

CYLCHLYTHYR BLWYDDYN 9 YEAR 9 NEWSLETTER

Mawrth 2024
March 2024



As ever, this newsletter highlights some of the opportunities available in Ysgol Calon Cymru, and most importantly, celebrates the wide ranging talents of our pupils. School years are precious years, and it is so encouraging to see our pupils using their time in school to not only achieve academic success, but also to discover new talents and passions. Year 9 is an exciting year, it is the year that choices are made and future directions start to take shape. Enjoy every minute of it! I'd like to wish each and every one of our Year 9 pupils the very best for the future. Also, a huge thanks to all our parents, carers and wider family members for the support that you give the school. It is only by working together that we will get the best for all our pupils.

Diolch yn fawr.

Headteacher's
MESSAGE

NEGES
y Pennaeth

Croeso i rifyn y Gwanwyn o gylchlythyr Blwyddyn 9. Mae'n gyfnod cyffrous ym Mlwyddyn 9 am fod y disgyblion newydd gael eu ffurflenni opsiwn. Mae digyblion yn gallu cael anhawster gyda hyn, felly os oes ganddynt unrhyw bryder ynglŷn â'r opsiynau maent yn eu dewis, dywedwch wrthynt y gallant ddod i'm gweld i neu gallant drafod hyn gyda'r athro pwnc. Y bwriad yw dechrau'r cyrsiau TGAU yn ystod hanner tymor olaf y flwyddyn ac rwy'n edrych ymlaen at weld y disgyblion yn dechrau ar eu pennod nesaf.

Welcome to our Spring edition of the Year 9 newsletter. This is now a very exciting time in Year 9 as pupils have just received their option forms. Pupils can also find it daunting, so if they do have any worries about the options they are choosing, please tell them that they can either see myself or go and chat to the subject teacher.

Diolch

Mrs Price Arweinydd Cynnydd Blwyddyn 9

AMENDMENT WHITE SOCKS ACCEPTABLE

Our current school uniform consists of:

- Long or short-sleeved plain white shirt
- Smart black or navy trousers (cargo, combat, jeans and jeggings styles are **not acceptable**) or smart black or navy knee length skirt (jersey tube skirts are not acceptable)
- Navy school jumper with school logo
- Ysgol Calon Cymru tie
- Dark socks (black opaque tights may be worn)
- Plain black footwear (coloured trim, laces and any printed designs/logos/symbols are not acceptable)



Mae ein gwisg ysgol gyfredol yn cynnwys:

- Crys gwyn, plaen llewys hir neu fyr
- Trowsus smart du neu nefi (nid yw steiliau cargo, combat, jîns a jeggings **yn dderbyniol**) neu sgerd smart du neu nefi hyd y benglin (nid yw sgerbiau tiwb jersi yn dderbyniol)
- Siwmpwr ysgol nefi gyda logo'r ysgol
- Tei Ysgol Calon Cymru
- Sanau tywyll (gellir gwisgo teits di-draidd du)
- Esgidiau du plaen (nid yw trim lliw, careiau lliw nac unrhyw ddyluniad/logo/symbol yn dderbyniol)

PE Kit

Ysgol Calon Cymru's new school PE kit is manufactured from RePet Recycled Yarns (plastic bottles). It consists of:

Mandatory

- School T-shirt with logo (navy blue with red contrasting panels) – unisex tops are now available
- Navy blue/red shorts/skort with logo
- Navy blue/red football/hockey socks



Optional

- Navy blue/red tracksuit bottoms or full-length exercise leggings
- School hooded top



Yn ogystal, byddwn nawr yn caniatáu i ddisgyblion wisgo top cwfflog yr ysgol os dymunant.

