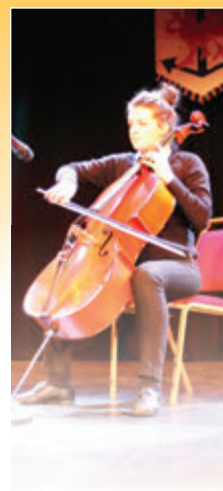
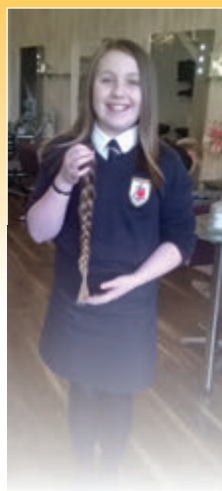
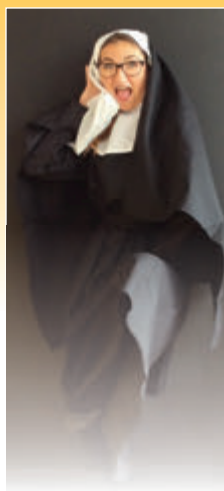


Welcome to the third edition of the **Porthcawl Post** for the school year 2015-2016



Porthcawl Post

Porthcawl Comprehensive School Newsletter ~ Summer 2016



Headteacher's Address

As I write this piece we are approaching a key time of the year. The examination season is already upon us and staff and children are working incredibly hard. Over the past month we have enjoyed a whole range of additional opportunities to learn and revise. Teachers have provided sessions in the holidays, on weekends, on bank holidays, before and after school... a herculean effort for which I am so grateful. The teachers have offered hundreds of extra hours of tuition which they have not been paid for. I do hope you will join with me in thanking them most sincerely for giving that extra mile for our young people.

In the past few weeks we have appointed staff to our school. Ms Verity Jones joins the RS Department while a former pupil Mr James Short joins the History Department, welcome and the best of luck to both. Three members of staff will be leaving us at the end of this term. Miss Sarah Rowland leaves us to pursue a career at Swansea University while Miss Williams and Miss McGillan also depart. We wish them all the very best for their future careers and thank them for their contributions at PCS.

As you read this we will be in the midst of our transition programme. This programme is a vital part of the school's activities. Children entering the school in Year 7 are the lifeblood of any school, hence the importance we place upon transition. Over the course of the year our new Year 7 have had a whole range of curriculum visits. Transition Day on the 23rd June brings all the children together for the first time. We will welcome 200 children to school and the hope is all will settle quickly and get to grips with life at our school. A unique feature of our transition programme is the "Helping Hands Project". This project is aimed specifically at the most anxious learners to offer extra help as they move schools. Under the direction of Mrs Sloggett, a variety of staff will offer a detailed programme with a key aim of reducing anxiety and stress. Happy settled children learn best and this is the key aim of transition at our school.

There are a number of very popular events running towards the end of the Summer term. Sports Day will take place on 15th July and over 500 competitors representing each of the four houses will participate and keenly contest for the honours. Another eagerly anticipated event, the school tennis tournament, will again be organised again by Mr Davies and will take place during the last week of term.

Another highlight to look forward to is the Young Playwrights' Festival. This is the annual showcase for performing arts talent. To remind you, the plays are written by, directed by and performed by our students. This is truly a celebration of the talent we have at our school, and the Festival will take place on the 13th and 14th July. Not to be outdone, the BTEC performing arts group will offer their end of year production of 'Nonsense the Musical' to be performed on the evenings of 6th, 7th and 8th July. I do hope to see you at one of these wonderful performances.

The "Pearson Teaching Awards" are national awards that recognise the efforts of teachers. Schools nominate teachers and a national panel consider these nominations. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Florence Sugunendran has received a Certificate of Commendation in the NQT category. NQT means newly qualified teacher and recognises achievements in the first year of a teacher's career. We are all very proud of Mrs Sugunendran's award and look forward to more great things in the future.

Andrew Slade
Headteacher

Housekeeping

Uniform

There are no changes to Porthcawl's school uniform for September. We will be sending out a reminder of the uniform for KS3 & 4 and Sixth Form before the end of this term and will update the information on the website.

Medication

Several parents have asked about the form to complete when a pupil needs to be on medication during school time. This can be found as an appendix to the 'Medicines Policy' on the school website. It is in the PARENTS section under 'Our School Nurse and Health Matters'.

Attendance

At the time of writing this our school attendance figures are very positive and it looks as if we will for the first time have an overall school attendance of above 95%. A big thank you to all pupils, parents and carers for supporting the school. There will be a new attendance policy ready for September 2016, with a few changes from Bridgend County Borough on the role of the Education Welfare Service. The updated version will be placed on the school website later this term. The new school calendar will be finalised at the end of this term, including INSET days, and will be published on our website by September. Please note that the first day of school for pupils is Monday 5th September.

Mrs V Hunt
Assistant Headteacher



UN Debate

Recently our Year 12 Welsh Baccalaureate classes participated in a mock UN debate about the refugee crisis. Organised by Council for Education in World Citizenship, it was a robust, often passionate but always mature exploration of a very real contemporary issue. Our students contributed commendably and all learnt a great deal from their research and lively interaction.



Year 13 Leavers' Tea

Goodbye to our Year 13



The Year 13 Leavers' Tea took place on Friday 13th May. We (Heads of Year, Mrs O'Brien, Mr Slade and Form Tutors and, of course, Year 13) gathered in the 6th Form Hall and the proceedings began with speeches from Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Williams, prompting both tears and laughter. The traditional presentation of the celebrated Porthcawl Comprehensive mugs then followed, with form tutors handing these out to their forms and wishing each student well for the future.

There was something of a party atmosphere as Rhys Owen then compered the Prom Awards, which was highly entertaining, and this was followed by a run through of Year 7 photographs - some people had hardly changed at all, while the difference in others was startling! It was lovely to see other members of staff who were able to call in during proceedings.

In a stroke of good fortune, at the very end the yearbooks were delivered and so the event ended with the excitement of receiving these. Mrs Crook then closed with some wise words. It was a lovely event that marked the end of 13 years of school with real warmth, pride and a sense of togetherness. We send our very best wishes to everyone in the year group in whatever path they follow in the future!

Mrs Williams
Head of Year 13



Eisteddfod On-Stage Extravaganza!



For yet another year, the Music Department conducted days of prelims for the Eisteddfod on-stage competitions, seeing many fabulous performances from each year group. There was a high standard shown this year in all categories, making the final decisions very hard indeed! Congratulations to all pupils for being successfully sent through to compete on-stage, however, a huge 'well done' to all that competed and gained points or that were given a 'Highly Commended' for their impressive audition.

The Eisteddfod then took place on Friday 11th March at the Grand Pavilion. As always, it is a privilege to be able to hold our Eisteddfod in this great venue. Both Junior and Senior Eisteddfods were opened with Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau, led beautifully by Keeley Fry (Year 12) and Lucy Vinen (Year 11) although the juniors definitely won the award for the most passionate singing of the anthem. Seniors – you need to up your game next year!

We were delighted to welcome our judging panel, singer James Williams and renowned PCS English teachers, Mrs Evans and Mrs Maddy to take on the difficult job of awarding places to each competitor, and we did not envy them this year! The level of talent displayed on-stage was outstanding and all pupils conducted themselves in a professional and respectful manner when performing in front of their peers. Each category had the judges deliberating as there were so many worthy winners!

The Junior Eisteddfod 'solo song from a show or film' category was particularly strong this year with a record number of entries! The solo Welsh song even had audience participation with a rendition of 'Sosban Fach'.

The Senior Eisteddfod was of an excellent standard, showcasing performances from our finest musicians. Again the 'solo song from a show or film' category was a fierce competition for both the boys' and girls' categories. Amazingly, we saw five boys perform this year, a great example set by these senior boys.

Many pupils said that they particularly enjoyed the group performances in both Eisteddfods, especially the senior group dance which was a very creative mash-up of pop and musical theatre routines! It was fantastic to see so many involved in the junior dance, junior dramas and senior monologue categories, providing the audiences with captivating and comical performances throughout the day.

A special mention must go to the pupils involved in the Girls' Ensemble and Brass Ensemble for the churning ceremony. The fanfare was played triumphantly by the Brass Ensemble, and sang beautifully by the Girls' Ensemble, marking this very special and important moment within both Eisteddfods.

A big 'well done' to all those who competed within the prelims or represented their house by competing on-stage. All of the results have been published in this issue of the Porthcawl Post. We hope to see you all competing again next year!

If you didn't audition this year, get involved next year for 'Eisteddfod yr Ysgol 2017' and win those valuable points for your houses!

Mrs Giles
Music Department



Eisteddfod

Off-Stage Results 2016

ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Years 7-9

1st	Abigail Williams	Dyfed
2nd	Cerys Keeping	Gwynedd
3rd	Adam Bertorelli	Powys

Highly Commended:

Joe Peterson	Powys
Jemma Queeley	Powys
Rhys Powell	Gwynedd
Ben Pearce	Powys
Cody Abbott	Dyfed

ART

Year 7

1st	Jessica Browning	Morgannwg
2nd	Evie Bennett	Morgannwg
3rd	Amy Wensley	Dyfed
	Romilly Danahar	Powys

Highly Commended:

Dylan Wisden	Powys
Cara Bater	Morgannwg

CHEMISTRY

Year 7

1st	Heather Coles	Powys
2nd	Max Slaughter	Gwynedd
3rd	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Ewan Flower	Gwynedd
Megan Frolely	Powys

Year 8

1st	Chloe Wyatt	Gwynedd
2nd	Lucia Brown	Gwynedd
3rd	Carys Mainwaring	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Rachel Appleton	Dyfed
Annalise Kavanagh	Morgannwg



CYMRAEG

Year 7

1st	Rosie Bridger	Powys
2nd	Pippa Harrowing	Morgannwg
3rd	Heather Coles	Powys

Highly Commended:

Lucy Stradling	Dyfed
Elliot Bennet	Dyfed
Morgan Lean	Powys
Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg

Year 9

1st	Lucy Beale	Powys
2nd	Elliott Griffiths	Dyfed
3rd	Kieran Tantum	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Jay Smallman	Gwynedd
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FOOD & TEXTILES

Year 7

1st	Grace Strong	Gwynedd
2nd	Sophie Morgan	Gwynedd
3rd	Pippa Harrowing	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Josh Adams	Gwynedd
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Year 8

1st	Erin Thomas-Parker	Gwynedd
2nd	Kiera Ellis-Stretch	Gwynedd
3rd	Mya Fraser	Powys

Highly Commended:

Matthew Greenwood	Powys
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Year 9

