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# Ebbw Fawr Learning Community

## Newsletter

### Dear Parents & Carers

My name is Mr Huw Lloyd and I've recently been appointed as the new Headteacher at Ebbw Fawr. I'm delighted and extremely proud to be given this opportunity. Although I don't start until September, I have already visited the school on several occasions and have been impressed by the good behaviour and manners exhibited by students, and also the warm welcome from staff.

As a parent of school age children myself, I always find it interesting to know a little about their headteacher. So here goes, and I hope you find it interesting! I live in Aberdare, I'm married and have three children. When not in work or ferrying my children about, I love to play and watch sport. Football and mountain biking are now my main interests. Amongst many other things I coach a junior football side and although my competitive days are over, I still play 5 a side from time to time. I am a proud Welshman "Cymro i'r Carn", and am genuinely passionate about improving the life chances of children of all abilities and backgrounds in the South Wales Valleys.

Professionally I have ten successful years of headship under my belt. I'm currently Headteacher at Mountain Ash Comprehensive School in the Cynon Valley, and previously I was

Headteacher at Cwrt Sart Community Comprehensive in Neath.

My values as a Headteacher are quite simple. For children I believe strongly in: high academic standards, excellent behaviour, manners and uniform, a good attitude to learning, and a respect for others and the environment. For teachers I believe in: high standards of teaching and assessment, a desire to ensure that students of all abilities succeed, and a passion for the potential of education.

Successful schools form strong partnerships with parents and the wider community, and I look forward to working with you in the near future. However in the meantime, if you have constructive ideas about moving the school forward please do not hesitate to contact me at [hllloyd@ebbwfawr.co.uk](mailto:hllloyd@ebbwfawr.co.uk) and I will endeavour to get back to you as quickly as possible.

Regards

Mr H Lloyd  
Headteacher



### Calendar Dates



#### INSET DAY

Thursday 1st September 2016

#### INSET DAY

Friday 2nd September 2016

#### SCHOOL STARTS

Monday 5th September 2016

#### STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS (SECONDARY)

Monday 19th September 2016

#### STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS (PRIMARY)

Tuesday 20th September 2016

#### MEET THE TUTOR YEAR 7 - 11

Thursday 13th October 2016

#### HALF TERM

Monday 24th October 2016 -

Friday 28th October 2016

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## Cyber-bullying Performance



On Friday 20 May Rich Cottell and his anti-bullying school tour performed to Year 7, 8 and 9. Rich mixed his music with personal messages about bullying and cyber safety in his own cool style. The feedback from both students and staff was fantastic. We look forward to further anti-bullying initiatives in the Autumn Term.

## The Little Purple People



Learners get to be creative and put their reporting skills into action. Learners get to choose, write and report their own article to be viewed in our school newspaper about the events that happen in our school.

This small team of news reporters are enthusiastic, creative, imaginative and full of good insight of what our school gets up to!

During Newspaper Club their ICT skills are used to produce the end masterpieces! Hope you enjoy the read!

## KS3 Reading Initiative

The English Department have introduced a new bi-weekly homework scheme for our KS3 students. All students in Year 7 – 9 have been provided with a book to take home for independent reading homework. Every other week parents are asked to sign that 20 pages minimum have been read. It is fantastic to see some of our students coming back to school excited about the book they are reading.



*"I took home the book 'Fear' by Michael Grant. I loved the book so much my parents bought me the complete series!"*  
Travis (Year 8)

## GCSE Summer Examinations



A massive well done to Years 11, 10 and 9 who have recently taken their GCSE Summer exams. Mrs D Thomas (Examinations Officer) and the external invigilators commented on the positive attitude and excellent behaviour of our students during these exams.