Cit Addysg Gorfforol

Mae cit Addysg Gorfforol Ysgol Calon Cymru wedi gynhyrchu o RePet Recycled Yarns (poteli plastig) ac yn cynnwys:

Gorfodol

- Crys T ysgol gyda'r logo (nefi gyda phaneli coch cyferbyniol) – mae topiau unrhyw ar gael nawr
- Siorts/sgort nefi/coch gyda'r logo
- Sanau pêl droed/hoci nefi/coch

Dewisol

- Gwaelodion tracwisg nefi/coch neu deits ymarfer hyd llawn
- Top cwfflog yr ysgol



Eisteddfod Ysgol



Pupils on the Builth Campus came out in force on Friday 8th of March for our Annual School Eisteddfod. The talent that the school shows is incredible and we are very proud of how our pupils on the day supported their peers in various competitions off stage and on stage. Longyfarchiadau to Llys Gwyn for winning the overall day.

Daeth disgyblion ar Gampws Llanfair-ym-Muallt allan mewn grym ddydd Gwener 8fed o Fawrth ar gyfer ein Heisteddfod Ysgol Flynyddol. Mae'r dalent y mae'r ysgol yn ei ddangos yn anhygoel ac rydym yn falch iawn o sut roedd ein disgyblion ar y diwrnod yn cefnogi eu cyfoedion mewn cystadlaethau amrywiol oddi ar y llwyfan ac ar y llwyfan. Longyfarchiadau i Lys Gwyn am ennill y diwrnod cyfan.





Go Green for Joseph's Smile.

On Tuesday 12th of March, Ysgol Calon Cymry / Builth Campus welcomed back Katy Yeandle (former Teacher of YCC of 14 Years) the first time she returned since sadly losing her son in 2021 to Cancer. She is doing an incredible job with the Joseph's Smile charity and we felt that we had to do our bit for her. We turned the campus Gwyrdd for her and all the staff dressed in Gwyrdd or as Superhero's. We held a cake sale to raise money for this charity which is very close to our hearts and Katy utilised this assembly to launch her new 'Hope' competition.

Ddydd Mawrth 12 Mawrth, croesawodd Ysgol Calon Cymry / Campws Llanfair-ym-Muallt Katy Yeandle yn ôl (cyn athrawes YCC ers 14 mlynedd) y tro cyntaf iddi ddychwelyd ers colli ei mab yn anffodus i Gancr yn 2021. Mae hi'n gwneud gwaith anhygoel gydag elusen Joseph's Smile ac roeddem yn teimlo bod yn rhaid i ni wneud ein rhan drosti. Fe wnaethon ni droir campws Gwyrdd iddi hi a'r holl staff wedi gwisgo yn Gwyrdd neu fel Superhero's. Gwnaethom gynnal arwerthiant cacennau i godi arian i'r elusen hon sy'n agos iawn at ein calonnau a defnyddiodd Katy y gwasanaeth hwn i lansio ei chystadleuaeth 'Gobaith' newydd.



MEET THE WELLBEING TEAM



Mrs L Lewis
Swyddog Diogelu Dynodedig
Designated Safeguarding Officer



Mr L Jones
Dirprwy Swyddog Diogelu
Deputy Safeguarding Officer



Mrs E Bevan
Swyddog Lles
Pastoral Officer



Mrs Carole Jones
Swyddog Lles
Pastoral Officer



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School Council

Rowan Moore (Health and Wellbeing)

Rhys Powell (Standards and Provision)

Wellbeing Ambassador

Jack Gallagher



PRESENOLDEB / ATTENDANCE

Presenoldeb 100%	Colli 0 diwrnod dysgu	Y siawns orau o lwyddo!
Presenoldeb 95%	Colli 2 wythnos o ddysgu	Bydd presenoldeb gwael yn effeithio ar ddysgu
Presenoldeb 90%	Colli 4 wythnos o ddysgu	
Presenoldeb 85%	Colli 5½ wythnos o ddysgu	Presenoldeb gwael iawn . Rydych mewn rish o gael eich erlyn
80% Attendance	Colli o leiaf 7½wythnos o ddysgu	

100% Attendance	0 days of learning missed	Best chance of success!
95% Attendance	2 weeks of learning missed	Poor attendance will impact on learning
90% Attendance	4 weeks of learning missed	
85% Attendance	5 ½ weeks of learning missed	Very Poor attendance. You are at risk of prosecution
80% Attendance	At least 7 ½ weeks of learning missed	

**Presenoldeb 100%
y tymor yma.
Ardderchog.**



Overall Tutor Group percentages.

