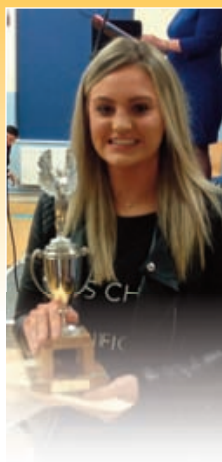


Welcome to the third edition of the **Porthcawl Post** for the school year 2016-2017



Porthcawl Post

Porthcawl Comprehensive School Newsletter ~ Summer 2017

Headteacher's Address



It is hard to believe that we are into our third and final term for 2016-17. It has been a very busy, almost frenetic year, with so much going on. I have been reflecting over the year and am astonished at the sheer number of and variety of things our students are involved with. The community is the school and the school is the community, never a truer word said, given the students' involvement in the town.

There are a number of events that are particularly noteworthy which I would like to draw your attention to.

The internet, social media and the cyber world are wonderful inventions but also present a serious challenge. As a school, we take the issue of e-safety and cyber bullying very seriously. I am delighted to announce that the school has passed the South West Grid for Learning 360 Degree Safe Cymru Online Safety Mark. We are only the second comprehensive school in Wales and the first in South Wales/Central South. The assessor was very positive in her feedback and congratulated the school on having our work embedded across all areas. Thanks to all the hard work from pupils and staff! This award will provide nationally accredited recognition that we have very robust means in place to protect all at our school from the ills and evils of the "Net". Mrs Sloggett, Mrs Christopher, Mrs James and the E-Safety group have led on this initiative and have made the school a far safer "E" environment.

The school calendar has many "beacon" events, one of these being our main primary pupils' Transition Day. As the culmination of our year long programme, we

welcomed almost 200 Year 6 learners to our school on 22 June. The youngsters enjoyed a full day of events and a sample of life at our school. The idea is that the children leave familiar with the layout and staff of the school. Some say familiarity breeds contempt...not in this case: familiarity breeds confidence! We will continue to operate our most successful and innovative "Helping Hands" programme. This programme helps the most vulnerable of children to make the move to our school. The "Helping Hands" programme reduces anxiety and builds confidence so we have happy settled learners ready to go in September.

As is our custom, I like to use this article to keep you informed of staffing changes to school. We offer our congratulations to Mrs Nadine Thomas (Assistant Headteacher) who, after 7 years at Porthcawl, has been appointed from September as Deputy Head at Queen Elizabeth High School in Carmarthen. Mrs Thomas has contributed massively to school life and has done excellent work in areas such as anti-bullying, student teachers and our training programme. We wish Mrs Thomas all the very best for her future and thank her for what she has done for our school.

We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Karen Victor, Head of English. Mrs Victor was successful in securing a promoted post at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School, Barry and will leave Porthcawl after 19 years. Mrs Victor leaves a strong and successful English faculty and for this the school is most grateful. We have replaced Mrs Victor with Mrs Rhaea Mahoney who is currently the Head of English at Radyr Comprehensive School, Cardiff. Mrs Mahoney, a native of Porthcawl, will join us in September; we welcome her and are very much looking forward to working with her.

Mr Huw Pritchard leaves the Maths department after 15 years at the school. Mr Pritchard has decided to pursue his business interests outside of the world of Education

and we wish him well. Miss Leanne Evans will leave the Chemistry department to take up a post nearer to her home. Again we thank Leanne for her loyal service over the past 6 years. Miss Verity Jones from the RS department also leaves us after one year together with Miss Leah Gormley who takes up a new teaching position in Northern Ireland - we wish them the best of luck for the future.

Many congratulations also go to Mrs Anwen Worsfold of the Welsh department who recently gave birth to a baby boy, Evan. We wish the family well!

The school has been awarded "Pioneer School" status for the curriculum and development work being undertaken. Mrs Kathryn Lewis of the Music department is leading the curriculum development. We are preparing our "Expressive Arts" department in readiness for the Donaldson curricular changes that are just around the corner. The "Pioneer" status has a great kudos attached to it and we thank Mrs Lewis for her creativity and dedication in this exciting development.

My concluding comments as always must reflect our students, especially those who have just completed their examinations. For the first time ever, over half the school have sat external examinations with Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 sitting a variety of papers. I would like to publicly thank all the staff for all the additional help they have provided outside of lessons. Each year I am astounded by the commitment and sheer dedication of our staff. The logistics in organising this volume of examinations is huge and a vote of thanks goes to Mrs Henderson and her team. Let's end with the most important thing, the best of luck to all who sat examinations, I hope that all our students get the results they are hoping for and I look forward to seeing you all in August when we celebrate our examination results.

Andrew Slade Headteacher

Housekeeping

Uniform

At Porthcawl we have many reasons for enforcing our uniform policy; school uniform provides a sense of identity and cohesion within the school and supports positive behaviour and school discipline. As we come to the time of the year to purchase uniform for September 2017, may I remind parents that we do not allow pupils to wear any jewellery in school. The exception to this rule is a wrist watch. We do not allow 'extreme' haircuts and unnatural hair colours. When purchasing trousers and/or skirts for next September, please remember that trousers should be plain, classic school-style trousers. These should be straight legged and not a tight, 'bootleg', 'drainpipe' or 'jeans' style nor should they be 'low-rise'. Trousers should not be made out of a denim fabric or leather. Skirts should not be tight, have a slit, or be made of stretch fabric. The hem of the skirt should be no more than 5cm above the knee.

The Website

Please see our school website for more details on uniform and on many other topics, including our recent clarification on the use of mobile phones in school.

Examination Results

The arrangements for external examination results are as follows:

• **Year 13 – Results Day 17 August**

– Collect from School from 8.30am

• **Year 12 – Results Day 17 August**

– Results will be posted home to arrive on this day

• **Year 11 – Results Day 24 August**

– Collect from School from 8.30am

• **Year 10 – Results Day 24 August**

– Results will be posted home to arrive on this day

Mrs V Hunt
Assistant Headteacher

Qualifications Wales launch an information campaign as GCSEs in Wales are reformed

Examples of the changes are:

- Splitting GCSE Maths into two new exams – GCSE Mathematics and GCSE Mathematics - Numeracy;
- Removing written non examination assessment from GCSE English Language;
- Ensuring the history of Wales is a mandatory part of GCSE History.

The new GCSEs are being introduced in Wales following a review by Welsh Government. They have been rolled out over three years between 2015 and 2017.

Northern Ireland, as well as England and Wales, are also in the process of introducing changes to their GCSE examinations.

“Even though England is changing to a 9-1 grading system for GCSEs, it's important for parents and employers to remember that it will not affect the value of GCSEs in Wales,” said Mr Blaker.

“GCSEs awarded in Wales with A* - G grades will remain comparable to those taken in both England and Northern Ireland.”

“Parents and employers can be confident that the qualifications taken in all three countries will continue to be of the same size and accessible to the same range of pupils.”

GCSEs in Wales are changing - and Qualifications Wales is launching an information campaign to make sure the reforms are fully understood.

The move comes as pupils across the country have sat exams this Summer in the first batch of reformed subjects introduced in 2015.

More than 70,000 posters and leaflets are being sent to secondary schools across Wales for onward distribution to the parents of pupils in Years 10 and 11, explaining what the changes mean to their children.

Wales is reforming GCSEs and retaining the traditional A* - G grades. England are also reforming their GCSEs, but a new 9-1 grading system is being introduced there.

“It's important that GCSEs remain rigorous and relevant for today's pupils while meeting the needs of colleges, universities and employers,” said Qualifications Wales Chief Executive, Philip Blaker.

“It's equally important that these changes are fully understood by the public, which is why we have launched this information campaign before the start of the Summer exam series.”

Further information about the new GCSEs in Wales can be found

<http://qualificationswales.org/qualifications/gcses/>

You can download the posters and leaflet from

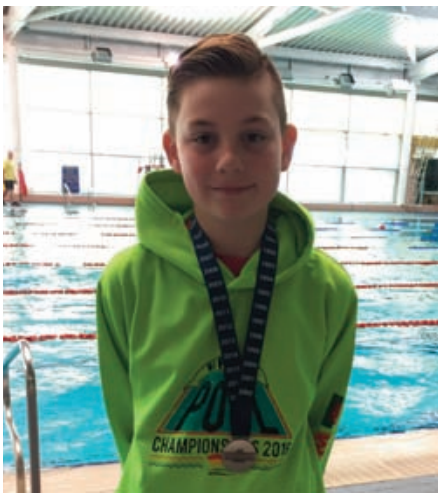
<http://qualificationswales.org/qualifications/gcses/astar-g-resources/>

Notes: The first wave of subjects that were reformed and taught from September 2015 were Mathematics, Mathematics-Numeracy, English Language, Welsh Language, English Literature and Welsh Literature. Pupils will be completing their two-year courses this Summer.

The second wave of reformed qualifications were introduced in September 2016 and will be taken for the first time in Summer 2018, while the third and final wave of reformed qualifications will be taught from September 2017.

Mrs Anne O'Brien - Deputy Headteacher

Finley swims for Marie Curie



Finley Taylor 7AL has so far raised £375.00 for Marie Curie by completing a 5km Swimathon challenge on the 8th April at Swansea International Pool. Finley is a keen swimmer so this challenge was very enjoyable. He has recently picked up a number of medals in club championships in distances ranging from 50m sprints to 1500m long distance events in a range of different strokes.

Finley wanted to put his swimming ability into something good and raise money for a charity that has touched his and so many lives.



Porthcawl Comprehensive leads the way with new

E-SAFETY AWARD

On Monday 22nd May 2017 the school was assessed against the South West Grid for Learning 360 Degree Safe Cymru Self Review Tool to judge whether or not we could be awarded the Online Safety Mark. We are pleased to say we passed – and with flying colours! Porthcawl Comprehensive School is the first comprehensive school in the Central South Consortium to gain this award and only the second comprehensive in the whole of Wales.

The Online Safety Mark looks closely at the work the school has been doing (and will continue to do) in order to ensure that our pupils, staff, and all those linked to the school, are as safe as possible when using ICT in all its many forms. We have worked hard over the last two years to raise awareness of online safety issues with pupils, staff, parents/carers and the wider community. This is a never ending challenge as social media and ICT changes so quickly and it is difficult to keep up to date with the latest developments. That is why we are particularly proud of the pupils who have worked so hard to achieve this award – creating assemblies,

designing posters and writing newsletter articles, as well as looking at the more complex issues of policies and acceptable usage agreements. We are now in a much stronger position than when we first started and have changed many processes and procedures in school as a result.

