

Welcome to the first edition of the **Porthcawl Post** for the school year 2017-2018



Porthcawl Post

Porthcawl Comprehensive School Newsletter ~ Autumn 2017



May I welcome everyone to this first edition of the **Porthcawl Post** for academic year 2017-18. The new year is a couple of months old now and everyone has settled in and is working well.

As is our custom and practice, I should like to formally welcome several new members of staff. Mrs Mahoney has joined as our new Head of English. As a former pupil and mother of children at our school, Mrs Mahoney knows the place very well. Another former pupil Miss Evans has also joined the English Department and we wish her well as she embarks upon her career here. We also have two more teachers joining us; Ms Stanton is in the RS Department and Miss Hankin has joined the Maths Faculty.

We say goodbye to two well respected and key members of our support staff. Mr Rhys Davies leaves his post as Laboratory Technician. Mr Davies has been with us for 5 years and we wish him all the very best in the next stage of his career. Also leaving the team is Mrs Anne Wallace. Anne has been at our school for twenty one years and she retired at October half term. Mrs Wallace has two sons who were both "Head Boy" at our school, this is a record that will take some breaking!! All at our school will

miss Anne and we wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement.

The summer witnessed another series of examination results. I do hope you saw the press coverage we enjoyed, just rewards for the dedication of the staff and hard work of the students. May I extend a word of thanks to you as parents / carers for the support you have given the students. As I always remark, the school is at its strongest when the families, students and staff work together for a common purpose.

We have recently had our open evening which was a great success. Mrs Sloggett organised an excellent event which showcased all that is first class about our school. Currently we have expressions of interest from almost 30 families from outside Porthcawl who wish their children to join us for September 2018. This is a massive vote of confidence in our school, the pupils and staff alike.

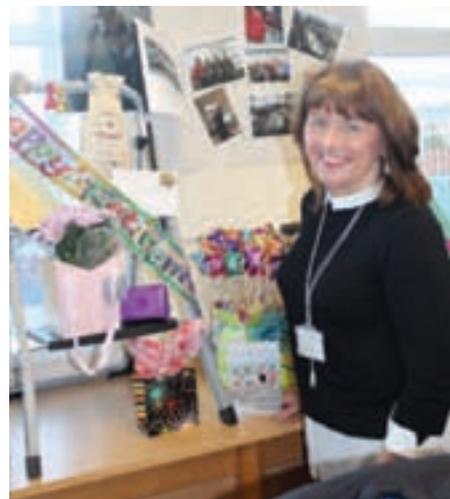
Could I ask you to look at our website on a regular basis. Mrs Hunt is the administrator of the website and any suggestions for improvement will be most welcome. We use the website as a means of communicating with "home", also we advertise events and job vacancies on the site.

Finally, in January we will be producing our school show "The Phantom of the Opera". This year we will stage our 40th consecutive performance, a record unrivalled in Wales I believe. The show will run from

24th – 27th January 2018 so please contact the Grand Pavilion Box Office on 01656 815995 to book your seats for what will be a sell-out event. To celebrate our 40th show, we are adding an additional performance on Saturday night as well as the afternoon matinee.

I look forward to the year 2017-18 together and look forward to meeting you all over the year.

Andrew Slade
Headteacher



Mrs Anne Wallace

Celebrating Every Child Awards at Porthcawl Comprehensive School



Over the last 18 months PCS has been running the Achievement for All Programme. A small team of staff have been working with a number of pupils to ensure they maximise their potential in school. This has involved regular meetings with pupils and parents/carers to look at attendance and achievement. These meetings have been key in developing closer links with home and identifying ways in which the school and parents/carers can work together for the benefit of the children.

Feedback from parents/carers and pupils alike has been very positive. Parents/carers told us:

“The programme has boosted N’s confidence”, “The programme has bridged a gap between school and home” and “S’s confidence has grown and her general well-being has improved”.

Pupils have also been enthusiastic about the programme saying: “The programme has made me feel better about myself” and “It was good to have a meeting with parents as we talked about how school is going and things at home.”

Recently this work has been recognised with the school being amongst the top three schools nationally in the Pupil Premium category at the Celebrating Every Child Awards in Newbury and we are delighted we received a certificate of “Highly Commended” for the work.

Many thanks to pupils, parents/carers and staff at Porthcawl Comprehensive School for their commitment and teamwork!



During the last week of term, as part of Enrichment Week, our Year 12 pupils were involved in several community projects. As has become a tradition over the last couple of years, over 100 students took part in the ‘Lavender Walk’, walking more than 12 miles from school and ending up at the Prince of Wales, Kenfig, raising over £500 for Pancreatic Cancer UK. The following day, many of the same students were involved in a beach clean on Rest Bay where they collected up dozens of bags of litter.

Restart a Heart Day CPR Training for Year 8



Pupils and staff at Porthcawl Comprehensive School were delighted to take part again in “Restart a Heart Day” which was launched in the Welsh Assembly and rolled out across Wales. The school was fortunate to be visited by Resuscitation Officer, Helen Williams, Dr Craig Williams and a team of First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians who supervised the training.

Every year over 30,000 people in the UK suffer a cardiac arrest out of hospital, (often at home or whilst at work or school). Less than one in ten people survive. In Norway, where Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is taught to all pupils at school, one in four people survive. If we could achieve the same survival rates Norway we could save almost 5000 more lives every year. The now annual, Europe wide, ‘Restart a Heart Day’ aims to teach tens of thousands of young people CPR in one day.

Throughout the day, the 190 pupils of Year 8 were given basic CPR training on manikins, guided by a training DVD provided by the British Heart Foundation. Sixth Formers and staff were also keen to take up the initiative.

Headteacher, Mr Slade said, “I am delighted that this valuable opportunity was taken up by so many of our young people and staff. We are very grateful to the team of volunteers who shared their expert knowledge and equipped our students with basic CPR skills.”

Many thanks to our fantastic volunteers:-

- Helen Williams:** Resuscitation Officer ABMU and Lead Volunteer
- Dr Craig Williams:** Consultant Anaesthetist ABMU
- Roger Slennett:** Community First Responder/South Wales Police
- Wendy Allen:** South Wales Police
- David Bennett:** Charge Nurse ABMU
- Sarah Smith:** South Wales Police
- Rob Bailey:** Fire Service





Career Pathways Induction Programme

Towards the end of June, Year 12 enjoyed the two day Career Pathways Induction Programme. This involved many experienced volunteers from the U3A from professions such as engineering, teaching, medicine and the police coming into school to interview our pupils in preparation for university/ apprenticeships and job applications. Pupils had to dress appropriately for interview and feedback was given immediately to help improve their applications. Speakers from Universities, Careers Wales and the RAF also attended and thank you to Malcolm Cowper and the U3A volunteers for their much valued contribution.

U3A helps out at Porthcawl Comprehensive



In our highly competitive society, attending a first formal interview can be a nerve-jangling experience, especially as a teenager. The more practice young people get in acquiring and then fine-tuning those important self-presentation skills the more likely it is that success will follow. Staff at Porthcawl Comprehensive do an excellent job in preparing their sixth form students for interviews to access higher education and apprenticeships, but to inject a touch of realism to the process the school reached out to members of Porthcawl U3A for help. 32 members of Porthcawl U3A were pleased to answer the call to support their community and conduct mock interviews at the school over two days in June. Each student was allocated a half hour slot to be grilled by two U3A members, many of whom are themselves former teachers and learning professionals. The whole process was made to be as realistic as possible and was followed by the delivery of feedback directly to the student - helpful hints and practical advice.

Headteacher Andrew Slade was delighted with the outcome:

'This was an important opportunity to develop and enhance interview skills for our students, many of whom are about to compete for places at some of the best universities in the country' said Mr Slade.

'The feedback given by members of Porthcawl U3A was really useful in allowing our students to critically reflect and refine their crucial self-presentation skills'.

Head of sixth form Miss Crook added:

'Whilst more than 65% of our pupils go on to university - 25% of them to prestigious Russell Group institutions - here at Porthcawl Comprehensive every student is equally important whatever career path they choose, whether it's university or apprenticeship, and all are assured of receiving support from dedicated staff.'

'But they all need to acquire those important interview skills and the school is enormously grateful to members of Porthcawl U3A for their assistance.'

Malcolm Cowper U3A

Leos 2017-18



Porthcawl Comprehensive School's Leos Club meets in the Conference Room on Wednesdays at lunch time. We are a student led group, looking to serve in our community and welcome pupils from across the year groups.

We are looking forward to helping with a world record attempt in March 2018 to celebrate 100 years of our sponsors, the Lions Clubs. The world record attempt will involve laying out over 30,000 pairs of spectacles that we have collected together amongst our different groups. The line of spectacles is likely to measure 4km long! All the glasses are recycled and will be used again, either whole or as components.

Next term we will hold the Easter Egg Raffle for both staff and children at school and in the Summer we run the sports day snack bar. Cancer UK, Teenage Cancer Trust, Alzheimer's, Stroke Club, Race for Life and Children in Need are just some of the causes that we have supported. Our aim is to provide leadership, opportunity and experience to all of our members. Lion, Mr Pearce, attends our meetings and tries to guide us.

Please bring any old or unused spectacles that are no longer needed to our collection box in reception.



Macmillan Cake Week

Macmillan cake week was held in school between 25th-29th September. Miss Owens baked her legendary Malteser cake again much to the delight of all the staff and we raised £270 in total.



RACE FOR LIFE

In July 2017, Year 10 successfully completed the Cancer Research UK Race for Life event. It is such a great charity, so we helped by walking or running up to 5km. We did this on the school field and donated an entry fee for the charity. Some pupils raised additional money through sponsorship from parents, grandparents and friends. In total we raised an incredible £935 for Cancer Research UK, the most any year group has raised in the 6 years of taking part in the event.

India Clatworthy Year 11



Charity Afternoon at the Sandville

On 21st October, the Sandville Self Help Centre hosted a charity tea party organised by Susan Carville, which raised money for their wonderful facility in Kenfig, by selling delicious cakes.

Our pupils were delighted to be invited along to perform during the afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed their day. Lucy Vinen sang and was accompanied by Laurence Hunt on the piano. They entertained the guests with songs and music including numbers from our upcoming show, The Phantom of the Opera.



The Sandville offers a people centred service with social and psychological care for patients and families. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and everyone concerned was delighted with the money raised for the centre.



Sweet Parcels for Romania

The Head Team collected sweets for Romanian street children again this year, on behalf of Mrs Ruth Evans of Gilgal Church. The response was fantastic from the pupils and amazingly they collected in excess of 300 parcels containing Mars, Smarties, Milky Way, Toffee Crisp, Starburst and Fruit Pastilles, all wrapped up in Christmas paper! During November, the parcels were delivered to Cardiff where they boarded a lorry and then went on to Romania on what was incredibly the 160th lorry trip of this kind!

Expressive Arts

Pioneer Schools

The national curriculum for Wales is changing and Porthcawl Comprehensive School is at the forefront! We have been given the exciting opportunity of becoming a Pioneer School which places us as part of an all-Wales partnership team to create a new curriculum for Wales. The Music, Drama, Art and Media Departments at PCS were invited, along with 14 other schools, to design a new and innovative 'Expressive Arts' curriculum for Wales.

As a Pioneer School we are privileged to be given first-hand knowledge of the developments within our new curriculum and we are able to trial and experiment with projects, themes and immersion days. We will work in close partnership with our cluster primary schools, our networks of schools and beyond to ensure that as many schools as possible are part of the design and development process. During this next school year we will be trialling exciting new projects and asking for feedback from pupils and parents. Our children at PCS are at the forefront of an innovative, once in a generation curriculum reform and we're very excited to be able to work on this together.