9C 91.9%

9E 90.3%

9I 87.7%

9G 87.2%

**Bronwen Bevan
Sidney Farrow
Maisie Griffiths
William Harvey
Meuryn Rees
Mollie Williams
Tyler Davis-Jones
Joash Jarvis
Noah Jarvis**

YSGOL CALON CYMRU

ATTENDANCE DROP IN



This is an opportunity for any parent wishing to discuss their child's attendance with the Education Welfare Officer Catherine Morgan or a member of the Senior Leadership Team

Location: The Hub, Builth Wells Campus
Date: Monday 15th April
Time: 3.30pm-4.15pm

An opportunity to discuss any barriers to attendance:

- Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- Barriers to Learning
- Additional Learning Needs
- Medical Concerns
- Any Other Barriers to Attendance



YSGOL CALON CYMRU

GALW HEIBIO PRESENOLDEB



Mae cyfle i unrhyw rhiant sydd am drafod presenoldeb eu plentyn gyda'r Swyddog Lles Addysg, Catherine Morgan neu aelod o'r Uwch Dim Arweinyddiaeth

Lleoliad: Yr Hyb, Campws Llanfair-ym-Muallt
Dyddiad: Dydd Llun 15 Ebrill
Amser: 3.30pm-4.15pm

Cyfle i drafod unrhyw rwystrau i bresenoldeb:

- Iechyd a Lles Emosiynol
- Rhwystrau i ddyysgu
- Anghenion Dysgu Ychwanegol
- Pryderon Meddygol
- Unrhyw Rwystrau Eraill i Bresenoldeb



Amazing work completed by Blwyddyn 9 this term

Hannah Morgan 9G Saesneg

"Social media places too much pressure on teenagers to achieve the perfect body."

Discuss.

Body image refers to a person's perception of the attractiveness of their own body. This is something many young people struggle with today. A survey of adolescents by the Mental Health Foundation found 79% said how they look is important to them, and over half (52%) often worry about how they look. In our survey of young people aged 13–19, 35% said their body image causes them to 'often' or 'always' worry. 36% of teens agreed they would do "Whatever it takes" to look good. Worryingly, the study also shows that poor body image can prevent young people from taking part in healthy behaviours. Did you know that a shocking 36% of girls and 24% of boys avoid taking part in activities like P.E. due to worries about their appearance? It is difficult to escape the ideal body image that is promoted on TV, in magazines, and on social media.

Dylunio

Our year 9 learners have been busy in DT developing a product that they are going to sell in the RWAS Spring festival. We have had two fantastic days where our amazing communities have run various workshops including jewellery, pottery, wood working, truffles, candles, branding and marketing to teach our learners not only new skills but also how to run a business in a creative industry. We couldn't be prouder of our learners who got stuck in to the workshops and our community who gave up their time to make these days happen. Watch this space for more on our young entrepreneurs and their business ideas!

Mae ein dysgwyr blwyddyn 9 wedi bod yn brysur yn DT yn datblygu cynnyrch y byddant yn ei werthu yng ngŵyl Wanwyn CAFC. Cawsom ddau ddiwrnod gwych gyda'n cymunedau rhyfeddol wedi cynnal gweithdai amrywiol yn cynnwys gemwaith, crochenwaith, gwaith coed, tryffls, canhwyllau, brandio a marchnata i addysgu sgiliau newydd i'n dysgwyr ond hefyd sut i gynnal busnes mewn diwydiant creadigol. Roedd ein dysgwyr yn destun balchder mawr i ni wrth iddynt weithio yn y gweithdai a'n cymuned a roddodd o'u hamser i wneud y dyddiau hyn yn bosibl. Cadwch lygad yn agored am fwy o nwyddion am ein entrepreneuriaid ifanc a'u syniadau busnes