A huge thank you and well done goes to members of the E-safety committee and Digital Leaders, the many staff, both teaching and support staff and our Governors, who have all been part of this exciting achievement!

Mrs Sloggett - Deputy Headteacher



Easter Eggs for Romania



Once again, pupils and staff from PCS made an amazing contribution to this worthy cause.

At the end of March, lorries left Cardiff for Romania on their mission to help children who live on the streets and who struggle to survive. This year the lorries took clothes, blankets, medical supplies, food and Easter eggs. Over 20,000 eggs were sent, including a fantastic contribution of over 3000 from Porthcawl with Gilgal Baptist Church and Trinity Brownies also contributing.

Thank you once again for your continued support. It is really appreciated!
Mrs R Evans



Drama



The Radicalisation of Bradley Manning

On the 3rd and 4th March 2017 BTEC Performing Arts performed their version of 'The Radicalisation of Bradley Manning'. We performed our piece in the Drama Studio. The play was based on the real life story of Bradley Manning. Bradley Manning is the 24-year old US soldier accused of releasing 250,000 secret embassy cables and military logs from the Iraq and Afghan wars. After nearly two years in prison without charge, Manning now faces a court martial, accused of crimes that could mean life in prison. But just a few years ago, he was a teenager in West Wales. How did this happen? And who is responsible for his radicalisation? The main aspect of the play is for everyone to play Bradley, multi-roling - this was the playwright's vision and was a big part of the play.

"I had a great amount of fun doing something different and something that I can really show off in. Doing a purely acting play was very enjoyable and I am so pleased it went well for us!" James Grandon 6JB

"The Radicalisation of Bradley Manning' was intense, fast-paced and tremendously demanding of an ensemble. It was the perfect challenge for us as a Performing Arts group. Thank you to all the members of staff who helped us stage this timely and prevalently themed play, and all those who came to watch!" Lauren Ellis-Stretch 6HC

"I loved the whole experience of us designing the staging and what we wanted the final piece to look like. I feel like I have learnt a lot for this section of the course and look forward to learning more from 'Shout! The Mod Musical'." Rebecca Adams 6JB

"I really enjoyed 'The Radicalisation of Bradley Manning'. I really loved designing the staging and my favourite part of the show was the grasp it had on the audience's emotions and the fluidity of the play." Tessa Castanera-Webber 6LT

"I thoroughly enjoyed the play 'The Radicalisation of Bradley Manning' as it was a massive difference to the last play we performed. I loved the dark atmosphere throughout the whole show. My favourite part of the show was the way we showed Bradley Manning as mannequin because it was very creative and drew the audience's attention." Sarah Williams 6JM

Year 8 Drama Club

Year 8 Drama Club is currently working on two small productions based on the musicals 'Grease' and 'Annie'. A number of Year 9 and GCSE Drama pupils are running the show.

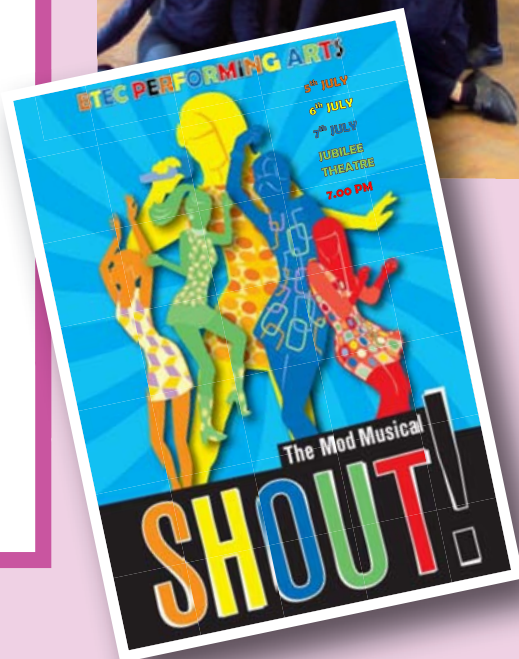
We are proud to have so many talented and dedicated pupils who are prepared to rehearse lunchtimes and after school to develop their skills in acting, directing, singing and dancing.

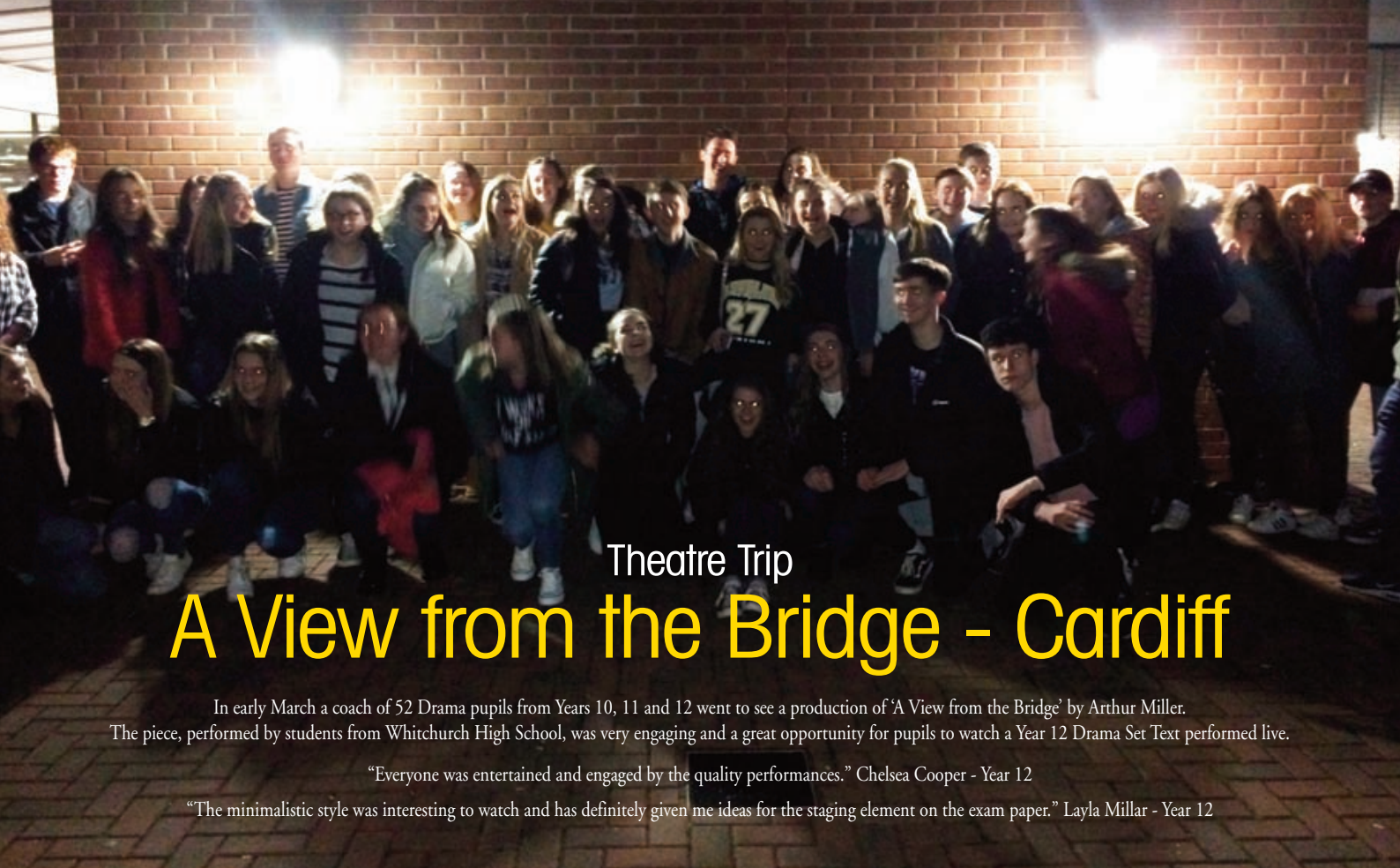
The work will be performed in the Drama Studio after half term!

"I'm loving every minute of it and I enjoy working with all of my friends!"
Riley Thomas

"It's very confidence boosting"
Ellie Jenkins

"It helps with your social skills and it is good fun!"
Amy Judd





Theatre Trip A View from the Bridge - Cardiff

In early March a coach of 52 Drama pupils from Years 10, 11 and 12 went to see a production of 'A View from the Bridge' by Arthur Miller. The piece, performed by students from Whitchurch High School, was very engaging and a great opportunity for pupils to watch a Year 12 Drama Set Text performed live.

"Everyone was entertained and engaged by the quality performances." Chelsea Cooper - Year 12

"The minimalistic style was interesting to watch and has definitely given me ideas for the staging element on the exam paper." Layla Millar - Year 12

Year 11 GCSE Set Text Practical Exams

On the 28th 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!



Year 7 Drama Club

Year 7 Drama Club is currently working on two small productions based on 'The Lion King' and 'Harry Potter's The Cursed Child'. A number of Year 10 GCSE pupils are assisting with the running and directing of the pieces which will be performed in the Drama Studio after half term!

"I Love it!" Angelica Davies-Amos

"It's super fun!" Seren Roberts-Brown

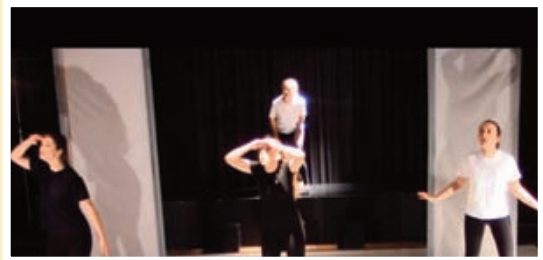
"Everyone is so friendly" James Page



AS DRAMA PRACTICAL EXAMS



In February this year, the AS Drama class completed their examined performance of a reinterpretation of a Set Text. This was a totally new unit on the new specification. It was a demanding project but everyone was pleased with the work created.



