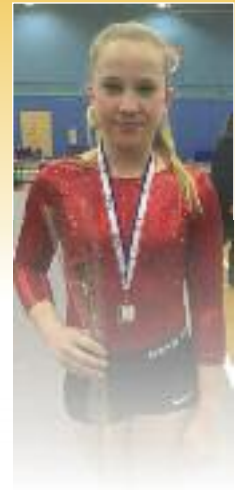


Welcome to the third edition of the **Porthcawl Post** for the school year 2014-2015



Porthcawl Post

Porthcawl Comprehensive School Newsletter ~ Summer 2015



Headteacher's Address

I must begin this article with mention of the sheer hard work that has been taking place. The Summer brings the usual examination session and as a school we have "moved heaven and earth" in preparation. The staff and students have done all that can be expected of them. A previous Headteacher used to comment, "If I paid the staff by the hour, we couldn't afford them!" Never has this been so true. In the build up to the examinations, we have had breakfast classes, lunch classes, after school classes, as well as holiday and weekend classes. All of this additional support is intended to ensure that each student reaches their potential. We must remember the students as well; this is a most difficult time for them. The students have faithfully attended the additional lessons and we wish them all the very best for the Summer.

The last few weeks has seen a number of very notable successes:-

- Eisteddfod
- PTA Awards Evening
- Young Consumer of the Year Competition
- Lavender Walk
- Music success in Margam and Maesteg
- Sporting success across a variety of disciplines

As you read this edition, you will enjoy the detail of these most remarkable successes.

I would like to draw to your attention a number of staffing changes that we have made since our last "Porthcawl Post". Mrs Sarah Morgan has joined us as our Pastoral Support Officer; this post is designed to support the challenged and vulnerable students at school. She will be assisted in this role by Mrs Andrea Stimpson who has been appointed as Pastoral Support Assistant.

Mr Alan Thomas has been appointed as the "Director of Studies". This is an important role as we move to meet the curricular challenges ahead. In a similar vein, Miss Painter has been appointed as "Director of Progress". This role is to use data and monitor progress to ensure each child reaches their full potential. Finally, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Laura Cartwright has been appointed as the Head of the Religious Studies Department. Mrs Cartwright will take the reigns at a very exciting time as we seek to expand and develop the subject.

I now come to the man focus of my article, the retirement of staff from the school. In previous editions we have paid tribute to those who have already left during the year. This Summer, we bid a fond Porthcawl farewell to a few very long serving teachers who will all retire.

Mr Keith "Beefy" John joined our school as a PE teacher in October 1983. Mr John left a career as a

Policeman to teach PE at our school. Now a full 32 years later, he is about to "hang up his boots".

Following many years as a PE teacher, Mr John successfully made the move to our Maths Department. For almost 20 years, Mr John has worked in the Maths Department where he specialised in working with special needs students. Mr John's patience and dedication helped many learners overcome quite considerable difficulties with their Maths.

Mr John's major contribution to our school has been as a Head of Year. We all agree that countless numbers of children have benefited from his wise advice and sound judgement. Mr John has the ideal temperament to be a Head of Year; he has endless patience and has never been fazed by anything that came his way.



Mr Keith John

Housekeeping School Uniform



Pupils, Staff and Governors have been choosing a new PE shirt for Porthcawl Comprehensive (please see the picture of the girls' style). The PE shirt has the school badge on it and is available in two styles – for boys and girls. It will replace the white PE T-shirt, which we now feel has become outdated. We have also changed the colour of the girls' skort to navy in order to match the new shirt. From the Summer of 2015 our uniform suppliers, Euroschools and Uniforms 2 Go will stock the new PE kit.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the current uniform list and to also draw attention to the Uniform Policy on the school website, which has helpful extra information regarding styles e.g. trousers for boys and girls should be classic school-style trousers.

Mrs V Hunt
Assistant Headteacher

Boys Years 7 to 11

White shirt with stiff collar
School tie
Navy-blue V-neck jumper/sweatshirt with school badge
Navy-blue trousers
Dark socks (grey or navy)
Flat black shoes
Dark overcoat/anorak

Girls Years 7 to 11

White blouse with stiff collar
School tie
Navy-blue V-neck jumper/sweatshirt with school badge
Navy-blue/pinstripe knee length skirt or navy-blue trousers
(no stretchy or lycra skirts or trousers)
Navy tights
Flat black shoes
Dark overcoat/anorak

Boys Years 12 & 13

Blue shirt with stiff collar
Sixth form school tie
Black V-neck jumper/sweatshirt with school badge
Black trousers
Dark socks
Flat black shoes
Dark overcoat/anorak

Girls Years 12 & 13

Blue blouse with stiff collar
Sixth form school tie
Black V-neck jumper/sweatshirt with school badge
Black/pinstripe knee length skirt or black trousers
(no stretchy or lycra skirts or trousers)
Black tights
Flat black shoes
Dark overcoat/anorak

Boys Physical Education

Royal blue and red school rugby jersey with school badge
Black shorts
School rugby socks
Rugby/soccer boots
Trainers
Swimming trunks/shorts (no ¾ board shorts)
School PE shirt

Girls Physical Education

Navy skort or shorts
Trainers
School PE shirt
Swimming costume and hat
Plain navy jog bottoms
Red hooded sweatshirt with school badge

Headteacher's Address continued from front cover

He has had special responsibility for attendance, including organising the eagerly anticipated "Attendance Draw" at the end of the Summer term. This always involves a very high profile "Special Guest" making time in their busy schedule to give prizes out to the best attenders, much to the amusement of the pupils.

Many of our readers will have enjoyed a skiing trip or activity day organised by Mr John, and for this we thank him. Many staff will thank Mr John for his legendary end of term bus trips – enough said! On a personal level, I have admired Mr John, he has always put the interests of the children first, and I thank him for all of the massive contributions he has made to Porthcawl Comprehensive School.

Also to retire in August is Mr Peter Roach, Head of Art. Mr Roach started in the school in September 1988, and has taught Art for the last 27 years. With Mr Roach at the helm, the Art Department has flourished and grown. Mr Roach has a very unique relaxed style and the students have responded to this over the years. Mr Roach is a working Artist who has brought his love of the subject to countless students over nearly three decades. Teachers of Art need to master a wide range of techniques as the students may work in a whole variety of medium. This has been a very successful facet of Mr Roach at our school, and children have developed and been very successful as a consequence. The lunchtime quiz in the staffroom was organised by Mr Roach and has been enjoyed for years. It has been a pleasure to know Mr Peter Roach and we wish him all the very best.

This September will also see the departure of Mrs Anne Weedon our Head of Welsh. Mrs Weedon arrived at our school in the September of 1994 so we thank her for 21 years of service. Mrs Weedon has successfully led our Welsh Department through a whole series of changes. This school holds a very successful Eisteddfod in which we celebrate Welsh Culture. This event is held in the Pavilion and is a daylong celebration of being Welsh. Mrs Weedon has organised this event and its continued success is a fitting tribute to the much valued contribution of Mrs Weedon. All at school wish Mrs Weedon all the very best for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

The penultimate teaching retirement is that of Mrs Ruth Evans. Mrs Evans joined our English Department 19 years ago in the September of 1996. Mrs Evans has been a large part of our English Department, and hundreds of children have enjoyed being in her classes. She has been particularly successful with her examination classes and many students have successfully progressed in higher education as a result of Mrs Evans' efforts. Over the years, Mrs Evans has been central to the charity and fundraising efforts in school. Hundreds of Romanian children have been delighted to receive presents at Christmas and Easter, and the MacMillan cancer charity has also benefitted hugely from Mrs Evans' efforts - we will all miss the cake and coffee mornings that she has organised. I feel sure that this charity work will continue in the community of Porthcawl. I would like to thank Mrs Evans for all she has given our school, and wish her and the family all the very best.

The final teacher to bid farewell to us is Mr Graham Robert Lewis, simply known as "GRL". Graham began his teaching



Mr Peter Roach



Mrs Anne Weedon



Mrs Ruth Evans



Mr Graham Robert Lewis

ALL CHANGE IN A BLOCK!

career at Porthcawl in the September of 1974; this year he completes a most remarkable 41st year of service. Graham has taught Maths at school and has a passion for Pure Maths and many of his former pupils have gone on to do great things. During his career, Graham became a Head of Year, and his singing assemblies have become something of a legend. Career progression followed for Graham as he was appointed as a Senior Teacher. During this time, Graham was a Senior Manager of our school, and was tasked with the role of SENCO. In this role, Graham displayed his compassion as he championed the lot of children with special needs. Graham retired in the July of 1996 and has returned each subsequent year as a teacher of Pure Maths. In this part time role, the commitment to the students and the subject never diminished and all are grateful for this.

Outside of school, Graham is a family man and his other passion is his golf. In his prime, Graham played off a single figure handicap, now with more time, this may improve! Graham's sayings and catch phrases have become famous over the years, in fact only Graham has featured in every single Year Book. On a personal level, I remember the warm welcome and sound advice from Graham when I joined our school. Graham is a true iconic figure at PCS and we wish him all the best for the future.

Lastly, Mrs Wilma Smith has retired from her administrative position in our office. Mrs Smith has been at school for over 15 years in a wide variety of roles. She has fulfilled this range of tasks within the school administrative team with enormous diligence and care at all times. Mrs Smith retires into the full time role as grandmother to Jake and we all wish her all the very best.

As we say a collective goodbye, almost a century and a half of teaching experience leaves the school. I appreciate fully one can't buy experience, but I feel very confident that the replacements we have appointed will successfully fill their very big shoes!

Finally, thanks for all the support over the last year. I have enjoyed meeting so many parents and carers during the year. I hope you all have a long and well-earned rest in readiness for September 2015.

Andrew Slade
Headteacher



Mrs Wilma Smith



Mr Chris Williams



It is the end of an era at school with the retirement of the husband and wife team of Non and Chris Williams who between them have given over 22 years of service to the school. Non who finished at Easter has been at the centre of daily life as School Receptionist for many years, and has finally decided to hang up her phone and concentrate on more relaxing pass times!

By the end of her last week, Non could hardly be seen under the mountain of flowers, and gifts that the staff and pupils brought in to show their appreciation of all her hard work over the years. Despite Non insisting on "no fuss whatsoever", colleagues and children were undeterred in showing their gratitude. The PE teachers even had a special cake made with a photo of them all in a minibus on it in honour of all the busses she has booked for them! Having had half a term to get used to a quieter, less chaotic life, Non's peace was disturbed at Whitsun when she was joined by Chris who is retiring as Examinations Officer! Chris has also been at the very heart of the school in this demanding role and is popular with both staff and pupils alike. They will both be hugely missed by all of us at school and we wish them a long and happy retirement together!

Another big change in the school office was the retirement of Mrs Wilma Smith in the middle of June, after 15 years of working at PCS. Principally involved in the "Pupil Data" role, pupils will know Mrs Smith as being the person who magically sorts out any problems with their timetables or class lists, and keeps any changes in their personal details up to date. Mrs Smith is also famous for the Yellow Bulletin that she produces religiously every day, which is circulated around the school, keeping everyone up to date with all the goings on. Pupils and staff will miss Mrs Smith enormously, but far from heading to a relaxing retirement, she has busier times ahead - looking after her baby grandson, Jake!



Mrs Non Williams

Eisteddfod yr Ysgol 2015



Cynhaliwyd Eisteddfod yr Ysgol eleni ym mis Mawrth yn y Pafiliwn. Yn y bore cynhaliwyd yr Eisteddfod Uwch ac ar ol cinio yr Eisteddfod Iau.

Roedd cystadleuthau o bob math, yn cynnwys canu, dawnsio, adrodd ac actio. Braf oedd gweld safon uchel y perfformwyr a brwdfrydedd y disgyblion oedd yn cefnogi eu tai. Llongyfarchiadau arbennig i enillwyr y Gadair a'r prif wobrau. Rhaid diolch i'r beirniaid am eu cyfraniad gwerthfawr ac i staff yr ysgol sydd yn cynorthwyo bob blwyddyn. Eleni y ty llwyddiannus oedd Dyfed. Llongyfarchiadau iddyn nhw.