If you'd like any further information on our Pioneer School status or on the Expressive Arts curriculum please contact Mrs Kathryn Lewis.

Mrs K Lewis



Music Department Year 6 Expressive Arts Immersion Day

We invited all Year 6 pupils to join us in June for a fun day of workshops across Music, Drama, Dance and Art. We looked at the theme of 'Circle of Life – an African Adventure' with pupils participating in sessions designed to immerse them in our theme but also to encourage them to ask Big Questions about it. The focus was to encourage them to think about Status and Identity within African culture.

In Music, pupils sang and moved to African tribal music - attempting to be their own tribe with call and response chanting and singing African lyrics.

In Art, pupils looked at clay hand printing using African patterns and colours and in Drama they used Disney's Circle of Life as a backdrop to discuss the status and identity of native African animals. All 184 pupils came together at the end of the day to discuss what they'd learnt and to perform the Circle of Life song.

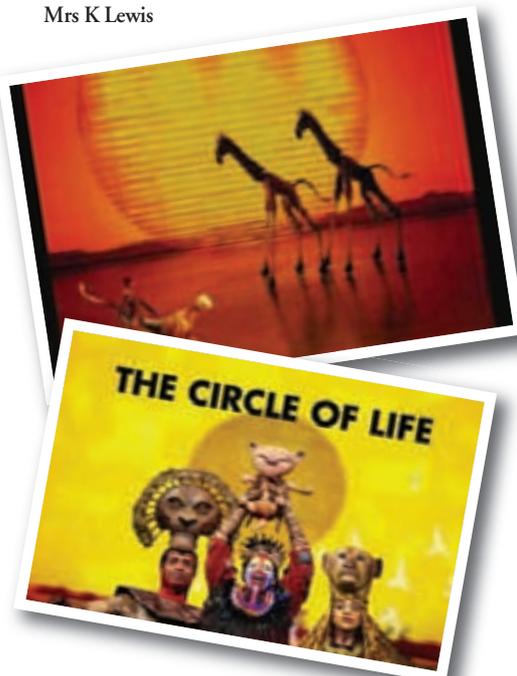
The Big Questions pupils wrote down for us during their workshops were looked at by the teachers in July and they helped form the sequence of lessons pupils would be involved in from September.

Some of Year 6's Big Questions:

- I would like to learn songs with different languages
- What is the most popular instrument in Africa?
- What instrument can we use to 'mash up' with African music?
- Can we do African drumming?
- Can we learn to play some African instruments?
- What is the song 'The Circle of Life' about?
- Can we do more on African Art?
- What other countries use symbols?
- Could we design a piece of African clothing?
- Could we design clothes based on patterns?
- Can we please make African style masks?
- How could we show that an ant has a lower status in the animal kingdom than a lion?
- What if a hyena was as big as a lion? Would the lion still have the highest status?
- How do animals recognise each other in the African plains?

These pupils, now in year 7 are enjoying Expressive Arts lessons and are addressing some of the Big Questions asked on that day in their lessons.

Mrs K Lewis





Year 7 Expressive Arts **African Drumming Day**

On Friday 29th September, the school was filled with the sound of African tribal music with all of our Year 7 pupils participating in an African Drumming workshop. 'Slapping Skins' came to work with Year 7 for a full day with all pupils having the opportunity to play authentic and traditional African instruments. Pupils learnt about the instruments they were given, they gained a greater understanding about African tribal culture and they all played drum solos as well as participating in a group performance. It was noisy and it was fun!

This session was a great foundation to pupils' work within the Music discipline of Expressive Arts as they are now creating their own percussion rhythm pieces for their first assessment.

Mrs K Lewis

Health and Wellbeing in Year 7

As part of the new "Successful Futures" curriculum, Year 7 is studying Health and Wellbeing. We have been learning about healthy eating, and a big thank you to Mr Huw John from the Co-op in Porthcawl who gave up his own time to come into school and talk to the Year 7's, and brought some interesting food in with him from the store.

"It was really fun when the Co-op came in and everyone really enjoyed it. We played different games and some people got to taste and feel different foods."

Grace Clear 7LT

"This week in school we had an amazing opportunity. Huw from the Co-op came in and did a fun lesson on healthy eating. We did fun games such as tasting the fruit and sorting the food into different food groups. We did this to learn more about health and wellbeing. It was lots of fun I'd love to do it again."

Finty Kehoe 7LT

"When the Co-op came into school they talked about healthy eating and we played a game where you closed your eyes and someone put a type of food in your hands and you had to guess what it was, also I went up and had to taste some food and guess what it was."

Megan Edmonds 7LT

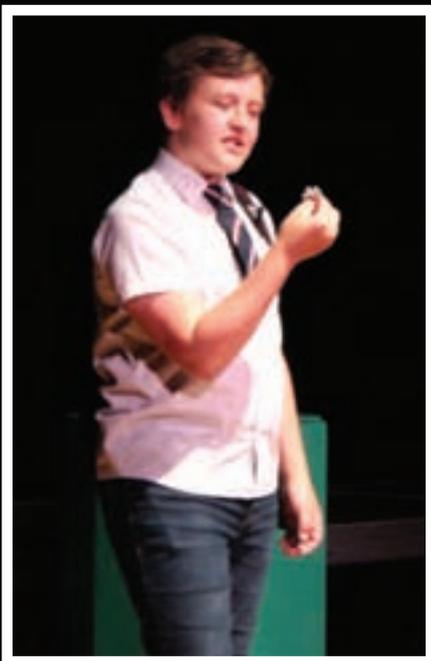
"This Wednesday the Co-op came in for our Health and Wellbeing class. They talked about staying healthy and how to keep a balanced diet; they did this by telling us information, but mostly by playing games. We did eating foods blind folded and organising foods, and more. The main reason these games were fun is because everyone was involved; we would call out and answer questions. I have learnt many things from the Co-op's visit and I hope to see them again soon."

Issie Comley 7LT





YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS' FESTIVAL 2017



The annual Young Playwrights' Festival was held in the Jubilee Theatre on the 17th and 18th July. The festival has been running for nine years and is one of the highlights of the Drama calendar. The spirit of the project is to encourage new writing and to enable as many pupils as possible to perform and showcase their talents. The project also provides year 10 GCSE Drama pupils the opportunity develop their directing skills, technical skills and organisational skills as they are responsible for the whole project. It's a great opportunity for all pupils involved!



YEAR 7

Detention!

Katie Sinclair	Nia Maclennen
Ellie Dummett	Abigail Davies
Angelica Davies	Carys Richards
Abigail O'Neill	Maisy Corthine
Bronagh O'Neill	James Page
Joseph Dingle	Morgan Evans

Playwrights: Katie Sinclair, Izzy Richards - Year 7

Production Team: Eve Manley (Director) Finley Helmsley (Assistant Director) Fawn Earp (Assistant Director) Hannah Davies (Production Manager) Isabelle Evans (Choreography) Eliza Knowles (Assistant Director)



YEAR 8

Ring of Destiny

Beth Pickett	Dark Lord
Maddie Passmore	Chelsea / Girl 1
Alana Greenwood	Chelsea / Girl 1
Cerys Keeping	Bob
Adela Henderson	Girl 2
Isabelle Pick	Brie
Trent Francis	Fin
Katie Lawrence	Shiro
Isabel Davies	Mrs Cane
Damian Ryan	School Boy
Luke Wyatt	School Boy 2
Oliver Burke	School Boy 3

Playwrights: Beth Pickett, Grace Lovell, Rhiannon Owen - Year 8

Production Team: Carys Morgan (Director) Rachel Whistance (Assistant Director) Zac Powell (Production Manager) Molly Corthine (Costume) Meg Stonehouse (Choreographer) Sophie Rees (Choreographer)

YEAR 9

Washed Up

Olivia Baglow	Elaine
Ffion Walmsley-Williams	Hannah
Samantha Wensley	Good Voice
Kara Morgan-Rees	Bad Voice
Lucy Stradling	Pauline
Libby Scott	Bea
Holly Thomas	Inspector
Amy Judd	Shea
Leah Samuel	El
Ellie Jenkins	Lucy
Megan Froley	Megan
Rhys Jones	Toni
Ben Pierce	Alex

Playwrights: Scarlett Jenkins, Carys Mainwaring, Amber Williams, Chloe Wyatt - Year 9

Production Team: Olivia Fowler-Baker (Director) Max Williams (Director) Rhiannon Drummond (Lighting and Sound) India Clatworthy (Production Manager) Lucy Beale (Choreography) Holly Sinclair (Assistant Director) Connor Morgan (Assistant Director)



YEAR 7

GG Strikes Back!

Aled Davies	Derik
Jacob Green	GG
Megan Prance	Trevor
Cerys Williams	Simon
Daisy Richards	News Reporter 1
Ed Neeson	News Reporter 2
Seren Roberts	Teresa May
Frankie Ezzard	Police Worker 1
Anabel Thomas	Trump Worker 1
Alisha Watkins	Trump
Ellison Roberts	Kim Jong Un

Playwrights: Aled Davies, Connor Mundy, Ben Pownall, Quinn Stables - Year 7

Production Team: Carys Rosser-Stanford (Director) Elys Davies (Director) Josh Russell (Choreography) Keighan Dyer (Assistant Director) Mel Harris (Support) Elise Jones (Support) Danie Collins (Costume and Make-Up)



YEAR 8

In Reality

Sophie Morgan	Fairy
Kiera Hooper	Fairy
Lucy Beale	Rose's Mother
Myriam Isaac	Fairy
Alisha Coulter	Fairy
Morgan Thomas	Aria
Rosie Smith	Godmother
Abbie Jones	Gold Fairy
Katie Jones	Mia (Reality)
Alisha Martin	Gaston
Megan Carey	Miss Jennings
Amy Harrington	Alice Smith
Abigail Rounce	Bully / School Child (Reality)
Natasha Fray	Bully 2 / School Child (Reality)
Lucy Honey Hall	Evie (Evil Queen)
Mia Brown	Malificent
Evie Bennett	Cruella De Vil
Riley Thomas	Prince Charming
Mia Jones	Tinkerbell
Misty Fraser	Blue Fairy
Louise Williams	Arial
Elin Jarmin	Nick
Katie Thomas	Olivia
Ellie Cleverdon	Snow White

Playwrights: Riley Thomas - Year 8

Production Team: Isabelle John (Director) Eddy Osborne (Director) Tyler Davies (Lighting) Courtney Lea (Choreography / Production Manager) Owen Thomas (Production Manager) Lauren Hancock (Costume and Set Design) Marcus Ryan (Sound)

YEAR 9

The Club Crawlers

Will Foscett	Gringo
Evan Davies	Carl
Rohan Johns	Ishmael
Annalise Traylor	Sally / Gringo's Ex-girlfriend
Stella Marks	Sally / Gringo's Ex-girlfriend
Meg McCloy	Smooth Joel / Thug
Millie Stables	Ice Prince / Thug
Carys Mainwaring	Papa Drumm / Thug
Ethan Griffiths	Henchman 1
Lucia Brown	Achlamabad
Ocean Poultney-Maddy	Henchman 2
Amelia Jones	Announcer
Scarlett Jenkins	Shlameck
Willis Deeks	Drunken Person

Playwrights: Will Foscett, Evan Davies - Year 9

Production Team: Abbi Audsley (Director) Jamie Harrowing (Assistant Director) Jack Williams (Director) Olivia Pownall (Assistant Director) Alice Batten (Costume and Choreography) Lauren Bailey (Costume and Choreography) Adam Williams (Production Manager)



SHOUT!
The Mod Musical

SHOUT! The Mod Musical is set in London between the early 1960's and 1970, and follows the lives of five women in their 20's (Red Girl), 30's (Green, Blue, and Yellow Girls) and 40's (Orange Girl) who all face tough situations, usually involving relationships. Throughout the story, all five women send letters to Mr Holmes, who works for the magazine "Shout!" in an advice column and gives them advice on how to deal with said issues. The cast was split between Year 13 and 12 Performing Arts students, Lauren Ellis-Stretch, Keeley Fry, Sarah Williams, James Grandon, Tessa Castanera-Webber, and Rebecca Adams.