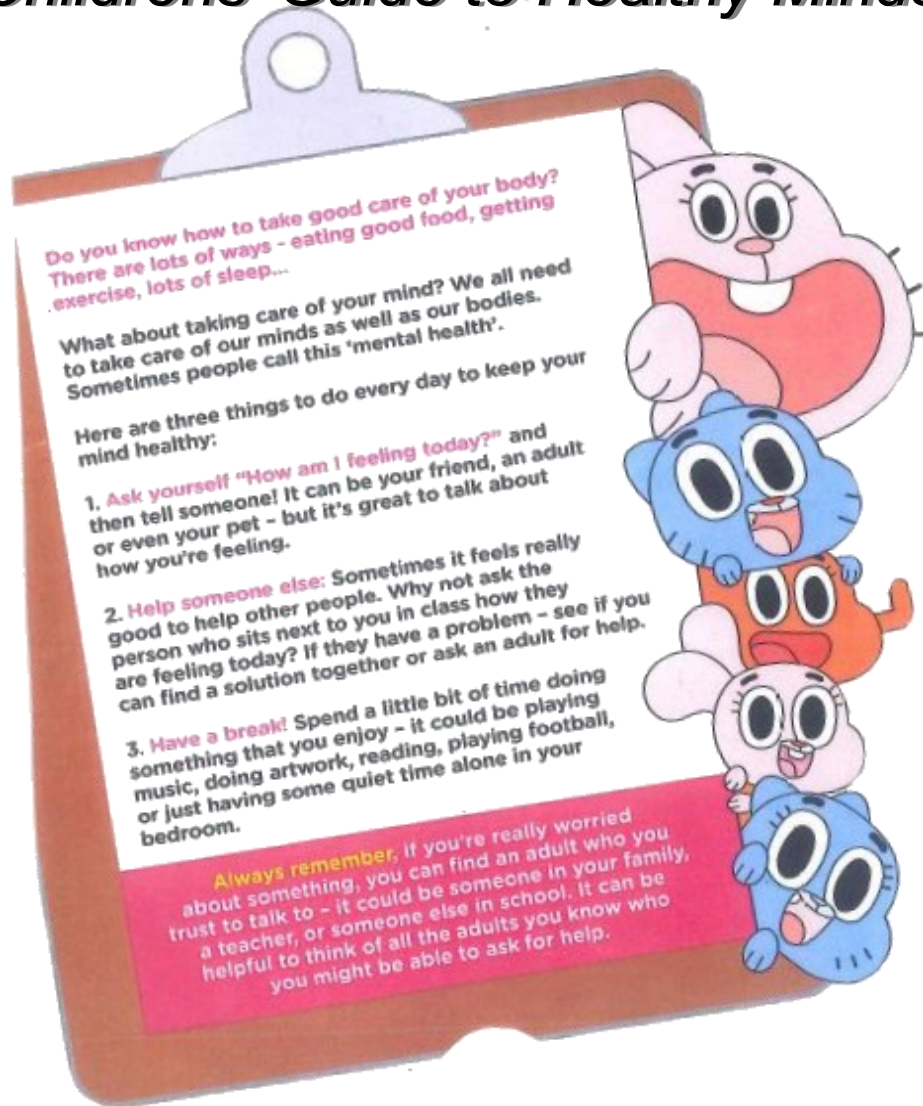
We look forward to positive outcomes on results day on **Thursday 25th August 2016**. Year 11 students to arrive at 9.00am. Year 10 students to arrive at 10.00am. If you are unable to collect your results please contact Mrs D Thomas (01495 354646) to discuss alternative arrangements.

## 5KM Sponsored Walk

On Wednesday 15 June the KS3 students and staff from the Learning Resource Base (LRB) took part in a 5km sponsored walk, around Bryn Bach Park in Tredegar to raise money for Ty Hafan children's charity. In preparation for this challenge the students have worked really hard in training for this event, by walking 1.6 km every tutor time (weather permitting) for the last couple of months. The amount of preparation time the students had put in was obvious, as all students did exceptionally well by completing the 5km sponsored walk in just 60 minutes! The students are tremendously proud of raising nearly £300 for such an important and worthwhile charity. This challenge also proved to be hugely beneficial to the KS3 students in the LRB, as it has helped them to further develop their social skills. The daily exercise has also had an extremely positive influence on the physical and mental wellbeing of the students. Here are some photos of the KS3 students from the LRB taking part in their 5km sponsored walk in Bryn Bach Park, in aid of Ty Hafan children's charity. Da iawn all!



# Childrens' Guide to Healthy Minds



## Fantastic Fruit Factory



Ebbw Fawr Primary Phase has introduced a Fantastic Fruit Factory. Deftly organised and run by our tireless team of Teaching Assistants, children are able to purchase a wide range of locally supplied, fresh fruit, every day. This project aims to encourage children and staff alike to eat their 'Five a Day', instead of less healthy food choices. So far it has been a great success, with the children describing their fine, fresh fruit snacks as 'delicious!'

So come on parents, help your child make healthy food choices. Only 20p per piece of fruit.