1st	Emily Ezard	Gwynedd
2nd	Holly Sinclair	Powys
3rd	Isabel Appleton	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Charlotte Liddan-Newman	Powys
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FRENCH

Year 7

1st	Lewis Price	Dyfed
2nd	Aimee Harrington	Morgannwg
3rd	Sophie Stallard	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Cassie Burke	Dyfed
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Year 8

1st	Freya Ashton	Gwynedd
2nd	Dafydd Jenkins	Gwynedd
3rd	Scarlett Jenkins	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Carys Mainwaring	Dyfed
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Year 9

1st	Holly Sinclair	Powys
2nd	Lauren Griffiths	Morgannwg
3rd	Megan Davies	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Lowri-Beth James	Dyfed
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GEOGRAPHY

Year 7

1st	Rhiannon Owen and Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg
2nd	Cassie Burke	Dyfed
3rd	Lowri Powis	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Mia Jones, Connor Govier, Natasha Fray
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Year 8

1st	Matthew Greenwood	Powys
2nd	Isabel Parselle	Morgannwg
3rd	Rhia Nicholson	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Chloe Woodbridge	Dyfed
Katie Liu	Dyfed
Rachel Appleton	Dyfed

Year 9

1st	Cerian Troakes	Gwynedd
2nd	Bethan Sassoon	Powys
3rd	Jay Smallman	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Charlie Hibbert-Jones	Morgannwg
Holly Tibbs	Powys
Maicie Williams	Powys

Eisteddfod

Off-Stage Results 2016

GERMAN

Year 7

1st	Ffion Walmsley-Williams	Dyfed
2nd	Adela Henderson	Morgannwg
3rd	Elin Jarman	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Jess Ryall	Dyfed
Catrin Butler	Gwynedd

Year 8

1st	Stella Marks	Morgannwg
2nd	Lowri Newton-Williams	Dyfed
3rd	Chloe Wyatt	Gwynedd
	Kitty James	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Ocean Poultney-Maddy	Gwynedd
Isabelle Parselle	Morgannwg
Krista Kavanagh	Powys

Year 9

1st	Layla John	Powys
2nd	Rosie Owen	Powys
3rd	Sunil Vummutti	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Ella Scanlan	Powys
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HISTORY

Year 7

1st	James Clear	Morgannwg
2nd	Cameron Kale	Morgannwg
3rd	Eleri Williams	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Osian Phinnemore	Gwynedd
Ethan Bassett	Powys

Year 8

1st	Ocean Poultney-Maddy	Gwynedd
2nd	Lucia Brown	Gwynedd
3rd	Issak Cronje	Powys

Highly Commended:

Poppy McGlynn	Morgannwg
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Year 9

1st	Anni Martin & Cherisse Lau	Morgannwg
2nd	Jessica Jones & Amy Bradbury	Morgannwg
3rd	Carys Rosser-Stanford & Phoebe Keepins	Dyfed & Powys

Highly Commended:

Lydia Baroth	Morgannwg
Lauren Bailey	Morgannwg
Cerian Troakes	Gwynedd



ICT

Year 7

1st	Ellie Jenkins	Dyfed
2nd	Elin Jarman	Gwynedd
3rd	Hollie Kinsey	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Heather Coles	Powys
Molly Gilbert	Dyfed
Trent Francis	Morgannwg

Year 8

1st	Ellie Graham	Morgannwg
2nd	Mary-Jane Kutkaitis	Powys
3rd	Nia Clatworthy	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Milly Edwards	Gwynedd
Amy Holyoake	Dyfed

Year 9

1st	Jaden Davies	Morgannwg
2nd	Jessica Jones	Morgannwg
3rd	Madi Jones	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Lucy Beale	Powys
Hannah Strong	Gwynedd
Samantha Dunworth	Morgannwg

PHYSICS

Year 8

1st	Leonora Breheny	Morgannwg
2nd	Carys Mainwaring	Dyfed
3rd	Jonathan Munro	Dyfed
4th	Freya Ashton	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Annie Williams	Gwynedd
Elliot Watkins	Dyfed

Year 9

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

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Year 7

1st	Grace Strong	Gwynedd
2nd	Olivia Davies	Gwynedd
3rd	Abigail Tibbs	Powys

Highly Commended:

Amy Judd	Powys
Jake Morgan	Gwynedd

Year 8

1st	Ocean Poultney-Maddy	Gwynedd
2nd	Rhia Nicholson	Gwynedd
3rd	Ellis Powell	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Mary-Jane Kutkaitis	Powys
Krista Kavanagh	Powys
Kitty James	Dyfed
Lowri Newton-Williams	Powys

Year 9

1st	Caitlin Rees	Dyfed
2nd	Jamie Harrowing	Dyfed
3rd	Zach Powell	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Lucy Beale	Powys
Phoebe Keepins	Dyfed
Jessica Jones	Morgannwg

Eisteddfod

On-Stage Results 2016

Senior Eisteddfod Boys' Solo Song from a Musical or a Film

1st	Rhys Owen	Morgannwg
2nd	Mitchell Davies	Gwynedd
3rd	James Evans-Jones	Powys

Girls' Solo Song from a Musical or a Film

1st	Keeley Fry	Gwynedd
2nd	Anna Arietta	Dyfed
3rd	Lucy Vinen	Morgannwg
	Lydia Pickett	Morgannwg

Piano Solo

1st	Laurence Hunt	Powys
2nd	Alexandra Hunt	Gwynedd

Group Dance

1st	Morgannwg
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Welsh Vocal Solo

1st	Lucy Vinen	Morgannwg
2nd	Layla Millar	Morgannwg
3rd	Jaycie Dyer	Powys
4th	Keeley Fry	Gwynedd

Senior Drama

1st	Conor Farrell-John	Powys
2nd	Lydia Pickett	Morgannwg
3rd	Lauren Ellis-Stretch	Dyfed
4th	Jenny Passingham	Morgannwg

Instrumental Solo (Wind)

1st	Alexandra Hunt	Gwynedd
2nd	Layla Millar	Morgannwg



Group Song from a Show or a Film

1st	Anna Arietta	Dyfed
	James Evans-Jones	
2nd	Rhys Owen	Morgannwg
	Max Bravery	
3rd	Lauren Ellis-Stretch	Dyfed
	Sarah Williams	

English Recitation

1st	Lydia Pickett	Morgannwg
2nd	Conor Farrell-John	Powys
3rd	Lauren Ellis-Stretch	Dyfed
4th	Rhiannon Griffiths	Gwynedd

Solo Instrument (Strings)

1st	Rhianwen Keirl	Morgannwg
2nd	Berry Williams	Dyfed
3rd	Lydia Pickett	Morgannwg
	Katie Pickett	Powys

Junior Eisteddfod Solo Song from a Show or a Film

1st	Elys Davies	Gwynedd
	Jamie Harrowing	Dyfed
2nd	Jamie Davies	Gwynedd
3rd	Stella Marks	Morgannwg
4th	Marcus Ryan	Powys

Instrumental Solo (Wind)

1st	Olivia Pownall	Gwynedd
2nd	Isaak Cronje	Powys
3rd	Matthew Pugh	Morgannwg

English Group Recitation

1st	Morgannwg
2nd	Gwynedd
3rd	Powys
4th	Dyfed

Welsh Vocal Solo

1st	Layla John	Powys
2nd	Jamie Harrowing	Dyfed
3rd	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg

Junior Drama

1st	Morgannwg
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Piano Solo

1st	James Clear	Morgannwg
2nd	Sunil Vummiti	Dyfed
3rd	Olivia Pownall	Gwynedd

Group Song from a Show or Film

1st	Ellie Granville	Gwynedd
	Eddyllia Osbourne	
2nd	Stella Marks	Morgannwg
	Annalise Traylor	
3rd	Liliana Miller	Gwynedd
	Beci Senior	
	Millie Stables	
	Ellie Jones	

Instrumental Solo (Strings)

1st	Naomi Keirl	Dyfed
2nd	Nicola Hughes	Morgannwg
3rd	Sarah Wynne	Morgannwg

Junior Dance

1st	Dyfed
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Welsh Recitation

1st	Stella Marks	Morgannwg
	Isabelle Hone	
	Annalise Traylor	
2nd	Ewan Aitchison-Hough	Powys
3rd	Beci Senior	Gwynedd

Eisteddfod

Overall Result:

1st	Morgannwg	665
2nd	Dyfed	482
3rd	Gwynedd	465
4th	Powys	430

Junior Eisteddfod Champion

Jamie Harrowing (Dyfed)

Senior Eisteddfod Champion

Lydia Pickett (Morgannwg)

Senior Drama Competition

Conor Farrell-John (Powys)

Winner of Junior Welsh Chair

Holly Clatworthy (Gwynedd)

Winner of Junior English Chair

Ocean Poultney-Maddy (Gwynedd)

Winner of Senior Welsh Chair

Rhiannon Griffiths (Gwynedd)

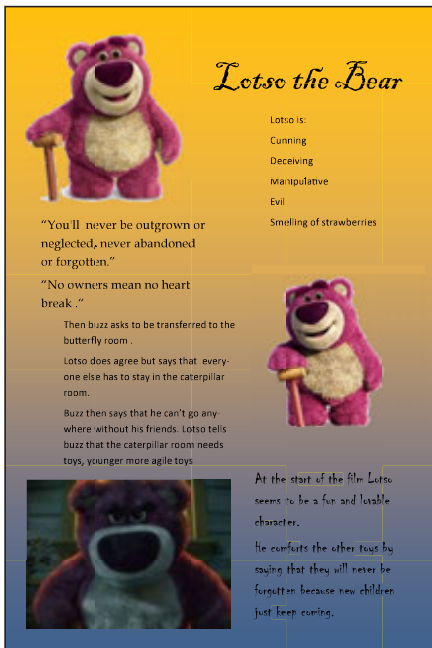
Eve Lugg (Morgannwg)

Winner of Senior English Chair

Caitlin Whiteley (Powys)



Philosophy and Film Club



Toy Story 3 poster by Elin Jarman Year 7

Every Monday lunchtime we have an opportunity to enjoy popcorn and a film at Philosophy and Film Club. So far this term we have watched a variety of fun films, such as Toy Story 3, Pocahontas and the Chronicles of Narnia: the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

We have the chance to discuss and review the films as a group and to be creative and make posters using ICT. I really enjoy going to Philosophy and Film Club every week and I think it's a good way to make new friends, watch fun films and reflect upon the meanings and values of the films as a group.

Olivia Lovell
Year 7



Gardening Club is Growing



Come along and join us in the school garden behind the Art block on a Tuesday lunchtime, if you fancy watching your 'Peas and Cuc's'.

Dig in and have fun!



If you require further information contact Ms Raine in the English Department or Mrs Blackburn in the AS Department or just turf up!

