



Pembrokeshire Music Festival

Once again Ysgol Dewi Sant had an exceptionally successful day at the Pembrokeshire Music Festival in Haverfordwest on 19th November. The school had many well deserved wins and placings in categories ranging from recorders to piano. Notable results include Kirsty Page (Yr 10) who gained 3rd in Grade 5 Clarinet, Thea Woodrow (Yr 12) who gained 3rd in Grade 8 and Open Piano, Frankie Goddard (Yr 12) gained 2nd place in both Grade 7 Strings and Grade 5 Piano, Abbie Parr gained 2nd place in Grade 6 Strings and Zoe Storrow who was highly commended in Grade 4-6 percussion. The evening concert concluded with the school orchestra, bringing to a close a great day for the musical life of the school.

Benjamin Phillips

Welsh News

Cyn Nadolig aeth Clwb Yr Urdd i Barc y Strade er mwyn gwyllo'r Scarlets yn chwarae yn erbyn y Sale Sharks. Cawson ni amser gwych ac wrth gwrs enillodd y Scarlets! Y tymor hwn rydyn ni'n brysur iawn yn paratoi ar gyfer yr Eisteddfod. Bydd Eisteddfod Yr Ysgol ar Ddydd Gwener Mawrth 3ydd ac fe fydd cyfle i bawb cymryd rhan hefyd yn Eisteddfod yr Urdd nes ymalen ym mis Mawrth. Felly os ydych chi'n mwynhau adrodd, canu, dawnio, actio a llawer mwy gwnech yn siwr eich bod chi'n ymuno yn yr hwy!

Before Christmas Urdd Club went to Stradey Park in order to watch The Scarlets play the Sale Sharks. Everyone had a great time and of course, the Scarlets won! This term we are busy preparing for the Eisteddfod. The school Eisteddfod will take place on Friday March 3rd, everyone will also have the opportunity to compete in the Urdd Eisteddfod later in March. If you enjoy singing, reciting, dancing, acting etc. make sure you join in the fun.

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From the HEAD'S OFFICE

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Dear Parents,
In our last newsletter we reported the excellent external examination results achieved by our students in the summer of 2005. National comparisons confirm our position in the top ten performing schools of our comparative type across Wales. We have had our annual counting day last month when all schools submit statistics of pupil numbers. Ours is now 452- an increase which reflects your support for us as a school. Thank you and I hope you enjoy reading our latest newsletter.

Fel sy'n hysbys i chi erbyn hyn, enillodd nifer sylweddol o fyfyrwyr Ysgol Dewi Sant raddau arbennig o foddhaol yn arholiadau allanol yr haf 2005. Pan gafodd ein hysgol ei chymharu gydag ysgolion tebyg yng Nghymru yn ddiweddar, gwelwyd ein bod ni'n sefyll ymysg y deg ysgol uchaf. Cafwyd diwrond censws yr ysgol yn ddiweddar. Dyma'r diwrnod pan mae rhaid i bob ysgol anfon manylion am eu disgyblion i adran addysg y llywodraeth. Mae nifer disgyblion ar gofrestr Ysgol Dewi Sant wedi cynyddu unwaith eto eleni, gyda phedwar cant pum deg a dau ar y gofrestr. Mae hyn yn dangos cefnogaeth rhieni'r fro i'r ysgol ac am hyn yr ydym yn dra ddiolchgar.

Children in Need

Last year a remarkable £837.64 was raised by the school in support of the worthy charity, Children In Need. Talent competitions, gunging and 'Guess the Baby' competition were some of the activities held to raise money. The most popular fundraiser was, without a doubt, the Sixth Form leg/back waxing, which was watched by a full hall of eager pupils wanting to see the outcome. Mr Davies braved the hot wax and allowed pupils to strip two wax strips, one on each leg. There were many cries of pain from the participants, and tears in some of their eyes, although none of them would admit it. It was an extremely successful and enjoyable day and, with the hard work of certain individuals and remarkable generosity of pupils and staff, proved once again Ysgol Dewi Sant's enthusiasm in helping those less fortunate than themselves.



Laura Griffiths

Ysgol Dewi Sant Sport/Chwaraeon



Pembrokeshire Dragon

Scott James of Year 7 has recently had the honour of representing Pembrokeshire County Under 12 rugby team. He has featured in three games so far playing as a flanker or hooker.

Big Thank You

Pupils, staff, parents and friends of Ysgol Dewi Sant have excelled themselves by collecting over 21,000 Tesco sports vouchers. This has surpassed any previous Tesco voucher scheme. The PE department, on behalf of the pupils, would like to thank anyone who donated vouchers - We have been able to apply for well over £1000 worth of sports equipment.



Health and Safety

Please ensure that all pupils attend PE lessons with safe footwear. Training shoes should fit securely onto the feet, have a good grip on the sole and they should provide support around the ankles. Shoes worn to school are not acceptable.

