



POBL PENWEDDIG

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Happy 90th Birthday Nelson Mandela



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Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig
Greetings from staff and pupils of
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig

A card was sent from Ysgol Penweddig's pupils greeting Nelson Mandela on his 90th birthday. The card was painted by Lea Helygain Adams Yr 13.

The School Council Quad Project

Following a further meeting between the School Council and Mr Bob Shaw, a local contractor, the labyrinth will be put in place during the summer holidays. The main material used will be oak sourced from Joppa. Some members of the School Council will play a part in finishing the wood at the start of the autumn term. An opening ceremony will then be arranged to celebrate the project.

Over £3,000 of the earmarked budget will still be available for next year's School Council to use.

Food Prices

A meeting between the School Council and Scolarest was held to discuss the prices of canteen food for 2008-2009. Following discussions a general increase of 5.77% was agreed



with no, or relatively smaller, increases for healthier food items.

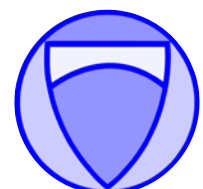
Health Care and Pupils' Welfare

On the Governing Body's request a booklet was prepared outlining the support provision available for pupils and families.

A two sided pamphlet was produced by some 6th formers

to go with the booklet. The pamphlet was distributed to all Key Stage 3 pupils in the PSE lessons.

Copies of the booklet are available from the school on request.



Winners of the Art and Craft Prizes at the 2008 Urdd Eisteddfod

Art and Craft Prizes at Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2008. The following competitors were successful in the Urdd National Art and Craft Competition which was held recently.

First Prize, Shelley Musker Turner, 3D Creative Work, Yrs. 7 & 8

Third Prize, Llinos Turner, Ceramic/Pottery Yrs. 7 & 8

First Prize, Efa Lois Thomas, Black and White Print, Yrs. 7, 8 & 9

Second Prize, Efa Lois Thomas Colour Print, Yrs. 7, 8 & 9

Congratulations to all of them!

WHITE, RED AND GREEN DAY FOR THE URDD

On the 18th of April the school held a special day when the pupils and staff wore the Urdd colours-that is white, red and green to raise money towards the 2010 Ceredigion Eisteddfod fund. Through holding a staff coffee morning and various activities in Yrs. 12 & 13 the considerable sum of £558 was raised. Thanks to all who contributed.

Induction Day

Over sixty Year 5 pupils from Plascrug had another chance to experience a morning of lessons through the medium of Welsh at the school on Wednesday 23rd April. They enjoyed lessons in Drama and Information Technology, prepared by specialists in the subjects from Penweddig. The day was organised by Mme Carol Izri, Year Tutor for Years 6 & 7.

Language Centre

A group of nine pupils has just begun a Welsh course in the Language Centre with their teacher Mrs Eirian Davies. They are children who have moved to the area. They attend local primary schools for three days a week, coming to the Language Centre on two days. As well as this, a separate group of pupils, all from Year 6 have completed a Welsh language-improving course in the Centre with their teacher Mrs Dilys Lloyd. These pupils who are eagerly looking forward to starting in Penweddig in September. The second Welsh-improvers group will be starting Mid-May, and continuing until July.

Urdd National Eisteddfod, Conway, 2008

A number of Penweddig pupils were successful in the Urdd Homework Competition this year.

Catrin Woodruff, 2nd, Poetry Year 12/13

Carys Davies, 3rd, Poetry under 25yrs of age (in the Cywydd form)

Carys Jones, 2nd, Prose, Year 9

Ifan Hywel, 3rd, Prose Year 10/11

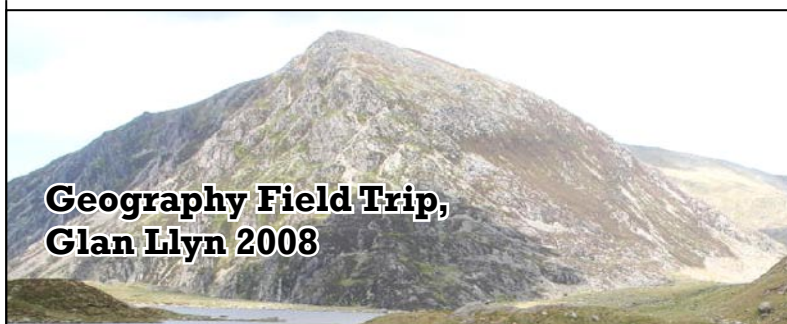
Nia Thomas, 2nd, Prose (soliloquy set in the future)

Dyfrig Williams, 2nd, Prose (personal essay), under 19yrs

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Geography Field Trip, Glan Llyn 2008

On May 10th -11th, thirty nine Year 10 pupils went with three teachers for two days of fieldwork to Glan Llyn. The group had a busy, productive and enjoyable time measuring rocks and noting features of the River Llafar for their GCSE course- work. As the weather was so hot it was a relief to be able to splash in the river after a sweaty day on the bus travelling around Deeside and Airbus.

