

YEAR 8 NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to our first edition of our Year 8 Newsletter. As we reach the end of our first term at Ysgol Calon Cymru, we are so pleased to see our Year 8 pupils settling back into high school life. This newsletter gives information about what our pupils are learning, their successes and a chance for our pupils to share their own voice!

Attendance

Congratulations to 8C for the highest attendance last half-term.

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Credits

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Pupil of the Week

Well done to all the pupils nominated for pupil of the week this half-term. You have been recognised as going above and beyond. Keep up the good work!

Kally-Arna Hurley

Liv James

Iolo McMahon

Loki Brown

Lewis Bennett

Alfie Davies

Head teacher's message:

It's been another busy term at Ysgol Calon Cymru and we are delighted to be able to share with you our last Newsletter of the year. We really are proud of our pupils here at Ysgol Calon Cymru and I pleased to see so many of them flourishing. As you will see, there are a wide range of activities taking place across our school, both in and out of our classrooms. On a daily basis I am struck by the talent and skills of our pupils in so many areas.

Of course, getting the best out of our pupils would not be possible without your support, and I would like to thank you for working with us to make our school the best it can be. I hope you all enjoy the festive season and get that chance to spend some quality time with family and friends.

Nadolig Llawen
Dr R. Jones



Year 8 Successes



We would like to congratulate the following pupils who were voted Capten and Is-Capten. We would also like to thank all those who applied for the position.

- 8A - Eds Edwards and Jacob Sivers
- 8B - Harvey Parker-Jones and Billi Chance
- 8C - Connie James and Scott Powell
- 8D - Esme Wilson and Caleb Barrett

Congratulations to mily Lewis 8D for winning Cook of the Month. Emily cooked a delicious pasta bake that she later enjoyed for dinner!



U13 Girls v Llanfyllin
National Cup Powys Regional Rounds

A tremendous game of football ended in Ysgol Calon Cymru winning 6-2! Although not passing the semi-finals, we are so proud of their hard work and commitment.

South Powys Basketball Competition – U13A and B Girls
Ysgol Calon Cymru played their first ever competitive basketball tournament in a mixed event at Brecon Leisure Centre. The girls were very nervous to begin with but soon found their peace. Despite the girls having very little experience the B team came second in their pool and the A team came third in theirs. As the best placed girls teams they move onto the Regional Finals after Christmas.





Curriculum for Wales

We have recently formed our Curriculum for Wales learner group who had their first workshop aimed at answering the question: 'What does learning look like?' It was a great workshop with a fantastic group of learners who will be instrumental in Ysgol Calon Cymru's journey towards Curriculum for Wales. Yes iawn chi gyd!

Rotary Young Writer Competition

This term pupils at YCC have been working on entries for the Rotary Youth's Young Writer Competition. This year's theme is 'Peace'. Pupils have produced some beautiful pieces of writing that are in the process of being shortlisted. Watch this space!

A Fond Farewell

At the end of the term we say goodbye to our Wellbeing Officer, Miss Bitti. Thank you for always offering a safe space for our pupils, you will be greatly missed. We also say goodbye to our PGCE students, Miss Cartwright and Mrs De-Winton. Thank you for all of your hard work this half term. We wish you all the best for your future!



Book Fair

In November we hosted a book fair run by Book-ish from Crickhowell. Pupils had the opportunity to take home a free book, funded by the Welsh Government's Schools Love Reading Campaign.

Anti-Bullying Week

In November we marked the start of Anti-Bullying Week with odd socks day. The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate in a fun and positive way.



Pupil Column - Eds Edwards 8A

The beginning of my second year of high school so far has not been too bad. I have enjoyed meeting new people through having classes with different people. I was apprehensive about having new teachers because I did not know what they were like, but now that I have got to know them, I am more comfortable in my lessons. I was also given a decent amount of homework which was quite a shock however, I have managed to get on top of it. All in all, I have really enjoyed my first term back at high school and I am excited for what the new year will bring!

Pupil Column - Phoebe Spencer-Green 8A

This year my favourite thing has been art club, during lunch on Fridays. Currently we are painting a big mural with the Ysgol Calon Cymru logo in the middle. It's fun because we all get to paint our own piece of the mural as whatever we want! Christmas is coming up which means decorating the classroom is a must! It's sure to brighten up the room.

Christmas Cheer

Pupils across Ysgol Calon Cymru came together for an evening of Christmas music and readings. Well done to all involved, it was the perfect way to mark the beginning of the festive period.



MEET THE WELLBEING TEAM

WHO CAN SUPPORT YOU?

Miss R Rhys-Jones



Safeguarding
Officer

Head of Campus

Mrs V Phillips



Deputy
Safeguarding
Officer

Additional Learning
Needs Coordinator

Mrs J Hilliard



Pastoral Officer

Mr D Elson



Behaviour
Support Officer



Meet the Form Tutors



Mr Evans 8A



Miss Hardwick 8B



Mr Lewis 8C



Mr Simpson 8D

Help over the Holidays

This time of year can be hard for some – it's ok if you don't feel like celebrating. You're not alone and Kooth UK is always there to support you, whenever you feel ready to reach out. Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online well-being advice, support and counseling service specifically designed for young people like you. If you or someone you know is struggling, support is available at Kooth.

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Topics for next half term

Celfyddydau Mynegiannol Expressive Arts

Art: Following on from our drawing skill-based natural project in the Autumn Term the Spring Term will see Year 8 introduced to themes of the Mabinogion. Pupils will be developing and creating artworks inspired by Wales' own folk stories and legends.



Drama: Characterisations and the building of sets

Music: Band, vocal and instrumental work; Riptide - Vance Joy

Iechyd a Lles Health and Wellbeing

Bwyd / food: Staple Foods

PE: Developing the skills and knowledge of major games, e.g. rugby.



Gwyddoniaeth & Thechnoleg Science & Technology

DT: Completing a Health and safety 'Block Bot'

ICT: Digital footprint and Internet Safety

Science: Learning about cells and how they work together. Development of life.



Lythrennedd, Ieithoedd, a Chysylltiadau Literacy, Language and Communication

English: Heart of the Matter

Literacy: The school have recently invested in a digital literacy platform: Bedrock Learning. Pupils complete a series of fortnightly lessons and homework tasks as part of a timetabled literacy intervention programme. These lessons are arranged and led by the English Department. The aim of the software is to teach students the tier two academic vocabulary they need to access the curriculum and succeed in school. As pupils progress through the curriculum, they will study hundreds of words, whilst reading fiction and non-fiction texts regularly. You will, by now, have received your guardian access codes so you can view their knowledge organiser and receive weekly progress reports on your child's progress (via email when you create your Bedrock account).



Cymraeg/ Welsh: Shops and fashion

Ffrangeg/ French: Rural Life and Connections

Rhifedd a Mathemateg Mathematics and Numeracy

Maths: Angles on a line, around a point and in parallel lines. Displaying data and proportions and ratio.



Y Dyniaethau Humanities

Geography: Development

History: Bloody Mary and Elizabeth I

RE: Places of Worship and Inspiational people.



We would like to end this Newsletter by taking the time to thank you for your support this term. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!