James Grandon - (Mr. Holmes) "It was incredibly fun playing Mr Holmes for it was a great role to portray as I have a fondness for antagonists. The musical was a new experience for me as I had never had a major part in a musical before. I wish the Year 13 students all the best in their future successes and a huge welcome to all the new Year 12 students."

Tessa Castanera-Webber- (Red Girl) "I really enjoyed playing my part in Shout. I believe it was a well staged performance and I just loved the colour theme. The music was definitely my favourite part of the performance and they were a beautiful reminder of the songs of the era. I can't wait for the next musical!"

Rebecca Adams- (Green Girl) "I found the production side of the musical very rewarding as I found taking a project from nothing and turning it into a full working musical has given me valuable key skills that I can take on to further projects. I enjoyed working with the Year 13 and wish them all the best in their future successes."



Year 7 Drama Club

We are Kara, Sam, Ffion and Holly and we are running the Year 7 Drama Club this year. We started the year off playing Drama games and this week we've cast the first Year 7 Drama Club production of 'Alice in Wonderland'. We are so pleased to be given this opportunity to direct the Year 7 pupils and we know it's going to be a great show!



Year 9 Drama Club does 'Hairspray'

Year 9 Drama Club is currently working on a production of 'Hairspray'. The piece is being directed by Year 12 AS Drama students and will be performed in the Drama Studio after Christmas!



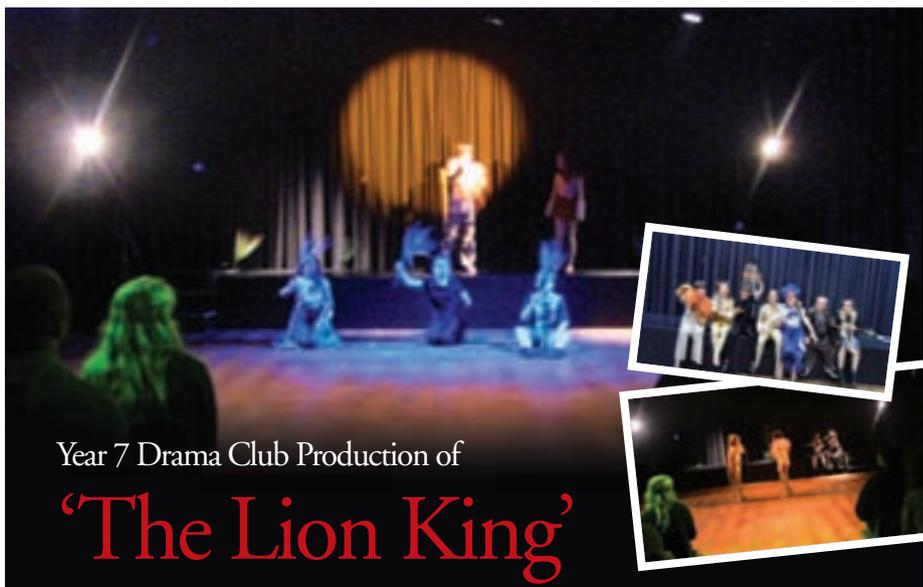
AMERICAN VISIT

Once again the Summer term was marked by a visit from First West Baptist Church, Louisiana and they spent the day delivering lessons in Drama, Music, PE, RE, History and English. As usual it was a rewarding day with pupils responding positively and enthusiastically to the range of sessions.



Year 6 Open Evening

The Drama Department would like to thank the cast of 'Harry Potter-the Remake' for giving their time to act out a section of the performance to Year 6 pupils at our recent Year 6 Open Evening. The cast were like true professionals and were not fazed at all by the number of parents and pupils popping into the Drama Studio throughout the evening to watch their performance. The cast also spoke about what they like about the school and Drama in a very humorous and creative way.



Year 7 Drama Club Production of 'The Lion King'

In June 2017, Year 7 Drama Club put on their first performance of 'The Lion King'. Throughout the year, they worked on the piece as well as developing the skills needed for the performance. It was a long process but the end project was worth it. It was a great way to experience a full performance with minimalistic set and props and effective lighting created by Max Williams and Rhiannon Drummond. The Year 7's thoroughly enjoyed the process and were extremely proud of the finished piece at the end. A special thank you goes to Mrs Corthine of the Drama Department at St Clare's School, who provided the spectacular handmade costumes which amplified the effect of the performance.

It was a fun and enjoyable experience which we will never forget!

Hakuna Matata !!

Elys Davies, Keighan Dyer and Carys Rosser-Stanford (Directors)





JOURNEY'S END

Ed Neeson

Ed Neeson of 8KH has been involved in the filming of 'Journey's End', a film based on a seminal British play about WW1, set mostly in a dugout in Aisne, France in 1918. The story is about a group of ragged British officers, led by the mentally disintegrating young officer Stanhope, who are awaiting their fate in this wretched place. Ed is the mailboy who delivers the love letter from the trenches to the sweetheart of Sam Claflin, (who starred in Me before You) and Asa Butterfield (who starred in Boy in Striped Pyjamas). Other actors in the film include Toby Jones, Robert Glenister, Tom Sturridge and Stephen Graham.



UK Cinema Release Date - Friday 2nd February 2018.



Year 8 Drama Club

In June 2017, Year 8 Drama Club performed two productions. Eve Manley directed 'Annie' and she did an excellent job. The piece was performed to a packed out audience in the Drama Studio. The other production of 'Grease' was directed by Ocean Poultney-Maddy, Scarlett Jenkins, Carys Mainwaring, Will Foskett and Evan Davies. Again they did a great job and the performance showcased the breadth and depth of talent at PCS.

Thank you all for your commitment and passion for the subject!



School of Rock

Over the last year or so, a casting company has been holding auditions in cities across the UK for parts in Andrew Lloyd Webber's show "School of Rock". Rhys Lloyd, who was in 7LC at the time, auditioned for the part of Zack (lead guitarist) in Cardiff in March. He was called back to a second audition later that day, and he was then asked to visit London the following weekend for a further audition. In total, Rhys visited London 5 times - the final audition was Saturday 17th June. Unfortunately Rhys wasn't offered the part, but he did make the final 8!



Animal Encounters

The Science Club invited Animal Encounters to visit the Year 7 pupils in the Summer term. Our budding scientists and animal lovers were excited to be able to interact with animals. The bear cat, python and meerkat were some of the ones that were well liked. One of our pupils has highlighted his experience as follows:

My Thoughts

I thoroughly enjoyed the animals and it was a bountiful feast for the brain. My favourite was the bear cat, a mammal distantly related to cats. They had a variety of creatures; meerkats, a kookaburra and a snake to name a few. As a lover of animals it was a real eye opener because it told all participants that the bear cat is endangered and hopefully one day a charity will be set up. I recommend all animal lovers take part in this activity if they can.

Harrison Dance Year 8



Year 9 Geography

Recently some Year 9 Geography pupils did some excellent work designing eco-friendly homes and brought their work over to A Block to show everyone. The detail of the work was absolutely incredible!

“Our 9X1 Geography class all designed and labelled our own eco-friendly house. My eco house had a Level 8!”

Elli Martin

“Everyone put lots of work into their designs. I was lucky enough to receive a Level 8!”

Olivia Geddes



History Club

Autumn Term

This year in History Club we are continuing our work on the First World War. Next year will be a very important time in history, as we commemorate 100 years since World War 1 ended. Therefore, we are working on different projects to ensure that Porthcawl Comprehensive School plays our part in the commemorations.

We have started by focusing on the conditions in the War for the soldiers on the front line, by building model trenches. This has been a very interesting task and has helped us better understand the type of warfare that took place during the First World War, as well as what the soldiers had to go through. We have also started working together with the Technology Department to contribute towards a project from Wonderwool Wales, who are aiming to create a curtain of poppies. The curtain will ultimately contain 887,858 textile poppies, to commemorate each person from the UK who lost their lives in the War. Finally, we have also begun work on a research project to find out about rationing during the First World War. This will be the focus of our entry into the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative. Overall, it has been an inspiring experience so far and we will continue our work to remember the sacrifices of those made during World War 1.





Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our super spellers in Year 8; Aled Davies, Ben Pownall and Megan-Leigh Prance who won certificates of excellence in the Spelling Bee competition.

WORLD PEACE FOR 7JC



7JC were the first form in Year 7 to kick off the form assemblies. As it was World Peace Day they did an assembly on the importance of getting on despite all our differences, focusing on supporting different sports and different teams. Every member of the class participated and it was lovely to see them all working together as a team. Well done!

Mrs Coleman

Language Club News



Hi, my name is Liv and I attend Language Club in P28, every Monday lunchtime. On the 26th of September, as you may have heard, we celebrated European Day of Languages. We visited the Year 7 assembly where we announced the 2 winners of the annual language quiz. Well done to Samuel Weaver and Elliott Leach of Year 7!

Language Club is a great way to learn about cultures around the world. It is a chance to experience different languages and most importantly, make new friends with pupils throughout the school years.

If you are interested in attending, speak to Madame Morgan and come to P28 on a Monday lunchtime. Everyone is welcome!

Olivia Geddes Year 9



Year 7's Go for Gold in Reading Challenge

Year 7 pupils have been awarded Gold and Silver medals as part of a Reading Challenge that aims to promote good reading habits.

All the research shows that children who read regularly for pleasure do better in school - and in later life - than those who don't. We want to encourage all children to read regularly and urge parents to get involved by reading with their children and developing a love of books

The Summer Reading Challenge was launched to Year 6 pupils last Summer term to encourage them to read over the Summer holidays and keep up their excellent primary school reading habits.

Pupils take part in reading challenges and earn points for the type of book they read, whether they have recommended a book to a friend, read with a parent or read to a brother or sister.

Pupils who achieved 50 points were awarded a Gold medal, with Silver medals achieved for 25 points and Bronze for 10 points.

English Teacher Mrs Kembery explains, "Primary school pupils read regularly in school and at home with their parents. We want to maintain those brilliant reading habits when children join secondary school. All the research shows that children who read regularly for pleasure do better in school - and in later life - than those who don't. We want to encourage all children to read regularly and urge parents to get involved by reading with their children and developing a love of books."

Congratulations to our winners: Kate Evans, Isabella O'Brian, Scarlett Osborne and Evan Carless

Goodbye and Good Luck to Year 13



On May 26th, our Year 13 pupils gathered as a year group for one last time in the Sixth Form Hall for their Leavers' Tea. With exams imminent, pupils were breaking up for study leave and would only now be expected into school for exams.

As usual it was an emotional occasion for pupils and staff alike and pupils were presented with their leavers' mugs and sent on their way with words of advice for the future from Miss Crook, Mrs Williams and Mr Slade and asked to keep in touch.