Mrs Weedon - Head of Welsh





Eisteddfod

Results 2015

Off stage competition:

1st	Dyfed	310
2nd	Gwynedd	204
3rd	Powys	202
4th	Morgannwg	175

On stage competition:

1st	Dyfed	462
2nd	Powys	406
3rd	Morgannwg	224
4th	Gwynedd	221

Overall Eisteddfod result:

1st	Dyfed	772
2nd	Powys	608
3rd	Gwynedd	425
4th	Morgannwg	399

Junior Eisteddfod Champion:

Jamie Harrowing (Dyfed)

Senior Eisteddfod Champion:

Phoebe Lewis (Dyfed)

Senior Drama Competition:

Sam Pryce (Powys)

Winner of the Junior Welsh Chair:

Tilly Perks (Dyfed)

Winner of the Junior English Chair:

Naomi Keirl (Dyfed)

Winner of the Senior Welsh Chair:

Elle Morey (Dyfed)

Winner of the Senior English Chair:

Caitlin Whiteley (Powys)



Eisteddfod

Off Stage Results 2015

ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Year 7	Pupil Name	House
1st Place	Grace Keepins	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Oliver Williams	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Nathan Powell	Morgannwg
4th Place	Lydia Evans	Powys
Highly Commended:	Ella Blake	Powys

Year 8

1st Place	Jemma Queeley	Powys
2nd Place	Sam Dunworth	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Jareth Kale	Dyfed
4th Place	Emily Parfitt	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Ryan Thomas	Dyfed

Year 9

1st Place	Sam Piper	Powys
2nd Place	Casey Bevan	Dyfed
3rd Place	Emily Hooper	Dyfed
4th Place	Leisa Sawdon	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Joel Williams	Morgannwg

BIOLOGY

Year 7	Pupil Name	House
1st Place	Ocean Poultney-Maddy	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Rachel Appleton	Dyfed
3rd Place	Nathan Whare	Powys
Highly Commended:	Rhia Nicholson	Gwynedd

Year 8

1st Place	Erin Richards	Powys
2nd Place	Lauren Bailey	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Sam Hopkins	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Phoebe Keepins	Dyfed
	Jessica Jones	Morgannwg

Year 9

1st Place	Abigail Smith	Dyfed
2nd Place	Grace Meredith	Dyfed
3rd Place	Amy Howells	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Alys Ridsdale	Dyfed

CHEMISTRY

Year 7

1st Place	Sophie Edwards	Dyfed
2nd Place	Nathan Whare	Powys
3rd Place	Isaak Cronje	Powys

Year 8

1st Place	Anna Henderson	Powys
2nd Place	Carys Rosser-Stanford	Dyfed
3rd Place	Sam Hopkins	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Alisha Maddern	Dyfed
	Jamie Davies	Gwynedd



CHEMISTRY

Year 9

1st Place	Abigail Smith	Dyfed
2nd Place	Anna Biju	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Emily Hutton-Davies	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Amy Daives	Morgannwg
	Sara Cobley	Dyfed
	Caitlin Traylor	Dyfed

CYMRAGE

Year 9

1st Place	Abigail Smith	Dyfed
2nd Place	Hannah Scourfield	Dyfed
3rd Place	Anna Biju	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Bethan Jenkins	Gwynedd
	Megan Morris	Gwynedd
	Hannah Ashton	Dyfed
	Grace Meredith	Dyfed

Year 10

1st Place	Olivia Lewis	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Sinead Walters	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Charlotte Evans-Jones	Powys

JUNIOR CHAIR

Pen Name	Sion the Sheep
Winner	Tilly Perks 9SR
House	Dyfed

SENIOR CHAIR

Pen Name	Art Girl
Winner	Elle Morey 11ER
House	Dyfed

ENGLISH

English Off-Stage House Points	
Gwynedd	66
Powys	57
Dyfed	90
Morgannwg	72

FOOD & TEXTILES

Year 7

1st Place	Amy Hollyoake	Dyfed
2nd Place	Ethan Griffiths	Dyfed
3rd Place	Hannah Davidson	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Nia Clatworthy	Morgannwg

Year 8

1st Place	Joseph Williams	Dyfed
2nd Place	Anna Henderson	Powys
3rd Place	Holly Clatworthy	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Rosie Stringer	Dyfed

Year 9

1st Place	Bethan Jenkins	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Karah Watkins	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Jack Tossell	Powys
Highly Commended:	Lauren Slaughter	Gwynedd

FRENCH

Year 7

1st Place	Ocean Poultney-Maddy	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Jonathan Munro	Dyfed
3rd Place	Talita Jones	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Isabel Parselle	Morgannwg
	Lowri Newton-Williams	Powys
	Kitty James	Dyfed

Year 8

1st Place	William James	Powys
2nd Place	Georgia Davies	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Cerian Troakes	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Charlotte Liddon-Newman	Powys
	Phoebe Keepins	Dyfed

FRENCH

Year 9

1st Place	Grace Meredith	Dyfed
2nd Place	Hannah Scourfield	Dyfed
3rd Place	Megan Morris	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Anna Biju	Gwynedd
	Natalie Morley	Dyfed
	Alys Ridsdale	Dyfed

GEOGRAPHY

Year 7

1st Place	Dafydd Jenkins	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Annie Williams	Dyfed
3rd Place	Katie Liu	Dyfed
Highly Commended:		
	Rohan Johns	Gwynedd
	Louisa Smith	Dyfed

Year 8

1st Place	Anna Henderson	Powys
2nd Place	Ioan Evans	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Cherisse Lau	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Jamie Daives	Gwynedd
	Jasmine Bowen	Gwynedd

Year 9

1st Place	Bethan Jenkins	
	Megan Morris	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Molly Ashton	
	Rebecca Owens	
	Angharad Thomas	Powys
3rd Place	Jenny Passingham	
	Owain Evans	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Zak Bennett	Gwynedd
	Jacob Johns	Morgannwg

GERMAN

Year 7

1st Place	Ocean Poultney-Maddy	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Lowri Newton-Williams	Powys
3rd Place	Isabel Parselle	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Milly Stables	Gwynedd
	Katie Liu	Dyfed
	Louisa Smith	Dyfed

GERMAN

Year 8

1st Place	Olivia Pownall	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Phoebe Keepins	Dyfed
3rd Place	Abigail Williams	Dyfed
Highly Commended:		
	Jenny Tanner	Dyfed
	Kate Williams	Gwynedd
	Holly Clatworthy	Gwynedd
	Cerian Troakes	Gwynedd

Year 9

1st Place	Abigail Smith	Dyfed
2nd Place	Sarah Grossey	Powys
3rd Place	Emily Hutton-Davies	Morgannwg
	Harriet Thomas	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Rebecca Sutton	Dyfed
	Cerys Davenport	Dyfed
	Lauren Cooper	Powys
	Anna Biju	Gwynedd

Year 10

1st Place	Lucy Vinen	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Darianne Jeffries	Dyfed
3rd Place	Katie Shears	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Katie Hill	Dyfed
	Charlotte Reilly	Morgannwg

HISTORY

Year 7

1st Place	Gerard Glynn-Rivers	Dyfed
2nd Place	Corey Cooper	Powys
3rd Place	Corey Griffiths	Dyfed
Highly Commended:		
	Connor Green	Morgannwg

Year 8

1st Place	William James	Powys
2nd Place	Aimee Brown	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Anna James	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Samantha Dunworth	Morgannwg

Year 9

1st Place	Caitlin Traylor	Dyfed
	Anna Biju	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Harriet Thomas	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Lucie Bentley	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Emily Jones	Gwynedd



ICT

Year 7

1st Place	Stella Marks	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Katie Liu	Dyfed
3rd Place	Milly Edwards	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Mya Fraser	Powys
	Annie Williams	Dyfed
	Evan Davies	Dyfed
	Isabelle Hone	Morgannwg

Year 8

1st Place	Ioan Evans	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Charlie Hibbert-Jones	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Emily Morgan	Dyfed
Highly Commended:		
	Jamie Davies	Gwynedd
	Tiegan Lewis	Gwynedd
	Olivia Pownall	Gwynedd
	Samantha Dunworth	Morgannwg

Year 9

1st Place	Conor Farrell John	Powys
2nd Place	Anna Biju	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Kit Cronin	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Cerys Davenport	Dyfed
	Emily Hutton-Davies	Dyfed
	Caitlin Traylor	Dyfed
	Amy Daives	Morgannwg
	Emily Childs	Powys
	Jamimah Cook	Gwynedd
	Olivia Preece-Jones	Gwynedd

PHYSICS

Year 7

1st Place	Leonora Breheny	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Carys Mainwaring	Dyfed
3rd Place	Jonathan Munro	Dyfed
4th Place	Freya Ashton	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Annie Williams	Gwynedd
	Elliot Watkins	Dyfed



PHYSICS

Year 8

1st Place	Megan Leech	Morgannwg
	Lauren Bailey	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Carys Rosser-Stanford	Dyfed
	Caitlin Rees	Dyfed
3rd Place	Charlotte Liddon-Newman	Powys
4th Place	Ewan Coles	Morgannwg
	Anni Martin	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

	Dominique Willmer	Dyfed
	Candice Willmer	Dyfed
	Olivia Pownall	Gwynedd
	Phoebe Keepins	Dyfed
	Abbi Audsley	Powys
	Sapphira Mort	Powys
	Anya James	Powys
	Isobel Longthorn	Dyfed
	Yinka Ferris-Grice	Dyfed
	Jonathan Jones	Morgannwg
	Jamie Harrowing	Dyfed
	Rosie Stringer	Dyfed
	Lik to Chung	Powys

Year 9

1st Place	Alys Ridsdale	Dyfed
2nd Place	Grace Meredith	Dyfed
3rd Place	Anna Biju	Gwynedd
4th Place	Emily Barnston	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

	Cai Thomas	Dyfed
	Cerys Davenport	Dyfed
	Skye Jones	Powys

Year 10

1st Place	Hannah Parry	Dyfed
	Lara Webber	Dyfed
2nd Place	Hannah Davies	Dyfed
	Tara Phillips	Dyfed
	Isabel Humphries	Morgannwg
	Lauren Thomas	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Patrick Matthew	Morgannwg
	Robert Bayliss	Dyfed
	Rhiannon Mainwaring	Powys
4th Place	Lauren Griffiths	Powys
	Charlotte Evans-Jones	Powys

Highly Commended

	Ciara Woolen	Dyfed
	Sarah Chess	Morgannwg
	Matthew Roberts	Powys
	Shannon Sumner	Gwynedd
	Maia Rees	Gwynedd

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Year 7

1st Place	Ocean Poultney-Maddy	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Dafydd Jenkins	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Louisa Smith	Dyfed

Highly Commended

	Lara Bridge	Dyfed
	Isabel Parselle	Morgannwg
	Millie Stables	Gwynedd



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Year 8

1st Place	Sophia Keepins	Powys
2nd Place	William James	Powys
3rd Place	Harry Smith	Powys

Highly Commended

	Carys Rosser-Stanford	Dyfed
	Cerian Troakes	Gwynedd
	Felix Parbery	Morgannwg
	Luke Peterson	Morgannwg

Year 9

1st Place	Kit Cronin	Powys
2nd Place	Rebecca Sutton	Dyfed
3rd Place	Mollie Hodgson	Morgannwg

Highly Commended

	Abigail Smith	Dyfed
	Jai Assiratti	Dyfed
	William George	Morgannwg





Porthcawl students clinch consumer quiz title

Porthcawl Comprehensive's winning team, Felicity Williamson-Sarll, Nathaniel King, Jack Bridger and Matthew Dang with teacher Sarah-Jane James and Trading Standards Institute Chief Executive, Leon Livermore.

A team of pupils from Porthcawl Comprehensive have shown their shopping savvy by winning a prestigious consumer rights competition in Cardiff. On March 19th, Year 12 students Jack Bridger, Matthew Dang, Nathaniel King and Felicity Williamson-Sarll defeated eight schools from north, south and mid Wales to be crowned Young Consumers of the Year 2015 at Cardiff City Stadium.

Young Consumers of the Year culminates in a national final in June 2015, and is co-ordinated by the Trading Standards Institute. Teams of four secondary school pupils compete against each other in a University Challenge-style consumer-based quiz, which includes questions on consumer and legal affairs, credit and finance, and social responsibility.

Porthcawl Comprehensive reached the regional finals after winning a closely-contested county borough final hosted by Trading Standards last November, against nine other local secondary schools. Trading Standards will now work closely with the team to prepare for the UK Final in London on June 24th and 25th, where they will face the champions from the English and Scottish regional competitions. Porthcawl Comprehensive will be joined by Chepstow School, whose team finished as runners up, in representing Wales at the national final.

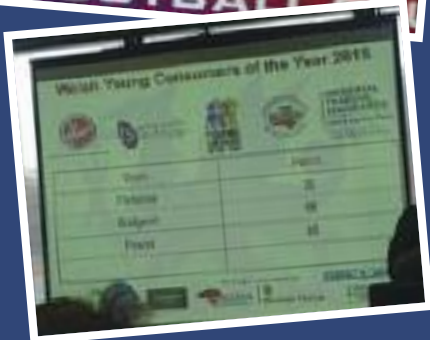
Supporting the school was teacher Sarah-Jane James: "The students invested a lot of their time into this competition and it really has paid off. Winning the Welsh final of this competition is a magnificent achievement and I know the team will now focus on becoming UK champions in June. It was an unforgettable two days for me and the pupils, but

more importantly, we now have a much greater understanding of our consumer rights and responsibilities, which will benefit us all."

Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, Councillor Mel Nott, said: "I am extremely proud of the students' achievement in winning this title, especially as it is a very competitive event and nerves of steel are needed to defeat a host of other Welsh schools in front of a large audience. It is also pleasing to know that this is the fourth consecutive year for a Bridgend school to make it to the National final of Young Consumers of the Year, which demonstrates the commitment of our Trading Standards team in empowering our young people on key areas of consumer and financial education, which is invaluable to these youngsters as they move on to higher education or the world of work."

The competition was preceded by a tour of the Senedd in Cardiff Bay, where the students were able to watch a plenary session and even enjoyed a thirty minute question and answer session with Wales' First Minister, Carwyn Jones.

As Assembly Member for Bridgend, the First Minister was full of praise for the winning team: "My congratulations go to Porthcawl Comprehensive for their magnificent achievement. It was clear to me when I met all of the teams that this was going to be a close competition, so these students have shown their mettle by beating off some stiff opposition. I wish both Porthcawl and Chepstow schools the best of luck when they compete in London this summer, and hope they can bring the title back to Wales."

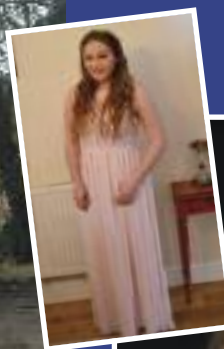




LAVENDER WALK

On Sunday 22nd March, 120 Porthcawl Comprehensive pupils and staff completed a walk from Candleston, near Merthyr Mawr to the Prince of Wales public house at Ton Kenfig to raise funds for Pancreatic Cancer UK. The walk was organised by Assistant Head Boy Richard Price, along with his fellow Head Team members. Richard sadly, recently lost his mother, Sian Smith to the disease after a very brave fight. He called it the "Lavender Walk" because it was her favourite flower, her favourite colour and also because of its strong connotations with the charity Pancreatic Cancer UK.

Approximately 100 pupils supported their friend by walking with him the 10-12 miles or so which took about four hours, collecting money as they went. They were joined by countless teachers, staff and friends of the school who also wanted to show their support. At about the halfway point, walkers briefly stopped for refreshments kindly provided at the Hi-Tide by Mr Geoff Dower. They then continued along the coast and on to the Prince of Wales where as well as being treated to an extremely warm welcome, the group were rewarded with an abundance of sandwiches which everyone was more than ready for! PD Travel from Pyle even donated their fare from ferrying pupils down to Candleston which was extremely charitable of them. On the day, the "Lavender Walk" raised £1600 for Pancreatic Cancer UK and funds are still coming in. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously!



Success for Porthcawl's Young Singers!

