

Maths Challenge

A team of Year 8 and 9 pupils attended the Regional Final of this year's UK Mathematics Trust Team Maths Challenge held on Friday, 17th April at Whitchurch High School, Cardiff. The competition combined mathematical, communication and teamwork skills and offered pupils another way to express and develop their enjoyment of Mathematics.

Rugby Final

On 22nd April our 1st XV Rugby Team played in the WRU Under 18's Regional Final at Parc y Scarlets. The final score was 14 to Dyffryn Taf and 29 to Lewis Pengam School. A great achievement from our boys to reach this prestigious final!

Sports Dinner

On Thursday evening, 30th April a Dinner was held at Plashyfyrd, Narberth to recognise and celebrate the successes of sporting endeavours at Dyffryn Taf. The evening recognised the students who have been selected for County, Regional and National teams as well as young people who have shown commitment and determination to their school teams. The school has a long and proud history of producing international and world class sports men and women and this evening allowed us to recognise the contribution our current student body has made to sustain this reputation. The guest speaker was Josh Helps, a former pupil who has an excellent career in rugby. Around 90 students attended the Dinner together with staff members who contribute to the excellent sporting activities that take place at Dyffryn Taf. A memorable evening was had by all!

Premier League Reading Stars

On Tuesday, 21st April, students involved in the "Premier League Reading Stars" initiative visited Cardiff City Stadium. The trip involved a stadium tour and a workshop with a published author. Meeting an author is a powerful way to promote and nurture a love of reading, and combining it with the love of sport was most beneficial to the pupils.

Pipriac Exchange Visit

42 pupils from Year 9 recently participated in the French exchange with Pipriac based in Brittany in France. The first day was spent in St Malo visiting the fortified town and sampling the local cuisine before completing the journey to Pipriac where they were warmly welcomed by their correspondents. Throughout the week the pupils immersed themselves in French life taking every opportunity to speak French and completed a range of activities such as tree climbing, kayaking and abseiling. The highlight of the week was a visit to Puy du Fou which is a historical theme park in Les Epesses in the heart of the Vendée region of Western France. The park brings in some 1.5 million visitors every year, making it the fourth most popular attraction in France after Disneyland Paris. A leaving party was organised for the pupils on the last night to mark the end of a very successful week where new friendships were kindled and a greater appreciation of the French culture and language was gained.

Lucy Gannon Visit

On Friday, 26th June the playwright, screen writer and producer Lucy Gannon MBE visited our Library. Her work includes 'Soldier Soldier' and 'Peak Practice'. During her visit she gave an insightful, knowledgeable and honest presentation to students. We as a school are very grateful that she took time out of her busy schedule to come and visit us.

Additional Learning Needs Department

As part of our on-going social and life skills programme, the Additional Learning Needs Department went on two trips to Tenby in July. One trip was by minibus and the other, students went on the train, which helped develop their life skills by enabling them to pay for their fares etc and travel in a more relaxed way. The weather was favourable on both occasions and the students involved thoroughly enjoyed their day out in Tenby!

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day took place on 9th July. The weather was great and an excellent day of sport took place. Students and staff are to be congratulated on a great day!

Good Attendance Reward!

As a reward for good attendance, two trips were arranged to Oakwood Theme Park in July. Students from Years 7 to 10 had a wonderful time at the park and deserved a day out in reward for their excellent attendance at school over the last school year.

Other events/activities that took place during the Summer Term at Dyffryn Taf:

- ❖ Year 7 Skills Days
- ❖ Year 6 Transition Visits
- ❖ Drama Performance at the Senedd – Mokete
- ❖ Chemistry Festival at Aberystwyth
- ❖ Geography Field Trip to Aberystwyth
- ❖ Summer Concert
- ❖ Year 10 Work Experience
- ❖ Year 12 Geography Field Trip to Dorset
- ❖ Greenpower Racing at Rockingham
- ❖ Duke of Edinburgh Award Silver and Gold Expeditions
- ❖ Year 5 Day
- ❖ Inter-house Trip to Heatherton
- ❖ R.E Trip to Italy