On Monday, the crew went up to Cwm Idwal to study the effects of ice, and to marvel at the beauty of the valley. It was a huge effort to walk up the scree, being deafened by air-force jets flying below us. Everyone enjoyed the experience and I hope some will return with their families and friends in the future-after first working on their fitness levels to prepare them for climbing the steep slopes!!

Buddug Thomas (Head of Geography)



The Urdd Girls' Football Competition, Seven-a-side

A team of Year 7 and 8 girls were the Urdd Champions this year! The girls managed to beat a number of other teams on the fields of Blaendolau, including Tregaron, Porthmadog and then Conway, to win the final game by kicking from the penalty spot .The members of the triumphant team were:-

Gwenno Stevens, Year 7, Siân Evans, Year 7, Menna Pugh-Jones, Year 8, Mikela Evans, Year 8, Alice Cairns, Year 8, Martha Williams, Year 8, Delyth Owens, Year 8, Ceri Jones, Year 8, Menna Hughes, Year 8

The photo shows the Football Team with their teacher Miss Nia Wyn.

The Urdd Eisteddfod in Dyffryn Conwy

A number of our pupils were successful in the Urdd Eisteddfod at the end of May. Here are the individuals and groups that appeared on stage, and the prizes they won in their competitions.



Rhodri Taylor-1st-Woodwind Solo Years 10-13

Catrin Woodruff-1st-Girl's Solo Years 10-13. Catrin won Mrs Olwen Phillips' Scholarship and a prize from the Welsh Chapel, Melbourne, Australia for the most promising solo between 15 and 19 years of age.

Elinor Morgan and Heddwen Daniel-1st-instrumental duet, Year 13 and under



Catrin Howells-2nd- Solo Disco-Dancing Years 7-9

Elen Thomas and Megan Hâf-2nd-Duet Years 7-9

Instrumental Ensemble-2nd-years 7-9

James Hancock- Evans- 3rd-Piano Solo Years 10-13

Male Choir-3rd-Years 13 and under



Congratulations to each one on their success !



All of them recently had a wonderful opportunity to perform in a concert on the stage of Pontrhyfendigaid's new Pavillion with Catrin Finch.



Evening Concert at Llanbadarn Church

On Tuesday evening, July 29th, as part of The Musicfest 2008 Programme, the Welsh Youth Choir will hold a concert in Llanbadarn Church. Catrin Woodruff, who gave the most promising solo in the 15-19 age group at the Urdd Eisteddfod will be singing in the choir. Come along to support her!

Visit to The New Theatre in Cardiff

The 'Horrible Histories' series are very popular with young teenagers, and you can imagine the excitement and enthusiasm amongst the pupils when they heard about the

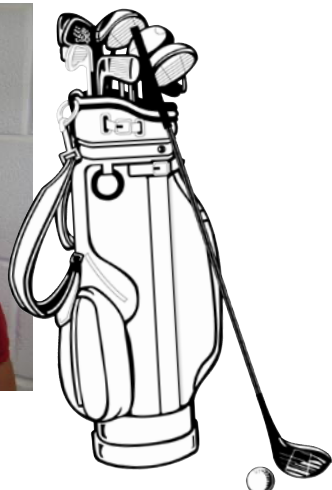
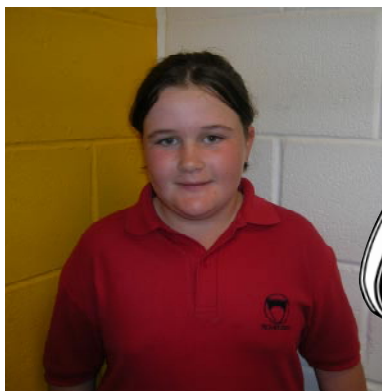
Drama/History department's intentions to run a trip on Thursday, June 26th to see a show based on this famous series in The New Theatre, Cardiff. The show that was on offer was the 'Terrible Tudors', and it provided an excellent opportunity to see the characters and historical events of the period come to life before their eyes.

Winning a Welsh Schools' Heritage Prize

Congratulations to Sioned Llewelyn, Year 10, for winning the prize, which consisted of £50 worth of books from the 'Honno' press, as part of the National Welsh Schools' Heritage Competition. Sioned had produced a project on 'Strata Florida and its Effects on the Local Area', and she received her prize at the Taliesin Theatre, Swansea on July 14th. Well done Sioned!

Playing Golf for Wales

Congratulations to Angharad Basnett, Year 7 on being chosen to play golf for Wales.



Aquathon Cymru

Lauren Harries was first in the Girls' 15 yrs. Race
Megan Turner was third in the Girls' 13 yrs. Race

Dyfed Athletes

At the start of June a competition day was held for Dyfed athletes in Carmarthen, and a number of



Pennwedi g students were successful in their competitions.

Adam Bitchell, Year 13, won the 1500 m race, beating the Dyfed record by ten seconds, and becoming the first boy ever in Dyfed to run the race in under four minutes, finishing in three minutes, fifty nine seconds.

Liam Jones, Year 9, won the 800m race, and also the 400m breaking the Dyfed record in the latter.

Leah Bitchell won the 200m race.

Steven Williams was second in the 1500m.

Megan Turner was third in the 1500m.

Congratulations to all of the above on their success!

