

CYLCHLYTHYR BLWYDDYN 7 YEAR 7 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I'd like to take this chance to wish each and every one of our Year 7 pupils the very best for the future. The way our Year 7 have settled into school life has been excellent, and we are very confident that our Year 7 will be a strong year group all the way through their time with us at school. As ever, this newsletter is a celebration of the opportunities available in Ysgol Calon Cymru and of 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. When a young person strikes the right balance between academic and the extra-curricular activities, that is when we see them really shine. Onwards and upwards Year 7, well done. Diolch yn fawr.

Wrth i ni agosáu at ddiwedd tymor y Gwanwyn, hoffwn gymryd y cyfle hwn i ddymuno'r gorau i bob un o'n disgyblion Blwyddyn 7 i'r dyfodol. Mae'r ffordd y mae ein Blwyddyn 7 wedi ymgartrefu ym mywyd yr ysgol wedi bod yn wych, ac rydym yn hyderus iawn y bydd ein Blwyddyn 7 yn grŵp blwyddyn cryf drwy gydol eu hamser gyda ni yn yr ysgol. Fel arfer, mae'r cylchlythyr hwn yn ddathliad o'r cyfleoedd sydd ar gael yn Ysgol Calon Cymru ac o ystod eang o ddoniau ein disgyblion. Mae blynyddoedd ysgol yn flynyddoedd gwerthfawr, ac mae mor galonogol gweld ein disgyblion yn defnyddio eu hamser yn yr ysgol nid yn unig i gyflawni llwyddiant academaidd, ond hefyd i ddarganfod doniau a nwydau newydd. Pan fo person ifanc yn taro'r cydbwysedd cywir rhwng y gweithgareddau academaidd a'r gweithgareddau allgyrsiol, dyna pryd rydyn ni'n eu gweld nhw'n disgleirio mewn gwirionedd. Ymlaen ac i fyny Blwyddyn 7, da iawn chi.

Diolch yn Fawr
Dr. Richard Jones
Headteacher/ Pennaeth

Croeso Welcome

Welcome to our second edition of our Year 7 Newsletter. This term seems to have flown by but as you will see from the newsletter our Year 7's are getting fully immersed into life at YCC with lots going on, Eisteddfod, trips, lots of sporting fixtures, RSE sessions have all been a feature of this short term.

Miss Vaughan
Year 7 Progress Leader



good luck

We would like to wish Mrs Bevan well as she leaves to start her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing her news! 7D will now have Miss Hughes as their form tutor until they move up to Year 8 after May half term.



Students embraced the opportunity to participate in a full and varied programme of competitions for our school Eisteddfod. Home competitions were set by a range of departments, challenging pupils to participate.



Hundreds of entries were received in the prestigious Chair and Crown competitions. Pupils enjoyed wearing their house colours as they settled down to enjoy performances in recitation, music, drama and impromptu speaking, following a packed programme of performances.



It was an occasion celebrating the talents of our pupils across all year groups; a memorable whole school event. Congratulations to all those who participated.



Eisteddfod 2023





Calon Cymru Success at Regional Swimming Championships

Year 7 pupil Layla Williams attended the 3-day gala at the Swim Wales Regional Long Course Championships in Liverpool and continued her success in the pool. Amazingly she has come away with 6 medals - 2 Gold (50m fly and 200m fly), 2 Silver (400m IM and 400m free) and 2 Bronze (50m free and 100m free).

Times of all the races are considered when selecting for the Nationals and Layla qualified in the 50m fly so will attend the Swim Wales National Championships in Swansea at the end of March. This is fantastic for Layla and we wish her the best of luck.



Calon Cymru U12 Girls Netball v Brecon HS

Lillie Bufton Jersey Swann Lois Lawrence
Zahara Valley Edith Curzon

Congratulations on an excellent performance in a closely contested match. Brecon won the match by just 2 goals. For Calon Cymru Lois Lawrence scored 5 goals, Elena Lloyd and Maisie Samuel were fantastic in the middle of the court and linked well between attack and defence. Lillie Bufton worked hard in defence stopping many opposition attacks. The game was great preparation for the Powys County Competition on Friday. Well done girls! Well done also to Ruby Vermeire (Y10 Sports Leader) who helped coach and organise the girls.