School Council Meeting with the Youth Council

On Friday April 15th, four members of the School Council went to the Hi-Tide for the annual county meeting with the Youth Council with Mrs Thomas. Every school in the county was represented and we started off the day with speeches from the Youth Mayor, Mayor and other dignitaries. This was followed by a Q and A session with the Mayor, Youth Mayor and councillors.

We had been given pieces of card that were different colours. We were told we would find out the reason for that later in the day. After a short break we were split into 6 groups, in order to cover the main topics of concern that had been raised by schools and the Youth Council over the past year: Each coloured card represented a different topic:-

- Mental Health
- Bullying, Cyberbullying and Hate Crime
- Health and Risk Taking Behaviours
- Crime, ASB and Young Offenders
- School Issues
- Young Carers

We then spent the next 45 minutes in our groups talking about the issues at hand, what makes them an issue and why they're happening. After lunch we

went back into these groups and had another 45 minutes to think of possible ways to help the situation we were given (eg: to help make our schools better for everyone), before we were brought back into the main conference room. Now we picked a representative for each year group who spoke on what the group had done, what they have left to do and if they were going to create a committee on their subject from their group members. Finally, we completed an electronic questionnaire on how we thought the day went.

In total, it was an informative day enjoyed by all where we found out about how the council spend their money, what they spend it on and how it affects people in Bridgend. We found the day extremely useful and it opened our minds even wider and encouraged us to become part of the Bridgend Youth Council/ Participation Forum. As well as us, Daisy Brown, Ieuan Walmsley-Williams and James Powell came along and learned from the experience.

We would like to thank Mrs Thomas and Miss Rosser for making this wonderful event possible!

Conor Farrell-John (Year 10 Rep)
and Max Williams (Year 9 Rep)

MUSIC

A Busy Summer Term!



This term, pupils and staff have been working hard to prepare for our summer events that we always look forward to in the Performing Arts Department!

Rehearsals are well underway for our Summer Concert on Monday 27th June in the Jubilee Theatre. As in previous years, it will feature our instrumental ensembles, choirs and several solo and group items. Thank you to all those involved for their commitment so far, especially through the exam period. There may also be a sneak preview of a musical number from the BTEC Performing Arts Musical 'Nonsense' which will be performed 6th- 8th July and promises to be a fun-filled show that will get your toes tapping! If

you haven't got your tickets yet, be sure to come along to see the fantastic performances and array of talent in the school.

We are also looking forward to meeting our prospective young musicians during the Music Transition Day on Wednesday 29th June. The day will consist of activities and rehearsals with Year 6 musicians with opportunities for these pupils to work with the music staff, peripatetic teachers and some of our own musicians here at PCS. There will be orchestra, choir and guitar group workshops, with a mini concert for parents to attend at the end of the school day at 4pm in the Drama Studio.

Good luck to all pupils performing in these events!

Articles and pictures to follow in the next issue of the Porthcawl Post.



Concert in The Brangwyn Hall, Swansea



BBC National Orchestra of Wales Concerts

The orchestra are always outstanding, and it was a pleasure to take our musicians to experience their fantastic playing!

This term, we have been extremely lucky to have secured tickets to attend some of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales' best concerts. It is a great way to see a professional orchestra performing at the best concert halls in Swansea and Cardiff, and especially important for GCSE and A Level pupils to hear orchestral instruments live!

On Friday 11th March a group of pupils from Years 7-13 attended a concert in The Brangwyn Hall, Swansea to hear a series of pieces from the Baroque era. This was particularly important for our GCSE and AS students as it links directly with one of the areas of study from the AS course. However, it was a pleasure to take some of our younger musicians along with us to enjoy the sounds of early instruments like the harpsichord!

Again, the Music Department took a trip to St. David's Hall, Cardiff on Friday 15th April to a concert filled with the music of American composers, featuring a very famous piece called Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin. The Year 13 A2 Music students were particularly looking forward to this, as again it links directly with one of the pieces that they study within the course (Ravel's Piano Concerto in G) but all pupils expressed how much they enjoyed seeing the professional pianist William Wolfram perform the impressive piano part! Another highlight for pupils was the orchestra performing a collection of their favourite tunes from West Side Story (Bernstein's Symphonic Dances) as many of our pupils had performed in the show over half term at the Grand Pavilion!

The orchestra are always outstanding, and it was a pleasure to take our musicians to experience their fantastic playing!

Tickets are free and so the only cost for the trip is to cover the bus! See Mrs Giles for details on future concerts and put your names down ASAP to avoid disappointment.

The Music Department

Drama

Year 11 GCSE Set Text Practical Exams



On the 19th April the Year 11 GCSE Drama students completed their final practical performance exams. This performance represents 20% of the final GCSE grade and so the pressure was high. The pupils certainly rose to the occasion and everyone did their best on the day!



A load of Stuff and 'Nunsense'!

Reflections Theatre Company presents... 'Nunsense' A musical that you'll feel blessed you watched!

The sisters of Hoboken are putting on a fundraiser! Thanks to Sister Delia serving up 'bowls of botulism' we have to 'Clean out the freezer' but we need an audience's help. With numbers including 'Turn up the spotlight', 'Growing up Catholic' and 'So you want to be a nun' this musical extravaganza is not to be missed!

The show will be performed in the Jubilee Theatre on the 6th- 8th of July. Tickets are £3 and will be available to buy from the Dance Studio at break and lunch times.

Follow us for more updates at @PCS_DramaDept and @PCS_PA

Success Stories

James Evans-Jones



During February half term Bridgend Youth Theatre presented West Side Story in the Grand Pavilion. James Evans-Jones (Year 11) was cast as Tony, the romantic lead in the tragic tale of gang fighting in 1950's America.



"I had the pleasure to be cast as Tony which was a massive challenge, but an amazing experience."

James is definitely one to look out for in the future!

Lauren's NYT Adventure



Back in February, on a blustery, tempestuous day – in my greatest attempt to avoid pathetic fallacy - I attended a National Youth Theatre of Great Britain audition in the Wales Millennium Centre. I

was one of over 5,000 young people, aged 14-22, across the UK who auditioned for a place on one of their prestigious Summer residential courses.

Although, prepped with my contemporary and Shakespearean monologue, I had no idea as to what the day would bring. Improvisational, text and ensemble work were all to come for a jam-packed day! The audition itself was an encouraging, educational experience that I would encourage everyone to do. Therefore, I cannot contain my excitement for the residential course I will be attending this Summer! I am currently hoping to organise a fundraising cabaret evening in the Jubilee Theatre soon – so stay tuned!

Lauren Ellis-Stretch
Year 12



BTEC Performing Arts

'Steel Magnolias'

Review



Clairee (played by Stephanie Harper), the wise and witty lady from Chinquapin, brings warmth to the scenes.

Shelby and M'Lynn are mother and daughter and throughout the play we discover that Shelby is severely diabetic and risks her life if she becomes pregnant. This emotional tear jerker was not without its laughs and we really enjoyed this naturalistic challenge. We would like to thank the audiences for their continuous support; we cannot wait for the musical. Stay tuned!

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On the 13th & 14th April 2016 Reflections Theatre Company performed their version of 'Steel Magnolias'. We performed our piece in the Jubilee Theatre where many people attended to watch our production.

The play was based on the original film starring Dolly Parton, Sally Fields and Julia Roberts. The story follows six individuals through their daily visits to Truvy's Beauty Parlour, in a small parish in 1980s Louisiana. M'Lynn (played by Lauren Ellis-Stretch) and Shelby (played by Sarah Williams) depart for Truvy's salon to get their hair done for the wedding - where they meet the newcomer Annelle (played by Kayleigh Hodgson).

With gossip and a strong connection between the six ladies, Ouiser (played by Keeley Fry) enters dramatically as she's been isolated from her group of friends and always likes to be the one who has the most authority.

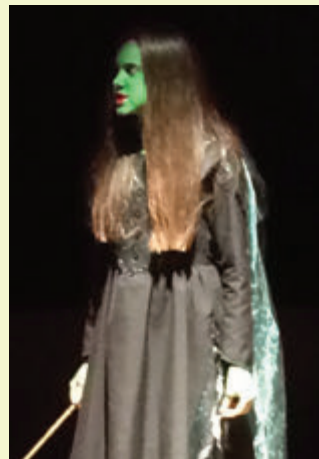
The story is about a group of women gossiping and having fun, sometimes at other people's expense.



YEAR 8 DRAMA CLUB UPDATE SPRING 2016



Year 8 have been focusing on performing 'The Wizard of Oz' in Drama Club this year. Year 10 GCSE Drama students have spent endless lunchtimes directing the piece. These students included Megan Morris, George Neeson, Bethan Jenkins and Sam Stables. On May 5th they performed the piece to a number of family members in the Drama Studio. Overall, people thoroughly enjoyed our school's interpretation of



the classic story. They specifically were impressed with the costumes, props and technical factors of the performance. However, they were also impressed by the maturity shown by the students. People enjoyed the professionalism of the production and could clearly see how much time and effort was put towards the general outcome.

Megan Morris Year 10



Year 9 Drama Club Update

In our Drama Club this year, we have been working on a production called 'Haircream', which is a version of 'Hairspray' written by one of our members, Carys Rosser-Stanford. We spent about four months working on this and performed it on May 23rd in the Drama Studio - complete with singing and dancing! All the members have very positive attitudes towards everything we have done, which makes the whole experience enjoyable for everyone, and not only that but they have put in a lot of work to produce a wonderful musical.

I would encourage you to take part in the Young Playwrights' Festival which is the Drama Department's next KS3 project as you get to meet some brilliant people, and it really does help you in other areas - not just drama!

Max Williams
Year 9 (Director)

"Drama Club helps you make new friends that will last a lifetime" **Elys Davies**

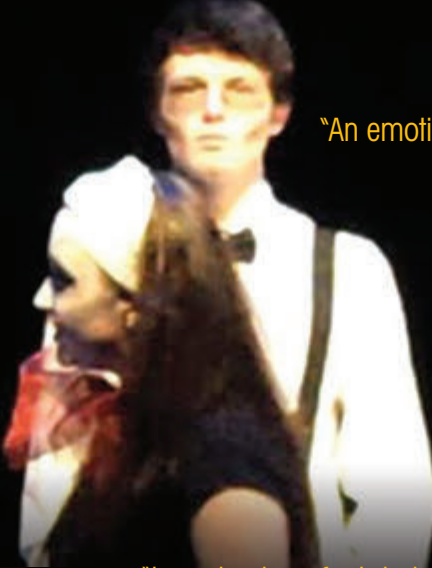
"Drama Club has really helped me with my confidence" **India Glatworthy**

"I thoroughly enjoy Drama Club because our performances are joyful to participate in and watch!" **Carys Rosser-Stanford**



"Excellent!" **Molly Brace** (Year 12)

"An emotional rollercoaster!" **Todd Murray** (Year 13)



"I sprained my foot during my performance but had to keep on going!"