SCHOOL COUNCIL

2017-18



After undergoing hustings at the start of the year, we are proud to announce that the School Council has been formed. For the academic year of 2017-2018 we will be working hard to make a difference in the school on your, the students', behalf.

Over the past few years the School Council has pushed for the renovation of the A, P and D block toilets, the construction of more weather shelters placed in different areas around the school, along with the addition of more bins and benches around the school for the pupils' use.

To add to this, last year we, as a School Council, held interviews to give the pupils a voice on deciding the new Head of English.

Throughout the course of the year we will improve the school by passing all pupil feedback back to Mr Slade and senior management as well as holding regular meetings to discuss pupil issues. We will also have speakers and various representatives from the county in to discuss with us broader dilemmas that affect the community as a whole.

If you have any suggestions, don't hesitate to come forward to your year representative to push your ideas forward.

Conor Farrell-John (Chairman),
Ieuan Walmsley-Williams (Vice-Chairman)

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

YEAR 7

Tristyn James 7EC
Eve Hickman 7EC

YEAR 8

Alina Biju 8LC
Quinn Stables 8KH

YEAR 9

Ffion Walmsley-Williams 9RM
Miles Thomas 9TH

YEAR 10

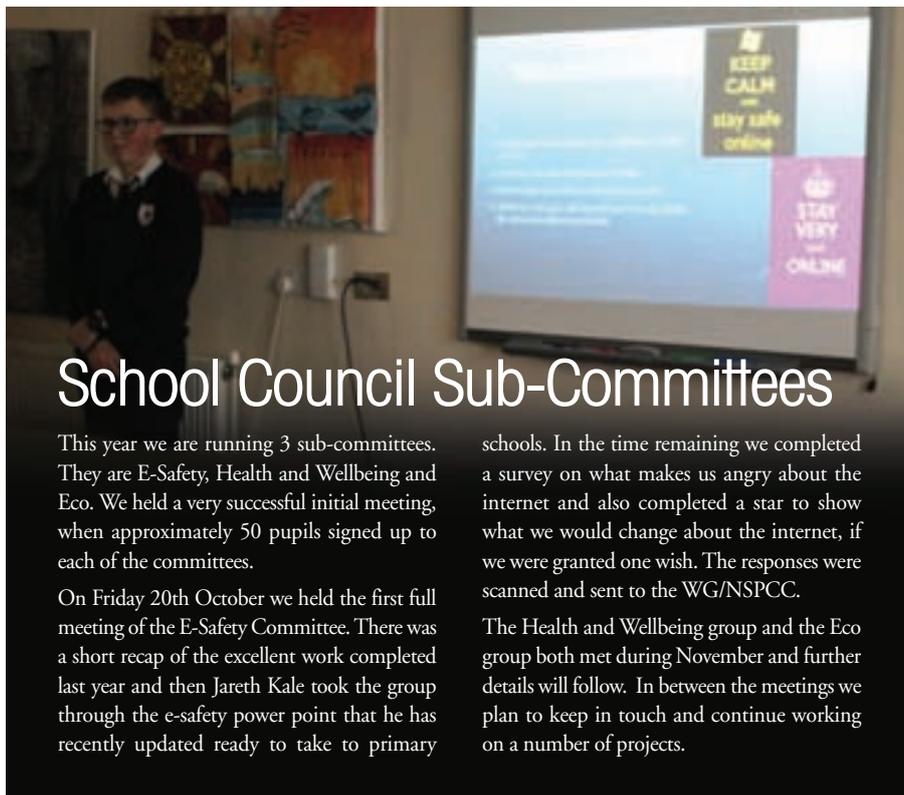
Will Foskett 10EC
Lucia Brown 10KE

YEAR 11

Jareth Kale 11OW
Max Williams 11AM
Lik To Chung 11EP

6TH FORM

Ieuan Walmsley- Williams 6AP
Conor Farrell- John 6HC
Emily James 6ST
Laurence Hunt 6GW



School Council Sub-Committees

This year we are running 3 sub-committees. They are E-Safety, Health and Wellbeing and Eco. We held a very successful initial meeting, when approximately 50 pupils signed up to each of the committees.

On Friday 20th October we held the first full meeting of the E-Safety Committee. There was a short recap of the excellent work completed last year and then Jareth Kale took the group through the e-safety power point that he has recently updated ready to take to primary

schools. In the time remaining we completed a survey on what makes us angry about the internet and also completed a star to show what we would change about the internet, if we were granted one wish. The responses were scanned and sent to the WG/NSPCC.

The Health and Wellbeing group and the Eco group both met during November and further details will follow. In between the meetings we plan to keep in touch and continue working on a number of projects.



Welsh Baccalaureate Community Enrichment Days

For 2 glorious days in July the school was handed over to the whole of Year 10 to organise and run a range of activities for the rest of the school (and staff!). Each pupil was responsible for the clinical planning and smooth implementation of a community centred activity, from coaching sport to clearing a public footway in Nottage. We had sock monkeys, German gingerbread, love spoons and rocket launching. Younger pupils could be taught chess, the dark scientific arts and the gruesome history of the Bastille. The Year 10 pupils were a credit to themselves, their

families and the school as they threw themselves into the Welsh Baccalaureate Community Challenge with vigour, maturity and loads of humour. Their active participation and enthusiasm embodied the spirit of the new Welsh Bacc and the aspirations of the Welsh Government's curricular reform that is aimed at developing ambitious, healthy young people with commitment to their communities and the people around them.

Our Year 10 cohort certainly proved they are ready, willing and more than able to fulfil this hope.



HEAD TEAM 2017-18



**HARRY EVANS:
HEAD BOY**

My name's Harry and I am Head Boy this year! At A Level, I am studying Chemistry, Biology and History with the hope of going into a career in Medicine. I play lots of sports in my free time, notably golf and football. I am the Year 9 representative this year, so please come and see me regarding any problems you have with any school related matter, or even with some new suggestions on different ways in which we could do things within PCS! Have a great year!



**JAMES EVANS-JONES:
DEPUTY HEAD BOY**

I'm JJ and I'm Deputy Head Boy. I study Music, Drama, ICT and Business at A Level. I really enjoy singing, acting and musical theatre and I'm also a member of 'Only Boys Aloud'. I cannot wait to be playing 'The Phantom' in Porthcawl Comprehensive's 40th school show, 'The Phantom of the Opera' in January. In the future I hope to go to drama school and hopefully pursue my love for performing.



MITCHELL DAVIES

Hi, I am Mitchell Davies and I am Assistant Head Boy. I am currently studying Maths, Further Maths and Music at A Level and hope to go on to become a Maths teacher in the future. My main interests are sports and music, specifically rugby and drumming! I am one of the two representatives for Year 10 so if anyone has any queries, I'll be happy to help!



CAMERON WILLIAMS

Hi, my name's Cameron and I am Assistant Head Boy. At A Level, I am studying Biology, Chemistry and Physics and hope to study Conservation Biology at Exeter University. In my free time, I enjoy playing football and watching Cardiff City FC. I am the Year 8 representative this year, so if any Year 8's have any queries, I am more than happy to help!



**LUCY VINEN:
HEAD GIRL**

Hi I'm Lucy! I'm Head Girl and one of the Sixth Form reps. I'm currently studying Music, Drama and Media Studies at A Level. Outside of school, I enjoy acting, musical theatre and classical singing and taking part in youth theatre productions. I'm hoping to go on and study Drama and Theatre Studies at university next year. If you have any suggestions, don't hesitate to let me know!



**CAITLIN TOY:
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL**

Hi, I'm Caitlin and I am Deputy Head Girl this year. I am one of the Year 9 representatives and I'm always available to hear any worries, queries or even just to have a chat. Physics, Chemistry and Biology are my chosen subjects this year and I hope to pursue Chemistry at degree level. In my free time I teach an acrobatic dance class and enjoy all styles of dance. I hope you have a great year!



CHLOE GREEN

Hi, I'm Chloe and I'm one of the Assistant Head Girls this year! I'm studying English Language and Literature, Geography and Philosophy and Ethics. I'm hoping to go on to study English Language and Linguistics at university and pursue a career in teaching English abroad! I am one of the representatives for the Year 7's, so any issues and I'd be more than happy to help!



CLAUDIA KEEPINS

Hi, I'm Claudia and I'm one of the Assistant Head Girls and also one of the representatives for Sixth Form this year. I am currently studying History, Chemistry and Textiles at A Level. I'm hoping to study History and International Relations at university. In my spare time I enjoy sports, music and art. If anyone has any queries, I am more than happy to help!



HEAD TEAM 2017-18



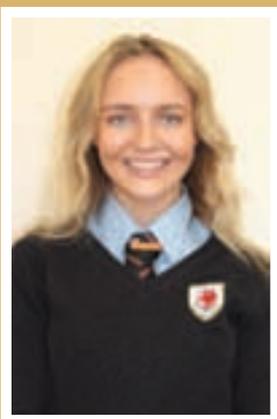
HANNAH JENKINS

Hello, I am Hannah and I am one of your Assistant Head Girls. I am currently studying Sociology, English Literature and Language, History and Welsh Baccalaureate. In the future, I would like to study Sociology and Quantitative Research Method at the University of Bristol. Outside of school, I am involved in the local Martial Arts club where I train and teach. I am Year 11's year representative, so if you want someone to talk to or have any queries then I am happy to listen!



CHELSEA COOPER

Hi, my name is Chelsea and I am fortunate enough to be one of the Assistant Head Girls for this year. I am currently studying Drama, English Language and Literature and Welsh Baccalaureate. I am hoping to take my studies of Drama further on next year in university. I enjoy watching many different plays in the theatre and getting involved in Drama workshops. I am also a representative for Year 10 and look forward to working closely with the year group, I am more than happy to help with any queries!



LILI PRICE-BEVAN

Hi! My name's Lili and I'm Assistant Head Girl and one of the Sixth Form representatives. At A Level I am studying Biology, Chemistry and History and I hope to go on to pursue a career in Medicine in the future! In my spare time I like to keep fit, where my main sporting interests are surfing and swimming. I also enjoy all things music related and performing!



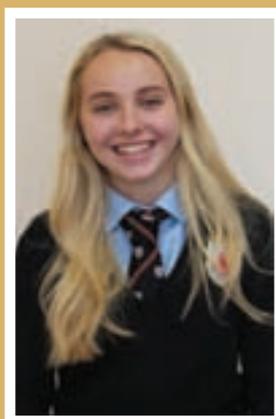
ALICE WEBBER

Hi! I'm Alice and I'm an Assistant Head Girl. I'm currently studying English, French and Art and I'm hoping to do French and English at university. I'm a Girlguiding Advocate and Leader and I love reading science fiction/horror, particularly anything by Stephen King. I'm also a Year 8 link to the Head Team, so if you have any questions, just ask!



ISABEL HUMPHRIES

Hi, I'm Isabel and I'm an Assistant Head Girl and one of the Year 11 links. I'm studying Chemistry, History and Physics at A Level and hope to do a Chemistry degree at University. Outside of school my main interests are playing the drums, spending time with friends but most importantly fusing my dog. If you have any questions or just want a chat, I'm always happy to help!



TARA PHILLIPS

Hi, I'm Tara and I'm one of the Assistant Head Girls. I'm currently studying Maths, Physics and Chemistry at A Level and hoping to study a joint honours Maths and Physics degree at university next year. Outside of school I mainly enjoy keeping up my fitness at the gym and work towards getting stronger each day. Along with this I spend a lot of time with my friends and enjoy reading up about modern science in my spare time. As a representative of the Sixth Form on the Head Team I am happy to help any Year 12/13's with any issues, don't hesitate to ask!