Somewhere Out There'

Year 13 Drama Pracs

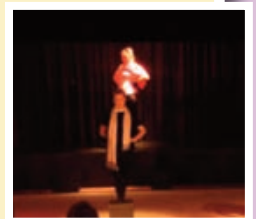
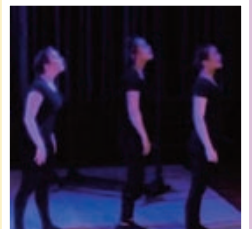


The Year 13 Drama Class performed their polished devised and set text pieces to a live audience and an examiner on the 24th March, 2017. All based around the central theme of 'Somewhere Out There', the students' devised work considered a broad range of subjects and their performances showcased extracts from many different playwrights.

Here's what other students thought:

"Some of the best devised work I've ever seen performed at school" – Lauren Ellis-Stretch

"I thought the work was really innovative. The bar has been set high for next year"
– James Evans-Jones



GCSE English Exam Preparation

Dogs Language Paper



All GCSE pupils in Years 10 & 11 took part in a 'talk through' GCSE English exam during the first week of May. Mrs Victor and Mrs Llewellyn demonstrated successful approaches and key reading strategies. All pupils were encouraged to complete the paper as part of their independent revision.

And what the pupils thought...

"It was an intensive hour but REALLY useful!"

"I feel much more confident now, can speed through the short questions and know more about dogs!"

"I know how to tackle a 'how' question and will try more of these for revision as they're worth lots of marks."

"The compare and contrast approach helped a lot. I think I'll pick up more marks on papers."



Language Club News

Round 2 of our competition "The French Bake off". We had some fantastic entries. All the cakes tasted amazing! It was hard to pick, but the winners are Ruby and Natalia in Year 7. Well done girls! A big thank you to the other girls who took part.

We are hoping to do one more competition before the Summer so new members welcome to join! A bientôt!

Mrs Morgan



News from Newton Primary

During the Summer term, Years 5 & 6 studied the exciting curriculum topic entitled 'Summer Camp'. This is based around the creation of an original campsite on the school grounds with associated shelters, tents, food and songs. The children developed a variety of different skills including research, planning, innovation and working as part of a team.

We also had an amazing visit to the Wild Spirit Bush Craft Centre in Merthyr Mawr to engage in shelter building and camp craft activities during the day. We then hiked the 5 mile route back to school across the dunes in time for the end of school. This was a fun experience but a real challenge! All the skills were used in the preparation of their own campsite in which our younger pupils in Year 3 & 4 were invited to join in the fun.

We also had an amazing time during our Year 5/6 residential trip to the five star Abernant Lake Hotel in Powys. We enjoyed three days of outdoor and adventurous activities which included canoeing, climbing, archery and a huge team building obstacle course!

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed the experience provided by 'The Crucial Crew' workshops organised by Bridgend County Borough Council in partnership with 'Resolve it'. The sessions have covered important topics such as road safety, bullying, personal safety and awareness, the dangers of power lines and tips on responsible dog ownership.



Newton

News from Nottage Primary

So much to be proud of at Nottage Primary! Towards the end of May, in partnership with the 'Shout' organisation of Porthcawl, Year 4 embraced the opportunity to create artistic works to passionately commemorate the 39 lives lost on board the Samtampa and the 8 brave volunteer crew members of the RNLI Edward Prince of Wales. Our fantastic students enthusiastically constructed 3-dimensional moving art, composed acrostic poems and wrote a compassionate news report. All of this creative work contributed to an exhibition displayed at the Senydd in Cardiff Bay. As if that wasn't enough, the children also performed before Wales' First Minister, Carwyn Jones and the family members of the courageous souls who lost their lives on that fateful day. Their rendition of Rod Stewart's 'We Are Sailing' blew the crowd away and was a fitting tribute which drew the 75th anniversary commemoration to a climatic close.



News from Porthcawl Primary



Once again, our students have been challenged to form a team of 4 pupils for the Jaguar Primary School 2D Challenge by designing a race car out of card complete with wheels, body and even a mini driver and took part in the regional finals in Swansea on May 26th. Pupils designed and manufactured a body shell to fit a standard chassis using template software before printing/cutting their designs onto card and then making their car ready to race. On this occasion, primary schools' participation in the 2D challenge were by invitation only and we are delighted to take part.

This year we are performing an incredible production based on the highly successful play called 'Blast from the Past'. This includes music from icons such as Tom Jones, The Beatles and The Rolling Stones. In it, we have included the story of the family who teach their children the importance of school. Throughout the show, there are many scenes where the family get flashbacks about the past. Songs, which are linked to the flashbacks, tell the story of the family. For further details about the production and to get your hands on a ticket, contact the school and see this amazing play. We hope to see you there when we will tell you to....Sit back, relax and enjoy the amazing show!

Zane and Jasmin (Year 6 at Porthcawl Primary School)



News from West Park Primary

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 a short story about 'Crazy Creatures' which will appear in a published book very soon. Congratulations to all of Year 6 for their fantastic entries.

Our topic work has taken us outside this term. We are studying rainforests and have been measuring our own woodlands to see how many times it would fit into the size of Wales. This has been a great use of numeracy and working with larger numbers.

Nigel Little from the company 'Size of Wales' entertained us all with his unique presentation skills about how the rainforests are being destroyed at an alarming rate. He explained how the rainforests are being cut down by larger companies wanting to use the land for cattle and the planting of palm trees to produce palm oil. He also explained how the animals were being hunted and killed as part of this process.

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 a tour of the Houses of Parliament!

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 we are all enthusiastic to be a part of your school.



West Park

Welsh Transition Mornings

Once again, the Welsh Department welcomed Year 6 pupils both from our cluster schools, as well as many out of catchment pupils, to participate in our transition mornings.

Pupils spent their time learning the history and meanings of the love spoon, that most Welsh traditions. Young men would spend days and even weeks carving intricate patterns in wood to present to their beloved – hopefully, not to be rejected after all that effort! Our visitors made love spoon cards to present to friends and family which, we understand, were gratefully received.

Anyone walking in P block would have been impressed by the rousing renditions of familiar Welsh songs – together with actions in some cases. It is pleasing to know that Porthcawl's reputation for music and theatre is in safe hands in the future.

Also, the children didn't take long to find their groove with the folk dancing session. Any initial shyness was soon forgotten as pupils threw themselves wholeheartedly into learning the steps of traditional folk dances. Indeed, most agreed that the dancing was, 'the best fun'.

We look forward to welcoming Year 6 in September.



Maths Challenge: Intermediate Challenge - Spring 2017

This February there was a very good turnout for the Intermediate Maths Challenge from Year 9, 10 and 11. Out of the 53 entries there were 23 certificates with 1 pupil, Marcus Fish going through to the International Kangaroo Paper.

Over 250,000 students from 3,000 schools across the country participated in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. Students had 60 minutes to answer 25 varied multiple choice mathematical problems. High scorers were awarded certificates to recognise their mathematical success.

Here are the certificate winners:

Year 11

Marcus Fish: GOLD

Best in School Winner / Best in Year and entry through to the International Paper. Well done Marcus!

Certificate of participation for Marcus from the International challenge paper. Congratulations Marcus.

Silver Winners from Year 11 were:

Connor Farrell John / Ieuan Walmsley-Williams / Phoebe Roach / Jenny Passingham / Anna Biju

Given that in the last few years Year 11 have taken part in this competition it is a real credit to all Year 11 who had a go this year.

Year 10

Max Williams: Silver and Best in Year

Other Silver Certificate winners were:

Rhiannon Drummond / Jenny Tanner / Cherisse Lau / Ewan Aitchison-Hough

Bronze Winners:

Matthew Pugh / Jamie Harrowing / Lik To Chung / Lucy Beale and Nicola Hughes.

Year 9

Isaak Cronje: Bronze Certificate and Best in Year.

Other Bronze Certificate winners are:

Orla Danahar / Noah Henderson / Scarlett Jenkins / Jack Bartlett.

Well done to all those that took part and if you didn't get a certificate this year then give it another go next year.

Could you answer a question from the Intermediate Paper?

The combined age of Alice and Bob is 39. The combined age of Bob and Clare is 40. The combined age of Clare and Dan is 38. The combined age of Dan and Eve is 44. The total of all their ages is 105. Which of the five is the youngest?

A) Alice B) Bob C) Clare D) Dan E) Eve

(Answer is on the back cover)

Awards

Presentation of Academic Achievement, Effort and Honours Awards 2016/17

On 14th March 2017 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.

Year 7 Honours

7EH	Thomas Tweedy	7RB	Luke Wyatt
7AS	Brianna Woodgates	7KH	Shaumiyya Sasiruban
7AL	Drew Howells	7JS	Stefan Yardley
7LC	Jay Sheen	7CJ	Archie Jenkins

Last Year's

Year 7	Excellence	Progress	Honours
7SB	Olivia Geddes	Misty Frazer	Lewis Price
7IE	Trent Francis	Jessica Browning	James Clear
7KE	Kara Morgan-Rees	Gabby Duhig	Lucy Stradling/Lewys Audsley
7JW	Dylan Wisden	Sophia John	Megan Froye
7HD	Ffion Walmsley-Williams	Max Page-Longman	Ellie Jenkins
7MS	Adela Henderson	Amy Griffiths	Evan Jones/Shaua Gamble
7LM	Katie Jones	Joseph Kimpton	Ethan Rand

Last Year's

Year 8	Excellence	Progress	Honours
8AE	Matthew Greenwood	Dylan Rees	Meg McCloy
8MC	Ocean Poultney-Maddy	Rhia Nicolson	Joseph Markey
8OS	Liliana Miller	Alexander Richardson	Jonathan Munro
8HG	Stella Marks	Isabel Parselle	Nia Clatworthy
8EW	Carys Mainwaring	Gwyn Bell	Isaak Cronje
8GD	Sophie Edwards	Rhys Jones	Ross Davies
8TH	Rachel Appleton	Lara Bridge	Scarlett Jenkins

Last Year's

Year 9	Excellence	Progress	Honours
9AS	Lauren Bailey	David Davies	Amy Bradbury
9JS	Thomas Watkins	Jemma Queeley	Zack Wilson
9RB	Cerian Troakes	David-John McDowell	Isabel Appleton
9FS	Zoe Holmes	Pierce Bancroft	Adam Williams
9LE	Carys Rosser-Stanford	Keely Barnes	Jamie Harrowing
9EH	Elodie Guillerm	Felix Parbery	Joshua Baroth
9GM	Abigail Williams	Amy-Louise Thomas	Jack Williams
9SR	Joshua Audsley	Eve Manley	Ella Staveley
9CW	Jessica Adams	Eddyia Osborne	Elys Davies