Siobhan Cartwright
(Year 12)

"Very impressed, an amazing performance."

Giovanni Ciroto



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. It was a very demanding project but everyone did their best and the body of work produced was excellent.

Second Chance?

Year 13 Drama Pracs



The Year 13 Drama Class performed their polished devised and set text pieces to a live audience and an examiner on the 22nd March, 2016. All based around the central theme of "Second Chance?", the students' devised work considered a broad range of subjects and their performances showcased extracts from many different playwrights.

Here's what the students thought:

"A wonderfully exhilarating experience" **Rhys Owen**

"Testing and exhausting" **Josh Manley**

"Our piece was the culmination of years of hard work!" **Gethin Phillips**

Intermediate Maths Challenge Report

In March, 37 pupils entered the Intermediate Maths Challenge run by the UK Mathematics Trust at Leeds University. Once again a challenging set of questions were attempted by our Year 10 and Year 9 students and all did well.

Over 200,000 pupils across the UK sat the challenge from Years 9 through to Year 11.

A big well done to all entrants and if you were not successful this time then have another go next year! The following pupils achieved a certificate:

YEAR 10

A big well done to: **Grace Meredith** who gets Best in Year, Best in School and a Silver Certificate.

BRONZE CERTIFICATES TO:

Jenny Passingham, Anna Biju, Hannah Ashton, Conor Farrell-John and Sarah Davidson.

YEAR 9

On their first Intermediate Challenge - Well Done!

SILVER CERTIFICATES TO:

Matthew Pugh and **Max Williams** who scored the same to get Best in Year, but also came joint top with the best pupil in Year 10 and also achieved Best in Year.

Other pupils who get Silver Certificates are: Ewan Coles, Sarah Wynne, Erin Richards.

BRONZE CERTIFICATES TO:

Jenny Tanner, Kyran Hayes, Lik To Chung and Rosie Owen.

The UK Mathematics Trust is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in Mathematics. It organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities across the UK for secondary school pupils. The web site is a useful resource to anyone interested in extending their mathematical knowledge and further information can be found at www.ukmt.org.uk.

Maths Club

We meet every Monday lunchtime to take part in lots of puzzles and Maths challenges. It is lots of fun challenging our friends and improving our Maths at the same time! We entered teams into the Mathsombe 2016 competition which included difficult logic puzzles and brain teasers. Playing chess against our friends was great fun, and became more competitive each week! The best game we played was the 24 game, which also really helped improve our problem solving skills throughout the year, and I now feel much more confident about Maths!

Jonathan Jones
Year 9



World Book Day sparks a love of reading

Pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 got together on World Book Day to celebrate their love of reading.

Students from 10LK visited assemblies to spread the word that reading makes the brain stronger and that children who read do better in school and later in life.

The English Department hosted the celebrations. Pupils created posters, took part in a top book poll to find the school's favourite read and a Book Swap where they shared their favourite books. A short story competition was launched to find the school's most talented writers. Year 9 pupils enjoyed a Crime Writers' masterclass with Ms Raine.

Every pupil in the school also got to enjoy a story too – with teachers reading everyone the chilling Roald Dahl tale, *A Lamb to the Slaughter*. Pupils listened to the first part of the story in their first lesson, with the rest of the story told in gripping sections at the start of lessons 2, 3, 4 and 5.

"The importance of reading to a child's education can't be over-estimated," says English teacher Mrs Kembery. *"Research shows that children who read for pleasure are better communicators because they have a larger vocabulary and can understand more and express themselves more*

clearly, both verbally and in writing. They have better imaginations, which means they are more creative. They also have greater knowledge and can concentrate better. We encourage all our children to develop a love of reading so that they can reap the benefits."

Porthcawl Comprehensive School's Top 5 Favourite Books

Twilight by Stephanie Meyer

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

The Fault in our Stars by John Green

Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman

Reading Facts

- Did you know that children aged between 10 – 16 who read for pleasure do better in school?
- Did you know that a person with poor literacy is more likely to live in a non-working household?
- Did you know that establishing a reading culture at home and school will help create a passion for books?

'Countdown to GCSE' Event

Twenty Year 11 pupils attended a 'Countdown to GCSE' English and Maths event at Cardiff City Stadium in April. Mr Thomas (Maths) and Mrs Victor (English) accompanied the pupils on what proved to be great day of revision strategies and exam focus. Let's hope all the hard work pays off!

Good luck!



Visit from **Robert Minhinnick**

Year 12 pupils have been studying local writer Robert Minhinnick's collection of essays, 'Watching the Fire Eater', for their AS exam this year. They were lucky enough to benefit from a visit from Robert in February, where he answered some very difficult questions from our brightest sixth formers. They were able to discover his motives for writing and hear about any influences on his work. It was fascinating to discover how his views have changed in the last twenty years, since writing this text. As ever, our pupils were polite and enthusiastic and will now be able to write confidently about these essays in their exam.

English Department

Check out AS!



Every Friday afternoon, a group of KS3 pupils gather to work in AS with our specialist ASD teacher, Mrs Jayne Cain. We call this our "ASD Club". The first of hopefully many inter-school chess competitions took place on 18th April this year. Archbishop McGrath brought along their ASD team of 8

students. They arrived at lunchtime and were treated to a lovely lunch, (thank you Mr Slade and Darren!), and a chat session before the serious games began.... Sweat, blood and tears later, after both schools demonstrated great skill and focus, Porthcawl came out the victors. Fun was had and friendships were formed with Archbishop McGrath already extending an invitation for next year. They sent us lots of thank you letters suggesting the event was a great success and we totally agree.

Open to Everyone...

Due to the success of the ASD Chess Competition and repeated requests to open up the chess tournament to everyone, it was decided to hold a whole school chess tournament on the week commencing 25th April. The AS Dept hosted the event and it took place over the lunch hour periods throughout the week, culminating in a heated final on the Friday. Twenty students registered and tried their hand at the competition. We were joined by students who had little experience of chess, some who played the odd game, and some who were very experienced. It was truly awesome how the students beamed with enthusiasm and sportsmanship, telling us how they enjoyed the competition so much. Lik To Chung won the competition and proved to be a very worthy winner. Needless to say there were plenty of competitors nipping at his heels. Roll on next year...

Mrs S Blackburn AS Department

Thank you from all at Archbishop McGrath!



On behalf of the Archbishop McGrath a massive thank you to your staff and pupils who made us so welcome in your school for the chess tournament. Our pupils enjoyed the day.

We were made to feel so welcome from being greeted in reception, eating delicious treats and receiving the specially made trophy. We hope this will become an ongoing competition! Please pass on our thanks.

Beth Williams LSA

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Talent Spotting at Halo Life Centre

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A number of pupils were recently given the opportunity to participate in a Talent Identification Day, held in Bridgend Halo Life Centre on 20th April 2016. It was organised by Gareth Walters of Disability Sports Wales. The event enabled pupils to experience a variety of sports including Judo, Tennis, Badminton and Javelin. It also provided organisers with the opportunity to identify future athletes who could potentially participate in the 2020 Olympics. All of our pupils were treated to a Javelin coaching session from a Paralympic athlete, Nathan Stephens, from Kenfig Hill.

There was much excitement and trepidation as to what the day would entail and how much physical contact and violence would be involved, especially when Judo was mentioned. We were first up! The coach, who had been teaching for over 48 years, quickly reassured us that Judo was all about control, discipline, falling safely and outwitting your opponent.

Jai Assiratti had us all in stitches and broke the ice with his take on how he was feeling in the lead up to trying out Judo. In a loud gregarious tone he declared,

"Okay, I am ready to be flipped like a pancake on pancake day!"

Fun was had and coaches identified talent in our students so watch this space! Or better still; watch the Paralympics in 2020 as you never know who you might spot...

Visit to Auschwitz

There is no preparation for something like Auschwitz, the sheer immense grief in the middle of your chest.

Three Year 12 girls and I went to a seminar before our trip where we listened to Eva Clarke, born in a concentration camp, and her incredible story. Our councillors tried to give us some measure of the size and the intensity of what we'd be seeing but nothing came close.

Auschwitz, split into two camps, is near the little town of Oświęcim, where we stopped off to visit the old Jewish cemetery. The reality of the horrors began to dawn on us at the sight of the broken graves, weathered and beaten, and the wild overgrown brambles. The most frightening thing was we were told that the gates had to be locked each night as people scrawled swastikas on the graves.

In Auschwitz I, the political camp, it was about what you saw, almost perfectly preserved and horrifying as the restaurants and cinemas of Oświęcim rose up around it.

In Auschwitz II Birkenau, where the Jewish and Roma Sinti were kept in deplorable conditions and murdered in massive amounts, it was about what you didn't see. Miles and miles of empty space, crumbling chimneys the only remnants of a legacy of death. The remains of a huge crematoria smouldered and a haunting museum of photographs and possessions of those exterminated

hulked underneath an icy Polish sky. We walked in a daze as our tour guide threw statistic after horrifying statistic at us. How could this have happened? How could babies and mothers been slaughtered for following a religion?

As the night darkened and the temperature froze we stood shivering. In the dark Birkenau was huge, indomitable, the only colour the black of the sky and the yellow glow of the candles we lit on the memorial.

A rabbi sang a Hebrew prayer of mourning as we stared at the expanse of death. It was lonely, his voice carried, a broken echo in the wind. We walked back along the winding train tracks where people were separated like cattle, right to live, left to die. In the darkness you could feel it, feel the people and the shouts and the fear, the coldness and the dark and the brutality of humans.

Even when we flew home, exhausted, as I lay down to sleep I could not sleep, pictures of what we had seen plagued my mind.

For a few days, normal conversation seemed futile, weak. All I wanted to talk about was what I had seen yet how

do you find the words for the sheer monstrosity? But I see now words are the way forward, words are what we need to spread warning of the consequences of ignorance and hatred.

Auschwitz was the bleakest point of humanity, the culmination of scapegoating and racism and fear of the different. Visiting there was like giving up hope for humanity yet simultaneously it was rekindling that said hope.

Seeing that horror, learning the lessons made us all the more determined to spread the love and acceptance the world needs, to stop hate and educate on the result of blind racism. Auschwitz cannot be repeated, the Holocaust cannot be repeated, and it is our duty to stop that from happening.

Caitlin Whiteley Year 12



New York Trip



New York and Florida 2016. Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Mackey and the other teachers for organising such an amazing trip with memories I am sure will last for the rest of my life, even though there were some ups and downs!