## The Sky's the Limit for Ebbw Fawr Students!

On Friday 24th June, a group of Secondary students from Ebbw Fawr Learning Community completed a sponsored walk to the top of Pen Y Fan Mountain to raise money for the British Dyslexia Association. The group of students decided they wanted to help raise awareness of dyslexia as well as raising funds to support the charity. Ebbw Fawr has strong links with the BDA and is working towards

achieving dyslexia friendly status for the school.

The students came up with the idea to complete the walk themselves and they asked their teachers to help them organise it. One of the teachers at the school, Ms Astley, said "Every single student I teach has a positive attitude about completing activities to help others. The walk was initiated by the

students and supported by the Senior Leadership Team. We had donations from Governors and parents and one of the student's grandfathers climbed the mountain with us too!"

If you would like to help the school raise awareness of dyslexia and/or raise funds to support the BDA please contact Ms Astley on [gastley@ebbwfawr.co.uk](mailto:gastley@ebbwfawr.co.uk)



## Students EU Referendum Vote



As part of an on-going oracy project being undertaken at EFLC, students are expected to discuss and offer educated views on current affairs issues. Over the last half term students have been discussing the political issues surrounding the EU Referendum and on Thursday 23 June the students all voted in their own school referendum.

In contrast to the actual referendum results, our students voted to remain in the European Union and many students were keen to discuss their reasons why too. One student said "I think we should vote 'in' because I think remaining in the EU will mean we have more national financial security and also it will mean that more money gets distributed to valleys communities like Ebbw Vale. EU funding has helped us build our school, the college, the hospital and the railway renovations. We have been very fortunate. I want that to continue."

**The final results of the school referendum vote were 51% to remain 'in' the European Union and 49% to 'leave' the European Union.**

Students are looking forward to discussing more political and current issues during their 'oracy time' and staff are intrigued to hear the articulate and passionate opinions of our students.

## See Something - Say Something

Preparation for our new Anti-Bullying Campaign has begun with 34 Year 10 students undergoing Anti-Bullying Ambassador training.



Ambassadors will be easily recognisable around the school next year by their blue hoodies, and are looking forward to setting up their own Anti-Bullying Safe Space which will be a designated room to allow students who have any concerns, or just need a chat or advice to drop in at break time or lunch time.

Lots of exciting initiatives will start this term along with our 'See something - Say something' campaign which will involve all students across the school being aware of what bullying is and how we can support each other to stamp it out.

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## Food Safety Examination

Madison Phillips and Jordan Lewis from Year 11 GCSE Catering sat an extra qualification - "Food Safety" examination with the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and passed with flying colours. This will enable

them to seek/gain active employment in the catering industry as it is an essential qualification needed for preparing, handling and serving food. Well done!!

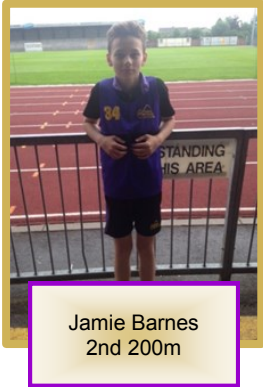
# Year 7 & 8 Record Breaking Athletics

An excellent effort from all our athletes who competed at Spytty Stadium, Newport on Tuesday 28 June in the District Minors competition. There were some fantastic performances on both the track and field with new personal bests galore! Molly Ball setting a new District Minors Record too!

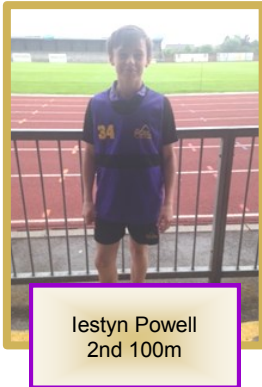
Seven students along with our Year 7 girls relay team

successfully finished in top positions to qualify for the prestigious South East Wales Minors competition on Monday 4 July.

Notable performances at the county meet were Eli finishing 3rd in the 300m and Molly Ball finishing 4th. Their motivation and efforts were exemplary – some very promising stars for the future of Ebbw Fawr Athletics.