Year 10	Academic Effort	Elen McCloy Jai Assiratti
Year 11	Academic Effort	Emily Stradling Natasha Evans
Year 12	Academic Effort	Mohammed Sultaan Azam Alexandra Hunt



Year 13	Academic Effort	Felicity Williamson-Sarll Abigail Gallafant
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Sports Awards

GCSE	PE	Boy	Laurence Hunt
		Girl	Emily Stradling
Key Stage 3		Boy	Sam Stradling
		Girl	Amy Bradbury

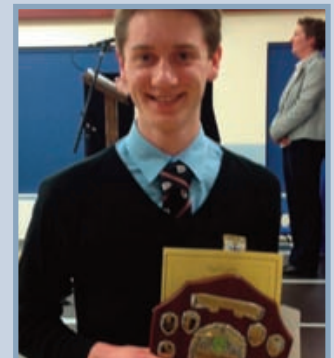


Drama Awards

Junior Drama Student of the Year	Max Williams
Senior Drama Student of the Year	Max Bravery
Drama Performance of the Year	Jack Davies
Porthcawl Little Theatre Award	Rhys Owen

Miscellaneous Awards

Howard Cave Memorial Trophy for Art	Jessica Sutton
Christmas Swim Award (Technology)	Megan Parrott
Stuart Gass Memorial Award (Maths)	Mohammed Sultaan Azam
Science Student of the Year	Benjamin Cannon
Geraint Watkins Memorial Trophy - Junior Musician	Stella Marks
Gwen Hughes Memorial Cup - Lower School Wind Player	Isabelle Hone
Senior Musician of the Year	Lowri Howell
Eisteddfod - Chair	Mitchell Davies



100% Attendance Award (Years 8,9,10)	Rhian Lister
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Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Jessica Bennett, Bethan Clift, Katie Davies, Jack Ellis, Lowri Howell, Cari Jones, Megan Perrin, Cameron Rees, Hannah Robertson, Gabriella Smith, Sarah Spencer, Samantha Timbrell, Katie Williams, Blythe Hughes-Davies, Anna Arrieta, Lorcan Breheny, Rhys Davies, Saoirse Davies, Thomas Ellison, George Hurry, Annabelle Morgan, Elin Morris, Daniel Song, Charlotte Williams and William Underhill.



Presentation to Head Team 2016-17

Cameron Rees, Isobel Overton, Lauren Ellis-Stretch, Katie Williams, Ben White, Caitlin Whiteley, Charlotte Levey, Lauren Pugh, Lydia Pickett, Blythe Hughes-Davies, Lorcan Breheny, Lik Kan Chung, Maddie Dawson & Daniel Hughes.

Town Twinning Award	Daniel Coleman
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Awards

Presentation of Academic Achievement, Effort and Honours Awards 2016/17



EISTEDDFOD

Junior Eisteddfod Champion (Victor Ludorum)	Ben Pownall ~ Year 7
Junior Eisteddfod Champion (Victrix Ludorum)	Annalise Traylor ~ Year 9
Senior Eisteddfod Champion (Victor Ludorum)	Conor Farrell-John ~ Year 11
Senior Eisteddfod Champion (Victrix Ludorum)	Lydia Pickett ~ Year 13
Senior Drama Competition	Conor Farrell-John ~ Year 11
Winner of Junior Welsh Chair	Scarlett Jenkins ~ Year 9
Winner of Junior English Chair	Krista Kavanagh ~ Year 9
Winner of Senior Welsh Chair	Mitchell Davies ~ Year 12
Winner of Senior English Chair	Lucy Beale ~ Year 10

Overall Eisteddfod Result: 2017

1st Powys	429 points
2nd Morgannwg	400 points
3rd Gwynedd	378 points
4th Dyfed	317 points



ON-STAGE RESULTS

Senior Eisteddfod

	Pupil Name	House
Boys' Solo Song from a Musical or a Film		
1st Place	James Evans-Jones	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Jack Williams	Dyfed
3rd Place	Mitchell Davies	Gwynedd
Highly Commended		
	Marcus Ryan	Powys
	Peter Kavanagh	Dyfed

	Pupil Name	House
Girls' Solo Song from a Musical or a Film		
1st Place	Keeley Fry	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Anna Arietta	Dyfed
	Sarah Williams	Gwynedd
Highly Commended		
	Tessa Castanera-Webber	Dyfed
	Lucy Vinen	Morgannwg

Piano Solo

1st Place	Alexandra Hunt	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Laurence Hunt	Powys
3rd Place	Katie Pickett	Powys
Highly Commended		
	Dan Song	Morgannwg

Group Dance

1st Place	Bobby's Dazzlers
(Will Foscett, Evan Davies, George Neeson, Lauren Slaughter, Lydia Pickett, Katie Pickett, Jack Williams, Lauren Ellis-Stretch, Jenny Passingham, Mr Holt)	

Solo Dance

1st Place	Emily James	Powys
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Welsh Vocal Solo

1st Place	Keeley Fry	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Lydia Pickett	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Ewan Aitchison-Hough	Powys

Senior Drama

1st Place	Conor Farrell-John	Powys
2nd Place	Carys Rosser-Stanford	Powys
3rd Place	Lauren Ellis-Stretch	Dyfed
	Jenny Passingham	Morgannwg





Instrumental Solo (Wind)

1st Place	Alexandra Hunt	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Laurence Hunt	Powys
3rd Place	Lowri Howell	Gwynedd
Highly Commended		
	Matthew Pugh	Morgannwg
	Olivia Pownell	Gwynedd

Group Song from a Show or a Film

1st Place	Eddie Osbourne Elys Davies	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Lydia Pickett Lauren Ellis-Stretch	Morgannwg Dyfed
3rd Place	Dan Knowles Mitchell Davies	Gwynedd
Highly Commended		
	James Evans-Jones	Powys
	George Neeson	
	Lucy Vinen	
	Sarah Williams	

English Recitation

1st Place	Lydia Pickett	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Conor Farrell-John	Powys
3rd Place	Anna Arrieta	Dyfed
Highly Commended		
	James Grandon	Gwynedd



Junior Eisteddfod

Solo Song from a Show or a Film

1st Place	Annalise Traylor	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Mille Stables	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Stella Marks	Morgannwg
	Lucia Brown	Gwynedd
Highly Commended		
	Sam Wensley	Morgannwg

Instrumental Solo (Wind)

1st Place	Ben Pownall	Powys
2nd Place	Pippa Harrowing	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Isabelle Hone	Morgannwg
Highly Commended		
	Beth Pickett	Morgannwg
	Stella Marks	Morgannwg

English Group Recitation

1st Place	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Powys
3rd Place	Powys

Welsh Vocal Solo

1st Place	Carys Mainwearing	Dyfed
2nd Place	Annalise Traylor	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Millie Stables	Gwynedd
Highly Commended		
	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg

Junior Drama

1st Place	7KH	Powys
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Piano Solo

1st Place	James Clear	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Ben Pownell	Powys
3rd Place	Isaak Cronje	Powys
Highly Commended		
	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg



Group Song from a Show or Film

1st Place	Meg McCloy	Powys
	Carys Mainwearing	Dyfed
	Millie Stables	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Lucia Brown	Gwynedd
	Annalise Kavanagh	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg
	Katie Lloyd	Dyfed
3rd Place	Annalise Traylor	Morgannwg
	Stella Marks	Morgannwg
Highly Commended		
	Beci Senior	Gwynedd
	Ellie Jones	Gwynedd
	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg

Junior Group Dance

1st Place	Scarlett Jenkins	Dyfed
	Ashleigh Phillips	

Welsh Recitation

1st Place	Year 8 group	Morgannwg
		Gwynedd

(Rex Ezard, Riley Thomas, Trent Francis, Dan John, Kiera Hooper, Evie Bennett, James Clear, Natasha Fray, Oliver Gardner, Olivia Geddes, Pippa Harrowing, Jessica Browning, Olivia Lovell, Emily Cox, Kara Morgan-Rees)

Instrumental Solo (Strings)

1st Place	Rhys Lloyd	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Beci Senior	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg



OFF-STAGE RESULTS

Additional Needs

ART

	Pupil Name	House
Years 7-9		
1st	Gabby Duhig	Powys
2nd	Olivia Williams	Powys
3rd	Jordy Wilkes	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Jackson Yeow	Powys

Years 10-11

1st	India Clatworthy	Gwynedd
2nd	Jemma Queeley	Powys
3rd	Amy Howell	Dyfed

WRITING

Years 7-9

1st	Misty Fraser	Morgannwg
2nd	Morgan Wagstaff	Morgannwg
3rd	Abigail Williams	Dyfed
Highly Commended:		
	Carmen Lynch	Powys

ART

Year 7

1st	James Page	Morgannwg
2nd	Ava Verderame	Dyfed
3rd	Bronwyn Jones	Morgannwg
	Sonny Parselle	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Robyn Tell	Gwynedd
	Stephen Prescott	Morgannwg
	Shae McCarthy	Morgannwg

BIOLOGY

Year 7

1st	Ed Slaughter	Dyfed
2nd	Taliesin Giess	Powys
3rd	Daisy Richards	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Drew Howells	Dyfed
	Ellie Dummett	Powys

Year 8

1st	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg
2nd	Morgan Lean	Powys
3rd	Luke Stradling	Dyfed
Highly Commended:		
	Abigail Tibbs	Powys

CHEMISTRY

Year 7

1st	Polly James	Morgannwg
2nd	Josie Lewis	Powys
3rd	James Page	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Alina Biju	Morgannwg
	Anabel Thomas	Morgannwg

Year 8

1st	Tia Morgan	Gwynedd
2nd	Meg Carey	Gwynedd
3rd	Rosie Smith	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Beth Pickett	Morgannwg

CYMRAEG

Year 7

1st	Polly James	Morgannwg
2nd	Ava Verderame	Dyfed
3rd	Ella Jones	Dyfed
Highly Commended:		
	Joseph Dingle	Gwynedd