It all started on February 13th at 3am as we had to be on the bus by 4am. Some of us didn't get up as early as others but everyone made it in the end! We were off! The trip to New York didn't seem that long and before we knew it we were up the Empire State Building wondering if we had packed enough warm clothes to last us the entire

journey. It was freezing, -18 °C. We were very busy in New York and saw loads of things, from the Statue of Liberty to The Lion King in Broadway; we even ate in The Hard Rock Café on Valentine's Day.

But as I said we did have our ups and downs, including a fire alarm going off at around 11pm causing everyone to run outside bare foot in the freezing temperatures and the water pipes running brown. We also had a full day delay on our way to Florida and had to go to 4 airports to get there; but it was worth it! Even though we missed a day we still managed to have a full day



shopping and a full day in Universal Studios and Harry Potter World, and some of us even wore shorts! Even though I was sad to leave I will never forget this trip. My friends and I still laugh today about some of the stories and we would 100% do it all over again!

Megan Williams
Year 10



Year 12 Trip to Oxford University



On Friday 15th April, twenty five students were lucky enough to visit Trinity College and Brasenose College at Oxford University along with Mrs Williams and Ms Crook. The day began with an early start, with all of us having to meet at 7:30am (!!!) for our two and a half hour journey. But, it would prove to be worth it when we arrived at Oxford. The town centre was, in one word, beautiful. The architecture was a mixture of old limestone buildings dotted with familiar high street stores.

Our first stop was Trinity College, where we met up with India Rees, an ex-student of Porthcawl Comprehensive, who is now in her third year studying medicine. The college grounds were gorgeous, surrounded with lush green lawns and pebbled paths. Hardly any of the colleges allow students onto the lawns, but Trinity is one of the

exceptions, which is especially great in the summer months, where the huge deckchairs and tables come in handy.

Our host for the day was the lovely Ellie Rendle, who held several talks, including an interesting Q&A with current students which gave all of us a really good insight into what it would be like to study and live at Oxford. Then, we had a tour of a few of the historic buildings in the college before being led into the dining rooms. The food was amazing and, surprisingly, very affordable for students. We then had an extremely interesting session with Ellie about personal statements in which we were given a set of personal statements from successful candidates. And what we discovered? They weren't perfect. What really counts is evidence of wider-reading and passion for the subject that you want to

study. After that, it was time to leave Trinity and head over, (in the drizzling rain, of course -the Welsh weather followed us everywhere), to Brasenose College for a quick tour. Brasenose was quite different to Trinity. Being a bigger college, most people felt that the bigger facilities and increased number of students suited them better.

Overall, the day was wonderful and gave everyone a really good idea of what it would be like to study at Oxford. It's not easy to get there, but it's possible. Look at India. If you want it and work hard enough, one day there might be a chance another group of Year 12s will be visiting you at your college!

Katie Williams
Year 12



On 15th March 2016 we held our annual 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.

PRESENTATION OF *Awards* for School Year 2014/15



CERTIFICATES

CURRENT

Year 7 Honour

7SB	Osian Phinnemore, Emily Cox, Alex Williams
7IE	James Clear
7KE	Lewys Audsley
7JW	Megan Frolely
7HD	Lauren Colley
7MS	Shauna Gamble
7LM	Tia Magan

LAST YEARS

Year 7

Excellence

Progress

Honours

7AE	Meg McCloy	Louie Davies	Euan Sparrow
7MC	Ocean Poultney Maddy	Rhys Powell	Rohan Johns
7OS	Jonathan Munro	Chloe Woodbridge	Madeline Wintle
7PR	Isabel Parselle	Emily Scott	Nia Clatworthy
7HT	Leonora Breheny	Amber Williams	Isaak Cronje
7RC	Louisa Smith	Lily Corbett	Ioan Clift
7TH	Chloe Wyatt	Rhys Morgan	Rachel Appleton

LAST YEARS

Year 8	Excellence	Progress	Honours
8AS	Jonathan Jones	Jessica Jones	Ioan Evans/Iwan Hill
8JS	Ewan Aitchison-Hough/ Hollie Tibbs	Max Shears/ Maicie Williams	Zack Wilson/ Lauren Hancock
8AF	Holly Clatworthy	Megan Pritlove	Emily Ezard
8FS	Anna Henderson	Pascal Martinez Perez	James Moon/Penny Sinclair
8LE	Jamie Harrowing	Morgan Hewer	Caitlin Rees
8EH	Elodie Guillem	Grace Ward-Smith/ Carys Morgan	Josh Lewis
8GM	Sunil Vummuti	Jazmine Lewis	Naomi Keirl
8LS	Madi Jones	Paige Sheen	Sam Stradling
8CW	Patrick O'Neill	India Clatworthy	Lucy Evans/Sam Hopkins

LAST YEARS

Year 9	Excellence	Progress	Honours
9SR	Patrick Coleman	Jai Assiratti	Rebecca Sutton
9SW	Bethan Jenkins	Leon Davies	Levi Snell
9HD	Caitlin Traylor	Abigail Smith	Sarah Davidson
9KV	Daisy Brown	Danielle Sleep	Phoebe Roach/Melissa Payne
9ST	Beth Burke	Sophie Corbett	Rhys Leary
9KE	Elen McCloy	Molly Ashton	Nia Eales
9JE	Emily Jones	Lucy Dennis	Emily Hooper
9HR	Maya Squires	Holly Jenkins	Bethan Golding

AWARDS

Year 10	Academic	Thara Hopkin / Emily Stradling
	Effort	Callum Dunworth
Year 11	Academic	Hee-Chan Kang
	Effort	Christopher McKernan
Year 12	Academic	Felicity Williamson-Sarll
	Effort	Anoushka Pill-Williams
Year 13	Academic	Jack Way
	Effort	Jamie-Lee Clarke

Sports Awards

GCSE PE	Boy: Matthew Edwards	Girl: Lucy Edwards
Key Stage 3	Boy: William Murphy	Girl: Rebecca Sutton

Drama Awards

Junior Drama Student of the Year	Megan Morris
Senior Drama Student of the Year	Samuel Pryce
Drama Performance of the Year	Tabitha Carrington
Porthcawl Little Theatre Award	Samuel Spriggs

Miscellaneous Awards

Howard Cave Memorial - Trophy for Art	Alexander Lloyd
Christmas Swim Award - Technology	Kathryn Slennett
Stuart Gass Memorial Award - Maths	Jack Way / Jack Bridger
Science Student of the Year	Lauren Best
Geraint Watkins Memorial Trophy - Junior Musician	Naomi Keirl
Gwen Hughes Memorial Cup - Lower School Wind Player	Jamie Harrowing
Senior Musician of the Year	Rhys Owen
Eisteddfod - Chair	Rhiannon Griffiths/ Eve Lugg
Lions Leo of the Year Award	Finley Hemsley
Town Twinning Award	Seren Walters

100% Attendance Award (Year 10 & 11)

Maksym Randall, Layla Miller and Patrick Mathew

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Connor Abbott, Shermey Bajju, Thea Cooks, Tabitha Ellams, Maiya Evans, Grace Flower, Megan Jones, Rachel Jones, Joshua Manley, Sophia Matthews, Francesca Mounce, Rhys Owen, Lauren Owen, Lauren Owens, Megan Parrott, Gethin Phillips, Sophie Protheroe, Sophie Rees, Rhys Roberts, Jessica Sadd, Lydia Shallish, Hannah Spencer, Ewan Squires, Jenny Thomas, Benjamin Thomas, Gemma Williams, Felicity Williamson-Sarll, Ffion Wilkins and Jenna Abuleil.

Presentation to Head Team 2015-16

Jack Beale, Grace Flower, Ewan Squires, Rhys Owen, Sophie Rees, Hannah Murphy, Joseph Conniff-Jenkins, Adam Jenkins, Ben Cannon, Connor Abbott, Rebecca Green, Megan Goldberger, Rhiannon Griffiths and Linzi Watson.



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CHARITY

Elisha: Haircut for Charity

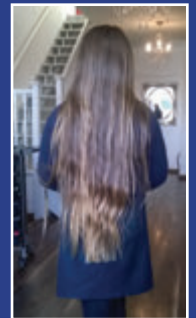
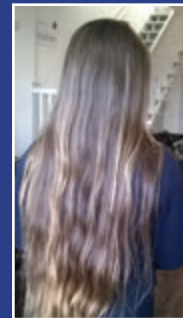


Eggs for Romania

Our magnificent Head Team once again rose to the challenge when they were asked to organise the Easter Eggs appeal for children in Romania. Just like the sweet parcels before Christmas, they encouraged pupils and collected 330 eggs and £200 in cash. The money was then transformed into another 746 eggs, bringing us to a total of 1,076! These were then taken to Gilgal Baptist Church, Porthcawl where the local campaign is based. Here they collected an incredible 3310 eggs! The eggs were then taken to Cardiff to the Support for Romania Team. They then drove lorries containing 18,000 eggs across Europe to street children in Romania.

What a cracking result Porthcawl Comp! Well done! A huge thank you to the Head Team, pupils and staff for their hard work and generosity.

Mrs R Evans



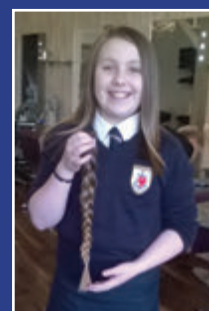
My name is Elisha, I am 11 years old, and I have never cut my hair! Since I was a baby, I have only ever had it trimmed an absolutely tiny amount until a couple of weeks ago when I decided to have my hair cut for a Cancer Charity.

I had my hair cut at the Nu.U Salon on John Street. A lovely lady called Becky and I researched what we had to do. It turned out that it had to be 10 inches or over in length, and it had to be in a plait. Then a very nice man called Matthew washed, dried and cut my hair and we ended up cutting over 12 inches off! Everybody in the Nu.U Salon was very nice and welcoming – especially as it was my first time there!

I am sending my hair off to the Prince's Trust Charity for little girls who don't have any hair.

I prefer my hair this length, and I am very glad that the hair I cut off is going to a good cause, and not just being swept into a bin!

Elisha Martin
7LM



Fairtrade Event Raises £200



Due to popular demand, on Wednesday 13th April another Fairtrade event was held in A Block Library. On sale was a diverse range of goods: bags, scarves, jewellery and quirky gifts as well as the usual fare of fairly traded and

responsibly-sourced chocolate and other confectionery. Pupils from Years 7 to 9 pitched in, helping out in what was a very busy hour. Lots of advice was also given out about Fairtrade and the aims behind the charity, Sustainable Wales.

Given its success and that nearly £200 was raised in such a short space of time, this will definitely be an event to be repeated. Thank you to all pupils and staff who supported the event and especially to Mrs Barron and Mrs Dee, who were nothing short of brilliant!