MUSIC

Summer Concert

Our annual Summer concert came around this year, and it was bigger and better than ever before! The Jubilee Theatre was filled to the brim with beaming parents and friends, ready to enjoy an evening of talent. We started off with an amazing performance from the Wind Band. Each student had shown fantastic commitment and dedication to the Music Department, by attending extra rehearsals in the upcoming weeks to the concert.

There were many excellent solo vocal performances and duets from students such as Lauren Ellis Stretch, Jack Williams, Anna Arrieta, Lydia Pickett, and Erin Thomas-Parker. It was Erin Thomas-Parker's first performance in the Summer Concert, where she sang "Take a Breath" which she composed herself. It was such a touching song and one that she had written as a tribute to the Manchester bombing attack. An amazing young talent and one that I am sure we will see again in future concerts and shows. There was also an exceptional piano solo from Alexandra Hunt, who played a "Toccata" by Poulenc. We had talented group performances from Millie Stables and Beci Senior who sang "What is this feeling" from Wicked to James Powell, Mitchell Davies, and Anna Arrieta who performed "A Whole Lotta Love" by Led Zeppelin.

The audience gave us some fantastic feedback and thoroughly enjoyed the talent that they witnessed, especially after the magical sounds created by Junior Orchestra and Senior Orchestra, along with Junior Voices.

We would like to thank the wonderful Music teachers who helped put this evening together, and to students, who made the evening mesmerising. We would also like to congratulate the hilarious duo Lauren Ellis Stretch and Mitchell Davies, on doing a fantastic job of helping keep the audience entertained in between the performances. Sadly, it was Year 13's last Summer Concert. We wish them all the best for the future. They have really been an asset to the Music Department these past few years.

Well done to all involved in the Summer Concert 2017. The Performing Arts Department are very proud of the outstanding performances given by pupils and it was truly a wonderful evening!

We are now looking forward to the Christmas Carol Concert and rehearsals are already underway for our annual school show, "The Phantom of the Opera" which takes place from 24th – 27th January. It is a special year this year as it's our 40th anniversary show and tickets are on sale at the Grand Pavilion Box Office 01656 815995.

Rebecca Adams
Performing Arts Student





Music & Drama Trip to LONDON



On Saturday 3rd June, the Music and Drama Department, once again embarked on a trip to London. This time we took Year 7 and Year 8, but things didn't run quite as smoothly as usual! We left the school on a Saturday at roughly 6:45am, and began our journey to our capital city! First port of call was a boat tour of the Thames. The weather was glorious and after a long journey, everyone was ready to enjoy the nice breeze on the open top boat. However, all was not meant to be. The organizers couldn't find our tickets and we were told we were unable to board the boat! Everyone was devastated until Mr. Smith came to the rescue. He spoke to the manager and the problem was alleviated. Soon we were on the Thames, eating ice creams in the sunshine and looking at all the famous sites. We then boarded the bus and made our way to the Apollo Victoria Theatre to see a matinee performance of Wicked. All pupils loved the show and were in awe of the talent on stage. It was amazing to see the theatre decorated all in green to match the theme of the show. Lots and lots of money was spent in the gift shop!

We then made our way to our hotel to settle in for the evening. We went downstairs for our evening meal and a quiz, then it was time for bed. As the pupils relaxed in their rooms, the teachers heard the devastating news of another terror attack in London.

Thankfully, we were staying in Wembley, far away from what had happened, but we couldn't help worry about what could have happened, had the attack been a few hours earlier. Luckily, we were all safe and had contacted concerned parents to let them know, but all evening we watched the news unfold and our thoughts were with the people who were involved in such an atrocious attack.

The next day, we woke up early for our breakfast and had planned to visit the Royal Albert Hall for a tour and then a bus tour of London before our return home. However, due to the events in London, we made the decision to change our plans. We headed to Windsor instead and saw the castle, visited some shops and played in the park. Some pupils were disappointed that we had to change our plans but the McDonald's they had made up for it!

We arrived at the school at roughly 2pm where we all went our separate ways. It was lovely to see the Director of Education, Mr. Slade, and Mrs. Hunt at school, checking we were all okay after our traumatic weekend. Overall, it was a great trip despite everything and we were thrilled that our pupils had a lovely time.

The Music Department



Dilwyn Evans Music Award

We are very fortunate to have a great partnership with the Porthcawl Male Voice Choir. You may remember them joining us to sing in the Eisteddfod last year which was fantastic! Every year the choir award a Music prize to one of our Year 13 A Level Music students to support them as they embark on a future career in Music. This year, Anna Arrieta was awarded the prize and we wish her all best in her music career!

Mrs Giles Music Department

Jeffrey Francis Foundation and Trust



We are delighted to announce that the Jeffery Francis Foundation Music competition was won this year by our very own Alexandra Hunt. Alex completed her A Levels in the Summer, gaining A*A*A and has packed up her instruments and gone on to study Veterinary Science at Pembroke College, Cambridge. We have been lucky enough to enjoy her musical talents during her years with us at PCS and we are extremely proud of her achievements. Alex has used the very generous prize money to continue with her music at Cambridge where she has been selected to be a member of the Cambridge University Wind Band.



The Jeffrey Francis Foundation was set up in response to the funding cuts in our local authorities to music. Mr Francis has been, and still is, a pillar of support to youth music. Nearly everyone enjoys music, whether by listening to it, singing, or playing an instrument. It was always accessible to all for very little relative cost. What will happen to the next generation when opportunities such as social up - skilling through academic discipline 'on a grand and costless scale' has been taken from them?

It is because of these cuts and the evidence of the vital role that music plays, that the Foundation offers both bursaries and the competition itself. The competition is open to music students across Bridgend, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taff, aged between 13 and 18, above Grade 5 standard. If you qualify for this, why don't you give it a try!

MATHS CHALLENGE REPORT: JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Pupils at Porthcawl Comprehensive School achieved 1 Gold (with entry to the follow up International Kangaroo Challenge), 1 Silver and 19 Bronze awards this year in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. The Junior Maths Challenge is run by the UK Mathematics Trust, supported by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries and is aimed at Years 7 and 8 in schools.

Over 250,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving Gold awards, the next 13% receiving Silver awards and the next 21% receiving Bronze awards. Year 7 did especially well, with 15 Bronze awards this year, so I am looking forward to next year when they are in Year 8 and hopefully getting the Silvers and Golds. To all 59 that had a go at the challenge, a big well done, and to the 21 that had certificates – congratulations!

Matthew Sleep's great mark in this challenge makes him the 3rd pupil, (one from each challenge this year), to progress through to the International Challenges.

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE COMPETITION ENTRANTS:

- Sultaan Azam - Senior Challenge
- Marcus Fish - Intermediate Challenge
- Matthew Sleep - Junior Challenge - Well done Matthew!

RESULTS

YEAR 8

- Best in Year / Best in School / Gold Certificate Winner and entry into the International Paper - Matthew Sleep (Certificate of participation for the Kangaroo International Paper)
- Silver Certificate Winner - Trent Francis
- Bronze Certificate Winners- Lewis Price / Luke Slaughter and Jake Morgan

YEAR 7

- Best in Year / Bronze Certificate Winner - Megan-Leigh Prance
- Bronze Certificate Winners - Anousha Cronje / Dylan Carless / Ewan Hall / Lucy Griffiths / Drew Howells / Joseph Dingle / Owen Hancock-Yates / Shae McCarthy / Connor Kedward / Alina Biju / Oliver Burke / Saul Williams / Benjamin Pownall / Finley Taylor / Jacob Green

How would you get on with the questions?
Here are 2 from the paper:

Which of the following calculations give the largest answer?

A $2 - 1$ B $2 + 1$ C 2×1 D 1×2 E $2 + 1$

Last year, at the school where Gill teaches Mathematics, 315 out of 600 pupils were girls. This year, the number of pupils in the school has increased to 640. The proportion of girls is the same as it was last year. How many girls are there at the school this year?

A 339 B 338 C 337 D 336 E 335

Miss Pugh

CyberFirst Futures



From the 14th to the 18th August 2017, we went to the CyberFirst Futures cyber security course, run by the SmallPeice Trust, at the Cyncoed Campus of Cardiff Metropolitan University. The five-day course included developing a variety of cyber security techniques, using many different programs to enhance our skills, and several evening activities from movie night to adventure golf.

One of the main programs we used was ProRat, which is a Microsoft Windows based Trojan hacking tool. We learnt that it's fairly easy to gain control of other people's computers. In this activity, we were able to access the computer's webcam and take photos, log a user off their computer and wipe their machine.

We also used a simulation of the Enigma Machine to send an encrypted message to a partner. We enjoyed the fact that we could use one of the first methods of encryption / decryption, as it is an important part of computing and cyber security history.

Throughout the course, a variety of guest speakers gave presentations about many topics related to cyber security. These guest speakers were from a variety of cyber security backgrounds and they all were informative and interesting to listen to. This was another one of the many great aspects of the course. Another aspect of the course which made it

superior to others was that, at the end of each day, there was an activity night. Each of these activities was just as fun as the last.

One night we had a quiz night in which we, as teams, all answered a mixture of questions for points. On another night we all were taken to Adventure Golf and, in teams of five, completed a miniature golf course to end the day.

Next Summer there will also be courses run again for anyone who's interested. If you are interested and want to find out more information, go to: <https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/course-category/cyberfirst/>

Many thanks to Mrs Christopher for informing us about this course.