On the 28th March 2015, Layla Millar and Lucy Vinen competed in the final of The Maesteg Gleemen Welsh Young Singer of the Year in Maesteg Town Hall. Previous to this, they went through a tough audition process during January and secured their places in the final. With a high standard of performance throughout all categories, this was already a big achievement for both girls.

Layla Millar won the 11-14 year old category competing along with Matthew Daly and Tessa Castenara-Webber. Layla sang 'With You', from Ghost the Musical and Anfonaf Angel by Robert Arwyn. She was awarded £100 for herself and £400 for the Music Department!

Lucy Vinen competed in the 15-18 year old category along with Anwen-Angharad Dixon and Lauren Coates. In this category, Lucy came runner-up winning £50 for herself and £50 for the Music Department. Lucy sang 'And this is my Beloved' from Kismet and 'Voi che sapete' by Mozart.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the evening and would recommend any young singers to get involved with the competition. Mrs Giles was delighted when the girls presented the Music Department with the gift certificates that will be redeemed from Gamlin's Music Store in Cardiff. Layla and Lucy will work with Mrs Giles to see what equipment or resources they think the Music Department would benefit from.

Congratulations again to both of the girls!!

**Layla Millar (10AC),
Lucy Vinen (10AM) and
The Music Department**





There is a lot to celebrate in the Music Department this Summer!

Music is flourishing at Porthcawl Comprehensive School where five pupils were recent finalists in the annual Margam Foundation Music Competition; Imogen Kent, Lauren Pugh, Peter Sloggett, Harriet Maine and Thomas Phillips. All performed very professionally and exhibited a great spirit of camaraderie. After great deliberation, Thomas Phillips, was awarded first prize.

Imogen Kent and Harriet Maine have another good reason to celebrate, together with their teacher Mr Huw Griffiths, after passing their Grade 8 Percussion exam with distinction.

The National Youth Orchestra of Wales holds auditions throughout the country for players of Grade 8 ability and above. A place in the orchestra is difficult to secure, but three pupils have succeeded in doing just that. Alistair Noden, Imogen Kent and Alex Hunt will all be attending a ten day course at the University of Wales in Lampeter prior to a concert tour in August.

The String Group took part in the Flower Festival at All Saints Church on Saturday 20th June and will also be in the Millennium Centre, performing on the Glanfa Stage on Sunday 12th July. There are 17 members in the group of whom seven are Grade 8 standard and above. This is a quite exceptional achievement.

Well done to all the pupils involved in these activities for the excellence of the standards achieved!

Mrs H Williams
Music



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FutureChef Competition Regional Heats



The Future Chef Competition is a national competition that looks for the next big cookery talent. This is the 3rd year Porthcawl Comprehensive has taken part in the competition and the second time we have had a contestant compete in the Welsh heats. My name is Mai Phillips and I went to Coleg y Cymoedd in Pontypridd on the 11th February to compete in the regional Welsh heats of the Future Chef Competition.

On the morning of the competition I was calm and ready to get cooking, I had practiced my dishes with Michelin recommended chef Andrew Huddart in the weeks coming up to the competition. As a mentor he helped me perfect my menu and gave me tips on pastry making and presenting my dishes.

My menu was salmon served with a sweet chilli sauce, crispy garlic potato, and pan fried asparagus. For the dessert I made a chocolate tart served a chocolate orange sauce. I served my dishes in the 90 minutes, and I was very pleased with what I had produced.

Sadly I didn't get through to the next round, as the other contestants were of a very high standard. I was very pleased with my achievement and intend to enter again next year and hopefully go through to the national heats in London. This has been an exciting and interesting experience because I love cooking and learning new skills, I recommend this competition!

Mai Phillips
Year 10



EMILY DANCES CRAZY!



Emily Williams of 9HD has been a member of the Dance Crazy group for a number of years, and she trains up to five times a week with them! Every Easter the dance school takes a number of Latin Formation Teams to Blackpool to compete in the British Championships. This year, they took 12 teams to Blackpool, with members ranging from 5 to 16 years of age.

On Sunday 11th April 2015 Emily, who is part of the Junior Fantasy Team, competed in the 8 couple British Latin Junior Formation competition at the prestigious Winter Gardens in Blackpool. Emily and her team danced in the first round, then had a call-back to the semi-finals. This was followed by a call-back to the finals where they were placed 3rd in Britain!

The Fantasy Team were one of the youngest Junior Latin Teams competing, and Dance Crazy had a very



successful weekend, winning four British titles, as well as having teams placed 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th.

**Well done Emily!...
Kecececececeep...
DANCING!**



Opening a Cruise Ship!

I am a member of the choir Only Boys Aloud, and on the 18th April we had the once in a lifetime opportunity to open Royal Caribbean's new cruise ship 'Anthem of the Seas'. This is the world's first fully hi-tech ship and is the 3rd biggest cruise liner in the world. The choir Only Boys Aloud, (runners up on BGT 2012), had the pleasure of enduring 3 days onboard this luxury cruise liner.

Some facilities which were on-board were a fully robotic bar, a skydiving tunnel, a surf machine and a pod which took us 300 feet above the ship to see amazing views! Thankfully the weather was perfect with the sun shining every day. Opening the ship was the experience of a lifetime. We sang 2 songs including Firework by Katy Perry and the crowd were lit up by their digital bands. I thoroughly enjoyed every second of being a part of this event and hopefully there's a lot more to come!

James Evans-Jones
Year 10

Sarah's Estonia Conservation Project

I am Sarah Davidson and I have been selected to be one of 12 girls from Wales by Girl Guiding Cymru to go Estonia on a conservation project this Summer. To go on this project, I have to raise £2000. So far I have sold woggles, written letters asking for donations, done a beetle run in my Guide Unit, had a popcorn stall within the school and had a fundraising BBQ on Saturday 9th of May.

The popcorn stall within the school was a great success. I raised £160 by selling 320 bags of popcorn. I am very thankful for anyone that bought popcorn and I will be arranging more events to fundraise the £2000 needed to go on my trip in the future.

In Estonia I will be participating in a conservation project, in which I shall be making new paths in national parks, clearing vegetation and visiting Guide Units and youths groups in Estonia and informing them of the problems with the environment. I am really looking forward to this exciting challenge.

Thank you for your support.

Sarah Davidson
Year 9

YEAR 8 & 9 DRAMA CLUB UPDATE!

Year 8 and 9 Drama Club has been working on two small devised pieces based on the genre of 'Horror' and storylines from Disney. Year 10 GCSE Drama students have directed the plays. Caitlin Toy, Lilli Price-Bevan and Mitchell Davies directed the 'Horror' piece and Lucy Vinen and Georgia Baglow directed the Disney tale. James Evans-Jones was Production Manager.

He also, alongside Ethan Granville, operated the lights and sound on the night of the performance. The evening of the performance went very well with lots of parents packing out the Drama Studio. The cast gave their best performance and they lit up the stage with their colourful costumes.

Georgia Baglow
Year 10



FIND ME

29th - 30th April 2015



Every year, the Year 12 and 13 BTEC Performing Arts students produce and stage an adaptation of a play, and at the end of April, the students took on 'Find Me' by Olwen Wymark.

The play explores the life of Verity Taylor, an autistic child growing up in the 1970's. The script charts the young girl's life and follows her struggles through school and family life whilst the misunderstood child battles with misdiagnosis and the day to day struggles of an autistic child.

The pupils worked tirelessly to create a unique version of the play that tackled stereotypes and reflected the ignorance and lack of support for people growing up with the condition, which at the time people knew so little about.

The talented cast carefully shifted between a wide range of characters, multi-rolling throughout the piece. Each of the five female performers played Verity and each offered a different version of the character that cleverly reflected the inner struggles and emotional conflicts of this challenging role. Sam Spriggs the only male actor and indeed the only Year 13 pupil also multi-rolled throughout taking on a variety of personas whilst also serving as narrator.

The staging, although simple, allowed the cast to focus on the storytelling of this fast paced piece whilst offering audiences an alternative approach to Drama and Theatre through stylised movement and vivid technical elements. The quality of the work produced is true testament to the efforts and progress that these students have made.

The students will now take on their final project of the year and after the success of last year's Musical, the pressure is on to uphold the standards set. This year's Musical 'Be My Baby' promises to offer audiences an insight into life of the swinging 60's and with a live onstage band in it, you would be wise to book your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

Mr Smith

GREASE

CHARITY EVENT

After several peaceful weeks following the school's 'ramalamalamm' production of Grease, weeks free from summer nights, musical hallucinations and gyrating hips, the performing apes that were the Grease cast returned once more at their most charitable for one night only! They thought it was all over, but several weeks ago it was clear that the Grease bug had yet to be crushed, the T-Bird had not yet flown away to burden us no more with its song. On the 20th February the Grease cast assembled at the Hi-Tide to perform for the Ty-Hafan Charity Evening in the Hi-Tide, helping to raise money for the children's hospice by singing and, reluctantly, dancing a collection of the Grease song list. Several members of the Grease cast assured me that everyone thoroughly enjoyed hearing the songs and feedback was painfully positive! Well done to all!

Rhys Owen
Year 12



YEAR 10 THEATRE TRIP

GCSE Set Text 'Face'

On the 3rd March 2015, the two Year 10 Drama classes went on a trip to Whitchurch High School to see the production of 'Face'. We had a really good time as the standard was extremely high and the play was produced really well! At the end of the night, I even asked Miss Hardwick if she could possibly take us again the next day, that's how good it was! The cast were really good especially Tom Auton who played his own song during the performance. We thoroughly enjoyed this experience and would love to go sometime again if the chance comes again. Thanks for taking us all Miss Hardwick and Mr Smith.

Layla Millar - Year 10

"It was fab and we especially enjoyed seeing other people our age perform something we have to do."
Charlotte Clarke 10AC

"It was such an amazing production and it would be great to go on another trip just like this!"
Tian John 10RP

"I had an amazing time and loved every minute of it!"
Rose Ferris-Grice 10HB



Year 11 GCSE Set Text Practical Exams

On the 16th and 17th of April, the Year 11 GCSE Drama students completed their final practical performance exams. Having rehearsed solidly, the pupils took part in daytime technical rehearsals and evening dress rehearsals to parents, friends and family. All day Thursday and Friday pupils overcame their nervousness to perform a wide range of set text plays to an external examiner, who was perhaps the most daunting audience member that the pupils are ever likely to face!

The examiner quickly put the pupil's minds at ease and encouraged the Year 11 performers to relax so that she could see them at their very best.

The pupils seemed to impress the examiner over two days of intense performance examinations, in a wide range of extracts that ranged from comedy farce to more thought provoking and intense moments of theatre. This performance represents 20% of the final GCSE grade and so the pressure was high as this could be the difference between several grade boundaries for some pupils. The pupils certainly rose to the occasion and put on some of the best GCSE set text work the department has seen.

"A nerve racking but really exciting experience!"

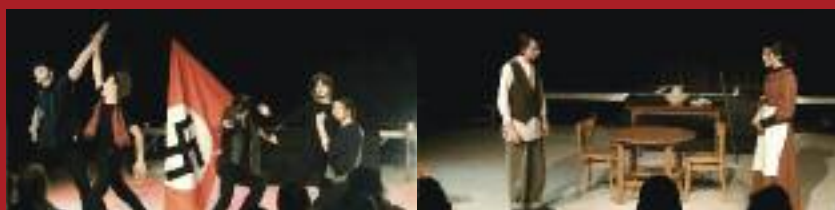
"I feel that the exam was definitely my best performance"

"The examiner was lovely and she really helped me feel confident and relaxed"

"We couldn't have done it without the Technical candidates in the class who made our staging look really professional!"

"I would recommend GCSE Drama to ANY one!"

AS DRAMA PRACTICAL EXAMS



In March this year, the AS Drama class completed their examined performance of a set text and devised piece as part of their course. Over the course of two nights, the class performed comedy, drama, tragedy, romance and betrayal (and that was just backstage! Hohoho!). Every member of the class gave their all, in both writing and performing their pieces, being fully committed in the style of their group's practitioner and all getting brilliant marks for their efforts that will boost their overall grade.

'A creative approach to a sensitive subject' Megan Goldberger

'An enjoyable alternative to a written exam!' Max Bravery

'I learnt many valuable lessons in not listening to Miss Hardwick, the main one being never to do it again!' Jack Davies



ECO Club

We are currently trying to find out what needs to be changed around our school. We have come to the conclusion that litter is our main issue in the school. Litter is a very important issue as it deals with the safety of our wildlife. In order to promote putting litter in the bins that are placed around the school, we are creating posters. The posters that we create will be placed around our school and they will encourage pupils to put litter in the bin. We feel that by promoting this important issue we are protecting the environment and making our school look more attractive. It will also make our school cleaner.

We are also going to make the group more known to pupils of the school by going into the younger years and presenting assemblies that will promote the club and the issues of litter in our school. We feel that it's important that pupils understand the dangers that litter can cause.

We will also continue to sort ink cartridges to ensure that they are recycled.

AIMS

- To improve/ decrease the amount of litter in our school
- To begin to keep a record of what, where, when and the amount of litter that is found on our school grounds
- To continue to help keep our community clean
- To inform everyone in the school of what we are trying to achieve, e.g. reduce waste, save water etc
- To continue using renewable energy in our school - Solar panels
- To encourage pupils to walk to school or share car lifts
- To continue looking after our school grounds
- To keep up awareness of other countries and situations using assemblies that will explain what is happening and how we can help
- To keep advertising the importance of healthy eating and why it will benefit you

Emily James
Year 9



Whose Fault?

Year 13 Drama Pracs

After weeks of strenuous rehearsal and stubborn line-learning, the Year 13 Drama Class performed their polished devised and set text pieces to a live audience and an examiner on the 27th March, 2015. All based around the central theme of 'Whose Fault?', the students' devised work considered a broad range of subjects and their performances showcased extracts from many different playwrights.

With an ambiguous and endlessly decipherable theme, students were free to interpret it as they saw fit. An explosive piece called Riots explored the London riots through the neglected eyes of the participants, asking what drove them to wreak havoc. In another piece entitled The Painting, two students incorporated physical theatre to display a gripping art heist that also included aspects of their set text, Art. Elsewhere, themes such as murder, technology and world politics were investigated in original, innovative ways. In the set text pieces, students tackled several challenging texts – from Pinter to Albee. All this resulted in an entertaining and engaging evening for the audience, showcasing a wide variety of theatrical styles.