Mrs A Felton
English Department

Ecuador Update



Last year the Geography Department was hoping to take 19 students on an expedition to the rainforest of Ecuador. Due to unforeseen circumstances we were very disappointed to pull out of this expedition. The students involved however did manage to raise a substantial sum of money through various fundraising initiatives such as pamper evenings, quizzes and bag packing in Sainsbury's.

The group decided that this money would be donated to a charity which was linked to their expedition. They chose to donate the money to the Sani Lodge, a community based enterprise found in the Amazon Rainforest. Here the local community works

together in a manner to promote sustainable tourism and uses of the rainforest which embrace the cultural traditions they have followed for centuries. Through this donation funds will reach the community directly to support their projects, the children's school or the artisan woman. Thank you to all involved.

Mrs J Coleman & Mrs A Mackey

Swimathon



On Sunday 20th March, two staff teams (Porthcawl Pirates and Porthcawl Sharks) entered the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Swimathon 2016 event.

Swimathon is a nationwide swimming challenge that has been encouraging swimmers the length and breadth of the UK to swim a distance challenge since its very first event in 1986. In those 30 years, more than half a million swimmers have taken part in Swimathon at their local pools and raised more than £40 million for charitable causes.

"Swimathon provides motivation and a personal challenge to swimmers nationwide. It also offers a goal to train for, a target to achieve and a great cause to support." Duncan Goodhew MBE, Olympic gold medalist, London 2012 Ambassador and Swimathon President.

Essential to its success has also been the involvement with many of the UK's major charities, including Macmillan Cancer Support, NSPCC, Marie Curie, The British Heart Foundation, the Prince's Trust and Sport Relief, who have taken part in Swimathon and helped fundraise over £40 million over the years.

As the world's biggest fundraising swim, Swimathon offers a challenge for all abilities and every ambition. We decided to challenge ourselves and take part in the team 5km event. We travelled to Swansea Olympic Pool which presented another challenge as the pool length is 50m long!

The staff team for PCS Sharks were Mr Pucella, Mr & Mrs Sloggett, Mrs Hammerton and Mrs Rosser. The staff team for PCS Pirates were Mr Blanche, Miss Owens, Mrs Morgan and Mr Edwards

Our times for the event are shown below:-

PCS Sharks
Swimathon at Wales National Pool Swansea
02:13:30

PCS Pirates
Swimathon at Wales National Pool Swansea
01:45:00 Well done to everyone who took part!

"Rainbow Chicks" for Cancer Charities



any colours, any decoration - from hats to mohicans, Sports club colours to wedding favours or birthday party "Goody Bags" were all for us. We'll do them!!!

The "Chicks" have proved to be very popular and thankfully sales have grown year on year. Sales have now reached around £10,000 a year for the last 3 years and we have raised over £60,000 since 2009.

This money helps support Cancer victims, their families and the research into Cancer prevention and, hopefully, finding cures. We share the money raised between Velindre Cancer Centre, Macmillan Cancer Support and Tenovus Cancer Care to support their work.

A big thank you to everyone at Porthcawl Comprehensive who buys one of our "Rainbow Chicks" and for the donation from the Year 9 cake sales. Just know that every penny you raised and donated will be put to good use by the local Cancer charities. Your help and support is hugely appreciated. The total we raised this year, with your help, is £11,253.74 - A Brilliant Result!!

Mrs M Luff

Who would have thought that when I left Porthcawl Comprehensive School after 30 years teaching "Food Technology" that I would spend the next eight years preparing, garnishing, stuffing and bagging thousands of chicks ready for sale ... and it's been a total joy!!

"Rainbow Chicks" are a group of friends and family who fundraise for local Cancer charities. For many years we raised money for Macmillan Cancer Support, knitting plain yellow chicks, each year raising a few hundred pounds.

Then we decided to become part of the Velindre Cancer Centre, "Chick Knit Appeal" and in 2009 decided to "liven up" the campaign by introducing bright colours and the "Rainbow Chicks" were born. We decided that



English Transition: Porthcawl Primary

Pupils in Years 5 and 6, who have been having fortnightly English lessons as part of Transition took part in a competition organised by Mrs Felton. Having studied Star Wars as their theme for the first part of the school year they were asked to design and write about a droid they would like to appear in the next Star Wars film. The overall winner was Jasmin Roberts with her J9 droid; runners up were Zane Lee with his Spider Droid and Elis Jones with his Preda-droid. Congratulations to them, and to all who entered, for their hard work.

Mrs Felton
English Department

Newton Primary News



Year 6 started the Summer Term with a swing, a jazz musician visited the school as part of Porthcawl's Jazz Week. The visit began with a presentation on the history of jazz music and ended with a 'sing and dance' session. They also enjoyed a visit to Crucial Crew where they took part in a variety of activities lead by Resolve It, Childline, The Dogs Trust, RNLI and the Food Standards Agency.

The topic for the Summer Term was Champions. With the support of the Ospreys, the children have been learning about the importance of healthy eating and exercise. A trip to the Liberty Stadium allowed them to develop a range of literacy skills. In the press room the children acted as journalists, interviewing their favourite player in the team before moving onto the field to practise their rugby skills, in particular their kicking skills. Back to the dressing room saw them role play a team talk from the coach. When back in school, Year 6 created a comic to explain a rugby skill to a young child, such as how to kick like Dan Biggar or tackle like Dan Lydiate.

The final task of the Champions topic was to work in groups to create a new range of sports and games to include in the next Olympics. Their ideas had to

be presented to the Great Council of Athens who chose which sports should become part of this fantastic sporting event. Newton Olympics will be held at the end of term with member countries consisting of children from Years 3 and 4.

Congratulations to our cricket team who came runners-up in the Kwik Cricket tournament held at Newbridge Fields.

Year 6 are also looking forward to their trip to Atlantic College, where their days will be filled with outside activities such as climbing walls and a pamper pole, that is if you call climbing a 25 foot pole a pampering event!

Miss Kenwood



Nottage Primary News



Matt Neeson as Mowgli

The children have begun the final term of the academic year, which always proves to be a very busy time for all.

Year 5 went on their annual residential PGL trip to Tregoyd House in the Brecon Beacons. The children savoured three exciting days of adventure and returned with stories to dine on for the rest of their lives. The staff returned home bleary eyed and exhausted!

Once again, Year 6 are looking forward to their annual week in Belgium which takes place in June. The trip includes excursions to the WW1 Cemeteries, the Menin Gate, Bellewaerde Park and a chocolate factory shop. Yum!

The PTA continues to fund a host of projects and improvements in school including a new outdoor learning resource for the Reception Unit. They also ran discos before the Easter break which were a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Our annual, sponsored 'Promenade Run' took place on Friday 10th June at 1.30 pm. This year we supported the 'Karavan 4 the Kidz' which was initiated by a handful of local residents. The project is managed by LATCH and based in Parkdean's Trecco Bay.

Libby Roach's superb entry entitled 'Our World is Beautiful' was the overall winner of the Porthcawl cluster schools writing competition which was run by the Rotary Club. Councillor Stubbs presented Libby with her certificate and also prize money of £25. Well done Libby!

Congratulations to Matt Neeson who played Mowgli in the recent production of the Jungle Book at the Pavilion. Matt also had a distinction in his Grade 1 Piano exam. Brother Ed was also successful in his Grade 3 guitar exam. Well done boys!

Headteacher Appointment

After a rigorous two day interview process, Mrs Adele Thomas was appointed the new Headteacher of Nottage Primary School. Mrs Thomas, who is currently Head of Nantfyllon Primary will take up post at the start of the Autumn Term.



Porthcawl Primary News

PORTHCAWL POWER!

Young race acers from Porthcawl Primary School have driven their way to success in a national Formula 1 based challenge.

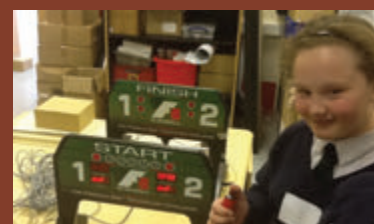
After designing their own model car, a team of Porthcawl whizz-kids beat off competition from 24 other schools to top the South Wales podium in this year's 'Formula 1 in Schools – Jaguar Primary School Challenge'.

The 'Porthcawl Power' team of six pupils were praised for their design work which helped to create the competition's fastest car by some margin. The car, made from balsa wood, was designed using computer aided design software operated by the pupils.

When it was propelled using an air canister at the South Wales schools' competition in Swansea, the super-lightweight car zoomed along a 30 metre track in less than a second, clocking up a speed of up to 85mph!

The budding engineers will now hope to take pole position in the UK final which will be held in Coventry in June.

Congratulating the school, Councillor Huw David, Bridgend County Borough Council's Deputy Leader, said: "With the Ford Engine Plant playing such a key role in the local economy, and Aston Martin's



investment in a new super-car plant just up the road in St Athan, it is clear that there has never been a better time for local children to take an interest in the science, technology, engineering and maths skills that are so critical in the automotive industry.

"The Porthcawl Primary pupils have shown a real aptitude for engineering and I'd like to wish them the best of luck for the next stage of this competition when they represent Wales in the national final."

Pupils of the school were delighted to have been mentioned in the House of Commons when local MP Mrs Madeleine Moon (Bridgend Lab) said in a recent debate "Porthcawl Primary School has a team called the Porthcawl Power Formula 1 team, made up of five girls and one boy who have designed and constructed a Formula 1 racing car using their skills in STEM subjects. They got second place in South Wales and are going forward to the UK-wide competition in Coventry. Does not such creative work make possible the creation of the scientists, mathematicians and technicians of the future that this country so desperately needs?"



West Park Primary News



Our topic work has taken us outside this term. We have visited Rest Bay to complete a litter pick using tally charts to record our findings

This half term, we have been busy focusing on our writing skills. We started with writing some great letters of complaint. We looked at good examples of letters and developed our own Steps to Success.

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 poems about Wales and entered them into the Porthcawl Rotary Young Writers' Competition, the Valleys Supply Competition as well as our own St David's Day Eisteddfod. Congratulations to all of Year 6 for their fantastic entries.

Our topic work has taken us outside this term. We have visited Rest Bay to complete a litter pick using

tally charts to record our findings. We have also used this information to understand how litter decomposes over time.

PC Carpenter has visited us this term and discussed topics such as drugs, alcohol and mobile phones. His lessons are so well planned and provide us with information that we can use in the real world. Thank you PC Carpenter!

Father Craig has been working with us too, creating a Christian Day where we learnt about the Easter story and traditions. We visited St David's church, discussed our thoughts and feelings about the Easter story and planted seeds and bulbs around the school.

We are all now looking forward to our final half term in Year 6 and all the celebrations it will bring.