History repeats itself

For the second year running a student from Ysgol Dewi Sant has attained the highest score in History at Advanced Level. This year Lesley Jenkins has been awarded the Wynford Davies History Prize by the Welsh Joint Examination Board. Congratulations Lesley!



Bethan Chancey

Bronze Award

On Wednesday the 16th November, the Year 11 group of pupils that successfully completed their Bronze Duke Of Edinburgh Award, attended the certificate presentation at Sir Thomas Picton School. The evening started with the school's "dustbin ensemble" who played rhythms using an assortment of bins, saucepans and sweeping brushes. The presentation of the awards was made by Councillor Clive Collins, to two hundred students. Sixteen students from Ysgol Dewi Sant proudly collected their certificates. Ten students from the sixteen are continuing the award and will hopefully go on to complete the Silver Duke Of Edinburgh successfully.



Jess Blair

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2006

16th/17th February 16/17 Chwefror	Inset days - No school for pupils Hyfforddiant athrawon - ysgol ar gae
20th-24th February 20-24 Chwefror	Half Term Hanner tymor
2nd March 2 Mawrth	Year Ten Parents Evening Noson rieni blwyddyn deg
3rd March 3 Mawrth	Eisteddfod Eisteddfod YDS
6th March 6 Mawrth	Year Nine Parents Evening Noson rieni blwyddyn naw
30th March 30 Marwrth	Year Seven Parents Evening Noson rieni blwyddyn saith
12th April 12 Ebrill	Awards Evening Noson wobryo
13th April 13 Ebrill	Last day of Term Diwedd y Tymor
14th April - 1st May 14 Ebrill - 1 Mai	Easter Holidays Gwyliau'r Pasg
2nd May 2 Mai	First Day Of Term Dechrau'r tymor

Year 5 & 6 Transition Day—16th January

"I loved the whole day at YDS."

"When I set off I was a prancing pony, I was so excited."

"It was wicked!"

"What I liked about the school was changing classes and meeting new teachers."

"Overall it was a brilliant day."

"The school is big but I could work my way around it."

"I can't wait to go to YDS"

"When it was lunch I felt excited about the next lesson."

"It was very nice to invite Year 5 as well because I had a brilliant time."

"My favourite activity was Textiles because I liked drawing the Celtic bird."

"It was fun learning about what it will be like when we move up to Ysgol Dewi Sant"

"It is a really good idea to go to the school for the day because it gives you a bit of a taste of what life is like when you get there"

Meet... **Gail Kirtland**



Last year Mrs. Kirtland became a familiar figure around Ysgol Dewi Sant when she replaced Mrs Blair who was on maternity leave. This year she will be able to contribute even more to the life of the school after becoming a permanent member of staff. Mrs Kirtland teaches science, specialising in chemistry and maths. She previously taught at Cwmcarn High School in Caerphilly, another small school. She compares the transition to Ysgol Dewi Sant to moving from one family to another. Her hobbies include walking and reading.

Scrooge: The Musical



Despite numerous attempts of sabotage by the forces of nature (including three inches of snow in half an hour, and Mr Parker getting 'stranded' in a pub in Haverfordwest), YDS finally finished a three day run of Scrooge: The Musical in early December. The performance was received with much praise, which is not surprising considering the high quality of performance, such as Polly Preston's genuinely creepy portrayal of Jacob Marley, who following the performance received such praise as "You gave my children nightmares!", a finer compliment no actor can receive. And not forgetting, of course, the marvellous Mr Parker, who certainly captured the essence of 'grumpy old Scrooge' and generated the feeling of good cheer with his excellent toe-tapping. The whole cast though, without doubt, were fantastic, and made the play the fun-filled Victorian romp it was. Thanks to everybody who contributed, including the set decorators, musicians, lighting and sound, front-of-house, and the super-efficient stage crew. Finally, a big thank you to all of the staff who gave their time and energy toward making this play a success.

Rhiannon Tate

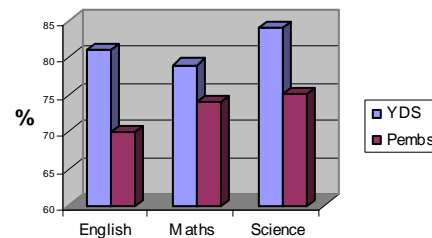
Carol Service

The Winter term of 2005 concluded with the School Carol Service in St. David's Cathedral on 20th of December. Hymns and Carols were led by the school choir and orchestra and musical items were provided by several of the music ensembles. Readings from scripture and prose were given by pupils and the Headteacher. Mr Dash would like to thank the students who represented the school so excellently. The service concluded with a rousing rendition of 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' bringing to an end a very busy and successful term for the school.

Benjamin Phillips

Examination Data

SATS Level 5 or above



GCSE 5 A*-C

