

Potter craze strikes again!

The third annual Harry Potter quiz struck again in a blaze of technology this March. This year, contestants had the chance to win up to £10 in 'Who wants to be a Millionaire' style question rounds. However, our previous game host, Sian Matthews, has sadly moved on to attend Bangor University but Polly Preston filled the space with a triumphant blaze of comedic timing, doing a wonderful job of making the lower years squirm in their seats by using the status of 'Sixth Former' to her advantage. The panel included Rhiannon Tate, William Harries, Ceri Morgan, Rivka Ciappara, Angharad Lewis and Levi Schrama, helped of course by the enthusiastic audience! The slides were put together by our librarian, the marvellous Mrs. Morris, with Guy Farley assisting as technical advisor. The winners of the quiz include; Kyle Griffiths, Jeni Neale, Johannes Neumann, Sarah Dixon and Nick Smith.

Rivka Ciappara



Boat trip



Earlier this year a group of Year Nine students enjoyed an educational day out, on a boat trip around Ramsey Island and a coastal path walk.

Split into two groups, one endured a rigorous boat ride and the other a calming coastal path walk. They were accompanied by Ian Meopham, the North Western area Park Ranger, who pointed out the local birds and wildlife during both the boat trip and the walk. One student commented; " We all had a really fun day out, and the guide made it more interesting and educational for everyone involved!"

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2006

5th-7th June 5-7 Mehefin	Llangrannog Visit - Year 7 Llangrannog - Blwyddyn 7
14th June 14 Mehefin	NAS/UWT Athletics Meeting Gŵyl Athletau NAS/UWT
16th June 16 Mehefin	DOE Bronze Award Expedition Dug Caeredin (Efydd)
23th June 23 Mehefin	DOE Silver Award Expedition Dug Caeredin (Arian)
23rd June 23 Mehefin	Yr 7/8 Reports Adroddiadau Blwyddyn 7/8
1st July 1 Gorffennaf	German Exchange Students Arrive Yweliad Myfyrwyr O'r Almaen
7th July 7 Gorffennaf	Yr 9/10 Reports Adroddiadau Blwyddyn 9/10
10th July 10 Gorffennaf	Induction Day Year 6 Diwrnod Ymgysfarwyddo Bl. 6
17th July 17 Gorffennaf	Summer Concert Cyngerdd Yr Haf
21 July 21 Gorffennaf	Last Day of Term Diwedd y Tymor
4th September 4 Medi	First Day of Term Dechrau'r Tymor

Crime of your Life

Visitors to school recently may have wondered what was going on when they met representatives from the Police, Magistrates and Professionals working with youth offenders. In fact, year seven pupils were involved in watching a play about criminals which reflected on the impact crime can have on individuals, their friends and family and a society in general.

Drugs awareness

Pupils throughout the school have worked with Helen Williams, liaison officer from Dyfed Powys Police and Rachel Wilson from SUDDS discussing the legal implications of drug abuse and the health risks taken but those taking illegal and legal substances irresponsibly. We are grateful for the input by outside agencies that support our PSE programme.



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From the HEAD'S OFFICE

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our summer newsletter. All we need now is a summer to go with it. Examination season is upon us and a number of students are experiencing the stress of a very important time.

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.

Dyma ein cylchlythr tymor yr haf. Byddai'n braf i gael haf i gyd-fynd ag ef!

Mae'r arholiadau allanol wedi dechrau erbyn hyn ac mae llawer o fyfyrwyr y chweched a blwyddyn unarddeg yn gweithion'n galed yn adolygu ac yn ysgrifennu eu papurau yn neuadd yr ysgol. Pob lwc iddyn nhw i gyd. Gobeithio eich bod chi'n mwynhau darllen ein newyddion.

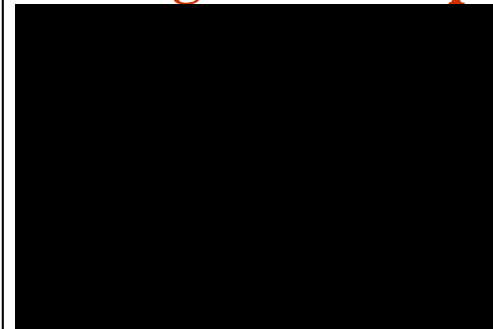
Eisteddfod

Roedd Eisteddfod yr Ysgol eleni eto yn llawn hwyl a sbri a roedd e'n fendigedig i weld cymaint o ddisgyblion ym mlynnyddoedd 7, 8 a 9 yn barod i gymeryd y llwyfan i gystadlu mewn llawer o gystadlaethau. Gwnaeth bob un ohonyr nhw eu hunan a'r Ysgol yn falch iawn a gweithon nhw i gyd yn galed iawn wrth baratoi am y diwrnod mawr. Da iawn i bob un ohonoch chi, ac yn enwedig y dosbarthiadau a oedd yn llwyddianus ar ddiwedd y dydd. Diolch i'r athrawon hefyd a wnaeth llawer o waith caled i drefnu'r dydd. Roedd e'n ddiwrnod arbennig iawn.

The school Eisteddfod this year again was very successful and was full of fun and excitement. It was brilliant to see many students in Years 7, 8 and 9 ready and willing to compete in a whole programme of competitions. Everyone of them did themselves and the school proud and they all worked very hard to prepare for the big day. Well done to each and everyone of you and especially to the classes who were successful overall. Thank you to all of the staff that helped to organise the day. It was an excellent day!

Laura Griffiths

Change at the top



Thursday 18th May saw the appointment of the new Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies. The position of Head Boy was filled by Rhys Rogers with Olly Wright as Deputy Head Boy. In the role of Head Girl is Rowan Parkes with Bethan Chancey as her Deputy. The former Head Boy and Head Girl wish them the best of luck.