Mathew Turner & Jamimah Cook
Year 12

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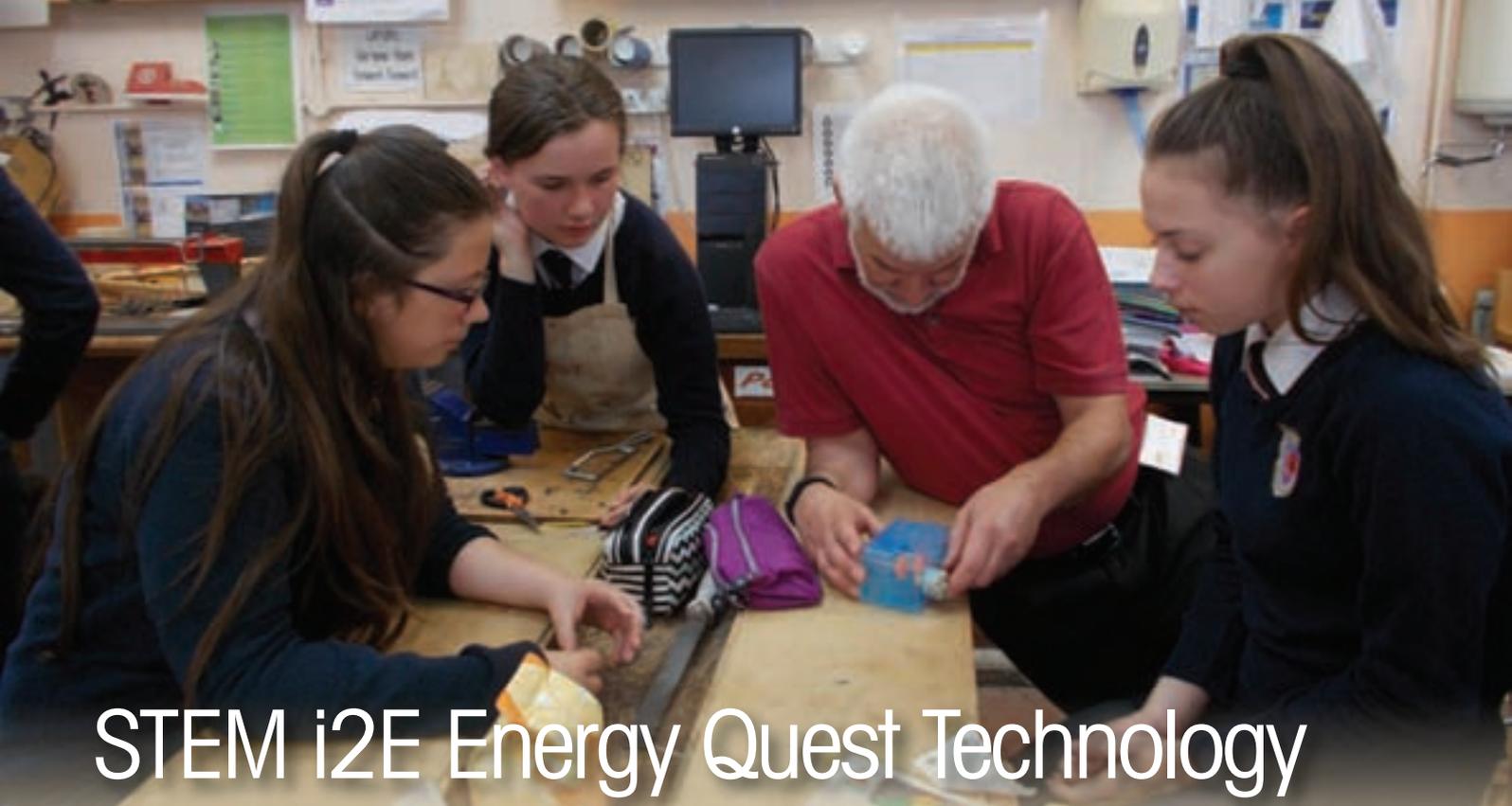
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STEM i2E Energy Quest Technology

On the 29th June 2017, all of Year 8 X band took part in a STEM competition. Our task was to raise awareness of renewable energy and help solve the worldwide problem of global warming by creating a mini wind turbine, using the parts provided. We were given a sheet of instructions and then had to try and figure out what to do on our own. The competition was to try and make a wind turbine that would create the most volts, using a fan as the power source. Elli Martin and I won the X band challenge and then beat the Y band winners, making us the overall champions with an amazing 12 volts!

We also received skills certificates for teamwork, problem solving and using our own initiative, as well as for communication and organisational skills. We had a great day and would like to thank everyone from the STEM team for coming in.

Pippa Harrowing & Elli Martin Year 9



Further Maths



In Summer 2017, I went on a Further Maths course run by the Further Maths Support Program (FMSP) in Cardiff University. The FMSP promote the study of AS/A Level Maths and Further Maths and run courses for people interested in studying them.

I spent the day in Cardiff University learning Maths that would appear in the Further Maths course in a relaxed environment where everything was calm and controlled. I was able to get a good feel of student life at Cardiff University as I was able to talk to students there and relax in my breaks at the Student's Union and in other areas around the university. I had a great day in Cardiff

University where I learnt useful Maths for my A Levels ahead, whilst being able to enjoy myself and have fun as well. Also, the FMSP runs help sessions for students before their Maths exams.

So, before our Additional Maths exam, myself and Karah Watkins went to Swansea University for an Additional Maths "Masterclass", an extra revision session where we were able to get more help with topics that would come up in our exam that we were struggling with.

It was a very useful day where we gained valuable help that aided us in passing the Additional Maths exam. I thoroughly recommend their courses to anyone interested in STEM subjects.

Conor Farrell Year 12



Technology Awards Evening

Before the awards presentation began there was an exhibition of pupils' work across all years, which displayed the range of different projects from the pupils and high quality to which they were manufactured. In addition to this, the folder work and books were also on display which helped the guests understand each project in the exhibition. The awards presentation began with a talk from Cath Brown who leads the Ceramics, Glass and Contemporary practise degrees at Swansea College of Art and Design. This gave all pupils an insight to further studies around Art & Technology in higher education and job opportunities after higher education study.

This was very useful as many people are often not as aware of the range of careers available after studying a degree in technology based subjects.



Year 7 Winners

- Product Design: Polly James
- Food and Textiles: Mack Jenkins
- Art: Owen Hancock-Yates

Year 8 Winners

- Product Design: Rex Ezard
- Food and Textiles: Heather Coles
- Art: Lucy Roach

Year 9 Winners

- Product Design: Chloe Wyatt
- Food and Textiles: Jonathon Munro
- Art: Elinor Giess

GCSE

- Engineering: Luke Bertorelli
- Resistant Materials: Maja Zeleska
- Hospitality: Jess Payne
- Art: Sarah Grossey

Sixth Form Winners

- Product Design: Steve Davies
- Textiles: Grace Hadley
- Art: Elle Morey
- Food, Health and Nutrition: Hannah Beesley

We would once again like to thank Swansea college of Art and Design for supporting our evening and celebrating the talent displayed throughout the Technology Department.

Katie John





Nominations

7A1 Sophia Walters	Product Design
7A1 Anwen Braden	Food and Textiles
7A2 Tom Munro	Product Design
7A2 Ayla Farnworth	Food and Textiles
7B1 Drew Howells	Product Design
7B1 Mack Jenkins	Food and Textiles
7B2 Abigail Street	Product Design
7B2 Polly James	Product Design
7B2 Storm Woods	Food and Textiles
7C1 Oliver Burke	Product Design
7C1 Tegan Davies	Food and Textiles
7C2 Abigail O'Neill	Product Design
7C2 Owen Hancock-Yates	Food and Textiles
7C3 Daisy Richards	Product Design
7C3 Megan-Leigh Prance	Food and Textiles
7D1 Anousha Cronje	Product Design
7D1 Georgia Jenkins	Food and Textiles
7D2 Nia MacLennan	Product Design
7D2 Josie Lewis	Food and Textiles
7D2 Ruben Hone	Food and Textiles
7D3 Saul Williams	Product Design
7D3 Cerys Williams	Food and Textiles
8A1 Olivia Geddes	Product Design
8A1 Heather Coles	Food and Textiles
8A2 Rex Ezard	Product Design
8A2 Eleri Williams	Food and Textiles
8A3 Elli Martin	Product Design
8A3 Pippa Harrowing	Food and Textiles
8B1 Abi Tibbs	Product Design
8B1 Noah Richards	Food and Textiles
8B2 Carrin Butler	Product Design
8B2 Poppy Bowen	Food and Textiles
8B3 Morgan Lean	Product Design
8B3 Megan Carey	Food and Textiles
8C1 Ongani Kalongo	Product Design
8C1 Cerys Keeping	Food and Textiles
8C2 Adela Henderson	Product Design

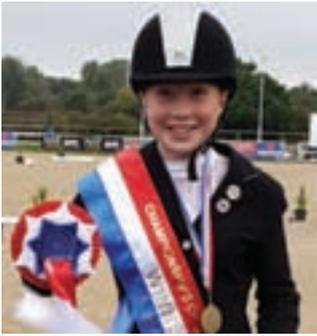
8C2 Lauren Colley	Food and Textiles
8D1 Katie Jones	Product Design
8D1 Sam Wensley	Food and Textiles
8D2 Grace Strong	Product Design
8D2 Lily Culberston	Food and Textiles
9A1 Mya Fraser	Product Design
9A1 Hannah Dobbins	Food and Textiles
9A2 Dylan Perrin	Product Design
9A2 Matthew Greenwood	Food and Textiles
9A3 Rhia Nicholson	Product Design
9A3 Millie Stables	Food and Textiles
9B1 Hannah Davidson	Product Design
9B1 Isabelle Hone	Food and Textiles
9B2 Poppy McGlynn	Product Design
9B2 Katie Lui	Product Design
9B2 Jonathon Munro	Food and Textiles
9B3 Maddie Wintle	Product Design
9B3 Aaron Rose	Product Design
9B3 Nathan Powell	Food and Textiles
9C1 Freya Ashton	Product Design
9C1 Willis Deeks	Food and Textiles
9C2 Carys Mainwaring	Product Design
9C2 Annot Ignescious-Regington	Food & Textiles
9D1 Lucia Brown	Product Design
9D1 Rachel Appleton	Food and Textiles
9D2 Chloe Wyatt	Product Design
9D2 Chloe Wyatt	Food and Textiles
9D2 Ashleigh Phillips	Food and Textiles
Luke Bertorelli	GCSE Engineering
Jenny Passingham	GCSE Engineering
Maja Zeleska	GCSE D&T
Katie Gunning	GCSE Textiles
Skye Jones	GCSE Textiles
Maya Squires	GCSE Textiles
Leia Sawdon	GCSE Hospitality
Jess Payne	GCSE Hospitality
Bethan Golding	GCSE Hospitality

Nia Eales	GCSE Art
Sarah Grosseby	GCSE Art
Nathan Jones	A Level Product Design
Katie John	A Level Product Design
Steve Davies	A Level Product Design
Hannah Beesley	A Level Textiles
Grace Hadley	A Level Textiles
Isobel Overton	A Level Textiles
Elle Morey	A Level Art
Tiegan Hughes	A Level Art
Hannah Beesley	A Level Food, Health and Nutrition
Iona Laird Perkins	A Level Food, Health and Nutrition
7AL Harriet Perkins	Art
7AL Callie Spiller	Art
7AS Brianna Woodgates	Art
7CJ Anousha Cronje	Art
7EH Bronwyn Jones	Art
7JS- Erin Watkin	Art
7KH Owen Hancock-Yates	Art
7LC Polly James	Art
7RB Oliver Burke	Art
8HD Oskar Robertson	Art
8JW Lucy Roach	Art
8KE Rhiannon Owen	Art
8LM Katie Moses	Art
8ME Mia Brown	Art
8MS Samantha Wensley	Art
8SB Heather Coles	Art
9AE Jessika Gould	Art
9EJ Carys Mainwaring	Art
9GD Sophie Edwards	Art
9HG Elinor Giess	Art
9MC Hannah Dobbins	Art
9OS Kitty James	Art
9TH Chloe Wyatt	Art

SPORT



AMAZING GRACE



Porthcawl rider, 13 year old Grace Strong, is the new Under 16 Prelim Dressage Champion of Great Britain. The Porthcawl Comprehensive School pupil and Llangeinor Hunt Pony Club member won the Gold Medal at the David Broom Event Centre in Chepstow in September.

The achievement is the culmination of seven year's work with her 14hh pony, Cooper, originally bought at a sale in Llanybydder. Grace, her family, and trainer, Lorry Davies of Brookfield Equine, are particularly proud that winning gold is the result of years of team work, rather than simply buying a very expensive pony, ready and primed to compete. The competition is demanding, as is dressage. The discipline is often compared to ballet and is the ultimate expression of horse training and elegance. It requires an intense connection between both human and equine athletes and is a beauty to behold. Grace earned her place in the Championship competition after achieving high results in various other dressage tests. It involved five different, very complex tests.

Grace's grandmother, Hilary Strong, explained: "These tests are very complex and to learn one is difficult enough, let alone to learn five and achieve and be placed in each test within the top three."

On Friday, Grace was awarded 3rd place. On the Saturday she had two tests and was placed 1st in both. On the Sunday she again had two tests and came 1st in one and 2nd in another. It was not until the Sunday evening that the overall results were revealed and Grace was presented with the overall 1st Place and Gold Medal.