While the process was incredibly nerve-wracking and exhausting for everyone involved, it was certainly a rewarding experience on the night.

Here's what other students thought:

"I got to explore my own creative side in developing a play and then getting to perform it."
Tabitha Carrington

"I loved exploring different styles of theatre and it really broadened my understanding of Drama."
Jessica Wood

"We all had a great time performing an innovative and exciting piece which the audiences all seemed to really enjoy."
Richard Price

"I don't know what to think!"
Tom Sheppard

Sam Pryce
Year 13





Fairtrade Fortnight

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight we organised a stall in A Block library to sell a wide range of fairly traded goods. We actually opened for two days instead of the one advertised because so many people said that they wanted to buy from us. We had a wonderful turn-out: it was epic!

We had masses of items for sale: hats, jewellery, trinkets, candles, small ornaments and cards as well as our usual stock of fairtrade chocolate and cereal bars. Some of our goods came all the way from Africa.

We lost count of the number of people who supported us but we would like to say thank you to them all! It was great that we were able to give out a lot of information as well. We had a great

time and made a lot of new friends.

The team was made up of: Ellie Granville, Eddy Osborne, Josh Russell, Nyree Townsend and Helen Anderson. Many thanks too to Mrs Barron for allowing us to set up and for helping out and also to Mr A Williams for setting up the video on the laptop.

We are looking forward now to our next event. Further details to follow!

Don't forget we still have our regular Thursday event in P13 where we sell a small selection of goods so do call in.

Josh Russell
Year 8

School Council Meeting Summary

Recently, form representatives from Years 7-13 participated in a meeting, which took place in the library. The pupils were asked by 2 members of the All Wales Police Commission to evaluate the usefulness and relevance of the talks that are given during PSE lessons.

For example, some pupils may have thought that the talks they received on 'sexting' and drug use were perhaps given too early or even too late in the pupils' lives. The point was raised that the videos presented were not 'up to date' and therefore not as relevant as they could be.

Pupils were also asked if they were fully aware of who they could talk to, should they have a problem they needed to discuss. This was helpful, as there may have been pupils in the room who may not have known who to turn to for help if or when they needed it.

Overall, the meeting was useful, as all year groups could have their say in the potential changes that could be made to this provision in the future.

Isabel Humphries and Hannah Worth
Year 10

LEOS CLUB



Porthcawl C.S. Leos are pleased to announce the recruitment of two more members to the club. On Wednesday 11th February, Leos Finley Hemsley and Josh Jaques



received their badges, certificates and membership cards from Vice President Rosie Cunningham at a short induction ceremony.

The Club's next event was an outing on Saturday 7th March to Cardiff to present Leos to the Lions of District 105w. There they presented the work of Porthcawl Leos at the General Meeting of Lions.

They had a busy run as on 9th March they, along with Porthcawl Lions welcomed the International President of Lions to Porthcawl.

LEO'S GIANT EASTER EGG UPDATE

The Giant Easter Eggs raffled by the school Leos Club raised £74, after the cost of buying the eggs. This will be donated to the Autistic Society via the local branch. Please express our thanks to all those who bought a name both staff and pupils.

Mr L Pearce



Food Technology



As part of the Food Technology course at KS3 all pupils work towards the Sainsbury's Active Kids Award. Their challenge is to reach their target level and complete all practical tasks to a high standard. In Year 7 pupils have to design and make a soup using seasonal vegetables. In Year 8 they must design and make a pasta dish using a red or tomato sauce and in Year 9, pupils cook a range of multicultural dishes and within a team produce a batch of cakes to sell at a charity bake sale. A big well done to everyone who achieved their award! The photograph is of 8D2 receiving their certificates.



Year 10 Catering

On the 7th May, Year 10 Catering completed their practical assessment. Their brief was to make 4 dishes which must contain a dairy element. Although nervous about the task ahead they rose to the challenge and made some fantastic plates of food. A big well done to everyone!

Miss Thelwell Davies



PORTHCAWL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL GOES GREEN!

Pupils at Porthcawl Comprehensive, particularly those in the Eco Committee, are delighted that the school is leading the way with renewable energy. This Easter saw the continuation of a project which was started last April with the arrival of our first set of Photovoltaic (PV) solar panels from Jehu Energy Solutions based in Bridgend. The Solar PV installation was positioned on top of the Music rooms and for the last year have been actively soaking up the sunlight and feeding energy back to the national grid.

This Easter saw the project taken a step further with the installation of new Solar PV systems above one English room, as well as the Sixth Form Hall. These additional panels will significantly boost the amount of energy produced, with energy continuing to be converted at weekends and during the school holidays even when the rest of the school is closed.

Headteacher, Mr Andrew Slade said, "The project has three long term benefits for our school. We have reduced our carbon footprint, the electricity generated means the school has to buy less, and the school receives payment for electricity fed back into the grid. These are all long term goals that are part of a sustainable strategy for our school."

Mr Marc Jehu of Jehu Energy Solutions said, "It's great to see schools like Porthcawl taking advantage of the government's Feed In Tariff (FIT) scheme. The Headteacher clearly recognises the significant benefits of investing in solar. I am certain many schools will be looking to follow suit in the near future before the FIT scheme closes its books."



MFL Department's trip to Paris

April 2015



On Friday 27th March, pupils from Year 7, 8 and 9 set off at midnight to have a fun weekend in Paris. The bus journey took quite a while, but once we got to Paris, we went straight to the Eiffel Tower, where people had the chance to go shopping, look at the view from the second floor and take lots of photos!

The next day, we got back on the bus and did a tour of Paris. We saw things like the Notre Dame and the Arc de Triomphe. It was very interesting. We then went to a shopping centre and after that we went on a huge boat, which took us down the Seine.

On the third day, we got up and got ready to go to Disney! Disney is amazing; I got my new Stitch toy and went on loads of rides. We went for food in an American Café, which was really cool and then when we met the teachers, Miss Rosser dragged me to dance with her in a Flash Mob by the castle!

I had a great weekend!

Rhia Nicolson
Year 7



The Paris trip was amazing! I loved it so much. The bus trip was challenging, we were on it for around 13 hours! When we finally arrived in Paris, we went to the Eiffel Tower, it was huge and beautiful! We went up to the second floor and had a lovely view of all of Paris. We took lots of photos and bought souvenirs.

We all woke up on Sunday morning, excited but tired. We travelled to a French shopping centre, where we stayed for about 2 hours and bought lots of souvenirs. We then had a boat trip on the River Seine, which was amazing. We saw all of the sights and the bus driver gave us lots of information about Paris. That night we had food and the teachers had made us a fun quiz. Me and my team won! Then we went to bed, ready for Disney the next day.

When we arrived at Disneyland, everyone was so excited and ready to go on rides and have fun. Including the teachers! We had a great day and I slept for most of the journey home! I enjoyed the Paris trip so much, I would definitely like to go again next year!

Beci Senior
Year 7





LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS

The Language Ambassadors are a group of Year 9 students who understand how important it is to know another language. We know how these skills will benefit us in the future and how it broadens our knowledge. Our key aim is to educate fellow pupils on why they should take language learning further and encourage them to do this.

Sophie, Jamimah and myself attended a day in Cardiff City Hall, devoted to explaining how languages will benefit us in the future. It was very useful and gave us great ideas on how to promote languages in our school. In addition to this we won an Amazon voucher for the Modern Foreign Language Department.

Our group meets every Tuesday lunchtime with Mrs Worsfold to discuss what we are planning in the next couple of weeks. Our school's Ambassadors are Sophie Corbett, Nicola Gladding and Sophie Williams (9ST), Jamimah Cook (9JE), and Emily James (9HR).

So far we have held a quiz for Year 7 about Easter in different countries, spoken to Year 9 about the importance of languages, and labelled the school in both French and German. We are currently creating an assembly for Year 8 about town twinning.

On a Monday lunchtime the Language Ambassadors help run European Club with Madame Morgan. We play games that help improve our understanding of languages. Come and join us!

Emily James and Sophie Williams
Year 9



French Student Exchange 2015 - MFL Department

This year, at Porthcawl Comprehensive School we have decided to take on a project never done before. For the first time ever, 24 of our students in Year 10, 11 and 12 are involved in a French Student Exchange with a large comprehensive school in Saint-Sébastien-sur-Loire, near Nantes, called La Joliverie. The two schools have worked closely for many months to make sure this project became a reality.

The French students arrived in Porthcawl on March 19th and stayed until March 27th. During their time with us, lots of activities and visits were organised to make them feel welcome and learn about the Welsh culture.

DAY 1: Guided tour of the school with Mrs Hunt, followed by lesson observations all morning. Then, the French students spent the afternoon visiting Porthcawl town centre under beautiful sunshine. After school, a basket-ball game was organised in the Sports Hall: Wales Vs France! The French team played extremely well but they were no match to the fantastic Welsh team! Final score: 32-10.

DAY 2: Trip to St Fagans followed by a meal at the Hi Tide. It was a great social evening where the French and the Welsh students mixed together well. The Porthcawl-Saint Sébastien-sur-Loire Twin Town Association (PSSTTA) also joined us to celebrate the many successful years of friendship and partnership between the two towns.

DAY 3: Time spent with the families! Many French students had the chance to visit Cardiff and Swansea and even eat in fancy restaurants! Bon appétit!

DAY 4: Trip to Big Pit. The French students enjoyed learning about the Welsh heritage and visiting the mines.

DAY 5: Trip to the cinema followed by shopping at McArthur Glen. After school, a football match was organised. Wales Vs France round 2! Again, the French team played very well but there was no

stopping the boys of Year 10 who won 4-3! Well done boys!

This Student Exchange will certainly cement the wonderful links that already exist between Porthcawl and Saint-Sébastien-sur-Loire, and for the students it may well lead to overseas friendships that could last a life time!

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who hosted the French students. Without them, this exchange wouldn't have been possible. I would also like to thank Mrs Hunt for her support and hard work. It has been quite a long road through paperwork and consent forms to achieve this result, but it was well worth it!

Finally, I would like to thank my students for being amazing at keeping our French visitors entertained and for their enthusiasm. I am sure they are just like me, looking forward to our trip to France in June!

We are already planning the next exchange and who knows, maybe you could be involved too?

A bientôt!

Mrs G.Morgan
French Department
www.la-joliverie.com
<http://en.nantes-tourisme.com/>





The Pupils Verdict...

"I loved the experience of hosting a French student. We got on so well that all worry and doubt has diminished about going to Nantes in June. Counting down the days already!"

Jenna Abuleil (6BH)

"It was a completely new experience since we had to communicate both in English and French. We became friends straightaway and we had lots of fun. Alexy loved not only Porthcawl but also Cardiff and Caerphilly. Can't wait to go to Nantes!"

Daniel Coleman (6SJ)

"It was an interesting experience to have someone come to stay in my house and come to school with me. We did loads of fun things together like Cardiff comic-con and going to parties. We also enjoyed a night in and watched our favourite films. I can't wait to see Evelyne in France and have even more fun times!"

Emily Taylor (6BH)

"I had a great time on the French exchange. It was definitely interesting sharing a home with another person, especially one who didn't speak my language! But I made some great friends and it was an experience I will never forget!"

Katie Williams (11NM)

"I think it was a very positive experience. Hard to communicate at some points, but we got by! I learnt a lot of French and would tell everyone to take the opportunity to go for it!"

Sarah Spencer (11ER)



Intermediate Maths Challenge

February 2015

Pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 sat the UKMT Maths Challenge paper a few months ago. Out of the 50 entries there were an amazing 23 certificate winners and even better still, 4 pupils who did well enough to progress to the international papers.

Over 200,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge, with roughly 6% receiving a Gold Certificate, the next 13% receiving the Silver Certificate and the next 21% the Bronze Certificate. From these, 1500 of the top students are invited to sit a follow-on Olympiad round, and a further 9,000 or so, a multiple choice Europe - wide Kangaroo round.

This year for the first time we had a pupil who progressed through to the Maclaurin Olympiad paper. We also had 3, a record number, who progressed to the Kangaroo International papers. A big well done to all certificate winners and also all those that had a go.

Here are the amazing results achieved by our pupils, and what they went on to achieve in the follow on rounds:

■ **Gold Certificate / Certificate of Participation : Maclaurin Round/ Best in School Winner:**
Hee Chan Kang (Year 11)

■ **Gold Certificate / Certificate of Merit : Kangaroo European Papers:**
Mohammed Azam and Daniel Song (Year 11)

■ **Gold Certificate / Certificate of Participation : Kangaroo European Papers:**
Benjamin White (Year 11)

A big well done to the boys above in their success, a wonderful achievement!

■ **Additional Gold Certificate Winner**
Callum Joseph
(Year 11 - He also went through to the Kangaroo paper but was absent on the day)

■ **Silver Certificate Winners**
Elle Morey, Cameron Rees and Lydia Picket (Year 11)
Emily Stradling (Year 10) and Best in Year
Marcus Fish (Year 9) Best in Year and Conor Farrell John (Year 9)

■ **Bronze Certificate Winners**
Jacob Atherton, Rhys Leary, Beth Burke, Phoebe Roach, George Rossini, Jenny Passingham (Year 9)
Lloyd Mortimer, Mitchell Davies, Josi Williams, Layla Millar, Angel Williams and Lauren Thomas (Year 10)

How would you do with some of these questions?

- Three different positive integers have a mean of 7. What is the largest positive integer that could be one of them?
15 B) 16 C) 17 D) 18 E) 19
- What is a half of a third, plus a third of a quarter, plus a quarter of a fifth?
1/1440 B) 3/38 C) 1/30 D) 1/3 E) 3/10

(Answers can be found on the back page)

2015 Mock General Election

For the first time our Upper Sixth Form students have recently had the opportunity to vote in the General Election. In order to make an informed vote, a group formed a Politics Society, meeting regularly to learn about the main parties, their policies, and their principles. From looking at policies, not people, to comparing British Politics to that of American and Russian, they threw themselves into their task.

