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Llais y Llan



CELEBRATING WALES

There were many opportunities to celebrate our culture and heritage during January and February. To celebrate Storytelling Week, the focus was on local legends as part of the school's Codi Llais activities. The school's Head Prefects were also busy promoting St Dwynwen's Day and Welsh Music Day. These special days were also promoted as part of the Codi Llais activities during registration periods and on-line assemblies.

It was also fabulous to hear contemporary Welsh music echoing along the corridors for to mark Welsh Music Day.



DEVELOPING THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



Since Christmas 9 sixth form learners have built on their success in achieving the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award in undertaking the Silver Award. This is the first time we have supported this at YGG Llangynwyd. We are very proud of these learners who consistently strive to develop personal attitudes and to contribute positively to the community. We wish them the best of luck!



STEM

Twenty Year 9 learners attended a STEM session. The intention of the day was to program a microbit to create car movements. After the learners mastered using the programme to create basic movement, they then created more complex designs. By the end of the session the learners had created a "remote controlled" car. There was an opportunity to hold a "robot wars" to see who had the best skills of managing their car. Learners continued their awareness of programming with the EESW visit. The learners gained an insight into how Technology and Science work together to create robotics along with great products we use every day.

The Year 10 Product Design crew also had the opportunity to collaborate with STEM to design and create windmills that generate electricity. This supports the sustainability module of their course.

All learners were highly praised, but Ollie and Carwyn were victorious and managed to produce the most 'clean energy'.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

It was lovely to see learners and staff supporting Anti-Bullying Week wearing odd and colourful socks to school. Several activities were held during tutor periods and break and lunch times to promote the fact that YGG Llangynwyd says "No to bullying!"



6TH FORM WELLBEING WEBINAR



Dr Dominique Thompson hosted a webinar on student wellbeing offering practical advice and strategies for the sixth form. The students were guided in preparing for exams and for independent university life. Following the session, staff had the opportunity to be part

of a webinar looking at the impact of lockdown on our students. Dr Dominique Thompson's strategies will be further developed in the pastoral work of the sixth form over the coming year. Parents may be interested to know more about her work in supporting young people, staff and parents.

Student Health Wellbeing Consultant | Buzz Consulting | Bristol UK

YEAR 9 POET

Congratulations to Rhys Jones for having a piece of his original poetry published in the January 2022 edition of the Seaside News:

CONSEQUENCES

Time slowly fades,
As each day is made.
All of us admire the sun,
But we've become blind to the damage
we've done.
It all started here in Britain,
In the crucible of the Industrial
Revolution.
We blew carbon into the sky,
And watched as the plants died.
Heatstroke, sunburns, fire,
It's all treated as a satire!
It's all a joke, not really serious,
Wrong! They're all delirious!
Bears and penguins die in heat,
While politicians take their seat.
An action must be made, and fast,
For the world will not last.
What ice will there be to find?
What snow to cool the mind?
How can we grow any corn?
In this dreadful storm.
Carbon emissions are too much,
Do we really want to drown the Dutch?
There is no 'Planet B',
To save the world, that's up to you and
me.
Rhys Jones, North Cornelly



CHALLENGE DAY - LIFE SKILLS

A wide variety of activities are provided on challenge days at school, but I'm sure many parents will be pleased to see their son/daughter develop the skills to cook a meal before they leave the nest. Here are some of the efforts of Year 13!



COUNTLESS CODING COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to the Year 9 learners who took part in the University of South Wales 'Hackathon' at the end of November. We weren't victorious on this occasion, but a lot was learnt about how to be a "white hat," a moral hacker, as well as the different jobs within the ICT world. Well done to everyone who took part in our first Hackathon as a school!

Continuing with competitions, in December 10 girls in year 8 took part in a CyberFirst competition for girls. The girls were separated into 3 different teams, and out of 7000 girls across Wales, four girls from YGG Llan managed to reach the final!

Very early on Saturday 5th February Mia James, Molly Jones, Mari Gibson and Enlli Gealy went to Newport to compete. The teachers were sent out of the competition rooms as the girls proceeded to crack codes and solve problems in order to win as many points as possible.

At one time YGG Llan was second, but unfortunately other teams nudged YGG Llan out of the top three teams. This is the first year that we as a school have competed in Cyberfirst and it is absolutely brilliant to have reached the final! Congratulations to the girls and many thanks to the ICT Department for supporting them.



STAR OF THE SMALL SCREEN

Henry Morgan Year 12 has been busy filming Casualty recently. He was playing an "extra" and his role was a school pupil who had been shot.



TRANSITION

It was wonderful in December to hold transition assemblies for year 6 learners in our cluster primary schools. Thanks go to Mr Tudur for making all the arrangements and for everyone who joined him for the virtual assembly. We really hope that the learners will have the opportunity to come up to the site before Easter for them to experience life at YGG Llan before they reach us in September.



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.





SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Rhydian Lloyd Francis from year 7 for winning second prize in the Welsh indoor athletics competition in the 1500m.

Congratulations also to Hannah Marshall (Year 11) and Mya Bushell (Year 12) for being selected to represent the Ospreys under-18 squad. They will compete against 4 other regions across Wales in three tournaments organised by the Welsh Rugby Union as they battle for the regions' shield and an opportunity for a place in the Welsh under-18 national team in the 6 nations games. Good luck to both.



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A HUGE congratulations to Ffion Owen and Nia Morris who have been selected in the Welsh Boys and Girls Clubs football squad this year! We are extremely proud of your success and will follow your games closely and look forward to you getting your caps this year!



Congratulations to Llangynwyd learners; Rhydian Lloyd Francis, (31st) Fraser Higginson (67th) and Lily Stephens (34th) for performing so well in the 'Welsh Inter Schools Cross-Country Championship' competition. We are delighted to have such enthusiastic and talented learners representing Timllan.



#FELMERCH AMBASSADORS

Congratulations to Niamh (GCSE PE Learner) and Gwen (6th form Sports Learner) who have been selected by the Urdd to inspire and support young girls across Wales to be active!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Under normal circumstances, the school would have come together to celebrate Christmas as a congregation in a church or school hall, but due to restrictions we once again had to come together virtually.

Students from all year groups at the school took part in a variety of performances, including vocal and instrumental performances, readings and dramatic presentations. Congratulations to all the students who took part, we are very season with us in the run-up to Christmas.



CREATE A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Congratulations to Lucy Evans, year 9, for winning the Christmas card creation competition for MP Chris Elmore. Every year learners aged 3 - 14 across Bridgend County have the opportunity to create a Christmas card which will be sent out by Chris Elmore. The theme of this year's card was Christmas in Wales.



Lucy came first in the competition and Chris Elmore came to school to give her the winning prize. Over 300 learners at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd took part and all have received a certificate.

SUPPORTING THE FOOD BANK



To end the Autumn term learners and staff at YGG Llangynwyd joined forces to support charity in wearing Christmas jumpers and bringing in contributions for the local Food Bank. It was very encouraging to see the minibus going out absolutely full of boxes to ensure that every family in our community could celebrate Christmas.