"We are so very proud of her, and, of course, of Cooper! It tops an amazing year winning medals and awards at various venues all over the UK."



Girls' Dance Club

Girls' Dance Club, run by Scarlett Jenkins and Ashleigh Phillips of Year 10, has really taken off this term. It takes place on a Thursday lunch time in the Gym, so if you love dancing, go along and join them. It's a great way to keep fit too!



Basketball

Huge congratulations to Connor Whitney-Embleton and Ewan Hall of 8EH for making the U14's Welsh Basketball team. The boys have been playing for less than a year and they have both made both the U12's and U14's team in this time. They have enjoyed great success in their basketball and currently play for Cynfig Cougars and Vale Vipers in the SW League.

Well done boys we are very proud of you!



Athletics

Nia Clatworthy had a successful Summer competing and collected a host of titles whilst still in Year 9. She won the outdoor Welsh Championship at 1500m (U15) in Cardiff in June, only one day after winning the Glamorgan Valleys' School Race in Brecon. This year's was a particularly high profile event as it was the 100th such championship!

Nia then went on to win the Welsh Schools' Championship, 1500m at Leckwith Stadium on 1st July. During August, Nia travelled to Wrexham and added the Welsh 800m Championship to her collection. Nia's form continued into the Autumn when she won the Welsh Mile Championship in Cardiff in October. This term, Nia is concentrating on cross country events, so look out!



Gymnastics

TUM Level 5 - Women 10-12 Yrs			
	FARNWORTH Ayla	76.740	1
	BROWN Sophie	76.290	2
	COOK Morgan	76.120	3
	DICKSON Sophie	76.040	4
	WAINWRIGHT Ella-Mar	75.370	5
	BRD Lorian	72.370	6
	MUDD Amber-Marie	50.370	7

Asia Farnworth from Year 10 has been invited to attend the Welsh Gymnastics Annual Awards Dinner where she has been shortlisted for Young Leader of the Year. From all the entries received in Wales, she was shortlisted by a panel and will now attend a formal dinner next month where all winners will be announced.

Ayla Farnworth from Year 8 competed in the Welsh Tumbling NDP Championships in Cardiff where she took the Gold medal. She was then selected to represent Wales in the British Semi Finals in Birmingham where again she took the Gold medal and the British title. This qualified her for the British Finals in Telford where she came away with the Silver medal.



The Rugby Season so far:

In our 4th year as a WRU School of Rugby and HUB centre, rugby has continued to thrive and be an integral part of the extra-curricular programme offered to our pupils

September and October is the fixture peak of the Autumn term, as we try to make the most of the good weather and light evenings. So far this year, each year group has played in a festival around the Ospreys area and played many fixtures against our local schools. Year 7 are keen with lots of boys and girls training and playing in games. We managed to put out two teams against CCYD. The Year 8 and 9 boys have started their campaign in the Welsh Cup, hoping to progress to the knockout stages by finishing high up in the Ospreys East League. The Year 8 team have won 2 of their 5 league games and finished 4th, with Year 9 topping their group, winning all 5 group games, and moving on to play in the semi-final against the runners up of Group A.

In our 4th year as a WRU School of Rugby and HUB centre, rugby has continued to thrive and be an integral part of the extra-curricular programme offered to our pupils. Our aim is to provide quality,

enjoyable rugby opportunities to boys and girls across the school. A high percentage of our players currently play for a club outside of school, be it Porthcawl or Kenfig Hill, or one of the many other clubs around the Bridgend area. We are looking to help these clubs flourish by encouraging those that are ready to join a local club and make further improvements in their playing ability.

We have a great day lined up on the last day of this term when we will travel to Llandarcy to compete in the 'Battle of the Barn' competition and then go on to support the Ospreys playing against the Dragons at the Liberty Stadium.

Last year the end of the school term saw Year 10 Wesh Bacc students offer the whole of KS 3 a coaching and playing opportunity in touch rugby which was enjoyed by everyone!

Mr Davies

Skylar Evans: Athletics

Skylar Evans (now Year 12) had a good day at the Welsh Schools finals in July. She got to the final of the 200m, and was placed 7th achieving a new personal best time. She also competed in the relay, and their team came 4th, so collected a few more points for Glamorgan Valleys who came 5th overall on the day.

Miss Davies



Sports Day 2017

Once again over 500 pupils deserted their classrooms and made their way on board 10 coaches travelling down the M4 motorway to Swansea University Athletics Stadium.

All who were fortunate enough to attend Porthcawl Comprehensive School Sports Day 2017 bathed in the warm Summer sun and were treated to some exceptional performances. The travelling hordes ran, jumped and threw in athletic events ranging from the 100m to the 1500m; the long jump to the shot put. The fresh faced Year 7 spectators were treated to an outstanding sporting spectacle which will surely inspire them to be involved next year.

In Eleni Jones, Abi Davis, Josie Lewis and Luke Wyatt the Year 7's have four worthy champions. Eleni was 1st in both the 100m and 200m, breaking longstanding year records in both. Abi completed an extraordinary double; 1st in the 1500m and 800m, and a 3rd in the shot put. The diminutive Josie Lewis took 1st place in the javelin and shot proving that practice does make perfect. The outstanding Year 7 boy had to be Luke Wyatt who matched Abi by winning the 1500m and 800m but also broke the long held year record in the 1500m as well. Each of these pupils were in contention for the much coveted Victrix and Victor Ludorum (the awards given to the female and male athletes respectively who accumulate the most points for their house on Sports Day). Other female athletes in contention for the Victrix Ludorum included Hannah Davidson and Anni Martin; either would have been very worthy recipients. However once the final scores had been scrutinised closely there was a very clear winner. This year the Victrix Ludorum went to Krista Kavanagh who amassed an outstanding 23 points for her house by winning both the 100m and shot put and also finishing a close 2nd in the long jump.

The Victor Ludorum this year is not shared for once and is awarded to a single male athlete who made an outstanding contribution to his house on Sports Day. However there were three boys who could have challenged for the top honour



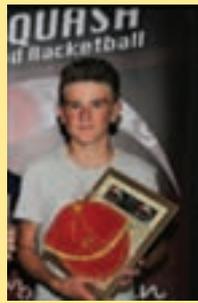
if they'd just managed to excel in a third event and should be inspired next year to go out and challenge to be the top male athlete. These were Jude Dabernig (Year 9), Niall Thomas (Year 9) and Josh Audsley (Year 10), who actually won all three of his events but was just pipped to the crown by a young man who equalled this feat but also broke a year record. The Victor Ludorum this year goes to Year 8's Sprint King, Evan Jones, who achieved the sprint double in the 100m and 200m, (breaking the year record), and first in the discus.

Overall a total of 11 new year and new school records were set; two of the longest standing records to be broken came from performances by Rebekah Morrissey in the 100m and Lauren Colley in the 1500m. Special mention should also go to the Morgannwg Year 9 girls' relay team who set the track alight with a blistering performance to claim a new school record.

In the final shake up for the Sports Day house competition the results are as follows ... in reverse order:

4th	Dyfed	676 pts
3rd	Powys	687 pts
2nd	Morgannwg	734 pts
1st	Gwynedd	818 pts





Squash Update

Lewys Audsley, U13 and Joshua Audsley, U15 both received their Welsh caps at the Welsh Squash Awards Evening on 30 June at Angel Hotel in Cardiff. Congratulations to you both!

Surf Lifesaving



On the 22nd of July, Wales took a team of 12 girls and 12 boys to compete at the Celtic Cup on the notorious Portreath Beach in Cornwall. Here, we would compete against England, their team having been selected out of their top athletes. This year Porthcawl Comprehensive School had 5 of their Surf Lifesavers selected to represent Wales!

TOM HORN

WILL JAMES

HANNAH DAVIDSON

AMBER WILLIAMS

ELLIE MCCLOY

The selection process was gruelling; there were three exhausting events that we call the 'Rankings' where you have to perform to the absolute best of your ability to be in with a chance of gaining a place in the team. There were some stand-out performances in extremely tough conditions. The competition took place at the end of July where Team Wales set out to win, after a disappointing 2nd place to England last year, and that is what they did.

Starting the day, Amber shone in the sprints and flags events, and excelled in her leg of the beach relay where Wales gained a victory. Then, Tom and Ellie took to the water, facing the rising swell for the board race. Tom had a solid paddle for Wales, against older and more experienced athletes, and Ellie dominated the female board race from the start, taking a win for Team Wales. Both controlled the race from the front. Battling

dramatic weather conditions and an extra-long course, Hannah showed the English how it's done in the Surf Swim, and Will did himself and Wales proud by helping to cement Wales' victory.

On November 18th, Tom, Will, Hannah and Amber received their first Welsh Caps and Ellie received her third cap for representing Wales. Well done guys, it's been a great season!

Ellie McCloy Year 12





TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2017

Monday 17th July - Wednesday 19th July 2017

Having entered its second decade, the PCS Tennis Tournament was again a huge success, attracting over 200 entries, both male and female from Years 7 to 10.

At court side, Year 10 Welsh Bacc pupils were responsible for planning fixtures, officiating, recording results and coaching pupils. The response to tennis, as always, was magnificent, culminating in a well organised and supported event, with pupils producing an excellent standard of play on the courts. More importantly, players of all abilities had the opportunity to participate, have fun and improve their tennis skills.

In the Senior Boys' final, Harley Stephens, as many expected, won his fourth and final title. He beat Max Shears again in a competitive game that Max just doesn't seem to be able to win. An excellent runner up again though!

Ioan Williams, after his early shock defeat to Daniel Evans, beat last year's Plate winner, Kieran Tantum and went on an unbeaten run to win this year's Plate competition in the Boys' tournament.

The final of the Year 7 competition was a tight game and could have been won by either of the 2 finalists, but Christian Barrett (CJ) was victorious 6-4 against Dylan Careless.

In the Senior Girls' final, last year's winner was under pressure from the Year 10 top seeds. Being their last year to compete for the title, they give the younger Ffion all the respect she deserved and dug deep to knock her out of the tournament in the semi-final. This then set up an all Year 10 affair between rivals, but best friends, Cherisse Lau and Anni Martin. On this occasion it was Anni who was victorious, making up for her loss in last year's final. It was an excellent final and shows the high standard of girls' tennis in the school.

In the Girls' Plate final, Jaz Gamble overcame the challenge of Heather Coles to take the title.