Sporting Achievements



U13 Girls National Football Cup Success

Layla Williams
Jersey Swann
Cali-Mae Rowan
Lilly Adams
Blanka Piekarska

Congratulations to the U13 Girls who reached the last 16 of the National Knockout Cup. In this match the girls played against a strong Ysgol Cwm Rhymini team this week and despite not getting the result they wanted played with pride and commitment. The stand out players for Calon Cymru were Chloe Edwards, Cali-Mae Rowan, Daisy Corson Nia Price and Amelia Turner. Finishing the season as Powys Regional Champions the girls can be proud of all their efforts. Well done.

Calon Cymru v Crickhowell HS Trio of Sports Matches

Thomas Davies
Will Evans
Cian Thomas
Tyler Nowell
Henry James
Spencer Samuel
Alfie Lewis
Fraser Powell

An excellent trio of matches for Calon Cymru away against Crickhowell HS. The U12 rugby boys played in sticky conditions which ended with a 67-0 win; with Henry Mills (3), Spencer Samuel (3), Alfie Lewis (2), Will Evans, Tyler Nowell all crossing the line for tries in a one-sided affair. In a highly competitive and enjoyable netball match the U13 girls secured a 16-16 draw. Ffion Stephens and Alexi Hindmarch linked well to set up Grace Wright for most of the goals. Pheobe James, Esther Heighway, Charlotte Ealey-Fitzgerald and Flo Taylor put in strong performances. The U14 football boys put up a strong fight 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, the opposition secured another goal, sealing the match at 3-1. Well done to the 3 teams who represented Calon Cymru with pride and commitment.

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. Llongyfarchiadau 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!

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

Certificates are being awarded to pupils that have reached the following milestones in their credits on Go4Schools.



Gold Award -
350
Achievement
Points



Silver Award -
250
Achievement
Points



Bronze Award -
150
Achievement
Points



**WELL DONE
ALL!**

7A

Esworthy, Megan
Murad, Timur
Beecham, Pixie
MunasinRathnayake, Chaniru

7B

Harris, Alfie
Rowan, Cali
Eaton, Poppy
Trickett, Caleb
James, Henry
Couzens, Rhys

7C

Davies, Johnathan
Ibrahim, Abdullah

7D

Howells, DJ

BRONZE AWARDS

Jones, Mia
Riekstins-Morgan, Larna
Williams, Ethan
Lawrence, Lois
Douel, Zak
Williams, Layla
Davies, Harry
Hughes, Georgie
Hughes, Charlie
Nowell, Tyler
Bufton, Lillie
Swann Jersey
Hampton-Saunders, Autumn
Proctor George
Jones, Jack
Esworthy, Megan

Avenell, Zoe
Hawksworth, Oliver
Hope, Thomas
Adams, Lily
Adams, Maisy
Banks, Phoebe
Evans, Will
Malin, Manuel
Evans, Makayla
Harris, Alfie
Powell, Fraser
Piekarski, Iwo
Rowan, Cali

Evans, Lola
Cutter, Macie
Wiles-Moore, Ruby
Jones, Max
Lewis, Mia
Sandford, Lochlan
Wood-sheen, Thomas
Withers, Ben
Williamson, Mabel
Wilke, Darci
Moore, Bear
Brown, Odin

Pears, Lily
Piekarska, Blanka
Helliwell, Connor
Bethell, Seren
Du Toit, Connor
Sandford, Kai
Edwards, Ruby
Hartles, Lillie
Williams, Jack
Evans, Maddie
Matthews, George
Thomas, Kylan
Williams, Dylan
Tapsell, Frankie.
Wooldridge, Esme
Eghwurdje, Tega
Jones, Autumn

