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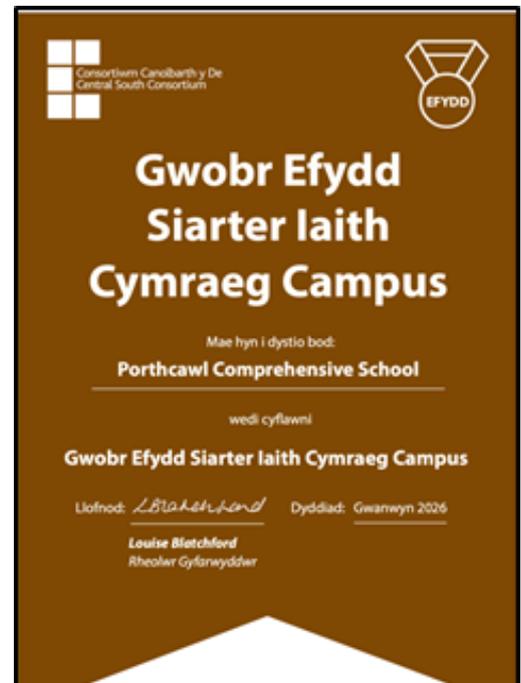
Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus - Efydd / Bronze Award**

Last week, Porthcawl Comprehensive School was assessed for, and awarded, the Siarter Iaith Bronze Award – celebrating and recognising the school's Welsh culture and its work to support Welsh language use outside of the classroom environment.

The Siarter Iaith is a Welsh Government strategy to target the use of Welsh in school across Wales. The aim of Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus is to promote the use of Welsh in English-medium schools, establishing a Welsh ethos and encouraging pupils and staff to develop their Welsh language skills. The Charter provides a framework for schools to follow in order to achieve the awards. There are three level of award; Bronze, Silver and Gold.

We are very proud of our first award, and we look forward to working towards, and securing the next step - The Silver Award. Developing Welsh language use outside of the classroom is a development priority within the School Improvement Plan and over time we have strengthened our approaches to widen Welsh language opportunities for pupils.



### **We have introduced several new initiatives across the school. These include:**

- Introducing “Welsh Wednesday” – a fortnightly Welsh speaking focus for pupils and staff.
- Welsh language ‘refresher’ sessions have been provided by our Head of Welsh, Mrs. Lloyd during staff briefings (once per fortnight).
- The school’s Criw Cymraeg (pupil group) have Introduced Welsh speaking ‘Teacher of the Month’.
- Welsh Language display boards have been created and updated around the school site.
- Our Criw Cymraeg have launched a new 'Cymro/Cymraes y mis' award celebrating Key Stage 3 pupils speaking Welsh around the school. Once a month pupils' Duolingo points on ClassCharts are reviewed and those pupils who have the most points are named/awarded Welsh Pupil of the Month.

### **We are really pleased with our Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus assessment feedback, this noted:**

- Our strong Welsh ethos throughout the school.
- The wide-ranging news shared by the Criw Cymraeg in the ‘Porthcawl Post’.

- An enthusiastic and passionate Criw Cymraeg has been established.
- How confident pupils were when talking about their work, and how much members of the Criw Cymraeg obviously enjoy their role and take pride in their achievements.
- How the introduction of Welsh Wednesday / Cymraeg i Bawb has ensured that Cymraeg is normalised across the school.
- The Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus is driven by strong and enthusiastic leadership. This is supported by senior leaders and a very enthusiastic Criw Cymraeg.
- Incidental Welsh is embedded in most areas of school life and is used naturally by most staff.

We are very proud of our achievements. I pass on my thanks to all staff, in particular Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Guest who coordinate this work. We are already looking forward to achieving the Silver Award.

Have a lovely weekend.

Cofion cynnes / Kind regards,

*M. Stephens*

Headteacher/Pennaeth

#### **Important Dates – Spring Term 2026**

- 25<sup>th</sup> February - Year 12 Progress Evening
- 11<sup>th</sup> March - Year 10 Progress Evening
- 18<sup>th</sup> March - Awards Evening
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March - INSET Day (4)