YCC Sport

🏉 **Calon Cymru Rosslyn Park Squads Prepare with Ultimate Rugby 7s Coaching!**

Calon Cymru Rosslyn Park Squads received elite Rugby 7s coaching from world-renowned mentors, including England's Dom Tripp, Zimbabwe's Saopo Soko, and Poland's Chris Davies. The session focused on skill enhancement and team development for 36 talented boys and girls gearing up for the National Rugby 7s. With this expert guidance, they're poised for success at Rosslyn Park and beyond! 🚀



🏟️⚽ **Update: U14 boys from Ysgol Calon Cymru put up a strong fight against Crickhowell High School, ending in a 3-1 loss. Despite Crickhowell's 2-0 lead at halftime, Eifion Holder's impressive goal narrowed the gap to 2-1. However, Crickhowell secured another goal, sealing the match at 3-1. Proud of our boys' effort and sportsmanship! 🙌⚽**

Congratulation to Eifion Holder, Estyn Holder and Sam Nixon for representing Powys Schools at the Welsh National Indoor Athletics finals. Estyn (U13 team) placed first with Eifion and Sam (U15 team) placed second.

Good luck to Estyn with the U13 team and Eifion who won the overall performing athlete of event and will now represent Wales as an individual athlete at the British Finals in Stoke on the 6th April.

Llongyfarchiadau i Eifion Holder, Estyn Holder a Sam Nixon am gunrychioli Ysgolion Powys yn rowndiau terfynol Athletau Dan Do Cenedlaethol Cymru. Estyn (tîm dan 13) yn gyntaf gydag Eifion a Sam (tîm dan 15) yn ail.

Pob lwc i Estyn gyda'r tîm dan 13 ac Eifion a enillodd yr athletwr perfformio cyffredinol a fydd yn awr yn cynrychioli Cymru fel athletwr unigol yn Rowndiau Terfynol Prydain yn Stoke ar y 6ed o Ebrill.





Year 9 pupils have been selected to take part in The Ospreys rugby team's TACKLE education programme. TACKLE works with pupils aged 12-16 to develop softer skills such as leadership, teamwork, communication and an understanding of opportunities in further education and the workplace.

The TACKLE programme uses sport to engage learners in sessions which are fun, informative, positive and resourceful. Their main aim is to support young people to realise their potential and gain real life experience

Mae disgyblion Blwyddyn 9 wedi cael eu dewis i gymryd rhan yn rhaglen addysg TACKLE tîm rygbi'r Gweilch. Mae TACKLE yn gweithio gyda disgyblion 12-16 oed i ddatblygu sgiliau meddalach fel arweinyddiaeth, gwaith tîm, cyfathrebu a dealltwriaeth o gyfleoedd mewn addysg bellach a'r gweithle. Mae rhaglen TACKLE yn defnyddio chwaraeon i ennyn diddordeb dysgwyr mewn sesiynau sy'n hwyl, addysgiadol, cadarnhaol a dyfeisgar. Eu prif nod yw cefnogi pobl ifanc i wireddu eu potensial a chael profiad bywyd go iawn.



School Nurse Drop-in every other Thursday (week 1) - will restart after Easter Holidays.

Pupils can see a member of the pastoral team should they like any further information about the service.

Youth Work - Our new Youth Worker, Hannah Harrop, will be starting on Monday 8th April. If you would benefit from a weekly check-in session, please let a member of staff know.



Neges gan y Criw Cymraeg

A message from the Criw Cymraeg



The Criw Cymraeg are a group of children from each year group, voted by their peers, with the aim of encouraging the use of Welsh around the school. The Criw Cymraeg are instrumental in leading and driving the Language Charter forward at Ysgol Calon Cymru.

Ein nod yw hyrwyddo'r Gymraeg trwy'r ysgol a'r cwricwlwm i gyd. Rydym wedi edrych ar gynnydd tuag at feini prawf llwyddiant Efydd, ac wedi cynllunio ein meysydd ffocws nesaf.