Year 8

1st	Lucy Roach	Powys
2nd	Cassie Burke	Dyfed
	Olivia Davis	Gwynedd
3rd	Libby Scott	Dyfed
Highly Commended:		
	Milly Aplin	Gwynedd
	Elisha Martin	Gwynedd
	Katie Jones	Gwynedd
	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg

FOOD & TEXTILES

Year 7

1st	Erin Watkin	Powys
2nd	Oliver Burke	Gwynedd
3rd	Tegan Davies	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Olivia Williams	Powys

Year 8

1st	Rhiannon Owen	Morgannwg
2nd	Joe Ezard	Gwynedd
3rd	Pippa Harrowing	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Lucy Stradling	Dyfed

Year 9

1st	Emily Scott	Morgannwg
2nd	Kyle Walsh	Dyfed
3rd	Connie McDonnell	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Carys Mainwaring	Dyfed

FRENCH

Year 7

1st	Ellison Roberts	Powys
2nd	Finley Taylor	Dyfed
3rd	Joseph Dingle	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Lucy Griffiths	Powys
	Seren Roberts-Brown	Gwynedd
	Alina Biju	Morgannwg

Year 8

1st	Heather Coles	Powys
2nd	Abigail Tibbs	Powys
3rd	Romilly Danahar	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Miles Thomas	Dyfed
	Beth Pickett	Morgannwg
	Ffion Walmsley-Williams	Dyfed

Year 9

1st	Isabel Parselle	Morgannwg
2nd	Isabelle Hone	Morgannwg
3rd	Mya Fraser	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Rachel Appleton	Dyfed
	Emily Scott	Morgannwg
	Chloe Wyatt	Gwynedd

GEOGRAPHY

Year 7

1st	Abigail O'Neill	Gwynedd
2nd	Ben Pownell	Powys
3rd	Lucy Griffiths	Powys
	Joseph Dingle	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Ellison Roberts	Powys

Year 8

1st	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg
2nd	Kara Morgan-Rees	Morgannwg
3rd	Sidnei Dunn	Morgannwg
	James Clear	Morgannwg

Year 9

1st	Kitty James	Dyfed
2nd	Willis Deeks	Gwynedd
3rd	Dafydd Jenkins	Gwynedd
	Matthew Greenwood	Powys
	Jonathan Munro	Dyfed

GERMAN

Year 7

1st	Polly James	Morgannwg
2nd	Anousha Cronje	Gwynedd
3rd	Callie Spiller	Dyfed
Highly Commended:		
	Isla Farnworth	Morgannwg
	David Morgan	Gwynedd
	Benjamin Pownall	Powys

Year 8		
1st	Pippa Harrowing	Morgannwg
2nd	Heather Coles	Powys
3rd	Riley Thomas	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Catrin Butler	Gwynedd
	Elin Jarmin	Gwynedd
	Lowri Powis	Gwynedd

Year 9		
1st	Ocean Poultney-Maddy	Gwynedd
2nd	Rhia Nicholson	Gwynedd
3rd	Hanah Dobbins	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Josie Hodges	Morgannwg
	Beci Senior	Gwynedd
	Olivia Bateman	Powys

HISTORY

Year 7		
1st	Polly James	Morgannwg
2nd	Sophia Sleep	Powys
3rd	Emma Jones	Morgannwg

Year 8		
1st	Dylan Wisden	Powys
2nd	Holly Thomas	Dyfed
3rd	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Regan Davies	Morgannwg

Year 9		
1st	Ocean Poultney-Maddy	Gwynedd
2nd	Carys Mainwaring	Dyfed
3rd	Naomi Walker	Dyfed
	Courtney Evans	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Anya Lowe	Morgannwg
	Hanah Dobbins	Gwynedd

ICT

Year 7		
1st	Ronan Lewis	Gwynedd
2nd	Owen Hancock	Powys
3rd	Nathan Chung	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Jorja Jenkins	Gwynedd

Year 8		
1st	Alex Williams	Dyfed
2nd	Miles Thomas	Dyfed
3rd	Kara Morgan-Rees	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Heather Coles	Powys

Year 9		
1st	Courtney Evans	Dyfed
2nd	Milly Edwards	Gwynedd
3rd	Alex Audsley	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Willis Deeks	Gwynedd

PHYSICS

Year 7		
1st	James Page	Morgannwg
2nd	Polly James	Morgannwg
3rd	Oliver Burke	Gwynedd

PRODUCT DESIGN

Year 7		
1st	Ronan Lewis	Gwynedd
2nd	Erin Watkin	Powys
3rd	Alina Biju	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Natalia Furness	Gwynedd
	Polly James	Morgannwg
	Joseph Morgan	Powys
	Owen Hancock-Yates	Powys

Year 8		
1st	Lucy Honey-Hall	Morgannwg
2nd	Cian Watkins	Dyfed
3rd	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Elin Jarman	Gwynedd
	Morgan Thomas	Dyfed
	Alex Williams	Dyfed

Year 9		
1st	Adam Bertorelli	Powys
2nd	Rachel Appleton	Dyfed
3rd	Meg McCloy	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Erin Thomas-Parker	Gwynedd
	Scarlett Jenkins	Dyfed

PSE/ SCHOOL COUNCIL

Year 7,8 & 9		
1st	Ewan Hall	Dyfed
2nd	Oliver Burke	Gwynedd
3rd	Luke Wyatt	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Willis Deeks	Gwynedd

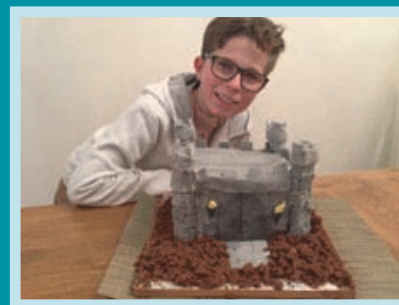
RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Year 7		
1st	Robyn Tell	Gwynedd
	Sophia Sleep & Carys Clee	Powys
2nd	Finley Taylor	Dyfed
	Tegan Davies & Megan-Leigh Prance	Gwynedd
3rd	Jacob Green, Ellison Roberts & Quinn Stables	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Laila Foode	Gwynedd

Year 8		
1st	Beth Pickett	Morgannwg
2nd	Heather Coles	Powys
3rd	Regan Davies	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg

Year 9		
1st	Carys Mainwaring	Dyfed
2nd	Ocean Poultney Maddy	Gwynedd
3rd	Rachel Appleton	Dyfed
Highly Commended:		
	Scarlett Jenkins	Dyfed

The History department ran a Year 7 competition to make a castle. Mack Jenkins and Christian Barrett produced these magnificent cakes!



PSE/School Council ran a competition to produce road safety posters - Winner Ewan Hall



Eisteddfod GLORY

Glorious sunshine heralded the start of a wonderful day of music, performance and recitation at the school's annual Eisteddfod celebration. The senior school enjoyed a morning of performances from Dyfed, Powys, Morgannwg and Gwynedd, whilst in the afternoon, Years 7, 8 and 9 were treated to more displays of talent.

The Eisteddfod is a highlight in the English department's busy calendar as teachers encourage young people to write poems on a Welsh theme. With several hundred entries, judging is tough but thoroughly rewarding.

"Every year, the judging becomes increasingly difficult as the standard just seems to get better and better," commented one of the judges.

"However, we eventually came to an agreement on who deserved recognition".

Tenby Calling

Seagulls calling from afar
As urgent news awaits,
The cobbled paths and sandy dunes are never left
untouched.

As I kneel down,
Pure gold dust falls out of my cupped hands,
Back into its bejewelled chest
Breath in the warm, bitter, salted air.

Animated kites fly miles around,
The distant shores, never ending, surrounded by every
angle
Wind speed changes, with direction,
Forcing waves to venture into the rippling ocean.

Caldey Island, the unbeating heart,
But always filled with life,
Surrounded by the flying guards,
Waiting for their prey.

Photogenic every sight,
New stories unravelled every blink,
Heat burns sweat down my spine,
A constant breeze, battling the blinding haze,
The two extremes still parallel to one another.

Drum beats anomalies, pounding against its temple,
As adrenalin is rudely awakened by all five senses,
Smell of salt being sifted as softly as sleet falling can
choke the throat,
Tastes from all Italian ice-creams, can make anyone
surrender.

The sound of seagulls being chased by the small, yet
heavy-footed giants,
The sense of the cobbled path, uneven to any foot
Tenby, the present waiting to be unwrapped,
The destination, some claim to be the promise land,
Undiscovered paradise in my eyes.

Lucy Beale - Year 10

THE BEACH

The flaring hues of the sun melting into the sky and ocean
like a divine painting.

The forever stretching sea masked with a tinted grey,
beautiful darkness flowing into the ever depths.
Each wave overlaps the other, sending white bubbling crests
descending, masking the shore with transparent fading water
foam reflecting the garnished lights of the twisted warped
stars, the milky speckles twirl and dance in the reflective
surface, the waves a rhythmic percussion on the sand.

The waves, like a clock in and out, mechanized yet beautiful
pivoting from perfection as lyrics of starry night play softly
around harmonising with the under-beat of the tide,
tumbling along to the beat.

Seagull's silhouettes against the tint of night, lost in
darkness; shadows dancing along the sea's depths. The sky
continues to grow darker, painted black on black, one stroke
at a time, into deeper and deeper shades of night.

The rolling grey clouds rapidly become as invisible as the
stars it conceals, the moonlight spilling onto the surface of
the sea, a diffused ocean above; lessening the inky sea
below, the moon hanging above bathing the beach in a silver
haze, caressing the beach with light

An ordinary treasure, some may never notice - the beach

Krista Kavanah - Year 9

In the senior category, there were three Highly Commended poems:

Rugby by Sam Stables, Year 11; Wales by Lauren Slaughter, Year 11 and Welsh Treasures by Tom Watkins, Year 10.

Third place was awarded to Mollie Hodgson in Year 11 with second place going to Connor John also in Year 11.

Winner of the Senior English Poem was awarded to Lucy Beale in Year 10 for her haunting poem Tenby Calling which captured the beautiful town and surrounding countryside. A great win for Powys!

In the junior category, the Highly Commended awards went to:

The Little Town of Fishes by Lily Corbett, Year 9; Like Gold by Chloe Wyatt in Year 9 and Legend by Ross Davies in Year 9.

Third place was awarded to Ocean Poultney-Maddy, Year 9 for Tip Number Seven and second place went to Scarlett Jenkins, Year 9 for Hiraeth.