The high point was organising a Mock Election. Representatives were found for each of the main parties in Wales, and on Wednesday the 6th of May a PCS Question Time was held. A great turnout supported the event and our representatives were put through their paces, taking questions on issues such as university tuition fees, the economy, the EU and immigration. All put on a fine performance. Jack Bridger put on a great show for the Green Party swaying quite a few of his peers. Watch out for this talented young man! A few years from now he could make an appearance on Question Time for real! Owen Griffiths stood firm for the Conservatives despite Nick Slade (Labour) grilling him over the issue of the economy. Rebecca Manley (UKIP) also tackled difficult questions on the United Kingdom's membership of the EU extremely well. Plaid Cymru's Leanne Wood always appears so composed when interviewed, but Porthcawl's Plaid Cymru representative, Chloe Rees was a passionate and devoted orator, who put a lot of her peers straight and posed challenging questions. Finally Nathaniel King (Liberal Democrats) offered a calming influence and a voice of reason.

The following day, the Sixth Form had their chance to vote and 217 votes were cast. Everyone assembled at 2pm for the results of the vote. After a tightly fought campaign, the Conservatives achieved the most votes with 68, closely followed by the Labour Party (63 votes), the Green Party (32 votes), UKIP (27 votes), Plaid Cymru (16 votes) and the Liberal Democrats (11 votes). Thus a hung parliament! Luckily, Owen Griffiths (Conservative) managed to quickly negotiate a coalition with the Labour party thanks to the sense of compromise from Nick Slade (Labour). They intend to govern firmly from the middle of their right and left political beliefs respectively!

Well done all, and the society would like to thank Nathaniel King for starting the society and overseeing its smooth running. See you in five years!



Technology Transition

Before Easter the Technology Department hosted the prospective Year 6 pupils to practical workshops over a number of days, the events were a great success and enjoyed by all. This is what the pupils thought about their day at the Comprehensive...



Porthcawl Primary

Evie Bennet, "I enjoyed the laser cutting because I liked watching the pieces of acrylic being engraved. I also liked making and eating the Welsh Rarebit I made. I can't wait to come to the Comprehensive in September."

Beth Pickett, "I enjoyed the designing and cooking because the designing was fun and the eating was tasty."

Lucy Abbott, "Even though I didn't like the cheese that much I still really enjoyed making the Welsh Rarebit. I also really enjoyed making the air freshener because we learnt about the laser cutter."

Max Slaughter, "I really enjoyed today, we did lots of fun stuff. I liked the laser cutter and eating the Welsh Rarebit. I liked working on the computer and the booklet we had to fill in. The cookies were really tasty. The teachers are friendly."

Shannon, "I really enjoyed using the computers and watching the laser cutter. When I come up I will love Design Technology."

Coed Hirwaun

Liv Geddes, "I think Porthcawl Comprehensive is an amazing experience and you should definitely go there!"

Katie Lloyd, "I love Porthcawl Comprehensive; it is so nice and has really good people there. I enjoyed it because we did things we couldn't do anywhere else."

Eleri Williams, "I think the Food Technology has been my favourite so far because it has been so fun and tasty."

Pippa Harrowing, "I enjoyed making the Welsh Rarebit because it has been so fun and tasty."

Mynydd Cynffig Junior School

Beth O'Neill, "I loved this Technology Transition. I enjoyed making the Welsh Rarebit. I will like Technology when I'm in this school."

Emily Cox, "I had fun today and would like to do it again!"

Ewan Flower, "I really enjoyed today and had a lot of fun!"

Lowri Powis, "I really enjoyed today and it was very interesting, my favourite part was watching my name being engraved by the laser cutter."

Ysgol Y Ferch O'r Sger Corneli

Megan Frole, "I enjoyed today, and I found out that I like melted cheese!"

Elli Martin, "I really enjoyed today, it was fun and I would like to do it again. I

really enjoyed it today and I think it's the best transition day so far."

Maes Yr Haul

Lauren, "I really enjoyed the whole day but my favourite part was watching the toast being cooked and I loved the taste of brown bread, cheese, ham and pepper, it was delicious!"

Jess R, "I really enjoyed the whole day. My favourite part was eating the Welsh Rarebit because it was delicious. I really liked that the teacher is nice and I also enjoyed watching the brown bread being toasted. The teachers were really fun."

Heather Coles, "It was fun to try different cheese and I enjoyed making a Rarebit. It was amazing fun and brilliant. I am looking forward to Technology in the Comprehensive."

Coychurch Primary School

Adela, "I enjoyed the morning and my favourite part was making and eating Rarebit."

Trelales Primary

Oliver Gardner, "I loved watching the laser cutter."

Miles Thomas, "I loved watching the laser cutter too!"

Cornelli Primary

Harriette Williams, Shannon-lee Fryer, Brooklyn Divetta, "We enjoyed making the Rarebit and now know how to make it."

Megan Carey, "I had fun today I hope I can do it again soon."

Gaby Dulig, "I love cooking and I love food. I really enjoyed making the food."

Regan Davies, "I really liked the toppings."

Abbie Jones, "I am so excited to come to this school!!"

Newton Primary

Oskar Robertson, "It was amazing making Rarebit in the oven, thank you, I hope I can do it again soon."

Ben Bluck, "I liked making the Rarebit and making the air freshener, it was good."

Blaire Milligan, "I liked this lesson and now I've seen what I can put on toast!"

Cerys McKenzie, "It was exciting to decorate the Welsh Rarebit and then taste it."

Nottage Primary

Ethan, "Thank you for inviting me to the Comprehensive Transition, me and my friends are very thankful. Thank you for buying food as well and letting us look at the laser cutter. I am looking forward to the Comprehensive in September."

Freyja, "Thank you for showing us around on our transition yesterday. It was nice seeing where we are going to be next year. I enjoyed making the air freshener, I loved the laser cutter. I can't wait until we start next year!"

Trent, "Dear delightful teachers of Porthcawl Comprehensive. Thanks for showing me and my friends around your school on the 19th March, I have never tried Caerphilly cheese and now I love it."



Casey, "I'm writing to you to say how lovely and joyful my trip was and to say a big thank you. It was the first time I ever tasted Caerphilly and it tasted horrible!! I much prefer Cheddar. It was fun making air fresheners and seeing the laser cutter engrave our initials on acrylic. Anyway, I am so excited about starting at the Comprehensive and one last thank you."

Olivia Lovell, "I would like to thank you for the amazing transition you prepared for us and the cheese tasting as well as my smelly air freshener. I really like the classroom design and the Welsh Rarebit was delicious, my Mum begged me to help her make it at home, so I will try to find the recipe online. I also enjoyed watching the laser cutter engrave my name on my air freshener. Overall I wish we could have another Technology Transition or go back in time and relive that amazing experience!"

Damian Ryan, "Thanks for the transition I loved doing the food cooking but the most enjoyable one was the laser technology, watching the cutter was very cool. I am looking forward to starting in September it is going to be a blast. I'm going to miss Primary but it might be the best thing to happen to me!"



NEWS FROM NEWTON PRIMARY

Over the past term, Year 6 has been working with UpBeat on an iPad project to produce a multimedia story. The children, with the support of UpBeat, created a soundscape and used this work as a stimulus to write their own stories. During the final stages of this task, the children recorded their stories over the soundscape which provided the atmosphere and tension needed to keep the listener interested. They have produced a range of multimedia stories from horror to fantasy and will be presenting their final work to the school over the coming weeks.

The pupils have also been working exceptionally hard revising for the National Tests. All their hard work has paid off and the staff are very proud of their perseverance and effort.

It is going to be a busy Summer term for the children. They will be building a Summer Camp to entertain Years 3 and 4. Shelters will need to be built, new games invented and songs to be written and learnt to sing around the camp fire. A trip to Atlantic College has been organised as a farewell to Newton Primary School. Here they will enjoy a range of outdoor activities including canoeing and woodlands adventures. They have a Leavers' Assembly to write and produce before they say their 'Goodbyes' to Newton.

The staff and pupils at Newton Primary School wish our Year 6 all the best wishes as they start a new chapter in their school life.

Miss Kenwood

Nottage Primary News



PORTHCAWL PRIMARY NEWS

Our Day at the Celtic Manor

Porthcawl Primary Schools Formula One Team (F1) visited the Celtic Manor for a thrilling experience to race our car! Our team showed a remarkable amount of dedication by designing our car and planning our presentation....

OUR OUTFITS

Porthcawl Power decided to upgrade our look with racing suits in the colours red and black which asserted our dominance over the other teams we were in it to win it!!!

THE FIRST STEP OF OUR JOURNEY

We started off by presenting our portfolio which had all of our details and our journey through the world of technology (CAD). The judges of this presentation were extremely friendly and were thoroughly impressed by our decisions and knowledge.

OUR TEAM IMAGE

We had many people complement our image - our suits and our pit lane. The Celtic Manor hadn't seen so much lightning since the big storm they had last Winter. Even the First Minister Carwyn Jones was extremely impressed with our dedication and hard work!

THE BIG RACE!

Our car would be racing against 26 other fast and furious racing machines... Our car sped down the



track like a bolt out of the blue; a dog after a bone; a kid after sweets! We had four precious races to beat 26 other teams. We won 3 out of 4 races and we still managed to win with three wheels!

THE AWARD CEREMONY

We slowly entered the hall, the atmosphere was incredibly intense, the BBC news reader Rebecca John was standing upon the podium preparing to read out the winners of the different topics, one of them was best team image and who won this? Us (of course)...

This was just one of many incredible events we participate in here at Porthcawl Primary School (PPS). We still have our residential to Pendine outdoors, our school prom for Year 6 pupils and of course our end of year production (Hoodwinked). Hollywood has come to Porthcawl Primary School!!!

Sophie Stallard and William Baker

Yet another busy month at Nottage with lots of things going on! Year 5 went on their annual residential PGL trip to Tregoyd House in the Brecon Beacons. The children experienced three exciting days of adventure and returned home with many a tale to tell. The staff returned home, collapsed and slept for a whole weekend!

Year 6 are looking forward to their annual Belgium week which takes place early in June. This year we have twinned with Llancafarn Primary School for the visit. The trip includes excursions to the WW1 Cemeteries, the Menin Gate, Bellewaerde Park and a chocolate factory shop!

Well done to our Year 5 Road Safety Challenge Team of Anousha Cronje, Eleni Jones, Ben Pownall and Jack Phillips, who came 6th out of the 48 schools that competed this year. A big thank you to their coaches Marie Jones, Etienne Cronje and Boyd Pownall.

Another big thank you to our fantastic PTA for funding an array of musical instruments, 'Mud Kitchens' for the Foundation Phase and planters for the lower Key Stage 2 patio area where Mr Barrett's Gardening Club are doing such a great job.

Mr Kerry Townley



All Year 6 who participated in the Young Writers Competition

WEST PARK PRIMARY NEWS

This term our topic is Calon Lan. We have created information leaflets about Snowdon and we are all looking forward to a trip to the Brecon Beacons, which will take place during the next half term.

This half term, we have been busy focusing on our writing. We have written poetry, based on a fictitious city called Motorville and its thirst for oil, along with some great letters of complaint. I only hope that our current Year 6 are not provided with too many substandard products in the future. Many customer service departments may find they are a force to be reckoned with!

We also wrote short stories and entered them into the Porthcawl Rotary Young Writers Competition. Lucy Stradling was awarded third place and Cassie Burke was awarded 1st Place. Cassie's story will now go forward to the regional competition. Congratulations to all of Year 6 for their fantastic entries and the very best of luck to Cassie as she continues in the competition.

We are all now looking forward to our final half term in Year 6 and all the celebrations it will bring and to our full transition day on 24th June.

Mrs Mainwaring



Cassie Burke 1st Place



Lucy Stradling 3rd Place

Velindre Cancer Centre MacMillan Cancer Unit Prince Charles Hospital

Thanks to staff at PCS for supporting our Fundraising effort for these charities in 2015 by knitting and selling coloured chicks. We raised a record total of £13,000!

Thank you for the £164.54 donated through the Rainbow Chicks at Easter, and for the additional £1000 donated by the school to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Mrs Megan Luff: On behalf of "The Rainbow Chicks"



VISIT FROM HTV



On Friday 27th February, Nicky Henty from HTV Wales came to talk to Sixth Form students about the forthcoming St David's Day Agreement.

In a relaxed atmosphere in the library, twelve Year 13 pupils chatted openly to the reporter about the questions raised by the new agreement, and more specifically:

- How did the pupils feel about the potential lowering of the voting age to 16?
- What was their understanding of the role of the Assembly?
- What is the importance of the name of the Assembly? (Should it be called the Welsh Parliament for example?)

As expected, the pupils had plenty to say for themselves, and were very animated and engaged in the debate. That evening they featured in a detailed report on HTV News alongside David Cameron and Stephen Crabb, who were at the Millennium Stadium for the announcement of the St David's Day Agreement.

Attention all Politicians! Watch this space! Some of our pupils would be only too happy to give you a run for your money!



Houses of Parliament: MY EXPERIENCE

On the 19th January 2015 the Welsh Baccalaureate class went on a day long trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament. Firstly as we entered the Houses of Parliament our bags were scanned and we were all searched due to high security measures. We were then taken on a quick tour around the House of Commons, as a meeting was due to commence in there within 20 minutes. The House of Commons was smaller than imagined with a public gallery surrounded by glass that was being checked and searched by police and sniffer dogs. We were told that anyone could go in to see the House of Commons meetings; also news crews and reporters are often found observing from the gallery.

We were unable to go into the House of Lords as it was restricted. However, when walking past we did see Lord Sebastian Coe walking into there. The Houses of Parliament were elaborately decorated with previous Kings and Queens and mosaics of the Saints of England, Wales and Ireland lined the walls.

We also met our local MP Madeline Moon and I learnt that she is heavily involved with discussions over human tissue such as kidneys. I also discovered that she commutes to London at least three times a week.

Rebecca Manely
Year 13



Porthcawl's Paranormal Panic



Friday 6th February 2015. A group of brave Year 13 students (accompanied by the equally courageous Mrs Cartwright and Miss Evans) travelled to Llanciach Fawr in Nelson. The aim of this adventure? To experience the paranormal... and relate it to the A-Level RS Synoptic, of course.