We are working towards the Bronze award of the Welsh Language Charter. We aim to promote Welsh throughout the school and curriculum. We have looked at progress towards the Bronze success criteria, and have planned our next focus areas.

Ein targedau yw:

1 – Annog a gwobrwyo disgyblion a staff i ddefnyddio Cymraeg achlysurol o gwmpas campws yr ysgol.

2 - I wrando ar fwy o gerddoriaeth Gymraeg.

3 - Cynorthwyo athrawon a disgyblion i ddatblygu eu sgiliau iaith Gymraeg a gwybodaeth am Hanes a Diwylliant Cymru.

Our targets are:



1 – To encourage and reward pupils and staff to use incidental Welsh around the school campus.

2 - To listen to more Welsh music.

3 - To help teachers and pupils to develop their Welsh language skills and knowledge of Welsh History and Culture.



We have achieved the Bronze Award of the Siarter Iaith!

We are pleased to announce that Ysgol Calon Cymru has now achieved the Bronze Award. The pupils and staff have worked hard in achieving this status and it shows, as the quality of Welsh is improving year after year. Longyfarchiadau bawb!

The objective of the Siarter Iaith (Language Charter) is to promote a strong Welsh ethos in schools and to provide a range of enriching activities that propel the children to enjoy learning Welsh. The Siarter Iaith exhorts participation from every member of the school community and the Criw Cymraeg are instrumental in leading and driving the Siarter Iaith forward.

To ensure that all efforts are rewarded, the Charter is based on the principle that schools follow challenging but attainable targets in connection with promoting the use of the Welsh language. The Criw Cymraeg's current targets are:

- 1. to encourage pupils and staff to use incidental Welsh around the school and to reward them for their efforts in speaking Welsh.**
- 2. to help pupils and staff to develop their Welsh language skills and knowledge of Welsh history and culture.**
- 3. to listen to more Welsh music.**

What's next? Beth sy'n nesa?

We never stop thinking of ways to improve here in the Criw Cymraeg. Here are just some examples of activities and events that we will be working on this year:

- We will continue to reward both pupils and staff for speaking Welsh in and out of the classroom by awarding pupils with a 'Credyd Cymreictod'.**
- We will continue to monitor the use of Welsh in classrooms and around the school.**
- We will organise activities and events to celebrate key dates/ events in the Welsh calendar.**
- Continue to develop our Criw Cymraeg page on the school website, where we'll be able to share with you our work.**
- We will continue to develop the use of Welsh at Ysgol Calon Cymru with the aim of achieving the Silver Award.**

Of course, to realise our aim we need your help. Supporting the learning and enjoyment of the Welsh language at home (including use of Welsh Language learning apps – Duolingo/Quizlet/Say Something in Welsh), engaging in school activities focussed on Welsh, and helping your child/children understand the history, tradition and importance of our wonderful language.

A significant number of our staff, new and old, have attended Welsh for Adults courses. If parents/carers are interested in learning or improving their Welsh on such a course, please do get in touch or search online under 'Learn Welsh':
<https://learnwelsh.cymru/about-us/providers/aberystwyth-university/>

At Ysgol Calon Cymru, we strongly believe that the Welsh language belongs to us all: fluent speakers, learners and those who are shy about their Welsh. It's our language and it's our place to look after it and nurture it for future generations. We sincerely thank you for your

support and please contact us with any ideas/suggestions for this important area of school life. Diolch!



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HAPPY EASTER

The text 'HAPPY EASTER' is rendered in large, bold, orange letters with a vertical striped pattern. The letters are decorated with various Easter-themed elements: carrots, colorful Easter eggs (blue and white stripes, red and white stripes, blue and white stripes), white clouds, and small pink and orange butterflies. The background is a solid blue color.

**Mwynhewch
wyliau'r Pasg.
Cadwch yn ddiogel.**

**Enjoy the Easter
holidays.
Keep safe.**

**Mi welwn ni chi eto:
Dydd Llun 8fed o
Ebrill.**

**We'll see you on
Monday 8th April.**