The Year 7 Girls' winner was Polly James who beat Olivia Williams in a final that was played at a really good standard for Year 7; these girls will definitely be two players to watch out for in the future.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT HALL OF FAME

BOYS' WINNERS

GIRLS' WINNERS

2007	Richard Tuck	Sidney Rogers
2008	Lee Arrowsmith	Bethan Price
2009	Hayden Lau	Bethan Price
2010	Jacob Prosser	Robyn Wilkins
2011	Matthew Johns	Laura Mackey
2012	Josh Bell	Olivia Norris
2013	Jak Robbins	Demi Grant
2014	Harley Stephens	Emily Stradling
2015	Harley Stephens	Elise Thomas
2016	Harley Stephens	Ffion Masters
2017	Harley Stephens	Anni Martin





RESULTS - BOYS' TOURNAMENT

1/4 FINAL

Harley Stephens 5
Ioan Williams 5

Daniel Jones 0
Kieran Tantum 4

McKenzie Randle 1
Alex Williams

Josh Lewis 5
Cameron Beale

Joshua Audsley 5
Sam Stradling 5

Dylan Williams 4
Ollie Jones 2

Patrick O'Neill 0
Elliot Watkins 4

Max Shears 5
Dafydd Jenkins 5

SEMI FINAL

Harley Stephens 6
Ioan Williams 5

Josh Lewis 1
Cameron Beale 1

Joshua Audsley 1
Sam Stradling 5

Max Shears 6
Dafydd Jenkins 4

FINAL

Harley Stephens 6
Ioan Williams 6

Max Shears 1
Sam Stradling 4

WINNER

Harley Stephens
Ioan Williams

Plate Competition

RESULTS - GIRLS' TOURNAMENT

1/4 FINAL

Ffion Masters 5
Polly James 3

Rhian Abuleil 0
Sarab Wynne 1

Cherrise Lau 5
Heather Coles 3

Nicola Hughes 0
Lucia Brown 2

Amy Bradbury 5
Lucy Clark 0

Olivia Williams 0
Jazmin Gamble 3

Elli Martin 1
Eleri Williams

Anni Martin 5
Annie Williams

SEMI FINAL

Ffion Masters 4
Polly James 2

Cherrise Lau 6
Heather Coles 4

Amy Bradbury 3
Jazmin Gamble 4

Anni Martin 6
Annie Williams 1

FINAL

Cherrise Lau 3
Heather Coles 0

Anni Martin 6
Jazmin Gamble 6

WINNER

Anni Martin
Jazmin Gamble

Plate Competition



News from the Primary Schools



Welsh Triathlon News

Congratulations to Porthcawl Comprehensive School pupils Eve Hickman (Year 7), Luke Wyatt (Year 8), Tristyn James (Year 7) and Abigail Davies (Year 8) who were recently selected for the Welsh Triathlon Team, after a full Summer of competing in the Welsh Tristar Series. Abigail and Tristyn competed in the Inter Regional Championships at Mallory Park in Leicester on 28th August 2017, with Luke and Eve on standby as reserves. With the temperature soaring, race conditions were tough as was the competition from all over the UK. In the Girls' T2 race, Abigail finished in 14th place overall in her last season in the 11/12 age group and in the Boys' T2 race, Tristyn finished 35th overall in his first year in this age category. All four are proudly showing off their Welsh Team in the photograph.

News from Newton Primary

It has been an exciting time in Newton Primary School for the pupils in Year 6. As part of our Cornerstones topic 'The Blitz', we have focused on the events of World War Two.

Our topic began with a visit to the fascinating 1940's museum in Swansea Bay, where the pupils experienced the sights and sounds of an authentic Swansea street during the Second World War. We sheltered below ground during a German air raid, tried on wartime clothes and learnt about how food was rationed.

We also had a school visit from an educational historian who facilitated an interactive workshop and brought in a range of resources including deactivated weapons! The pupils and parents have responded exceptionally

well to this interesting topic and have been able to bring many items into school including medals, photos and gas masks. They have also shared some amazing family stories and we were fortunate to welcome several other guest speakers into school. This unit culminated in an open day where the children showcased some of their work in a VE Day style street party on the school grounds. We sang wartime songs, gave speeches and involved the parents in the 'Lambeth Walk'.

We really enjoyed the transition events this term and both the Science and Language mornings were very well received by the pupils.

Mr Henley Jenkins
Newton Primary School



Youth Commonwealth Games Bahamas 2017



Two Porthcawl Comprehensive School pupils had an incredible Summer representing Wales in the Bahamas at the Youth Commonwealth Games.

Ioan Evans of Year 11 and Rebecca Sutton of Year 12 swam for Wales at the games, and Rebecca was chosen to be the flagbearer and led her team out at the opening ceremony.



News from Nottage Primary



We hope everyone had a super Summer! Well, here we are at the start of another school year and all the children have settled in well and are working hard in their new classes. The latest intake of Tiddlers are exploring their new surroundings and making new friends.

We need to thank all our families for their fantastic support at our Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 29th September. We raised an incredible £863.05!

On Thursday 5th October we were very lucky to have a visit from Adrian Townsend, a renowned children's author. He spoke to our children about where he gets his inspiration for writing from and how he writes his

books. His wonderful books were available to buy and Mr Townsend held a book signing session.

Our Year 3 children recently visited St Fagans and learnt all about how the Celts lived. The children made bracelets by twisting wool and watched how flour was made from grain. They all visited a Celtic hut and are holding a special day in school, dressing up as Celts.

The pupils in Year 6 have been to Techniquet where they learnt more about the human body. Some staff and pupils took part in an interactive show about the digestive system. A fun day was had by all. Transition to the Comprehensive School has already begun with the Year 6 children

experiencing Technology and Modern Foreign Languages at PCS.

Foundation Phase children had a visit from a school friend and their pet dog. They learnt about caring for and looking after a pet's needs.

Children from Year 5 had a day out in Swansea. Their morning was spent in Swansea Waterfront Museum followed by an afternoon watching a performance of "Eye of the Storm" by Theatr na nOg (a STEM related show) in the Dylan Thomas Theatre.

What a busy half term we have had already. Lots of things planned for next half term and Christmas is just around the corner!



News from West Park Primary

What a busy start to our last Autumn term at West Park Primary! Our theme this term is 'Space' and we began our topic by having an exciting immersion day where we researched rockets and built our own one, powered by vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. We all really enjoyed the experience and developed our speaking and listening skills as well as working in teams.

Our transition to the comprehensive school has already started for us in West Park. We met Mrs Sloggett right at the beginning of term and she gave homework diaries to us all. These have been a great help to make sure we are going to be organised in Year 6. We have also been to the comprehensive for our MFL transition, and this was an amazing experience. We learnt a song in French, German or Welsh and performed it to each other. What a great experience!

This year, we have started to have transition lessons every week from the English and Maths Departments from the comprehensive, so moving up next year should be a breeze for us!!

We have all been made prefects in Year 6 this year. This has given us all extra responsibilities such as looking after certain areas and pupils in the school, selling fresh fruit and being a 'buddy' on the nursery playground. We have all been given prefect badges and are extremely proud to wear them. It has been a good start to our netball and rugby season so far and we have been lucky with the weather. Let's hope this continues!

News from Porthcawl Primary

This half term has gone really quickly and we have had lots of fun learning new things. Children learn best when they are totally absorbed in what they are doing; providing interesting contexts for learning Literacy, Numeracy and ICT skills is key.

This is what our children said about this half term:

"I like Muddy Mondays; learning outside and getting dirty!" Emma (4).

"Building a new house for the 3 pigs and getting woodlice on our hands" Honor (5).

"Digging and splashing in the mud" Cameron (5).

"Sticking sticks into apples and getting squirted with apple juice!" Neve (5).

"Using a real mile long fireman's hose and jetting it at the willow was sooo exciting" Declan (6) & Joel (7).

"I've loved writing real books. My imagination is silly but serious at the same time which helps - my stories will be really good" Cameron (8).

"Looking at a real liver was great then sculpting it with salt dough" Zak & Riley (9).

"Visits to Porthcawl Comp - doing an experiment on the Headmaster and working out who had kidnapped him!" Darcy (10).

We can't wait to see what the new half term brings!





European Day of Languages

Transition Event



On the 26th September, the Languages Faculty hosted Porthcawl's very own Eurovision Concert – 'Eurosition'! It was a fun-filled morning where pupils from local primary schools came together to learn European songs in honour of 'European Day of Languages'. We split into three groups to compete against each other by singing in French, German and Welsh along with learning complex choreographed routines – a special shout-out to Ms Lloyd whose dance moves will go down in Eurosition History!

Mrs Sloggett had the difficult task of selecting a winner from the three amazing groups...the winners for Eurosition 2017 were 'les Frenchies' singing 'Chez Mama Africa' – très bien! Who will win next year?

Year 12 Frenchies





Science Transition

The transition programme has been full steam ahead this term. We welcomed Year 6 pupils from inside and outside our catchment area to Science transition during September and October. Pupils enjoyed a great morning carrying out 4 experiments, (including using a Bunsen burner), to find out which of the suspects had kidnapped Mr Slade!



Shw'mae Day 2017

Shw'mae Day 2017 was celebrated on Friday October 13th. Staff and pupils were encouraged to start conversations using the word 'shw'mae' and try and use as much Welsh as possible during the day. Cries of 'shw'mae' were heard echoing across the yard at breaktime, in the staffroom and in all lessons – not just the Welsh ones! Pupils took the opportunity to pose in the photo booth in traditional Welsh attire, and a number of pupils attended Welsh bingo at lunchtime. Pupils were challenged to complete a quiz during lessons to see how much they knew about Wales and Welsh words and surprised themselves with how much they knew.





Y CRIW CYMRAEG

For the first time ever, Monday 16th October saw the launch of Y Criw Cymraeg in Years 7 and 8. Pupils in each tutor group have applied to be 'swogs' and will be responsible for teaching their class mates and form tutor the phrase of the fortnight, and will encourage both staff and pupils to use these phrases regularly during the school day.

Pupils will receive merits as rewards for using Welsh and will nominate the teacher who speaks the most Welsh as teacher of the month.

Welsh Sayings

Bore da
(borair dar)
Good Morning

Prynhawn da
(Prin hown dar)
Good Afternoon

Noswaith dda
(nors why-th thar)
Good Evening

**Hwyl fawr /
Da bo chi**
(Hoyl fowr /
Dar bor cheer)
Goodbye

Diolch
(de olch)
Thank you

**Dewch i mewn ... yn
dawel.**
(duw-ch e mewn ...
un dawel)
Come in ... quietly

Cwrteisi
Courtesy

Pupil Achievements

Many congratulations go to the following:-

Lucy Stradling - Year 9

Selected for Wales at Basketball (U14) for a series of tests in Gibraltar - June 2017

Nia Clatworthy - Year 10

U15 Welsh Schools' Champion 1500m, U15 Welsh Champion 1500m, U15 Welsh Champion 800m, U15 Welsh 1 Mile Champion. She is also British 1km Champion in Lifesaving!

Alecia Wilson-Morgan, Emily Stradling

(Past pupils) & **Nicola Hughes** - (Year 11)

Selected for Wales U18 3V3 Basketball tournament to take place in Hungary next year.

Ben Buckley - Year 9

Selected for Wales U15 Basketball Squad

Connor Whitney-Embleton

& **Ewan Hall** - Year 8

Selected for Wales U14 Basketball Squad

Eve Hickman, Tristyn James, Luke Wyatt &

Abigail Davies - Years 7 & 8

Selected for Welsh Triathlon Team

Grace Strong - Year 9

U16 Prelim Dressage Champion of GB

Leah Samuel & Libby Scott - Year 9

Selected for U14 County Netball Squad

Amy Bradbury - Year 11

Selected for U16 County Netball Squad

Rebekah Morrissey - Year 11

Selected for GB Taekwondo Development Squad

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

Members of the Four Counties Orchestra:

Rachel Appleton

Isaak Cronje

Alexandra Hunt

Laurence Hunt

Olivia Pownall

James Clear

Layla Millar

Lauren Pugh

Matthew Pugh

Cerian Trookes

Trent Francis

Jamie Harrowing

Anousha Cronje

Grace Clear

Jenny Tanner

Isaak Cronje - Year 10

Grade 5 Theory - Distinction

Sunil Vummidi - Year 11

Grade 5 Merit Violin

Matthew Sleep - Year 9

Grade 5 Merit Music Theory

Olivia Geddes - Year 9

Violin Grade 5 - Distinction

Piano Grade 1 - Distinction

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