The winner of the Junior English Poem was Krista Kavanagh in Year 9 for The Beach. Krista's poem reflected the changing face of the shore beautifully. Well done for another Powys achievement!

Thank you to all the pupils who submitted poems, and earned valuable points for their houses. Thanks also to the teachers who encouraged best work. We look forward to next year and another celebration of the school's incredible talent.

Mrs Dabernig
English Department

Crufts

2017



To enter a dog into Crufts you have to qualify your dog by winning a 1st, 2nd or 3rd at a UK championship dog show. Our two Cesky Terriers, Luigi (Kennel Club registered name is Canadian Ch. Alchemy Chalma Figaro Talyot) and his daughter Lulu (KC registered name is Pajentiks Aphrodite at Talyot) qualified at several championships throughout 2016.

At five o'clock in the morning we departed to Birmingham to go to the NEC for Crufts to show Lulu and Luigi. I was showing Lulu who is nineteen months old, so she is in 'Post-Graduate Bitch' (Female) which is a class for dogs who have come out of 'Junior Class', (12 to 18 months old). My Mum was showing Luigi who was in 'Open Dog' which is for dogs who have won challenge certificates or are champions and is the most senior class. Luigi is a Canadian Champion.

Our entry passes had been posted to us a couple of weeks before and these showed our ring number. When we arrived we went to our benches which had our ring numbers on them and this was where we put the crates for our dogs to go in and rest, as well as all our equipment.

People come from all around the world to come to Crufts. In the Ceskies' section, people from Scotland, Ireland, the Czech Republic, Russia and France were entered. The people from France had some dogs from our breeding and were showing them.

Luigi was the first of our dogs to go in the ring and he got a 3rd in the 'Open Dog' class. Best dog was then chosen from all the winners of the dog classes. Once this was completed, the female dogs were judged. I went in with Lulu and got a 2nd in 'Post-Graduate Bitch'.

The judge asked us to walk around the ring and then one by one we put our dogs on a table. I got Lulu to stand for the judge, who then examined her. The judge would check that the animal complied with the breed standard and then asked me to walk in a triangle and then in a straight line to assess the dogs' movement.

As I got a 2nd and my Mum got a 3rd we both automatically qualified for Crufts next year. Crufts is huge with over 22000 dogs competing over 4 days. It uses all 6 of the exhibition halls at the NEC in Birmingham and is in the top three biggest events staged there. There are 500 trade stands; they will sell you anything to do with dogs! We did some shopping and soon after left to go home.

We dropped my Grandpa off at his home with his dogs. When we got home we were really tired as it had been a long day. We will still go next year though!

Alexander Richardson-Year 9

Interact Charity Zumba Session



At the beginning of March, our Interact Group, (members of the Sixth Form who raise money for charity), arranged a Sixth Form Zumba session in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. We decided to hold a Zumba session because our Year 13's loved our KS3 Zumba sessions with Mrs Stuart! We re-visited the 'classics' such as 'Shake it off' and 'Jai Ho' and even wore the glow in the dark kit! It was a great stress relief and it was so much fun to reminisce the great times we had in school before we all part our separate ways.

The Alzheimer's Society is a UK charity funding research into dementia. They also fight for the rights of everyone affected by dementia and provide advice and emotional support to those affected. Dementia is an

incurable disease that affects the brain and possesses symptoms such as memory loss, non-efficient communication and problems with orientation, (such as losing track of the day and date). As Alzheimer's develops further, the body starts deteriorating; they can't walk, eat or perform daily functions without a carer. It is common in people over the age of 65.

Along with other fundraising, we are sending off over £250 to the Alzheimer's Society! It is a charity very close to my heart and we are over the moon to raise so much money for them. A huge thank you to everyone who participated, donated money, and especially to Mrs Stuart, as without her, this session would not have been possible.

Charlotte Levey - Year 13

Dance Club

At the end of last term we, (two year nine girls), were thinking what a shame it was that dance was missing from Porthcawl Comprehensive's list of extra-curricular activities. Both of us have classical dance training and have been involved in many dance showcases and courses that have sparked our passion for dancing. So, at the start of this term we started a Dance Club on Thursday lunchtimes in the Gym, open to students from Years 7 - 9, welcoming dancers of all abilities. We have had many pupils, both boys and girls coming along to Dance Club - some have been experienced dancers, and for others it has been their first attempt. It has been so rewarding to see everyone's progress and we are always looking for new members, so see you there!

Scarlett Jenkins 9TH & Ashleigh Phillips 9GD

Music

BBC National Orchestra of Wales Concerts

On Friday the 7th April, our Year 13 A level Music students had the privilege of watching the BBC National Orchestra of Wales perform live on Radio 3. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to hear such a prestigious orchestra perform live!

The concert was at the Wales Millennium Centre, in Hoddinott Hall. They performed four pieces entitled 'Tales of Travel', which included impressionist works by Debussy and Ravel. Both of which are composers that Year 13 are studying closely for their A level in Music.

The orchestra were, as usual, outstanding, and it was a pleasure to take our musicians to experience their fantastic playing! The concert pianist performing was absolutely superb. The pupils could not believe how fast his fingers moved! Seeing this performance up close was amazing.

The whole concert was broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 and it was interesting to see how this worked. The presenter informed us of when we went live on air and a recording light came on. We had to ensure that we kept quiet throughout!

Tickets are free, so see the Music department for details on future concerts and put your names down ASAP to avoid disappointment 😊

The Music Department

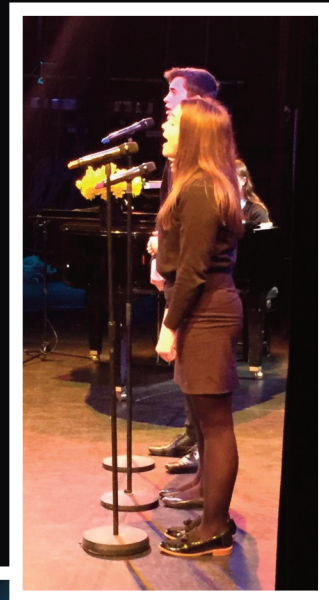


Margam Musical Magic

On Saturday May 6th it was the annual Bridgend County Senior Orchestra and Ensembles held at Margam Abbey. Pupils from all the secondary schools in Bridgend took part. Porthcawl was, as always very well represented with pupils in Symphonic Brass, Big Band, Strings Plus, Wind Band and the Senior Orchestra.

The pupils had worked extremely hard throughout the term to prepare this outstanding concert and the audience were treated to a wide range of pieces. Alex Hunt played the solo in the Finale from 'Clarinet Concerto No 1' conducted by Mrs Helen Williams. Just before the final orchestral pieces, there was an opportunity for the Music teachers to say thank you to four of our Year 13 pupils who have supported orchestras and ensembles for many years. The Music Service and Porthcawl Comprehensive will miss them, as they move on to study at university. A big thank you to Lowri Howell, Alex Hunt, Lydia Pickett and Lauren Pugh.

St David's Day Concert *at the Pavilion*



After the success of 'Little Shop of Horrors' in January, the cast were thrilled to have the opportunity to perform once again on the Pavilion stage.

On St David's Day, the school choir and cast from the show were asked to perform in a concert with the 'Morrison Orpheus Male Voice Choir'. It was a superb evening with performances from the choir, Bridgend Youth Theatre group, soloist Angharad Rees and others.

Our choir performed two numbers from our annual musical, 'Skid Row' and 'Suddenly Seymour' which were very well received. The pupils sang with enthusiasm and were pitch perfect! Anna Arrieta, James Evans-Jones and Lucy Vinen brilliantly sang a rendition of 'Stand by Me' which was followed with our a cappella group performing the beautiful 'Steal Away'.

It was a privilege for our school to be asked to be part of this concert and it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Once again, we must thank Alexandra Hunt for accompanying our choir and doing a wonderful job, as usual!

The Music Department





Lessons from Auschwitz 2017



In February, myself and four others; Lois John, Isabel Humphries, Chloe Green and Mr Short, took part in the Lessons from Auschwitz project. A scheme to increase the knowledge of the Holocaust, re-humanise the victims, and most importantly, understand the contemporary relevance of the holocaust.

We attended a seminar in the Angel Hotel three days prior to departure to Poland, where we learnt about previous Jewish life, and actually had the immense privilege of speaking to a holocaust survivor, Eva Clarke. This truly was a remarkable experience, and was certainly a real eye-opener to us. Her testimony was just one of the tens of millions of people caught up in the holocaust; be it as victims and even perpetrators. Eva told us of the graphic and disturbing story about how she came into the world. Her mother, at just 5 stones, went into labour in a cattle waggon with no medical care and in a dark, cramped and squalid space. Bravely she managed to give birth on 29th April 1945 and remarkably, a day later, the Germans ran out of the gas they used in the gas chambers. Had she been born a day earlier, would she still be here?

Listening to Eva Clarke was a fascinating experience and one which helped prepare us for the actual visit to Auschwitz and Birkenau.

Harry Evans - Year 12

During the Lessons from Auschwitz experience, we had the chance to visit Auschwitz 1 and Auschwitz 2 Birkenau. Museum-like in style, Auschwitz 1 had displays and information and we all found this extremely useful as we were able to put into context what we had learnt in the seminar.

The most shocking display was the vast amount of hair. The collection shows one tonne of hair which helped us understand the harrowing act of shaving off the victims' hair in order to strip them of their identities. Another extremely upsetting sight was the collection of shoes from tiny baby shoes to worn-in heels. This caused us to imagine the different types of people from all walks of life, brought to death at one place.

We were also shown victims' suitcases with their names and addresses written across the front. This distressing display made us realise how many of the victims that suffered in the camp didn't understand what was going on, and were left clueless until their last breath. The last exhibit was the Book of Names, containing the names of over 4.2 million victims of the Holocaust. This was the most un-nerving because of the sheer size of the book and the incredibly tiny font. Seeing this brought a sense of re-humanisation to the victims and allowed us to begin to comprehend the numbers involved.

After this, we visited Birkenau and had a completely different experience. Contrary to Auschwitz 1, Birkenau was about what was not there, rather than what was there. The vast, empty space with long bunkers methodically placed showed the precise planning of this genocide which made it all the more terrifying. As we walked further and further down, we saw the ruins of the gas chambers which the Nazis had bombed to cover up their actions. This experience of seeing the place where the majority of the mass murders occurred is one that won't leave us for a very long time.