Welsh Champion

Recently, a day of competition for the best athletes in Wales was held in Swansea, where Liam Jones was successful. Liam won the 400m. race. He broke the record for the race by running it in 53.3 seconds, becoming the Welsh Champion in his class. *Congratulations once again, Liam.*



A New Presenter on 'Stamina'

Those of you who watch 'Planned Plant' on S4C are sure to be familiar with a new face on the programme 'Stamina'. Cynan Llwyd, who is a pupil in Year 13, was chosen as a presenter, and has already appeared a number of times on the programme. Congratulations, and best wishes, Cynan.

Special Assembly on the Theme of Llewelyn

The younger pupils of the school, the 'MG's' held an assembly based on Llewelyn, on the commemorative day for Llewelyn, our last leader. Llewelyn himself visited the school, along with his grandfather Llewelyn Fawr, to tell his story. We were also reminded, of the contribution of another great patriot, Ray Gravell. Acknowledgement and praise were also given to many industrious and successful Penweddig pupils. Amongst them were Sam Ebenezer, Year 8, who won a prize for playing the lead role in Jeremy Turner's film, and Elin Hywel, Year 13, who won a prize for supporting actress in the same film. Luke Williams, of Year 11 had been chosen to the Welsh Rugby under-16 squad, and Megan Haf, from Year 8 had been chosen for the British Youth Orchestra for the second time. To close the assembly, a song from the last school musical was sung, specially adapted for the occasion. This was just one of a special series of assemblies that were planned to celebrate the Welsh ethos of the school during 2007-2008.

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Sporting Successes

Kara Jones, Year 11 was recently chosen to attend Hockey Trials to become a member of the South West Wales team. Hopefully she will gain a place in the National team.

Anna Evans, Year 10 attended training sessions for the Welsh football team in January. The school Hockey and Football teams have gained considerable success lately. The under-14 and under-16 Hockey teams, as well as the under-16 football team were County Champions. They didn't lose a game this year! The three teams will be representing the county in the South Wales Championship at the end of the month. Congratulations to them!



Welsh Karate Champions

Congratulations to Eilir Pryse, Meleri Pryse (and Hannah Rees of Newcastle Emlyn) on becoming Welsh Karate Champions 2008.



CADW SŴN THEATRE COMPANY:

Cadw Sŵn Theatre Company: The photograph shows some of our pupils who are enthusiastic and lively members of the Ceredigion 'Cadw Sŵn' Company. Recently they performed 'Waw Waw We.com'. They have been rehearsing regularly with pupils from other Ceredigion Secondary Schools in Theatr Felinfach, and have gained excellent experiences.

M.G's

This year, a group of enthusiastic pupils from years 8, 9, 10 and 11 have been appointed to encourage and promote Welsh and Welshness in Penweddig. Together they have produced assemblies to celebrate the Welsh ethos and have arranged fun activities through the medium of Welsh. Poster competitions for promoting Welsh and celebrating Saint Dwynwen's Day were organised. The group were also responsible for relaying Welsh music on the school sound system at break time. Many thanks to them for showing respect for the Welsh language and for their leadership.

GYTS 2007/08

Congratulations to the following on being elected as GYTS leaders this year. GYTS is the club to promote Welsh in the school, the name is based on the Welsh initials-'Gwnewch Ymdrech Trwy Siarad'-'Make an effort through speaking'.

President: Carys Davies

Deputies: Angharad Gwyn Evans, Sam Fletcher

Secretary and Press-Officer: Gwen Sims Williams

Treasurers: Leah McDougall, Tomos Hywel

Development Committee: Heledd George, James Hancock-Evans, Nia Richards and Steffan Nutting

Officials: Tomos Hulme, Ifan Thomas, Adam Bitchell, Sion Roberts, Tirion Pearson, Delyth Lionel, Hannah Jones, Nanw Beard, Gwyneth Keyworth, Annes Llwyd, Anna Lewis, Carys Dodd, Sioned Thomas, Sian Thomas, Ffion Evans, Rhys Jones, Gwenllian Tawy, Ffion Lewis, Hannah Richards, Gwenan John, Owain Rees Jones

Congratulations to the following who are members of the Youth Urdd Forum for Ceredigion:

- **Vice-Chairman:** Steffan Nutting
- **Secretary:** Elin Huxtable
- **Committee Members:** Tomos Hywel, Rhys Jones

The House Officers

Llewelyn-Captain: Elin Huxtable, **Vice-Captain:** James Hancock-Evans
Committee- Hannah Botting, Steffan Nutting, Sian Thomas

Hywel-Captain: Owain Rees Jones, **Vice-Captain:** Nia Richards
Committee- Heledd George, Emyr Humphreys, Carys Dodd

Bleddyn-Captain: Tomos Hywel, **Vice-Captains:** Sion Roberts and Angharad Gwyn Evans

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"Penweddig Has Talent"

4 July 2008

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Winners

1st – Sam Ebenezer

2nd- Super Mario/Duet-
Mari Wyn

and Angharad Gwyn

3rd – Llew Evans Band & David
Marvelly's Band

*Thanks to Georgia Williams
and Cynan Llwyd for
adjudicating the competition*