We have taken an active part in organising our school trip to London to visit the Kidzania experience as well as the school prom towards the end of the term.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Porthcawl Comprehensive School for all their help and support with Year 6 this year. Their transition lessons have been very exciting and informative. They have ensured the transition to the comprehensive has been smooth and all the pupils are enthusiastic to be a part of your school.

Mr Tunnadine, Mrs Williams and the Year 6 Pupils



Premiership Experience



West Bromwich Albion 0 v



West Ham United 3

Following a last minute change to the departure time, we met at 7.15am on Saturday 30th April and left at 7.30am. Fortunately, we were very lucky with traffic and arrived early.

We started our day by visiting the club shop and picking up a few bargains. We then met our coaching staff who took us on a tour of the West Brom stadium where we learnt quite a few interesting facts. What is unique about the stadium is that although it's not the largest stadium in the premier league, when you walk to the top level you are actually standing at the highest point above sea level compared to any other premier ship club. We also discovered where their nickname of the Baggies originated...

When the club was formed in 1878 it was known the The Albion. In its first 22 years the teams was based at five different grounds around West Bromwich before settling at The Hawthorns in 1900. The new ground bought with it the team nickname The Throstles, the Black Country word for Thrush, commonly seen in the hawthorn bushes from which the area took its name. Part of the tree trunk from where the birds sat during the building of the stadium is now in the players' dressing room. On match days each player kicks the trunk for good luck. They are very superstitious at the club. There is no number 13 executive box at the club and no player wears a number 13 shirt.

In its early days, The Hawthorns had only two entrances, one behind each goal. On match days the gatekeepers would gather up the takings at each end and be escorted by policemen along the sides of the pitch to the centre line where there was a small office under the stand. The gate money, mostly in pennies, amounted to a considerable sum and was carried in large cloth bags. It wasn't long before someone in the crowd started shouting "here come the bag men!" at their appearance in front of the main stand, and this developed into a chant of "here come the Baggies!" giving the team its unofficial nickname".

Following our tour and photo opportunity in the manager's dug out, we headed back to the training centre which was in an inside dome. We were then split into 3 groups and enjoyed our mini tournament. We then had our packed lunch, received our free club hat and walked across the road to the stadium to watch the game.

Despite the score line, West Brom had numerous chances but were not as clinical as West Ham who took their chances. Goals by Kouyate (34) and Noble (45+2) and (79) minutes gave The Hammers a deserved 3 points.



MATCH REVIEW

Mark Noble scored twice as West Ham eased past West Brom to reclaim fifth place in the Premier League table. The hosts had the best opportunities in the opening 15 minutes, but the Hammers soon took control. Cheikhou Kouyate's header opened the scoring and the midfielder then set up Mark Noble, whose scuffed effort made it 2-0 before the break. And

Noble grabbed a second - his fourth goal in two games - when he volleyed home from Andy Carroll's ball in. The Hammers, now unbeaten in 10 league matches, leapfrogged Manchester United, who played leaders Leicester the following Sunday. And they have now reached their highest ever points haul in the Premier League with 59. But the result left Tony Pulis' Baggies without a win in seven games. It was a very good day, there were a few showers but we were under canopy and for many pupils it was their first visit to a premier ship game. Thanks to Mr Pucella, Mr Blanche, Mr Holt, Mr Stratford and Mr Evans for organising and looking after us during the trip.

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SPORT

Marathon Marvel

Congratulations go to **Nia Clatworthy** (Year 8) who was one of 300 young people in her age group, to be selected to run in the London Mini Marathon in April. The course is the last 3 miles of the official London Marathon. Nia ran an outstanding time of 18.14 mins and was placed 16th. A superb achievement, well done and remember this name!

Middle and Senior County Athletics

A team of athletes competed in the County Championships in April. The weather conditions were very mixed in Brecon, and some running events took place with a thin layer of snow on the track!

The following pupils did exceptionally well and deserve a mention:

Felicity Williamson Sarll (Year 13)	1st - 800m (achieving a new personal best!)
Skylar Evans (Year 10)	2nd - 200m 3rd - 100m
Will Murphy (Year 10)	2nd - 200m
Morgan Roberts (Year 10)	2nd - High Jump

Success in Javelin for Gareth Griffiths

Gareth's amazing adventure began when he took a fitness test with Mr Stradling. Following this, Mr Stradling contacted Nathan Stephens, a Paralympian, at Disability Sports Wales. Gareth was soon talent spotted and invited to attend a week's training course in Portugal. Here, he worked on improving his javelin skills and fitness with sixteen other athletes from across Wales. Gareth mostly enjoys the javelin and shot. He claims he is better at javelin as he can now throw a javelin 16m! He is working hard to improve his personal best and trains every Wednesday in Cardiff. He was thrilled to be given the fantastic opportunity to train in Portugal.

"I was nervous at the start because I didn't know anybody. When my parents left me at the airport I knew that I would have to make the effort to meet people."

Gareth confesses that he would love to become a professional athlete and hopes to attend another training event with his new friends in Portugal. He has noticed that athletics has got him away from his PS4!

Gareth noted that if it wasn't for Mr Stradling he wouldn't have had the opportunity to go to Portugal. **"The experience has given me more confidence when playing sport."**

Interview by Ewan Jones and Tom Francis 10KV



Kickboxing

Tristin Packer of Year 9 has recently started Kickboxing and has already won his first trophy after only 6 weeks. Well done Tristin!



clubs like Cynffig Cougars, Vale Vipers, Cardiff City and Cardiff Archers.

Over the weekend of 14 - 15 May, Porthcawl Comprehensive School girls Lucy Stradling, Lowri Powys and Megan Froley played their part in an historic U12's series win against Northern Ireland Basketball. They were part of a very talented team that won a three match test series against strong Irish opposition for the first time on Irish soil. Coach Darren Oakey was full of praise for the girls' achievement and ranks this squad of young athletes amongst the very best that he has coached. We are all extremely proud of the girls and look forward to much more success from them on the international stage in years to come.

Mr A Stradling
Head of PE



BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Porthcawl Comprehensive School is proud to share the achievements of all of our pupils and celebrate their success. It is in the sport of basketball that a large number of pupils have achieved international honours recently. Basketball is a growth sport in Wales and the development of young players is now supported by a very clear pathway from school, to club, to region and then ultimately international honours

for Wales and GB. This year Porthcawl's pupils will travel to Belfast, Malta, Andorra, Scotland, Georgia, Serbia, Gibraltar, Greece and Cyprus representing Wales and testing themselves against some of the best young players in Europe in age categories ranging from U12's to U18's. The opportunities to play and train are ever increasing and are supported by developing school programmes across the borough and strong local

Royal Windsor Horse Show

9-15th May

Zoe Juliff-Jones, was once again selected to ride for Wales, in the sport of Mounted Games. She was selected through a rigorous process by competing against riders from all the other pony clubs throughout Wales. She rode for the Welsh Pony Club Team of only five riders, at the home international competition, at the Royal Windsor Horse Show. This year it was an even greater honour to compete in front of the Queen and members of the Royal family as it is was a spectacular celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday.

Wales led throughout the competition but in the final lost by only one point to England. Zoe had a wonderful experience and forged many new friendships, the sense of team spirit she has gained will be with her always.

Rebecca Green

Rebecca Green of Year 13 was among four girls who received a letter of congratulations following a pitch for headline sponsorship to CGI at their European Headquarters in London on 6th May by Bridgend Girls' Network. Well done Rebecca!



Gymnastics Round Up



Following the Mid Glamorgan Schools' Tumble and Vault Competition, Nia Eales, Paige Sheen, Steff Chilcott and Asia Farnworth went to the Welsh Tumble and Vault. Steff and Nia's team (U19) came second and Paige and Asia's team (U14) came third. Nia also came third on Tumble and qualified as first reserve for British finals. Nia, Paige, Steff and Asia with Bethan Goulding and Skylar Evans competed in the Welsh Acro where they placed 2nd. Paige and Asia also came third in the under 14 pairs event.

Nia Eales Year 10

Gymnastics: Acro Celtic Cup



On the 15th of April, I travelled to Limerick in Ireland with 55 Welsh team members to compete in the Acro Celtic Cup. Thirty three members were from my own club!

against a lot of extremely talented gymnasts from English clubs. These clubs train more "full time" than we do in Wales - actually training for at least 5 hours a day, 6 days a week. But even with our training, (3 times a week), my trio won bronze!



Talita Jones Year 8

The Celtic Cup competitors are from Wales, Scotland, Southern Ireland and Northern Ireland. All gymnasts compete at different grades within this competition and I won silver in my grade. Wales came second overall, just missing out to Scotland.

This is my second time to represent Wales in the Celtic Cup - the first time, I won bronze in my grade. I have represented Wales 6 times in total; my most recent one was on the 1st May 2016 in Southampton. This competition was very tough as we were up



Gymnastics Competition, Florida, 2016

In February, Paige Sheen and Asia Farnworth both travelled to Florida for a gymnastics competition. On the first day of the competition Asia competed at novice category, coming away with 4th on the vault, 5th on the bars and 7th overall.

The following day, Paige competed in the elite category, coming away with 2nd on the vault, 2nd on the bars and 4th overall. Well done to both pupils on their fantastic achievements.



RUGBY AT ROSSLYN PARK



Rugby in the Spring/Summer Term

Having experienced a variety of opportunities to become involved in rugby during the Winter terms, 6 boys have now furthered their rugby prospects by joining local clubs. This term provided new opportunities to get involved in rugby, as the focus has shifted to 7's, girls rugby and touch rugby.

Each year group has played in a 7's festival ranging from local school festivals, to the National Urdd Competition and the prestigious Rosslyn Park 7's Competition. For the local festivals we entered, we loaded up the new school minibus and travelled with 2 squads of 8 players to take on our local opposition. Pupils played 4/5 games each and experienced first-hand the physical demands the 7's game has, as well as the high level of skill required. Being the host school for the Year 8 Festival we were able to offer the opportunity to far more boys and selected 3 squads involving over 30 boys. From this, 12 boys were selected to be part of the U13 Rosslyn Park 7's Squad. They were boys who have shown skill, potential, dedication and have shown the necessary commitment during the season.

We travelled to London on a Sunday afternoon in preparation to experience the world's largest schools



sporting tournament. Having been placed on the reserve list we were unsure of who our opposition were and what time our fixtures would be on the Monday. Following a full night's sleep, we headed for the venue and were fortunate to be given a full group round of fixtures, replacing RGS Newcastle in Group E. We lost out in all our group games, losing by a just a few points in all of them. A few parents made the trip up to join us and cheer on the team. Mr Card and I were fortunate to meet and chat with rugby legend Jason Robinson. Overall, both players and parents agreed it was a fantastic experience that all will remember for a very long time. The players were a credit to themselves, their parents and the school in their behaviour and attitude that weekend.