Chloe Green - Year 12



Welsh Trip to Glan-llyn



I thought I understood History well. But when I visited Auschwitz-Birkenau as part of the Lessons from Auschwitz Project, it was clear to me that my own understanding wasn't what I thought it was. The experience was far more horrifying than any book or documentary could ever teach me. Being confronted with this History face-to-face was a harrowing experience that I will never forget. As a teacher, it was an immense privilege to accompany our students to Poland and to participate in the project alongside them. Most importantly, it is imperative that we learn the lessons of the Holocaust, by ensuring that prejudice and discrimination is always challenged and never obtains a foothold on this earth again.

Mr Short - History Department



Recently, a group of 23 Welsh students spent an action-packed weekend at Glan-llyn, an outdoor education centre near Bala.

Despite the very inclement Snowdonia weather, pupils from Years 9-12 enjoyed an action packed weekend which included canoeing, raft-building, archery, orienteering and high ropes (some whilst carrying a cup of water!).

Competition was intense between teams. Which team made the best raft? Which raft would float the best? Who would fall into the lake? (Sorry Alice!! But

it was funny!!), Who could climb the high wall blind-folded and build the best campfire to then toast their marshmallows around.

In the Sports Hall, Mr Stratford was one of the most competitive as he carved up the opposition with his Gareth Bale football skills! Mrs Davies didn't fare so well as she tried to re-enact her school hockey days! She's still complaining about her sore knees – Max!!!

Fortunately, there were no serious injuries, however, and everyone returned to school on Monday very tired but really hoping to go again!

Magical Venice

A Gondola ride, eating gelato and shopping in Saint Mark's Square; all musts when visiting Venice, and that's exactly what we did!

On the 8th of April at approximately 5am, 34 tired yet excitable Porthcawl students, along with the teachers from the Art and Textiles department, made their way to Gatwick airport and then Venice. As we arrived, we realised how difficult it was carting luggage around a city without roads, and so we all had to squeeze onto a Vaporetto (water bus) with our bags. Finally, we got to our hotel, located in the Jewish quarter. That night, we ate at a local restaurant and rested for the exciting day ahead.

On the first day, we spent our time in the main part of the city. First, we visited the Palazzo Grassi museum, on its opening day for Damien Hirst's new exhibition "Treasures from the wreck of the unbelievable". As we entered, we were met by an eighteen metre high statue named "Demon with a bowl" which was missing a head. The whole theme of the exhibition was centred around these 'treasures' from the ocean which were often covered with coral and sea debris. Following an interesting tour of the exhibition, it was time for lunch followed by a visit to the Peggy Guggenheim Museum. Here, we saw works from many famous artists such as Salvador Dali, Jackson Pollock and Henry Moore, and it was exciting to see these works in real life. To finish the day, we took a much anticipated gondola ride around the city. This was very relaxing, and we were able to see the city from the water instead of just through walking.

Then, on the second day, we went away from the city and visited the islands of Murano and Burano. Murano is famous for its glassmaking, and so seeing how glass is made was a must! We started by watching a group of talented men make flowers for chandeliers. This looked like a difficult process, yet we were mesmerised by the skill and ease the men had when making them. They had obviously done it once or twice before! We then saw a man making a glass horse, which was extremely detailed but only took him a few minutes. Following some glass shopping and looking at the colourful shops, we boarded the Vaporetto to Burano Island. Instead of glass, Burano specialises in lace, and there were plenty of shops filled with table covers, coasters and even umbrellas made from white lace. Whilst the lace lacked in colour, the houses definitely did not! They were all different shades of blues, bright yellows, deep pinks; some were even multi-coloured! They were a sight to see, and the walls sparkled in the sun. We returned to the main part of the city and enjoyed lunch at the Hard Rock café in Saint Mark's Square.

On the last day, we were sad to be leaving, and after packing our suitcases, we went again to Saint Mark's Square, to go to the Basilica. This cathedral was covered in decoration, and the luxurious sights made it worth waiting in the long queue of people. Following this, we did some shopping for the last time and returned to our hotel to collect the suitcases. We were very tired at this point, and as we left Venice and got to the airport, we were sad to be leaving it behind. When we arrived back in the UK we reflected about our amazing trip, and tried to get some much needed sleep on the coach!

Alice Webber - Year 12



Pupils Comments/Highlights

"I loved Venice! It has amazing views and gorgeous places to visit. I loved the fact that all the time was used experiencing culture and spending 5 euros on bird feed! Venice is a beautiful place and was an amazing experience."

"Venice is the most unique city I have ever visited. We all took part in what seemed like hundreds of first time experiences, such as: an amazing gondola ride, watching demonstrations of glass chandeliers and horses being made and taking some fantastic pictures of breath taking views – especially the Rialto Bridge."



Venice

SPORT

Glamorgan Valley ATHLETICS



Skylar Evans of Year 11 had a good day at the Glamorgan Valley Athletics Championships on 25th April. She made it to the finals of both the 100m and the 200m, and finished first in the 200m, thus enabling her to represent Glamorgan Valleys for this event at the Welsh School Championships in July. She also finished 2nd in the 100m, so she is likely to be in the relay team too.



Welsh Success

Many congratulations to Connor Whitney-Embleton 7EH and Ewan Hall 7AL who have both been selected to represent Wales U12's in Basketball. Inspired by the provision at Porthcawl Comprehensive, both boys have been playing for six months and look forward to continuing to hone their skills.



Rugby Report – Spring Term into Summer

This term was about playing 7-a-side rugby and preparing for the challenges that the fast flowing form of the game presents. Summer also sees the start of the girls' season and many festivals and fixtures were played to allow girls to learn the skills of the game.

For the 7's season, each year group from Year 7 to 10, played in a local festival in preparation for competitive tournaments later in the term. These festivals were well attended and gave us some lessons on how different the 7's game is. Year 7, 8 and 9 all played in the National Urdd 7's competition, where over 60 teams from all over Wales competed at Pencoed to be the best 7's team in Wales. The Year 7's found the transition into the 7's game difficult and although they gave 100% in the games they played, failed to win enough games to get out of their group for the next stage. Year 8 went into the tournament with real hope and although the squad was weakened through injury, believed they could progress to the knockout stage of the tournament. The groups were published on the Friday before the competition and we were placed in a tough group with a strong Plasmawr School team and local rivals Dwr-y-Felin. Having won our first group game against Preseli comfortably, the boys were positive going into the game against Dwr-y-Felin. It was a tight game, but some defensive errors by us allowed them to score 3 tries to our 2 and make the last game of the day versus Plasmawr a must win. Unfortunately they had too much pace and power, and we were to go home and not return to compete the next day. The Year 9 team

showed plenty of heart but didn't have the athleticism to compete in the fast, quick form of the game. They pushed a few teams close but didn't manage to win any of their group games.



The Year 8 team also travelled to Rosslyn Park for the largest schools tournament in the world. The experience of seeing so many schools playing on 25+ fields is breath-taking and a memory for life for those that attended. Up in London we managed some good wins against local rivals Brynteg and Cardiff school St Illtyd's and continued the day unbeaten.

To finish off the 7's season, the Bridgend 7's had a makeover and became the Ospreys East 7's Competition. Year 7 & 8 being held at local schools and the Year 9 competition at the Brewery Field. Year 8 again showed their potential and topped their group with wins against Llangynwyd, Brynteg and Pencoed and beat a strong Dyffryn team in the final to take the Cup home as champions.

Regular training for girls' rugby has started and the U15 girls have been given a great introduction to rugby thanks the coaching of Rhys Perry and Max Shears in Year 10. Fixtures against Bae Baglan and local school festivals have given the girls an experience of playing competitively, with the Ospreys Cup competition being the focus when it is played in June.

The WRU support for school rugby continues next season and we remain a School of Rugby and WRU HUB School. Working with the local community and clubs will only ensure that rugby grows from strength to strength in the Porthcawl area.

Mr Davies



KS4 Girls

- Welsh Schools Finals

This year, pupils in Years 8 to 10 got the opportunity to play competitive basketball and despite the lack of club players, it was a success. Throughout the year we have been playing matches against various schools and emerged unbeaten which sent us straight through to the Wales School Finals. The standards were very high at the finals with teams which consisted of mainly club players but we pulled through and managed to come 3rd in Wales! I was honoured to captain such a hardworking and successful team. Congratulations to the following: Nicola Hughes, Lucy Stradling, Jazmin Gamble, Cherrise Lau, Anni Martin, Megan Froyley, Sarah Wynne, Amy Bradbury, Nia Clatworthy, Hannah Davidson and Emily Ezard. We look forward to competing next year in the hope to become Welsh School Champions.

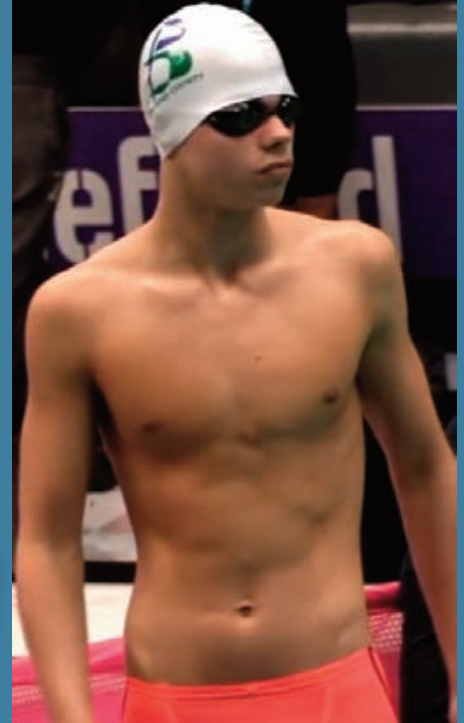
Thank you to Matthew Smith for the wonderful photographs!

Nicola Hughes - Year 10



Boys Basketball

Our KS3 and KS4 boys performed well all season and won their respective regional tournament qualifying competitions for the Welsh Schools Basketball Cup Competition. The next stage saw them play the best schools in South Wales to decide which teams would make it through to the finals to be played against the best 2 schools from North Wales. Both teams were very young and inexperienced but put up a good show and narrowly missed out on a place in the finals tournament. The future for this group is bright and we look forward to more success and development next season.



