

Library News

Visiting Author

This term Mary Medicott was in school to talk about her new book "Elephant Luck". An experienced story teller, Mary who has visited the school on previous occasions, captivated the Year 7 audience with her new story and related how the idea for the book came about. After the session pupils had the opportunity to purchase a signed copy.

Book Fair

The first week in July a Book Fair was held. Pupils and staff were able to view new books on display. Scholastic Books offered a very good commission on any book sold. As a result of tremendous support from pupils, parents and staff the grand total raised was £812.20 and the library now has over 50 new books for its shelves. Many thanks to everyone who purchased a book, to pupils who helped at the sessions, and to pupils who made fantastic posters to advertise the event throughout the school.

Due to its amazing success, there will be another Book Fair in November (a chance for some early Christmas shopping) to replenish stocks of the main Library and the Special Needs Library.

Duke of Edinburgh

The following eight pupils completed their qualifying Silver expedition. They walked 30 miles over three days and appeared to have enjoyed it! These pupils are Jess Blair, Roanna Freeman, Gavin Phillips, Beth Chichlowska, Jack Middleton, Simon Joules, Vicky Alderwick and Ceri Morgan.

Good luck to the Gold group who are going to Ireland to complete their qualifier.

Geography Survey

Last month Year 9 conducted a survey of St. Davids to do with the National Park. We asked tourists a series of questions about why they wanted to come to the park, and what they did when they got here. Walking the Coastal Path was the most popular activity.

After we had managed to fill a page of results, and scoffed Mr Whippy ice-cream without Mrs Codd seeing, we made a graph of our results on the computer and put them on display in the Tourist Information Centre in St. Davids.



Super Sailor Stevie

The Welsh Schools Sailing Championships were held at Milford Haven this year on the 1st and 2nd July.

Stephen Beckett from Ysgol Dewi Sant won first place in the Topper class and became Welsh Schools Champion.

For the first time in many years the Best County in Wales prize was awarded to Pembrokeshire. Because of Stephen's contribution to Pembrokeshire's overall points score, the Welsh Yachting Association has decided that Ysgol Dewi Sant should have the honour of keeping this trophy for the forthcoming year.

Llangrannog Visit



On the 5th June, thirty-five Year 7 pupils from Ysgol Dewi Sant, along with their Welsh teachers, travelled to the Urdd activity centre at Llangrannog. There they spent a fun-packed three days enjoying the many activities at the camp. This year the Llangrannog group were blessed with wonderful weather throughout the course and pupils were able to make the most of activities while improving their spoken Welsh alongside children from Welsh medium schools in the Swansea valley.

The highlights for many were the ski-slope activity and the trampolines, although for Steven Griffiths of Hayscastle the highlight was undoubtedly the motorized go-karts. His antics had to be seen to be believed and his stoic acceptance of the inevitable life ban for speeding was laudable. Well done Year 7.

Ar ddechrau mis Mehefin aeth grŵp o 35 o ddisgyblion Blwyddyn 7 o Ysgol Dewi Sant ar gwrs iaith yng Ngwersyll yr Urdd yn Llangrannog. Roedd y plant yn ffodus iawn eleni o achos bod y tywydd mor braf yn ystod y cwrs. Felly, gwnaethon nhw'r gorau o'r gweithgareddau i gyd a chael y cyfle i ymarfer siarad Cymraeg gyda phlant ac ysgolion Cymraeg eu hiaith o Gwm Tawe. Roedd y llethr sgïo yn boblogaidd iawn fel arfer yn ogystal a'r pwll nofio. Roedd pawb yn chwethrin pan gafodd Steven Griffiths o Gastell Haidd ei wahardd am oes am yrru'n beryglus ar y cartiau! Mae disgyblion Blwyddyn 7 yn edrych ymlaen yn barod at fynd ar rhagor o gyrsiau'r Urdd.

Past Times

Year 7 have been very fortunate this month to have been involved in two History activities. On the 3rd July we visited Pembroke Castle where we were given a guided tour outlining its history from the very start of the building, through the Tudors and onto the Civil War—which we will be studying in Year 8. After lunch some time was spent exploring and filling in worksheets before heading back to school.



On the 12th July, Year 7 spent the day in St. Davids. The day was focused on the Bishops Palace where a group called "Chance Encounters" taught us about what life would have been like in the Palace in Medieval Times.

We now know what "spit and lice boys" did! We also learnt about specific areas of life from Mary, the cook's wife, Brother John the scribe, Arianwen the wise woman as well as religious life from Lord Williams.

After lunch CADW showed us how they preserve ancient monuments and buildings. We were able to ask questions of a stone mason working at the site.

Before returning to school there was just enough time to visit the Cathedral and see "St David's" bones and the Tomb of Edmund Tudor, to tie in with our earlier visit to Pembroke Castle.