In the National Urdd 7's the Year 8 and 10 teams gave a good account of themselves, the Year 10 team getting out of their group in second place but lost to a very good Ysgol Gyfun Glan Taf team in a knockout

game to progress to the second day of the tournament.

Another new venture has been the introduction of strength and conditioning training from WRU Swansea University students on a Tuesday lunch time. A small group have followed the WRU S & C programme, taking full advantage of one to one coaching, making the most of the excellent facilities we have in the school gym and the WRU students we have access to as a result of running the school/club rugby HUB programme.

The girls' programme has continued on a Wednesday after school, although numbers have been varied. The girls' rugby team attended Y Dderwen to play a round robin of games versus local schools. For many, this was their first competitive rugby experience. If any girls want to join the new girls only centre – 'Ogwr Hawks', they have started sessions on a Monday evening in Brynteg Lower School site at 6pm-7pm (U12) and 7pm-8pm (U15).

This term we have introduced WRU Touch. This is a fun and social sport, a minimal contact sport with no tackling, lineouts, scrumming or kicking involved. This makes it appealing to a wide range of ages and abilities, from juniors to masters and from slight to heavy builds, both male and females. Primary school pupils, teachers and pupils are all welcome to join in and play on 'Touch Tuesday' on the school field, 3.30-4.30pm.

Eight Year 12 and 13 pupils have just completed the WRU Rugby TAG and Leaders Award in school and will hopefully be working in the community and local primary schools this term. Year 10 pupils will also be trained up this year as part of their GCSE PE course and Welsh Baccalaureate qualification. Rhys Leary and Charlie Castle have taken charge of 'Touch Tuesday' as part of their AYPD Leadership Pathway.

Mr Davies

Netball News

Amy Bradbury (Captain) and Isabel Appleton represented Glamorgan Valleys in the Welsh Inter Area Championships in January. In their first match against Cardiff they narrowly won 9-8 and against Swansea they won 10-9. They went on to win all their other matches winning the "Final" 10-9 against North East, where Glamorgan Valleys scored in the final five seconds. Congratulations to the Glamorgan Valleys team on becoming U14 Welsh Champions!



HOCKEY NEWS



Year 7

The Year 7 hockey team took part in a 7-a-side tournament in Cardiff



earlier this term. We had two teams representing PCS and throughout the tournament both teams played a total of seven matches each, including one against each other! Olivia Geddes captained Porthcawl 1, with 'Player of the Match' nominations going to Olivia Geddes, Beth Pickett and Lucy Stradling. Porthcawl 2 was captained by Megan Frolely, with 'Player of the Match' nominations going to Olivia Baglow and Megan Frolely. The standard of competition was high and the final results were determined by goal difference. Out of a total of eight teams, Porthcawl 1 finished in 5th place and Porthcawl 2 finished in 6th place. Well done to all participants!

U14 and U16 Welsh Cup

The U14 team were successful in winning the pool stages of the Welsh Cup competition, with convincing victories in all three matches (7-0, 1-0 and 6-0). The team then went on to play Cwm Rhymini in the county final. Both team had chances throughout the match with the score being 1-1 with full time approaching. Cwm Rhymini then scored the winning goal in the final minute of the game, resulting in a final score of 2-1 to Cwm Rhymini.

Our relatively young U16 Welsh Cup squad were also successful in winning the pool stage of this year's competition, conceding only one goal along the way to the county final. The team then played the final (in a hailstorm!) where they faced tough competition and were unfortunately beaten into second place. The majority of the team will remain in this age group next year and gained valuable experience for next year's competition.



County Representatives

Four players were selected to represent Glamorgan Valleys in hockey this year. Amy Bradbury, J a z m i n G a m b l e and Lauren Hancock (all Year 9) represented the U14 squad, with Lauren also being selected to captain the team. Maja Zeleska (Year 10) was selected to represent the U16 squad. This is a fantastic achievement, with only 16 players being selected from the whole of the county.



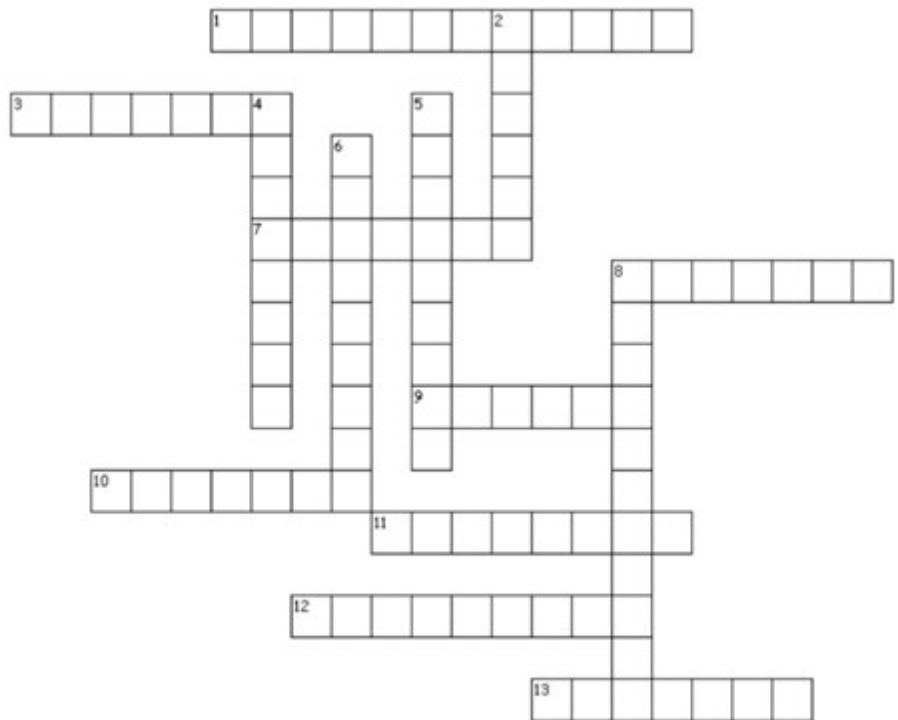
PORTHCAWL PUZZLER

Across

- Which charity benefited from Elisha Martin's hair?
- What is the surname of the President of Swimathon?
- Which college did the Year 12 pupils visit first on their trip to Oxford University?
- What day is Gardening Club held on?
- Which church were the Easter eggs taken to in Porthcawl before they were taken to Cardiff?
- Where are Year 6 in Nottage Primary off on their travels in June?
- Which English teacher joined Mrs Maddy to judge the Eisteddfod?
- Who did our U14 hockey players face in the county final?
- What is West Brom's nickname?

Down

- How many students entered the School Chess Tournament in April?
- What minimal contact rugby has been introduced this term?
- Which charity benefited from the money raised for the Ecuador trip?
- What production have Year 9 Drama Club been working on?
- What Broadway show did the pupils see when they visited New York?



Please hand in completed puzzles to Reception. The winning entry will be picked from a hat and receive a prize. Congratulations to the Spring Edition winner, Jonathan Munro 8OS, please come to Reception to collect your prize.

Pupil Achievements

Many congratulations go to the following:-

Pupil Achievements Summer 2016

Full Senior Hockey Team:

Laura Hancock, Jazmin Gamble, Amy Bradbury, Megan Pritlove, Sarah Wynne, Nicola Hughes, Erin Richards, Rosie Owen, Gracie Nicholls, Cerys Davenport, Sarah Davidson, Katie John, Ocean Poulitney-Maddy Runners up County Final

Josh Baroth - Year 9

Selected for the Boys' and Girls' Club of Wales Football Squad U14

Amy Bradbury and Isabel Appleton - Year 9

Members of Glamorgan Valleys U14 Netball A Squad who won the Welsh Championships

Amy Bradbury, Jazmin Gamble and Lauren Hancock - Year 9

Members of the Glamorgan Valleys U14 Hockey Squad

Maja Zeleska - Year 10

Member of the Glamorgan Valleys U16 Netball Squad

Zoe Juliff-Jones - Year 10

Selected for Wales Mounted Games Team

Joshua Audsley - Year 9

U15 Winner of the Swansea Junior Open Squash Tournament

Lewys Audsley - Year 7

U13 Winner of the Swansea Junior Open Squash Tournament

Chloe Wyatt - Year 8

British Surf Lifesaving Stillwaters Champs
2 Bronze Medals – Mankin Relay and Medley Relay

Talita Jones - Year 8

Gymnastics -Represented Wales in the Acrobatic Celtic Cup, Ireland

Sophie Edwards - Year 8

Selected for Team Wales at the RYA Eric Twiname Championships (Optimist Sailing Dinghy)

Lucy Evans - Year 9

Selected for Team Wales at the RYA Eric Twiname Championships (6.8 Bic Techno Windsurf)

Lucy Stradling - Year 7

Wales U12 Basketball

James Moon and Sam Stradling - Year 9

Represented Basketball Wales in U14 Tournament in Ta Qalia, Malta

Sam Hopkins, Daniel Jones, James Moon and Sam Stradling - Year 9

Winners of U14 South Wales Basketball Association Cup (Cougars)

Ethan Waters - Year 11

Basketball - Wales U16 Boys - Selected for FIBA European Championships in Cyprus in July

Emily Stradling - Year 11

Captain, Wales U18 Basketball

Jamie Harrowing - Year 9

Selected to appear in another WNO production at the WMC

Instrument Exams

Congratulations to all musicians that have sat grade exams over the past term!! Remember to update your music teacher on any success that you achieve or see Mrs. Giles so that she can update her records and publish your achievement in the next Porthcawl Post! Diolch, Mrs. Giles.

Name	Instrument	Grade
Katie Williams Year 12	Theory Violin	Grade 5 Merit Grade 6 Merit
Katie Pickett Year 10	Violin	Grade 7 Merit
Beth Pickett Year 7	Trumpet	Grade 4 Merit
Olivia Lewis Year 11	Violin	Grade 5 Merit

Name	Instrument	Grade
Sunil Vummiti Year 9	Violin	Grade 3 Merit
Ewan Aitchison-Hough Year 9	Violin	Grade 3 Merit
Sophie Edwards Year 8	Violin	Grade 5 Merit
Rohan Johns Year 8	Violin	Grade 3 Merit
Holly Barnfield Year 8	Violin	Grade 3 Merit
Chloe Wyatt Year 8	Violin	Grade 2 Merit
Katie Liu Year 8	Violin	Grade 2 Merit
Trent Francis Year 7	Violin	Grade 3 Merit
Asher Williams Year 7	Bass Guitar	Grade 2 Distinction
Isaak Cronjé Year 8	Piano	Grade 5 Distinction
Amy Hollyoake Year 8	Piano	Grade 4 Merit

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