We found ourselves in the most haunted house in Wales, and were guided by a pair of enthusiastic tour guides who did their best to convince us of supernatural happenings – to various degrees of success. Although after the visit, many of us remained sceptical and non-believers, there were a couple of incidents that set pulses racing and arms to flap (Elli Rosser's specifically). Shortly after

arriving in the hallway, the sound of a grandfather clock rang through many ears in the room, even though no clock had lived there for nearly 30 years. Another incident involved a short rest in the Master Bedroom and as we all perched upon any form of seating that was available; a mysterious knocking started to occur, right next to Maddy Dabernig!

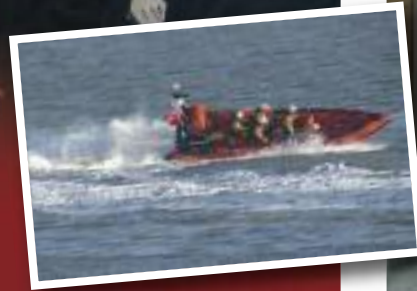
But perhaps the scariest encounter was not Victoria Davies' pout, but instead when the female tour guide spoke of the flicking of a light switch coming from the landing as we all crowded in another room. Before investigating any further she requested the assistance of some fellow ghost hunters, who ended up being Elli Rosser, Jess Torkington, Ella Cooks and Sarah Smith. Armed for the bracing conditions of the house, the gang strutted down the corridor, only for Elli to return mere moments later. Leaving her hat behind her, Elli flew down the corridor. A loud knock had occurred and had left her well and truly spooked. Looking back now she says, "Well, if I'd had known who it was, I'd have said 'Ooh! Hello, come in!'".

We left the house in pitch black, thinking it was about half past 12, when in fact it was only quarter to 9. The group left divided, some remained cautious when it came to their beliefs, whilst others embraced the madness that the night had brought. I'd encourage all to go if you get the opportunity as we all had an enormous amount of fun, just be prepared, and most importantly, don't get nightmares...

Richard Price
Year 13



Sociology Students enjoy Princess Royal's visit



Porthcawl RNLI Celebrates 50th Birthday With Royal Visit

Porthcawl RNLI were recently announced as the busiest station in Wales in 2014. The volunteers at Porthcawl took to the water 73 times and rescued 60 people. These 'shouts' covered a number of different situations; from people being cut off by the incoming tides, to boats in distress and missing people. In 2014, volunteers successfully saved 16 lives at sea.

This year the RNLI in Porthcawl are also celebrating their 50th anniversary. To mark this special occasion, the station was visited by Princess Anne on the 9th of February 2015. Princess Anne was greeted by pupils from local primary schools and from Porthcawl Comprehensive School. Her Royal Highness first met with the station's Chairman, John Abraham and Lifeboat Operations Manager Phil Missen before being introduced to the rest of the voluntary crew at Porthcawl.

Links between the RNLI and Porthcawl Comprehensive remain strong, and within the crew there are several pupils, both past and present, from school. Current pupils who volunteer on a regular basis are Lewis Evans, Keiran Waring, Levi Bessell and Joe Williams. As well as having strong representation amongst the crew, PCS also traditionally donates money to the station, collected during Charities Week in November. This time

members of the head team donated £600 on behalf of the school.

Her Royal Highness met with each of the volunteers in turn before unveiling a plaque to commemorate the 50th anniversary. With Princess Anne's permission the crew demonstrated a launch of the Atlantic 85 in to the water. After tea and medals with the committee members, the Princess took to the skies and left to visit Parc Prison.

With the new harbour gates complete and the restoration of the Jennings Building taking place over the coming months, Porthcawl's waters look to be busier than ever. With an increase in lifeboat launches of 49% in 2014, the volunteers at Porthcawl station look forward to a busy 50th year.

Arran Bluck: *Performing Arts Technician and RNLI Volunteer*



On February 9th, the Year 12 Sociology class were invited to attend the visit of HRH Princess Anne, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the busiest RNLI station in Wales, Porthcawl Lifeboat Station.

We joined a large crowd of all ages, including children from local primary schools, gathered to witness Princess Anne's arrival. She met members of the town's volunteer lifeboat crew, toured the station, saw the Atlantic 85 lifeboat, "Rose of the Shires" and the D-class lifeboat, "Jean Ryall" and watched the launch of a lifeboat. Because she visited a number of different locations in and around the lifeboat station, we were fortunate to see her briefly before she left for another commitment later in the afternoon.

We were really glad the weather remained fine for her visit to Porthcawl. It was nice to have the opportunity of seeing a member of the Royal family visit the area and show such appreciation for the work our lifeboat crew does to rescue people at sea.

**Helen Anderson
Year 12**





Easter Skiing Trip 2015

Before lunch on the last day of the Spring term, 38 Year 8 pupils set off on our coach for our skiing holiday in Zell Am See, Austria. There were no tears, as we started our 24 hour journey. We were all excited, but as the journey went by, we soon got bored! It had been 4 hours and we were pulling our hair out (although it was probably more like half an hour). Mr John soon entertained



us by putting on some films. It seemed like an eternity, but we finally arrived at the Hotel Kirchenwirt in a small hamlet, just outside Zell Am See. After the struggle of getting our luggage to the top floor (unless you are as strong as me!), we had our ski fit and after the evening meal, we finally crashed out for a well-earned sleep.

In the morning, we had breakfast, made our packed lunches and headed for the slopes. As the majority of the group were beginners, carrying the skis and poles from the coach to the lift, whilst wearing the big ski boots, was a challenge for many, never mind learning to ski! Then we had to get into the gondola for the first time to get up the mountain – what a drama for some! We met our instructors at the middle station and we were split into three beginners groups and one advanced group. By the end of the day, after many spectacular falls, most of

the beginners had progressed well enough to stop and turn. Well most of us anyway – Miss Evans! As the days went by, all of us had bumps, clashes and falls, even the pros. In the nights, we had various entertainment, including a quiz, bingo, swimming (Miss Painter cheated in the water-volleyball), and Tyrolean

dancing, which was great fun. We even had a candlelight dinner, but the teachers don't get credit for that, as a big storm one evening brought about a power cut! As part of the ski trip tradition, every night we would have nominations for someone to wear the moose hat the next day. This was great fun and we had plenty of funny stories to vote for. The pupils who were chosen for the honour of wearing the moose hat were: Jaden Davies, David Davies, Sam Bridger, Ella Staveley and Ben Hughes.

As the week drew to an end, we were all tired from the fantastic days of skiing on the slopes. Overall, it was a brilliant holiday and I can't wait to go again. I think even Miss Evans wants to go again, even though Mr John said that she'd only improved by 1%. A big thank you to the teachers, Miss Evans, Mr John, Miss Painter, Mr Pucella and Miss Owens.

Charisse Lau -Year 8

SLALOM RESULTS:

Beginners A	Beginners B	Beginners C	Advanced
1. Harry Cooper	1. Amy Bradbury	1. Emily Phillips	1. Tom Horn
2. Rhiannon Drummond	2. Aimee Brown	2. Ben Hughes	2. Charisse Lau
3. Courtney Lea	3. Anni Martin	3. Harrison Lewis	3. Isabel Appleton



Advanced



Beginners 1



Beginners 2



Beginners 3



Solar Eclipse

20th March 2015



On Friday March 20th 2015, from around 8:30, the Moon passed in front of the Sun, casting darkness across the Earth's surface. A total solar eclipse was not visible but a partial solar eclipse was. "Totality" - the term for when the Sun is completely obscured by the Moon - was only seen from the Faroe Islands, about 200 miles north of Scotland. During the partial solar eclipse there was a stark and eerie darkening of the skies and temperatures dipped by about 3°C.

The next solar eclipse of similar magnitude which will be seen from Britain is on August 12, 2026. On that date up to 95% of the Sun will be obscured. Britain will not see a total solar eclipse until September 23, 2090.

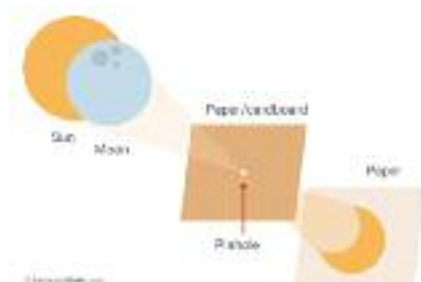
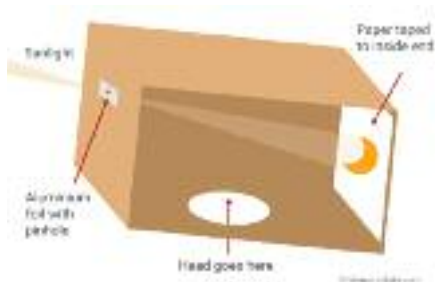
The Science bit - The diameter of the Sun is 400 times bigger than the diameter of the Moon but the sun lies 400 times further away from Earth than the moon. This means if you are in exactly the right position on the surface of the Earth at the right time, you will see the two celestial bodies overlap exactly.

9SR used 3 ways to view the eclipse: a pinhole box, a pinhole screen and polarizing lenses.



You must never view the Sun directly with the naked eye, even during an eclipse as you risk permanent eye damage and blindness. Instead you can use a variety of different ways to experience the eclipse.

Using polarizing lenses Mr. Davies, Physics Technician, was able to take a sequence of photographs showing the eclipse.



THIS IS WHAT 9SR THOUGHT...

Hannah Ashton – 9SR Form Rep

We made devices so that we could go outside and watch the eclipse. We also put BBC Live on so we could watch and learn what it was all about. Some people brought in a cardboard box to make the pinhole cameras. When we went outside we placed our back to the sun and looked into the box and you could see the light from the sun hit the back of the box. As it got darker the amount of light hitting the back of the box got smaller. We also had polarised lenses and 3D glasses. These made the eclipse darker so we could watch it. When it had finished we went back inside and watched the rest of the eclipse on the computer. We saw that it was darker in Scotland, which is much further North than us.

Tilly Perks – 9SR Form Rep

I used a cereal box to view the eclipse as I know that you can't look at an eclipse straight on as it is very dangerous. I cut a medium sized hole into part of the box then using a compass put a small hole the other end of the box. Another thing I used was a polarised lens which allowed me to look at the eclipse through it. I used the lens with my phone to take a selfie, and it turned out great!

Dylan Lewis

On the morning of the eclipse we all went outside to view it. To be honest I didn't really notice anything other than it got a little darker and colder as it was like night. I was a little disappointed as I thought it would be darker!

Georgie Panicola

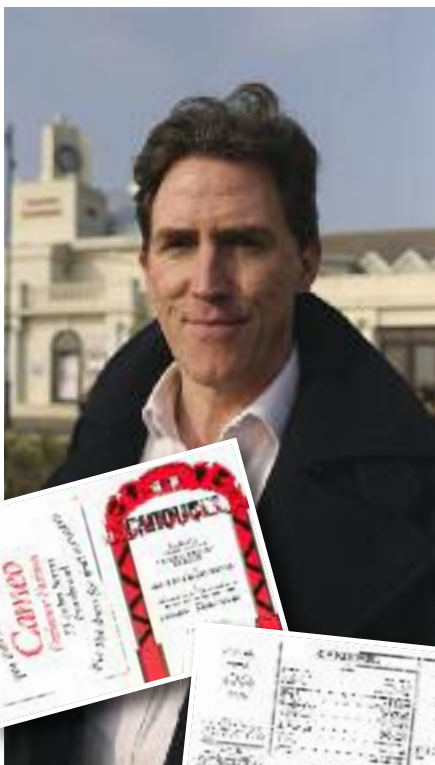
We could see the light coming through the hole get darker and fade away. It got really cold and quiet. It was so weird!

Stephany Chilcott

I used two pieces of paper, one with a little hole in it and another which was plain. The light came through the hole and onto the paper behind. It looked like the moon, getting darker and darker.

Steffan Davies

On Friday 20th March we witnessed the partial solar eclipse. As a form we brought in cereal boxes to craft a pinhole camera in order to see the eclipse ourselves. When the eclipse happened temperatures dropped and I used the polarised lens to see it more clearly. It was awesome!



Rob Brydon Turns 50



On March 18th, PCS was visited by a BBC Wales film crew who were working on a programme about ex-pupil, Actor, Comedian and Entertainer, Rob Brydon who turns 50 this year. To mark his special birthday, BBC Wales are currently producing a 1 hour special that will explore his life and career to date.

The documentary will explore Rob's school days, his love of drama, and how it all began. When asked about his time at PCS, Rob often mentions Roger Burnell who was Head of Drama during his time here, who played a pivotal role in his formative years. It was Roger who came back to school, 12 years after his retirement, to talk about the young Rob Brydon, or Robbie Jones as he was called then.

During his 32 years at Porthcawl Comprehensive, Roger saw many exceptional talents pass through his department, including Ruth Jones, Matthew Gravelle, Garnon Davies, Jason Hughes and Karen Paullada, to name just a few. He distinctly remembered meeting Rob for the first time on a Friday afternoon in a drama class, and said that he stood out as something special even then!

Roger talked about the rich tradition of musical theatre at PCS and the role the annual school shows at the Pavilion played in enabling Rob's confidence to grow. This year's production of Grease was the school's 37th consecutive production and the tradition is alive and well at Porthcawl. He recalled that Rob was not the most academic boy and spent much of his time lingering in the Drama Studio, getting involved at every opportunity.

Apparently, on one occasion at Sport's Day, pupils got thoroughly confused when Rob commandeered the microphone and started imitating the different teachers' voices! That was the start of his impersonations that he has become so well known for today!

The programme will include stories and anecdotes from friends, family and fellow celebrities, as well as insightful interviews from Rob himself. It will celebrate a career that spans 30 years - from BBC Radio Wales to Hollywood - all starting here at Porthcawl Comprehensive School. The programme will be broadcast later in the year on BBC1 Wales.



A Team Effort

As we look forward to the warmer weather and a Summer term filled with athletics, tennis, baseball, cricket, rounders and surf life-saving, it is important to reflect on the achievements of our pupils both as individuals and as members of highly successful teams. A recent photo shoot revealed the depth and breadth of talent that we have in Porthcawl Comprehensive School and most pleasing of all was the number of different sports represented. This is so encouraging as it reveals that our pupils are not only highly motivated in school, but outside of school as well, with many achieving at the highest possible standard.