SILVER AWARDS

Jones, Emrys
Notaro, Gus
Carter, Maximus
Thomas, Menna
Jones, Mia
Riekstins-Morgan, Larna
Williams, Ethan
Lawrence, Lois
Douel, Zak
Williams, Layla
Davies Harry

Avenell, Zoe

Ampelioti, Eva
Archibald, Jake
Morris, Cadi
Price, Ollie
Vallely, Zahara
Barrett, Ayla
Lewis, Sophie
Bundy, Annabelle
Curzon, Edith
Morris, Georgia
Evans, Isaac
Evans Lola
Cutter, Macie
Wiles-Moore, Ruby

Lloyd-McDarren, Lewis
Clements, Archie
Ferreira, Matthew
Harris, Gabriel
Simmons, Harley
Pears, Lily
Piekarska, Blanka
Helliwell, Connor
Bethell, Seren
Du Toit, Connor
Sandford, Kai
Edwards, Ruby

GOLD AWARDS





100%

Presenoldeb Attendance

Congratulations to 7 pupils who have got through the term with 100% attendance! Well done all!

7A

Ethan Williams

7B

Iwo Piekarski

7C

Sophie Lewis

Georgia Morris

7D

Ruby-Jayne Edwards

Lewis Lloyd-McDarren

Blanka Piekarska

Transition Visits

In January some of our pupils accompanied Miss Vaughan on her annual transition visits to our cluster primaries. The Year 7's went along to their old primary schools to answer the questions that Year 6 had prepared and share their experiences of secondary school. This was a great opportunity to start to build relationships prior to transition week in July.



School



School Nurse Drop In - will restart after Easter Holidays. Any one wishing to have a referral please contact Miss Rhys-Jones rhys-jonesr5@hwbcymru.net

Attendance Drop In

We're holding Attendance Drop Ins on both our campuses for any parents wishing to discuss their child's attendance with the Education Welfare Officer Catherine Morgan or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

An opportunity to discuss:

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

Eisteddfod Entries

Year 7 made some excellent pancake entries for the school Eisteddfod. Well done all, they look delicious!



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

Locations: Sixth Form Centre, Llandrindod Campus
Date: Tuesday 9th 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

Here to help:

The following people are here to help and support your child through their school year.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact their form tutor in the first instance.

Progress Leader –

Miss K Vaughan

Form Tutors :-

7A –

Mrs B Gwyn Jones

7B –

Mr A Stanway

7C –

Mrs D Chester

7D –

Mrs E Bevan

London Trip

We are looking forward to our Year 7 trip to London in May.

More information around times, itinerary, packing etc will be coming out after the easter break.

Thanks Miss Vaughan

Planners

Please try and check your son or daughter's planner weekly as there may be messages from teachers or their tutor. It is also a useful way to see how well they are dealing with homework by checking the recording of homework and ensuring they have met all homework deadlines.

JESS METCALF EQUALITIES & ENGAGEMENT YOUNG PEOPLES OFFICER



WHAT DO YOU DO?

I work in schools and youth organisations to empower young people to challenge inequality in their lives. I help to support young people and their communities and to increase awareness and visibility of minority groups.



GROUP WORK

I help to set up groups in schools, or support existing ones, like the School Council or LGBTQ+ Groups.



EQUALITY ACT 2010

My work is centred around the Equality Act 2010 and the 9 protected characteristics, these are:

- age
- disability
- gender reassignment
- marriage and civil partnership,
- pregnancy and maternity
- race
- religion or belief
- sex
- sexual orientation



WHEN WILL YOU BE IN SCHOOL?

I will aim to be in school at least monthly, this way I get to see you regularly without impacting on your timetable too much! You can contact me online if you want to discuss anything :)



CONTACT DETAILS



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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.

TERM DATES

Summer

Monday 8th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024

Half Term - Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024 to Friday 19th July 2024

Non Pupil Days

Cluster Inset –Monday 8th July 2024