Porthcawl's 'Dynamic Duo' making a splash around the world.

Porthcawl Comprehensive School are currently blessed with many elite level athletes across a multitude of different sports but the duo of Rebecca Sutton and Ioan Evans are set to make a huge splash this summer in the world of swimming.

Both Porthcawl pupils have been selected recently to compete for Wales in the Youth Commonwealth Games being held in the Bahamas' this coming July.

For Rebecca this will be her second commonwealths and she is favourite to medal again hopefully improving on her 2 silver medals from last year. Her exploits from last summer have helped jettison her into the GB future potential team with her long term sights set firmly on the Olympic Games in 2020. With mentors such as Welsh Olympic Silver medallist Jazz Carlin on her team we could have another Olympian from our school once again very soon.

Not to be overshadowed fellow Porthcawl pupil Ioan Evans' rise to swimming stardom has been astronomical this year. Currently ranked number one in GB for his age group for the 1500m free style and Welsh Long Course Junior record holder Ioan will also be one to keep a close eye on, and at the tender age of 15 will be competing against athletes four years his senior! Unsurprisingly this rising star also has his sights set firmly on Tokyo 2020.

Everyone at Porthcawl Comprehensive School is extremely proud of Rebecca and Ioan and look forward to reporting on their exploits in the Bahamas. Good luck from everyone!





Football success for Tom

Tom Tweedy is in 7EH. He is a member of the Swansea City Football Club Academy U12's. He trains 5 times a week, attends day release on a Wednesday and has also played up for the U13 team. He plays all around the country including Chelsea, Southampton, and Birmingham.

Girls tumble and vault their way to team gold!

Six gymnasts: Ayla Farnworth Year 7; Morgan Thomas Year 8; Storm Woods, Year 7; Jessica Mullins, Year 7; Harriet Perkins, Year 7 and Romilly Danahar, Year 8 represented Porthcawl Comprehensive at the regional Tumble and Vault Competition in Merthyr in April. Both Ayla and Morgan took the silver medal in the U14 category, Storm placed 5th and together they took team gold, all qualifying to represent the county in the Welsh finals to be held later in Cardiff. Romilly was later asked to join this team as a reserve.



In the O14 category, Paige Sheen placed 2nd, Nia Eales placed 3rd, qualifying for the Welsh finals and with Asia Farnworth; they also took team gold in this competition.

After weeks of practise under the direction of Asia Farnworth both in and outside of school, these six Year 7 and 8 gymnasts went on to compete in the Welsh Schools Acro Competition in Cardiff's Sofia Gardens, where again they took the gold medal. This qualified them for the Schools British Finals in Stoke at the beginning of May, where they represented Wales. Here they did themselves and the school proud and were placed 11th in Britain in their team event. Their performance helped Wales to be placed 2nd overall in the Acro and Tumbling event.

Outside school, Ayla Farnworth recently competed in the Welsh NDP Tumbling qualifier and took the overall title of National 5 (Age 10-12) Champion. She will now travel to the Barclaycard Arena, Birmingham, to compete for Wales in the British Semi Finals. Good luck Ayla!



Ellie Gallops to Victory

Hi, I'm Ellie Graham, I'm in Year 9 and I'm an amateur horse rider and showjumper.

My pony is called Champagne Charlie, aka Champ, and he is 14.2hh. Me and Champ haven't been competing that long; we have done a few shows winning most and getting placed.

On Saturday 18th March, myself, Grace Strong, (Year 8) and Rose Kembery, (Nottage Primary) ventured up to the David Broome Equestrian Centre in Chepstow for The British Showjumping Just for Schools National Competition. We were competing with pupils from across England and Wales, many of them fee-paying schools. We could not make up a full team this time, so we all represented our schools as individuals.

In our first class, 60cm, I, Grace and Rose all competed individually. We had to go clear (which means you can't knock any poles down) and try to get the fastest time. Rose came 3rd in that class me and Grace had double clears but with no placing.

In our second class, 70cm, we all competed individually again. This time the class had more entries containing over 25 competitors. As the winners were called out, Rose had a 3rd and I had 1st, winning the class with the fastest time and no penalty points. I had got Porthcawl Comprehensive School on the league table in Inter-Schools Showjumping!

Grace Strong also came 2nd in the Style Showjumping. It was a very successful day for Porthcawl!

Ellie Graham ~ Year 9





U14 Hockey Welsh Cup

On Wednesday 15th February, the U14 Hockey squad travelled up to Lewis Girls' School to take part in Pool B in the qualifying rounds of the Welsh Cup.

There were 6 teams in our pool: Porthcawl, Llangynwyd, Y Dderwen, Hawthorn, Cardinal Newman, Treorchy and Y Pant.

We started off our first game against Y Dderwen slowly and were disappointed not to get more goal scoring opportunities, the game ended in a 0-0 draw. The next game was against Hawthorn; we played a much better game and linked well in attack to set up some great goals and were really happy with the end score of 4-0. Our third game was against Cardinal Newman and although our play was improving through the day we only managed to score one goal, but this was enough to win the match. Our 4th and

final game against Llangynwyd proved to be the most important; the winner would be the team to proceed to the final. It was a superbly fought game, end to end with some fantastic hockey, goals were saved and opportunities missed by both teams. It was absolutely nail biting and ended in a 0-0 draw!

The decision went down to goal difference and we missed out by 1 goal. Llangynwyd went through to play the district final and ended up beating Brynteg 1-0, (something we had done in a friendly game the week before) and went on to represent the district in the Welsh Finals.

We played some great hockey, showed terrific team spirit and came very close to winning. We are determined to do even better as part of the U16 squad next year.



Rudder rides the waves

Rudder Rava began surfing at just four years old and has always been interested in the ocean, loves sharks and marine biology. Rudder is a member of the Welsh Coast Surf Club and every year they hold the Welsh Surfing competitions in Fresh Water West during May. Last year Rudder won the U12s and won a cup and over £100 prizes.

This March, Rudder won his heat in the Wilkinson Sword surfing competition in Llantwit Major. He is hoping to enter more competitions this year.



Year 9 Hockey with the Whitchurch Saints

Sara Male and Ocean Poultney-Maddy both in Year 9 at Porthcawl Comprehensive School play for Whitchurch Saints hockey team. On Sunday 26 March 2017 they won the U15 Club Plate Competition. Sara can be seen in the front row, second from the left with Ocean in the back row, second from the right.

Porthcawl Pupils Excel at British Stillwater Championships



On the 23rd of April 2017, Rest Bay Lifeguard Club took a team of 9 hardy juniors to the British Stillwater (Pool) Championships at Millfield School in Somerset.

We competed all through the weekend at individual and team races, which included the mighty 'Super Lifesaver' for over 16's only, a 200m race combining all of the lifeguarding disciplines, in which I won a British Bronze Medal with the Gold and Silver medals going to GB team athletes.

Amazingly, our team of only 9 came 7th out of 24 teams (including all of the major Cornish Clubs), and the girls alone came out ranking 4th in Britain, top Welsh Club - an incredible achievement!

Special congratulations to Olivia Geddes and Bethan Morgan for coming away with a British Gold Medal! Our amazing team who raced with guts and determination all weekend, included:

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| Elen McCloy (Year 11) | Meg McCloy (Year 9) |
| Chloe Wyatt (Year 9) | Tegan Davies (Year 7) |
| Olivia Geddes (Year 7) | Bethan Morgan (Year 7) |
| Ellie Evans (Year 7) | |

Congratulations also to our neighbouring Welsh Club, Sker and Pink Bay who had some superb results during the weekend and our other Welsh Clubs - Rhoose, Pen-y-Bont and Mumbles.

Elen McCloy - Year 11
Junior Vice-Captain



Welsh Glory for our Squash Players

Congratulations to Joshua and Lewys Audsley who both represented Wales in the 5 Nations Squash event at the beginning of April; Lewys playing for the U13s and Joshua for the U15s. The U15s came third, collecting a bronze medal, whilst the U13s finished 4th only narrowly missing out on a silver medal by 3 points. The pictures show the whole of Team Wales and the U15s being presented with their bronze medals by Chris Rees MP. Both boys will receive their Welsh caps in a special presentation in June.



Go Girls

The Go Girls group is run by some of our Year 10 pupils with the aim of getting more girls active by trying out some new and fun activities.

The Go Girls sessions run on Friday lunchtimes in the Gym and Jubilee Theatre and activities have included glow in the dark Zumba, bench ball, bench hockey, table tennis, lacrosse, badminton and much more.

After half term an instructor will be coming in to school on Friday lunchtimes to run a new activity called 'rebounding' which involves loads of fun activities on mini trampolines. All girls are welcome, look out for the posters and come along and join in!



Pupil Achievements

Summer 2017

Many congratulations go to the following:-

Ioan Evans Year 10 Selected to represent Team Wales in the Youth Commonwealth Games in the Bahamas in July

Rebecca Sutton Year 11 Selected to represent Team Wales in the Youth Commonwealth Games in the Bahamas in July

Lewys Audsley Year 8 Selected for Wales at Squash 5 Nations Tournament (U13)

Josh Audsley Year 10 Selected for Wales at Squash 5 Nations Tournament (U15)

Connor Whitney -Embleton & Ewan Hall Year 7 Selected for Wales at Basketball (U12)

Daniel Ball Year 9 Bridgend District Football FAW Regional Training Squad (U14)

Sara Male and Ocean Poultney -Maddy Year 9 Members of the Whitchurch Saints Hockey team who won the (U15) Club Plate competition.

Trent Francis Year 10 1st Degree Black Belt – Tang Soo Do Karate

Isaak Cronje Year 9 Selected for Mid Glamorgan Cricket (U14)

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

We rely on you for our information! Has your child achieved success or recognition relating to an extra-curricular activity? If so, please email Nicola Evans at

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Musical Success

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	Year	Instrument	Grade
Rachel Tombs	Year 7	Musical Theatre Grade 3	Distinction
Jude Dabernig	Year 9	Saxophone	
Sneha Sunil	Year 7	Violin Grade 2	Distinction
Adela Henderson	Year 8	Violin Grade 2	Pass
Ewan Aitchison-Hough	Year 10	Violin Grade 4	Merit



Answers from the Maths Challenge: Answer is D Dan.