A quick round up of this year's high points so far for our teams reflects the ethos of the school in terms of the breadth of opportunity and dedication towards achieving excellence. This ethos is shared both by pupils and staff alike. You only have to step out onto the netball courts every evening after school to see the embodiment of this with Miss Davies' netball clubs over run with keen enthusiastic pupils. This

commitment has been rewarded again this year with a number of her pupils being selected for district, regional and Welsh Hub squads and an excellent netball year was capped with her U16's team winning the District Schools' Championships and progressing to the County Final for the first time in many years.

Hockey is once again on the up with strong teams throughout the school thanks to the hard work of Miss Owens and Mrs Stuart and once again school girls from Porthcawl have featured in both district and county teams. I was delighted that stalwarts of

school hockey Katie Roberts, Harriet Maine and Abi Gallafant were able to lead the U18 team to the Welsh Schools' final this year in Wrexham, a fantastic achievement.

Basketball remains a very strong sport within the school and once again this year a staggering 11 pupils across 4 different age groups have been selected to represent Wales. The teams have once again won trophies and brought home medals but perhaps more inspiring is the number of





pupils playing and turning up to practice three times a week. A special mention should go to the U15's team who defended their League title and were triumphant in the play-off finals and our players who competed in the National 3v3 Championships; Porthcawl had representatives in all 6 finals at U12, U15 and U18.

Rugby is once again resurgent in Porthcawl. The awarding of the WRU School of Rugby was recognition of this fact. All school teams have been very competitive this year but the reinstatement of the senior rugby team has provided much needed rugby role models within the school and something for our highly talented KS3 teams to aspire to. The 7's brand of rugby has been highly successful this year with the school entering the prestigious Rosslyn Park 7's for the first time at U16's level and competing once again at the Urdd National 7's Tournament. Under the guidance of Mr Davies and Mr Card the game continues to flourish and remains a cornerstone of school sport at Porthcawl.

Finally, just before we go to press, our Gymnastics team returned from the British Schools Finals held in Stoke in high spirits. Competing at the highest possible level in Britain our pairs Acro Team achieved 9th place, the Team Acro achieved 5th and Nia Eales in Year 9 an amazing bronze medal. The Gymnastic team's efforts have only been surpassed this year by the phenomenal achievements of another Year 9 pupil; Rebecca Sutton.

Swimming sensation Rebecca has had a tremendous 2015 so far. In April she competed in the British National Championships, in the London Aquatics Centre, home to the London 2012 Olympic swimming events where she took 1st place in: 100m freestyle, 200m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 200m IM and 400m IM.

Her efforts have not gone unnoticed and she was recently rewarded with selection for the Commonwealth Youth Games being held in Samoa in September. This is an unbelievable honour for Rebecca and is proof of the old adage 'hard work pays off'. But Commonwealth selection may just be the start of bigger things to come as she targets selection for the British Team to compete in Russia later in the year and long term the Olympic Team for Tokyo in 2020. Well done Rebecca we are all so proud of you.

To conclude on a mention for an individual when summarising an outstanding year for our teams may seem odd. However every achievement, whether it's a team winning the league or an individual bronze at the National Championships the effort and commitment which underpins this success is always a team effort as without the support of family, friends, coaches and teachers none of the above is possible.

Mr A Stradling
Head of PE



GYMNASTICS

The Gymnastics season has been upon us again! It has brought with it huge success from our girls! On February 3rd it was the regional Tumble and Vault Competition in Merthyr. Two teams were entered. The A Team - Nia Eales, Paige Sheen, Asia Farnworth and Steff Chilcott became the Mid Glamorgan Champions, with B Team - Beth Golding, Skylar Evans, Jasmine Gamble and Eddy Osbourne coming a very respectable 4th place.

Overall standings were: 1st place Nia Eales, 4th place Paige Sheen, 5th place Steff Chilcott and 6th place Asia Farnworth! These results meant Team A and these four girls would represent Mid Glamorgan in the Welsh Schools' Finals - which they did in Cardiff on 7th March with fantastic results!! Nia Eales was overall U14's Welsh Schools' Champion, qualifying her to go on to represent Wales in the British finals held on the first weekend of May in Stoke on Trent!

As well as this, the Mid Glamorgan Team, consisting of Nia Eales, Paige Sheen, Steff Chilcott and Skylar Evans, along with two other Mid

Glamorgan girls became Welsh School Tumble and Vault Champions! Asia Farnworth competed for the U19's Mid Glamorgan Team on the day.

February 13th saw the Welsh Schools' Floor and Vault Competition. This competition saw Nia Eales, Paige Sheen, Steff Chilcott, Asia Farnworth and Skylar Evans compete and they came 3rd! They were all also presented with their Welsh Feathers whilst there for competing for Wales in British Schools finals last year!

On February 27th, the girls competed in Cardiff again in the Welsh Acrobatic Schools' Competition! The girls, Nia Eales, Paige Sheen, Steff Chilcott, Asia Farnworth, Skylar Evans and Bethan Golding all competed and came away Welsh Schools' Acrobatic Champions, qualifying them to go on to compete in British Finals in May in Stoke on Trent! Asia Farnworth & Eddy Osbourne and Paige Sheen and Jasmine Gamble both competed in pairs coming 1st and 2nd consecutively!! So Asia and Eddy qualified to compete in British Finals in May in Stoke!! What a season!! Well done girls!!

BRITISH SCHOOLS GYMNASTICS NATIONAL FINALS

STOKE ON TRENT: MAY 2015



Each event at this competition has competitors from 13 regions of Britain, including Scotland and Ireland. Porthcawl Comprehensive School were representing Wales in three events after winning the Welsh Schools' Finals in Cardiff in March 2015. The girls competed in Stoke-on-Trent on

Saturday 2nd May and showed off an impressive array of flips, jumps, tumbles and flexible poses, taking on competitors from across the UK. Thanks to their coach Beth Eales, their hard work paid off this weekend, as they had some great results:

- Nia Eales came 3rd in the Under 14s Tumbling.
- In the Under 14s Acrobatic Gymnastic Group, the team, (Nia Eales, Skylar Evans, Steff Chilcott, Asia Farnworth, Bethan Golding, Paige Sheen) came 5th, missing out on 4th place by 0.05 of a point!
- In the Under 14s Acrobatic Pairs, Asia Farnworth and Eddy Osbourne came 9th.

Well done to all the girls involved - you did PCS proud!



Thanks to their coach Beth Eales, their hard work paid off this weekend, as they had some great results



SQUASH: JOSHUA AUDSLEY

I've been playing squash since I was about six. My Dad is one of the coaches at Porthcawl Squash Club. I have coaching every Saturday morning in Porthcawl, and every Tuesday evening in Cardiff with the Welsh



Development Squad. I've also recently started playing for Porthcawl C team which covers the Mid Glamorgan area. I am currently ranked 9th in Wales in the Under 13's. The first weekend of May I was entered into the Swansea Open and came first in the Under 13's competition. I also managed to obtain a sponsorship contract from Harrow.

It's a great way to keep fit, and Porthcawl Squash Club is always on the lookout for new members.

Joshua Audsley
Year 8



U18 HOCKEY SQUAD WIN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The U18 Hockey squad were well deserved winners of the County Championship this year. They fought hard in the two close run matches against Y Dderwen and Cwm Rhymni, winning both 1-0. As County Champions, they went on to represent Glamorgan Valleys in the National Schools Championship in Wrexham.

PORTHCRAWL U18 HOCKEY SQUAD REPRESENT GLAMORGAN VALLEYS AT THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

After successfully gaining the title of County Champions, the squad earned the opportunity to represent the School and their County in the Welsh Schools Championships held in Wrexham, an exciting opportunity to play against some of the very best teams in the Country, and of course a night away!

The squad had a very mixed aged range, with two Year 13's; Katie Roberts acting as Captain and Harriet Maine as Goalkeeper - who put in the stand out performance of the team! There were six Year 12's; Angharad John, Rebecca Green, Abi Gallafant, Grace Flower and Megan Fish, and our non-travelling reserve goalie Hannah Spencer. Alex Hunt, Chloe Jenkins and Bethan Clift came from Year 11 and Lauren Thomas, Lilli Furness and Katie John from Year 10. Importantly, Amie Bradbury in Year 8 came too, proving to be a very important member of the squad, showing true commitment by playing with a broken finger! Having such a young squad, we hope to have repeat success in the years to come.



On the pitch the girls pulled together and showed true grit, determination and team work as they lost narrowly 1-0 to Afan Nedd Tawe, who went on to the final. They also lost narrowly 1-0 to Dyfed in the final minute, and after working so hard in those two games also let Eryri get the better of them.

Overall it was a superb experience for the girls. They all bonded as a team on and off the field and were a credit to themselves and to the school.

Rugby 7's



The Spring term was packed with a full programme of 7 a-side rugby. In preparation, specialised training sessions were run for the modified form of the game to allow pupils to experience the skills, tactics and fitness needed to compete in the tournaments that we entered.

Years 8 and 10 started the season off with a friendly festival in Brynteg School and showed some early potential and ability to play. Following this, the same year groups travelled down to Llanelli for the National URDD Sevens Tournament. This is a highly competitive event, with over 40 schools in Wales entering. The tournament celebrates the Welsh

culture and language and our nation's love for the game of rugby. The U13 boys won their group and progressed to a knock out game that would mean a second day playing against the best ten teams in Wales. Unfortunately, we lost this game to a very good Preseli team, who went on to win the overall tournament. The U15 team had a tough group and struggled to get to grips with the pace and power of the opposition. They did manage to get a win in the group stage and made progress as the tournament went on.

The U16 / Year 11 team were fortunate enough to experience the largest schools tournament in Europe in the Rosslyn Park 7's

Tournament. It is the first time we have entered this event and what an experience it was! Over 150 teams from across the UK played over two days on a colossal venue, consisting of 20 or more pitches. Again a win in the group and a successful play-off game was needed to progress to the second day. Unfortunately we lost our last group game to a very good Gordan's School.

The season was then completed with the Bridgend District 7's Festivals. Year 7, 8 and 9 all played in a round robin festival against other schools in the Bridgend area. Summer sunshine brought the best out of our players and some delightful rugby was played and

highlighted by an unbeaten festival for the Year 9 boys.

A touch rugby league continues to run over the Summer term to help players develop their basic rugby skills and maintain fitness levels ready for next season.

Mr Davies



Rebecca Sutton 9SR

Rebecca has been a competitive swimmer since 2008 and swims for Bridgend County Swim Squad. Her training regime usually starts at 5.30am three times a week, getting in 1.5 hours of swimming before school. She also trains 5 nights a week and every Saturday morning.

She has been consistently improving over the years and has enjoyed many successes in that time. However it is her successes in the last year or so that has been of particular importance and of which she is most proud.

Those results include:

Welsh Age Group Champion (Summer & Winter) 2014 in:

- 200m Individual Medley (I.M.)
- 400m I.M.
- 100m freestyle
- 200m freestyle
- 400m freestyle

British National Age Group Champion 2014 in:

- 200m I.M.
- 400m I.M.

British National Age Group Silver Medallist 2014 in:

- 200m Freestyle
- 400m Freestyle

Welsh National Long Course Champion 2015 in:

- 100m Freestyle
- 200m Freestyle
- 400m I.M. – Rebecca broke the British Record for this event with her time of 4:49:76, a record that had stood since 2008!

She received the Roland Jones Memorial Trophy at this event for being the swimmer that received the most ranking points for any one swim (see picture).

In December 2014, Rebecca became the youngest swimmer to be selected into the Wales Swim Squad at 13 years old.

In April 2015, Rebecca competed in the British National Championship in the London Aquatics Centre, home to the London 2012 Olympic swimming events where she took 1st place in:

- 100m freestyle
- 200m freestyle
- 400m freestyle
- 200m I.M.
- 400m I.M.

This championship gave Rebecca the chance to swim before the Team GB selectors to hopefully win a place in Team GB for the European Youth Olympic Festival in Tbilisi, Georgia in July 2015.

Rebecca was immensely proud of her efforts and results in London and was then selected to swim for Wales in the Belgian Open Swimming Championships in Antwerp in May. Rebecca had a very good weekend and gained more fantastic results:

- Junior 50m freestyle Champion
- Junior 100m freestyle Champion
- Junior 100m butterfly Champion

In the Open category, her results were even more pleasing as she competed against adults and previous Olympic medallists. She achieved:

- Open 400m freestyle Champion
- 100m backstroke 2nd place
- 200m I.M. 3rd place

Rebecca has also just been named in the Wales team to swim for her country in the Youth Commonwealth Games in Samoa in September 2015. This is an absolutely amazing achievement and all of her family and friends are really proud of her.



Rebecca is a very level headed girl but takes her swimming very seriously and her commitment and dedication to the sport is relentless. Her goal is to continue to swim for her country, both Wales and Great Britain at senior level and hopefully be able to compete at the Olympics in Tokyo in 2020 and other top level competitions.

Rebecca is honoured to represent her family, community, school, club and country and continues to do so with enormous pride and passion.

We look forward to the rest of 2015 and all the challenges it brings and hopefully many, many more successes.

Well Done Rebecca, and Good Luck in Samoa!

FOOTBALL – BRIDGEND BOROUGH SCHOOLS U12s



On Sunday 17th May Lucas Hoven, Ioan Clift, Matthew Greenwood and Matthew Adams attended the Welsh Schools FA Finals against Flintshire at the New Saints Football Ground at Oswestry, representing Bridgend Borough Schools. Bridgend U12s had reached the All Wales Final beating Swansea, Neath, Carmarthen schools and RCT in the semi-finals.

Unfortunately we lost the final to an excellent Flintshire School's side but despite this we had a great time and experience.

Congratulations boys on getting all the way to the final!