Joshua Phillips and Anna Raggett

Driving Safety

During March this year, Sixth Form pupils took part in a driving safety initiative created by Pembrokeshire County Council in response to the increasing number of under 25's becoming involved in road accidents each year across Pembrokeshire. Traffic policemen from the Haverfordwest area came to talk to the students about the dangers of driving under the influence of drink and/or drugs, a large problem amongst the youth in the area. They used role-play and videos to help illustrate their point and although some of the films students were shown were gruesome and graphic, the talk was thoroughly effective and thought provoking, with all those who attended leaving with a new perspective on the issues discussed.



Prize Evening



Earlier this year the annual Prize Evening was held to acknowledge the school's many triumphs. Certificates were given out to the GCSE students of last year, along with the AS level and A level students. Special awards for individuals were presented, ranging from the Davies Williams Prize for art and design to the Alex O'Callaghan Memorial Prize for outdoor pursuits. Music and entertainment was provided by Thea Woodrow on the piano, Ben Phillips who sang his version of 'Tonight' from the musical 'West Side Story', the Year Seven recorder group and the Year Eleven guitar trio. The guest of honour, ex-pupil and successful footballer Mr. Ian Walsh, gave an enjoyable speech acknowledging the many achievements of Ysgol Dewi Sant. One student commented; "I really enjoyed the evening, I think that acknowledging the schools triumphs in an awards ceremony is a great idea and it also encourages participation in future events!" It was a very successful evening with parents, friends and guests leaving overjoyed and proud to be part of Ysgol Dewi Sant.

Ellie Knowler

French Exchange

Earlier this year we accommodated the French pupils from our sister school in Argentre du Plessis on the return visit of the exchange programme. While they were here in Wales, living with their Welsh host families, they visited a number of places in Pembrokeshire including Pembroke Castle, St. Davids and Tenby. They also enjoyed a day out with their Welsh host to the Heatherton Adventure Park where they participated in many activities such as archery, mini-golf and go-karting. All of the visits were a great success and a good time was had by all. "We had a great time during the week and have made some new friends who will hopefully see again soon!"

Rowan Parkes

Meet... Our Student Teachers

Meet.....Rebecca Dempsey

Born in Dublin and raised in Kildare, Ireland, Miss Dempsey joined YDS on placement from Aberystwyth University, having previously studied English, Irish and Psychology at the University College of Dublin. Miss Dempsey teaches English at YDS and loves teaching the subject as it is universal and interactive. Her hobbies include watching rugby, socialising, music and travelling. In her opinion YDS has a great atmosphere, has good relationships between students and teachers and although small in size, it is a great school to be a part of.



Meet.....Helen O'Connor

Miss O'Connor was placed at YDS from her University in Aberystwyth, having previously studied at the University College of Dublin. Born and raised in Waterford, Ireland, she attended St. Angela's Secondary School. Miss O'Connor will be taking up a Geography teaching post in Coventry in September. Her hobbies include travelling, socialising and surfing. She feels YDS is a tight knit community and a laid back environment with well behaved children and supportive staff.

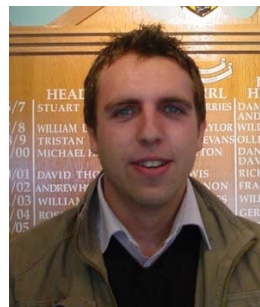
Meet.....Natalie Morgan

Miss Morgan has been placed at YDS as part of her teacher training course at Trinity College, Carmarthen. Born and raised in Haverfordwest, she attended Whitland Secondary School where she returns in September as a member of staff teaching Religious Studies and Music. In her opinion, YDS is a very relaxed school with a friendly atmosphere, one that gives support and advice. Her hobbies include playing the piano, viola, church organ and singing in her local choir.



Meet.....Rhys Ayre

Mr Ayre, the last of our student teachers, was born and raised in Swansea and attended Gowerton Comprehensive School. At Swansea University he studied sport science, as he has always had a keen interest in biology which he currently teaches, along with P.E. Mr Ayre finds YDS a small, friendly and helpful school with a relaxed atmosphere and great staff. As a sports enthusiast he enjoys playing cricket, rugby and football in his spare time.



On the 11th May, Mr Reed and Mrs Codd took Year Seven on a geography trip to the Big Pit coal mines in Blaenavon. The year group was divided into groups of fifteen and assigned a tour guide, who dressed them in old mining clothes, including head torches and pick-axes. They were then taken 300ft down the mine shaft into a cave and on an hour long tour underground. They were then shown history films about the mines and allowed to explore the museum. Some students commented on the day's activities-"It was an excellent day, going down into the mine was the best bit!", "Our tour guide was really funny and they showed interesting films!"

Claire Colfer



On March 15th, representatives from Careers West Wales visited Ysgol Dewi Sant to work with Year Nine for the day.

The workshop taught students about budgeting and employment, and demonstrating to the students how to handle their expenses when they begin working. They also offered career guidance for those pupils who wished to narrow down their options for the future. One student commented; "We all had fun and learnt a lot from the day about what to expect when we leave school."

Sarah Goddard

Three Counties Orchestra

Congratulations to Gemma Williams (Year 12), who has been selected to represent the school and county in the Three Counties Orchestra and Angharad Jenkins (Year 9) who will act as a reserve for the Orchestra. Gemma Williams will be joining fellow pupil Bronia Chichlowaska on their course, to be held July 11th-15th in Llandovery, which will finish with a concert at Ysgol Bro Myrddyn, Carmarthen on the evening of the 15th.

Many pupils will be involved in the Pembrokeshire County Music Summer Course, to be held on the 5th-10th July, which will conclude in a concert at Tasker Milward School in Haverfordwest on the evening of the 10th, where the Orchestra will perform Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf"