

Meet... Mr Alan Edwards

Mr Alan Edwards is a new member of the Maths faculty. As a former student of Milford Haven school, Mr Edwards is happy to be back in Pembrokeshire after a long time away! He attended UWIC, and then went on to work on a ranch in California, riding horses and he has competed in big contests. His teaching placements were at Tasker Milward and Greenhill Schools. He is glad to be teaching at YDS because "the staff and pupils have made me feel welcome".



Amsterdam Art Trip



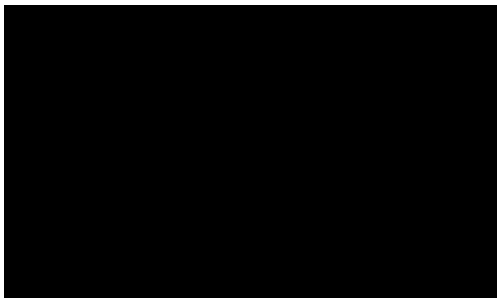
In September this year a group of 26 students went to Amsterdam on a four day trip. Whilst staying in Amsterdam

we visited as many art galleries and museums as time allowed, including the Roikstopp Museum, Rembrandt's house, The Anne Frank Museum, a fantastic sculpture park and the most incredible arts festival, RoboDock. We viewed the magnificent city by canal boat and foot. We also took in the Dutch culture by sampling traditional pancakes.

The trip was fantastic and definitely lived up to everyone's expectations! A big thank you to Mrs Owens and Mrs John!

Emily Harries and Rowan Parkes

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award



A record nineteen pupils recently gained their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Most attended the recent County presentation on Friday 3rd November. Well done to Patrick Snelle, Stephanie Phillips, Philippa Green, Dafydd Williams, Rebecca Wright, Bronia Chichlowska, Hattie John, Alexander Perkins, Kay Guest, Guy Farley, Rhian Thomas, Eleanor Williams, Adrian Westoby, Adele Bateman, Joshua Rogers, Rory Parkinson, Levi Schrama, Martyn Stephens and Zoe Williams.

CSI St. Davids



As part of the GCSE Crime and Punishment course, Year 10 were fortunate to be visited by WPC Helen Coles. She was able to talk to them about what it is like to be in the modern police force and explain what changes have taken place during her time

in the force.

The pupils learned about the different pieces of equipment that the police use in their duties and they were able to see and examine some of the police kit. Carwyn Price conducted a forensic investigation by taking Mr Parker's fingerprints. In addition, everyone learned how to take casts of footprints.

From the HEAD'S OFFICE

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Dear Parents and friends,
Welcome to our first newsletter of the year 2006/7. As always I hope you enjoy reading a snapshot of the life in our school. A particular welcome to those who have joined us this year in Year 7 especially, but also throughout the school in various years. I hope that they have settled well and been made welcome by everyone in the school and that they feel part of the community.

A busy year lies ahead as always and I am sure that this letter will update you on all the events. One date which is on our minds and highlighted in our diaries is that of the forthcoming school inspection. It will take place on the 26th-30th March.

Annwyl rhieni a ffrindiau,
Croeso i lythyr newyddion cyntaf flwyddyn 2006/7. Gobeithio byddwch chin dal i' fwynhau cipolwg ar fywyd ein Ysgol. Croeso cynnes i bawb sydd wedi ymuno â ni am y tro cyntaf ym mlwyddyn saith ac hefyd yn y blynyddoedd eraill, gobeithio bod pawb wedi setlo'n dda ac eu bod nhw wedi cael croeso gan bawb yn yr Ysgol ac yn teimlo'n rhan o'r gymuned.

Mae blwyddyn bysur o'm blaenau fel arfer a bydd y llythyr newyddion yn llawn wybodiaeth i chi ar beth sydd ymlaen. Mae un dyddiad pwysig ym meddyliau pawb sy'n gweithio yn Ysgol Dewi Sant sef dyddiad ein arolwg bydd yn digwydd ar ddiwedd tymor nesaf.

Ground Force YDS!

The currently empty patch of ground in the centre of the school will soon be transformed into a memorial garden. "The garden has two objectives", said Mrs Allen, who initiated the idea with the PTA to start fundraising, "the first is in memory of Mrs Lynne Nippers and the second to create an enjoyable and safe area for everyone."

With help from the pupils at Ysgol Dewi Sant, the PTA have been able to raise enough money to make the dream a reality. The money was raised through pupils selling flower bulbs outside of school. The target amount of money needed to be raised was £700 and astonishingly, along with a non school uniform day, we reached about £1343!

Well done to everyone who raised so much money especially Josh Phillips, Alex Perkins and Luke Jenkins. The design of the garden is in the hands of the Eco Club. We are all looking forward to enjoying a diverse new part of our school

Bethan Chichlowska

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2006/2007 DYDDIADAU 2006/2007

18th November 2006 Tachwedd 18 2006	Music Festival Gwyl Gerdd
25th November 2006 Tachwedd 25 2006	PTA Bazaar Basar PTA
30th November 2006 Tachwedd 30 2006	Year 12/13 Parents Evening Noson rieni bl 12/13
19th December 2006 Rhagfyr 19 2006	Carol Service Gwasanaeth Carolau
22nd December 2006 Rhagfyr 22 2006	End of Term Diwedd tymor
8th & 9th January 2007 Ionawr 8 a 9 2007	INSET Days Hyfforddiant mewn swydd
10th January 2007 Ionawr 10 2007	Start of Term Dechrau tymor

Anti-Bullying Week
20-24 November 2006

Bullying:
See it.
Get help.
Stop it.



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www.dewisant.pembroke.sch.uk

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German Exchange

On the 7th October the German exchange students departed for Germany. Each student was welcomed warmly by their German family for the next week. It was a great experience eating German food and sampling the culture. There was never a spare moment as Mrs. Grafton packed many fun activities in the week. These included a visit to the largest theme park in Europe, a visit to the prestigious glass blowing factory and a tour round the huge and modern school. The return of the German students is eagerly anticipated.

Rhys Jones

Christmas Book Fair

This term a Scholastic Book Fair is being held in the School Library from Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December.

All pupils are welcome to visit at break and lunchtimes to browse and buy.

Each book purchased helps to acquire new books for the school. Stationery and posters will also be on sale. The commission is very generous so, with Christmas approaching, it is an ideal opportunity to buy presents and to replenish stocks of the Library and The Red Room.

In addition, a free raffle ticket is included with every book bought. The winners can choose a free book from the Book Fair.

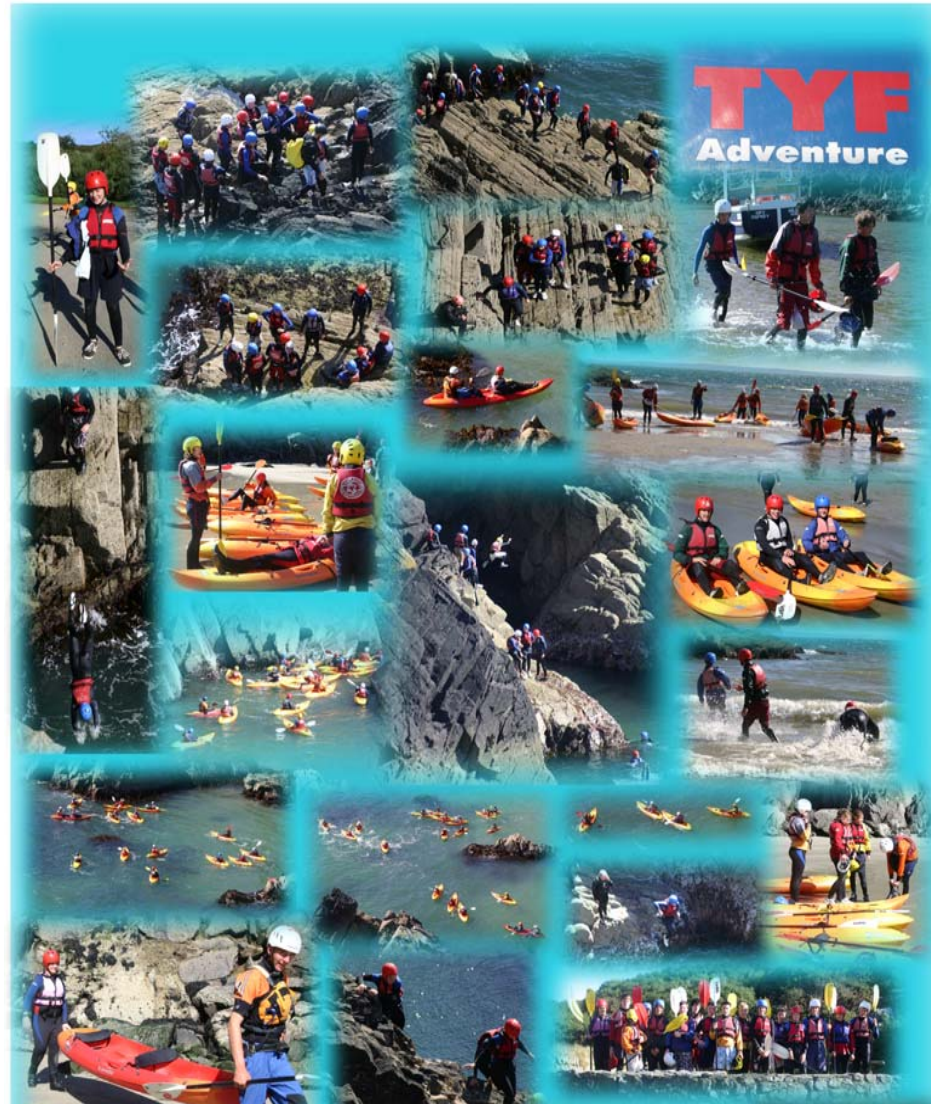
Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award



Whilst in Year 12 we; Bridget Grimshaw, Rowan Parkes, Emily Harries and Gemma Williams set out for the Wicklow Mountains in Ireland to complete our 50 mile hike over 4 days.

Conquering huge Mountains such as Toneleeg, extreme heat and massive amounts of midges. Girl Power! The experience was awesome and we would recommend the Duke of Edinburgh's award to anyone who wants a challenge and the chance to see what you are really made of! Just Try It!

Team Feeble!



On the 8th September, Year 12 students were lucky enough to try cliff jumping and kayaking - and it was a school day! In a bid to get Year 12 to "bond", TYF organised a day of activity. Heulwen Lewis said of the day: "I've never felt so close to my peers. It's an experience I'll never forget." The day was a huge success, with many never having tried cliff jumping or kayaking before. Thanks must go to TYF for putting on such a brilliant day!

Jess Blair

French Exchange

The French exchange was a really great chance to experience the French way of life and also practice and learn more French. We had a great time ice skating, bowling, shopping and doing lots of other activities during the day too.

The French exchange students

Science Success – Again!

Some of our most scientifically minded pupils from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 have been exercising their skills in the recent Chemistry Quiz Contest. The first round took place on home ground against the equally talented Ysgol Preseli. It was a close score, however, it was the Ysgol Dewi Sant team, comprised of Levi Schrama (Yr.11), William Davies (Yr.10), Stevie Beckett (Yr.9) and Rebecca Mountstephens (Yr.8), who made it through to the second round.

Levi Schrama said of the quiz; "It was great fun to take part in the quiz even though some of the questions were pretty hard, it was great to hear we'd got through to the next round!" The team who went through to the second round to compete against Whitland were: Guy Farley (Yr.11), William Davies (Yr.10), Stevie Beckett (Yr.9), and Ben Edgeworth (Yr.8). Again it was a close competition however, our team of young chemists narrowly lost to Whitland.

Congratulations are due all round as the standard expected at these quizzes was once again extremely high this year. Well done to all who took part, and good luck for next year!

Heulwen Lewis