PUPIL SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS 2015



CHRISTIAN LONG

RUGBY - Ospreys U18 Regional Squad 2014-15, Boys Clubs of Wales U19 & Welsh Crawshays U18 Team

JAKE FURNESS

RUGBY - Welsh Crawshays U18 Team

BEN ASPREA

RUGBY - Ospreys U16 East Regional Squad 2014-15

LEON EVANS

RUGBY - Ospreys U16 East Regional Squad 2014-15

JOE WILLIAMS

RUGBY - Ospreys U16 East Regional Squad 2014-15

COREY DYER

RUGBY - Ospreys U16 East Regional Squad 2014-15

BEN LACEY

RUGBY - Ospreys U16 East Regional Squad 2014-15

EUAN MANLEY

RUGBY - Ospreys U16 East Regional Squad 2014-15

OLIVER WOODHALL

RUGBY - Boys Clubs of Wales U16 2014-15

WILL LAMPARD

RUGBY - Boys Clubs of Wales U16 2014-15

DAN WILLIAMS

RUGBY - Bridgend District Schools' Rugby U15 Dewar Shield Squad

CAITLIN REES

BADMINTON - Wales U13 & U15







MATTHEW ADAMS

FOOTBALL - Bridgend Schools' U12

IOAN CLIFT

FOOTBALL - Bridgend Schools' U12

MATTHEW GREENWOOD

FOOTBALL - Bridgend Schools' U12

LUCAS HAVEN

FOOTBALL - Bridgend Schools' U12

STEPHEN DAVIES

FOOTBALL - Bridgend Academy U16

HARRY WATKINS

GOLF - South Wales Academy, U16 Glamorgan County Team

HARRY EVANS

GOLF - U16 Glamorgan County Team

ETHAN WATERS

BASKETBALL - Wales U15

BEN MERCHANT

BASKETBALL - Wales U16

JOE STRADLING

BASKETBALL - Wales U16

RHYS LEARY

BASKETBALL - Regional U15

GABRIEL WILLIAMS-RUMBLE

BASKETBALL - Wales U16

JAMES MOON

BASKETBALL - Wales U14

ZACK WILSON

BASKETBALL - Wales U14

NICOLA HUGHES

BASKETBALL - Wales U14

ALECIA WILSON-MORGAN

BASKETBALL - Wales U16

LUCY EDWARDS

BASKETBALL - Wales U18

EMILY STRADLING

BASKETBALL - Wales U16 & U18

MORGAN CARTER

BASKETBALL - Wales U16 & U18

NIA EALES

GYMNASTICS - British Tumbling U14
- 3rd, British Acro U14, British Grade 1 - U18

PAIGE SHEEN

GYMNASTICS - British Acro U14,
Welsh Pairs Acro Champion

STEFF CHILCOTT

GYMNASTICS - British Acro U14

SKYLAR EVANS

GYMNASTICS - British Acro U14

ASIA FARNWORTH

GYMNASTICS - British Acro U14 &
British Acro Pair U14

EDDY OSBORNE

GYMNASTICS - British Acro Pair U14

MEG MCCLOY

CROSS COUNTRY - South Wales Cross
Country U13

NIA CLATWORTHY

ATHLETICS - Welsh Road Running
U13

AMBER WILLIAMS

CROSS COUNTRY - South Wales Cross
Country U13

OCEAN POULTNEY-MADDY

CROSS COUNTRY - South Wales Cross
Country U13 & British Championships
TRIATHLON - Wales Triathlon Team
U14
SURF LIFESAVING - Wales U14

JOEL WILLIAMS

SURF LIFESAVING - Wales U14

REBECCA SUTTON

SWIMMING British Champion U14,
British record holder in 400 IM at U13

LAURA ASHTON

SWIMMING - Welsh Team

BEN DICKSON-JARDINE

SWIMMING - Bridgend County Squad
U16

JAZMIN GAMBLE

HOCKEY - Bridgend District U14

AMY BRADBURY

NETBALL - Welsh Development HUB
U14, Glamorgan Valleys U14
HOCKEY - Bridgend District U14

ISABEL APPLETON

NETBALL - Welsh Development HUB
U14

HARRIET THOMAS

JU JITSU - British National
Championships

LUCY EDWARDS

NETBALL - High Performance HUB
U16, County U16

SOPHIE DALTON

NETBALL - High Performance HUB
U16, County U16

LAUREN HANCOCK

JUDO - Welsh Squad

ZOE JULIFF-JONES

HORSE RIDING - Welsh Team

...well done everyone!

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2013/14



CERTIFICATES

Current

Year 7	Honour
7AE	Megan McCloy
7MC	Rohan Johns
7OS	Alexander Richardson
7PR	Isabelle Hone

Last Years

Year 7 Excellence	Progress
7AS Anni Martin	Samantha Dunworth
7JS Lik To Chung	Zack Wilson
7AF Olivia Pownall	Kyran Hayes
7TS Erin Richards/Zoe Holmes	Finley Hemsley
7LE Jamie Harrowing	Carys Rosser-Stanford
7EH Matthew Pugh/Elodie Guillem	Grace Ward-Smith
7GM Georgina Andersson	Ryan Thomas
7LS Max Williams	Sophia Keepins
7CW Rhiannon Drummond	India Clatworthy

Year 7	Honour
7HT	Leonora Breheny
7RC	Sophie Edwards
7TH	Rachel Appleton

Honours
Ewan Coles
Lauren Hancock
Jamie Davies
James Moon/Penny Sinclair
Amy Bradbury
Carys Morgan
Gabriel Beal
Paige Sheen
Asia Farnworth

Last Years

Year 8 Excellence	Progress
8SR Natalie Morley	Stepheny Chilcott
8SW Anna Biju	Tegan Delbridge
8HD Sarah Davidson	Abigail Smith
8KV Daisy Brown	Bethany McKenzie
8ST Elizabeth Burke	Rebecca Owen
8KE Catherine Pickett	Tayla Castle
8RL Emily Jones	Emily Hooper
8HR Emily Childs	Eden Thomas

Progress
Hannah Worth
Jacob Jones
Joshua Nicholas
Tara Phillips
Dani-Elle Marsh
Courtney Powell
Laura Webster
Timothy Leese

Honours
Rebecca Sutton
Levi Snell
Emily Williams
Ieuan Walmsley-Williams
Skylar Evans
Nia Eales
Lucy Dennis
Conor Farrell-John

Last Years

Year 9 Excellence	Progress
9AR Laurence Hunt	Hannah Worth
9AW Jack Davies	Jacob Jones
9AC Charlotte Clarke	Joshua Nicholas
9RP Max Taylor	Tara Phillips
9EC Mitchell Davies	Dani-Elle Marsh
9KH James Evans-Jones	Courtney Powell
9CJ Cameron Williams	Laura Webster
9AM Bronty Freeman	Timothy Leese

Progress
Hannah Worth
Jacob Jones
Joshua Nicholas
Tara Phillips
Dani-Elle Marsh
Courtney Powell
Laura Webster
Timothy Leese

Honours
Anu Yadav
Nia Hancock
Rhianwen Keir
Lilli Furness
Emily Stradling
Rhiannon Mainwaring
Erhan Waters
Lili Price-Bevan

AWARDS

Year 10	Academic Effort
Year 11	Academic Effort
Year 12	Academic Effort
Year 13	Academic Effort

Hee-Chan Kang
Tiegan Hughes
Selin Millward
Seren Davies
Alicia Cooke
Thomas Booth
Madeleine Williamson-Sarl
Shannon Rock

Sports Awards

GCSE	PE
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Boy : Adam Jenkins
Girl : Megan Fish

Key Stage 3

Boy : Mit Russell
Girl : Emily Stradling

Drama Awards

Junior Drama Student of the Year
Senior Drama Student of the Year
Drama Performance of the Year
Porthcawl Little Theatre Award

James Evans-Jones
Rachel Allen
Sam Pryce
Katelyn Weaver

Miscellaneous Awards

Howard Cave Memorial (Trophy for Art)

Selin Millward

Christmas Swim Award (Technology)

Lucy Pugh-Bevan

Stuart Gass Memorial Award (Maths)

Jennifer Sham

Science Student of the Year

Sarah Kavanagh

Geraint Watkins Memorial Trophy
Junior Musician

Catherine Pickett

Gwen Hughes Memorial Cup
Lower School Wind Player

Olivia Pownall

Senior Musician of the Year

Imogen Kent

Eisteddfod - Chair

Elle Morey

Town Twinning Award
presented by Robert Chick

Madeleine Williamson-Sarl
Anna Bonet

Presentation to Head Team 2014-15

Thomas Phillips, Rebecca Manley, Alicia Cooke, Stefan Farmer, Ellie Henderson, Tom Parry, Alisha John, Richard Price, Madeleine Dabernig, Sam Pryce, Elli Rosser-Stanford, Peter Sloggett, Tabitha Carrington and Daniel Vinen

100% Attendance Award

Lik Kan Chung, Nia Clee, Alexandra Hunt, Hee-Chan Kang, Charlotte Owen, Daniel Song, Sarah Spencer and Samantha Timbrell

On 17th March 2015 we held our annual PTA Awards Evening. As usual this rewarded the efforts of the pupils for the previous academic year. The evening was very well attended, and it was lovely to see some old faces returning as well as the new Year 7's attending their first Awards Evening.





Pupil Achievements

Many congratulations go to the following:-

Matthew Taylor Year 13
Lord Lieutenant's Cadet 2015

Nathaniel King, Jack Bridger, Felicity Williamson-Sarll and Matthew Dang Years 12 and 13
Winners of the Young Consumer Competition - Welsh Final

Mark Pugh-Bevan Year 12
Welsh Regional Air Training Corps Competition – achieved Gold in Discus and Bronze in Shot Put

Penny Sinclair Year 8
Won Kata and Kumite at Welsh Karate Championships making her Grand Champion

Nia Eales Year 9
Gymnastics - U14 Welsh Schools' Tumble and Vault Champion. Bronze medalist (Tumbling) at British Schools' Gymnastics National Finals, Stoke on Trent

Nia Eales, Paige Sheen, Asia Farnworth, Stepheny Chilcott, Skylar Evans and Bethan Golding and Eddie Osbourne Years 8 and 9
Gymnastics - Mid Glamorgan Tumble and Vault Champions, Welsh Schools' Tumble and Vault Champions, Welsh Schools' Acrobatic Team Champions and Pairs Champions

Andrew Lynn Year 11, Joshua Jaques, Jonathan Jones, Lucy Evans, Dominique Willmer and Candice Willmer Year 8
Members of the Porthcawl Sea Cadet Team who finished 3rd in the National Sea Cadets Continuity Drill Competition - 80 teams entered nationally

Emily Stradling Year 10
Alecia Wilson-Morgan Year 11
Basketball - Selected for Wales U16

Ethan Waters Year 10
Basketball - Selected for Wales U15

Zack Wilson Year 8
Basketball - Selected for Wales U14

Emily Williams Year 9
Dancing - British Latin 8 Couple Championships Blackpool - placed 3rd in Britain with Dance Crazy Latin Formation Team

Zoe Juliff-Jones Year 9
Selected to ride for the Welsh Mounted Games Team at the Home Internationals in Scotland

Caitlin Rees Year 8
Badminton – Selected to represent Wales U13-U15 at Glasgow International Youth Championships

Grace Meredith Year 9
Royal Academy of Dance Ballet Exam
Grade 6 - Merit

Lucy Beale Year 9
Royal Academy of Dance Ballet Exam
Grade 3 - Merit

Rebecca Sutton Year 9
Swimming - Victories in British Championships and Belgian Open Championships representing Wales
Selected to swim for Wales in the Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa in September 2015

Harriet Thomas Year 9
Won 2 Gold medals in British Randoori National Ju Jitsu Competition – Walsall University

Joshua Audsley Year 8
Squash – Winner of the Swansea Open U13

Amy Bradbury and Isabel Appleton Year 8
Netball – Members of Penybont Netball Club – Welsh National Clubs and Glamorgan Valleys U13 Champions

Nia Clatworthy Year 7
Selected as a Member of the Welsh Schools U13 team for the Virgin Mini London Marathon

Harriet Maine, Katie Roberts, Year 13
Megan Fish, Grace Flower, Abigail Gallafant, Rebecca Green, Angharad John, Hannah Spencer, Year 12,
Bethan Cliff, Alex Hunt, Chloe Jenkins, Year 11,
Lilli Furness, Katie John, Lauren Thomas, Year 10,
Amy Bradbury Year 8
Hockey U18 County Champions and Welsh Finalists

MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Thomas Phillips Year 13
Winner of the Margam Abbey Young Musician Competition, Piano – Grade 7 - Merit

Mark Pugh-Bevan Year 12
Guitar – Grade 4

Katie Hill Year 10
Qualified for National Eisteddfod playing the Cornet

Iwan Hill Year 8
Qualified for National Eisteddfod playing the Flugelhorn

Harriet Maine Year 13
Percussion – Grade 8 – Distinction
Piano – Grade 7 - Merit

Imogen Kent Year 13
Percussion – Grade 8 - Distinction

Layla Miller Year 10
Winner of the Maesteg Gleemen Bridgend County Singer of the Year (Age 11-14)

Lucy Vinen Year 10
Runner-up in the Senior Maesteg Gleemen Bridgend County Singer of the Year

Peter Sloggett Year 13
Piano – Grade 8 - Distinction

Harriet Rees Year 13
Piano – Grade 8 – Merit

Emily Childs Year 9
Flute - Grade 4 - Pass

Elys Davies Year 8
Flute - Grade 3 - Merit

Millie Fry Year 9
Flute - Grade 4 - Merit

Jamie Harrowing Year 8
Oboe - Grade 4 - Distinction

Isabelle Home Year 7
Flute - Grade 3 - Merit

Layla Millar Year 10
Clarinet - Grade 6 – Pass

Olivia Pownall Year 8
Flute - Grade 5 - Distinction

Matthew Pugh Year 8
Trombone - Grade 4 - Merit

Lucy Vinen Year 10
Voice - Grade - 8 - Distinction

Trystan Winn-Davies Year 11
Electric Guitar - Grade 6 - Distinction

Rhian Lister Year 9
Piano – Grade 4 – Merit

Anna Biju Year 9
Violin – Grade 4 - Pass

Rachel Appleton Year 7
Selected for the National Children's Choir of Great Britain

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