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# Llais y Llan

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Greetings all. It's so great to be able to once again announce the achievements of our learners in our school magazine Llais y Llan. Despite the difficulties of the last 18 months, it is wonderful to be able to share the school's successes from the summer and the last half term.

We are so proud of our learners as they show their resilience, perseverance and enjoyment to take part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

We would like to thank the staff and parents, who are always so supportive of the learners, as we begin to return to a more normal way of working in our school community.

Thank you everyone - and we look forward now to another year of success. #TimLlan

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH SUCCESS

During September and October, Year 10 and 11



learners managed to overcome the worst of the wind and rain to complete the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. Learners walked for two days from

the village of Llangynwyd to Margam Park learning vital orienteering skills in the practice expedition. With a little more confidence in orienteering, and a great deal of persistence in the rain, learners completed the assessment expedition walking for another two days between the village of Bryn and the Afan Argoed area. Congratulations to all the learners for successfully completing this section of the Bronze award! Many thanks also to all the staff who volunteered to offer this opportunity to our learners and especially to Mr Huw Rees for organising it.

## CONGRATULATIONS

The drama department and the school congratulates Sophie Williams, year 12, on



her acceptance to the Young Actors Studio Programme in the Royal College of Music & Drama. She is the youngest ever member to be accepted. Sophie will be attending the college every Sunday, learning acting skills with a focus on further study at a university or drama college.

## SENIOR PREFECTS 2021-22

Congratulations to our new Senior Prefects and their deputies. They are all keen to start their work leading on the various school committees and the Senedd.



**Garw** Senior Prefect: Tomas Charles / Deputy Chessie Jarvis  
**Llynfi** Senior Prefect: Cerys John / Deputy Amy Burnett  
**Ogwr** Senior Prefect: Arwen Jones / Deputy Hedd Williams

## DIWRNOD SIW'MAE SU'MAE 2021



On Friday, 15 October, there was much excitement

around the school as we celebrated Diwrnod Siw'mae Su'mae this year. One of the most popular activities was the Year 7 quiz. Well done to all the winners!

## WORKING WITH THE POLICE

During this half term it has been our pleasure to welcome our PCSOs into the school on several occasions to work with the learners to raise awareness of important issues, including how to keep themselves safe in the community and on-line.



## CODING CLUB

It has been wonderful to see so many learners attending the Coding Club this half term! It is a very popular club which is currently focussing on a specific brief—Showing Wales and Welshness to the world through technology! This challenge is based on an exciting project in Australia where people learn about the native language and culture of their country and share it through technology. Currently, the club is working on robots who speak Welsh, the story of Branwen through the world of Minecraft, round houses, the red dragon - with much more to come. Remember the Urdd has also announced its creative competition.

# Sports - Beyond School



## FOOTBALL

During the summer, year 11 learner Tianna Teisar represented the Wales Under 17s football team against England and was selected to captain the team! The result was a draw (1-1).



In addition, we are delighted to announce that Tianna has also been selected to represent Wales against Sweden at the end of October for the UEFA Euro Qualifiers. Well done Tianna and good luck!

## RUGBY

Four of last year's Year 11 learners were selected and represented the Ospreys East regional under-17 Rugby Team. Congratulations and well done to George Richards, Chris Pound, Morgan Davies & Kai Clark.



## CRICKET

Aron Bird, a year 9 learner has represented the Wales under 13's cricket team and performed outstandingly - 125 runs, 'not out'!



## HOCKEY

Over the summer Daniel Stoodley, year 11, represented the Wales under 16 hockey team in the Futures Cup competition in England. England had split into four different teams so they could play for their regions, there was also a Scottish team and a Welsh team. They also played with a new name for the team, the Celtic Jaguars. It was a fun experience and very challenging for Daniel as the standard of play was very high and the atmosphere was incredible.



## BOXING

At the beginning of October, year 9 learner Jack Sandford competed in the WABA Welsh Boxing Cup in Cardiff. He competed in the Under 15s (60kg) category. Jack usually competes in the 'beginner' class, but went on to compete in the advanced category against much more experienced boxers. Jack reached the semi-finals and although he didn't win, he did extremely well and we are all very proud of him. Well done Jack!



## CHALLENGE DAY

During our first Challenge Day of the term, year 7 spent the day with their registration tutors learning about communities and how they impact their lives.

The pupils then worked on a logo to represent their new registration class. The pupils presented their final design to the class and the class held a vote to see whose logo would represent the whole class. The year 7 class tutors will be placing the winning logos on display in the class. Here are some of the winners.



## WEAR RED — SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of Wear Red Day, all staff and learners were encouraged to wear red on 22.10.21 to show our support for the national anti-racism awareness day. Many thanks to everyone who contributed £1 to support the fundraising event of the year for this important organisation.



## THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT OF WALES

Congratulations to Bryn Lloyd, Grace Gibson and Holly -May Brown from year 9 who have been selected as candidates for Ogmores constituency in this year's Welsh Youth Parliament election. Learners need to register to vote by 12.11.21 before the vote on 15.11.21.

## Something Wrong/ Worrying You?

Remember that school staff are available to listen and offer help. The school's safeguarding team is: Mr Iwan Jones, Mrs Claire Jones, Mrs Lisa Woodrow, Mrs Non Lewis, Miss Gemma Griffiths & Mrs Lisa Lewis.