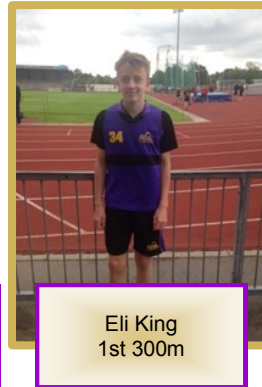
Jamie Barnes  
2nd 200m



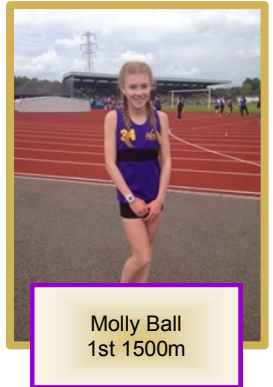
Iestyn Powell  
2nd 100m



Ebbw Fawr Year 7/8  
Athletics Team at District Minors



Eli King  
1st 300m



Molly Ball  
1st 1500m



## District:

Elle Lewis also qualified to compete in the Year 7 girls 100m, Kacey Ann Nash for the 200m and Jodie Hill for the long jump. Finally, a fantastic race from our Year 7 girls relay team also meant that they had an opportunity to compete at county level! Ardderchog i Elle Lewis, Jamie Leigh Morris, Lilly Powell and Jodie Hill.



DISTRICT QUALIFIERS  
Ebbw Fawr Year 7/8  
Athletics Team at County Minors

## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh



A group of ten Year 9 students have been working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award this year. For the award, the students have to do volunteer work, physical activity and progress in a skill over a 6 month period as well as complete an over night camping and walking expedition. Students have made a large positive impact on the community by working in local charity shops, helping coach football, supporting the elderly and collecting items for the food bank. They have learnt navigation skills, cooking skills and the importance of teamwork and I have been really impressed with

the levels of maturity, resilience and self-motivation students have shown. The pictures show two teams of students enjoying a well deserved break on their practice expedition in Talybont!

'I have really enjoyed doing Duke of Edinburgh! It's a big commitment but I'd recommend the experience to anyone!' - Matthew Bailey, a Year 9 pupil. Congratulations to all the students who have completed the award and thank you to Catherine Parker and Paul Bulpin for their support.

## Foundation Phase ICT Club

In ICT club children have been learning how to use Paint and Microsoft Word. They have been creating their own fantastic pictures and learning how to print them in colour. The children thoroughly enjoy the ICT club.

In the club there are four students from Year 1 and 2 who set the laptops up ready for the other children to use. These children also support the younger students by showing them how to turn the laptop on and type in the username and password! They are fantastic! There is always super behaviour, manners and fun work completed in ICT club!

# Ebbw Fawr Rounders Summer 2016



Year 7 & 8 Rounders Team have been relentless in their efforts against Abertillery at home and away fixtures this season. All students have developed tactically in both the batting and fielding areas of play. They are definitely starting to show better placement of the ball into spaces when batting as well as more consistent hitting. As fielders they are using the correct barriers and passing the ball more accurately to the post players. The main emphasis this season has been on developing team work and communication. This is an area that the girls have really encapsulated – their reassuring words of encouragement and motivation towards each other as well as their enthusiasm to perform well as a team has been exceptional. Da iawn ferched!

## Cwricwlwm Cymreig

Local trips and visits from members of the local community, play a big part in the Cwricwlwm Cymreig aspect of the curriculum and help students to understand their locality.

Here are a few of this year's highlights from the Primary Phase:

Year 6 have performed in the Beaufort Ballroom and have watched performances by the Abertawe drama society. They have also had the chance to work with the engineering and construction company Leadbitter at the Eden Centre in Aberbeeg.

Year 3 and 4 have had visits from a local nurse and a local pilot during their '999 Emergency' and 'Flight Engineers' topics.

Every year group has had the opportunity to visit Central Valley to engage in activities linked to Science or Knowledge and Understanding of the World topics.

## Live your Goals

On Monday 13 June 26, Year 3 and 4 girls were invited, along with 5 other schools, to the Newport International Sports Village for a girls only football festival. This superb event was organised by Fifa to encourage girls to play football. Along with girls who already play football came others who don't play at all!

The morning saw us complete a variety of fun football activities with children learning to dribble and shoot goals including trying to hit some targets! After a short lunch break we then had the chance to play a few games in small groups! Our girls were very successful and they all returned with a medal and a pink t-shirt.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Norman Parselle for organising such a fabulous event.

Everyone left with a smile on their faces and congratulated the girls on their wonderful behaviour. It was a real pleasure to take them out and about! We were even complimented on how smart they looked as they all turned out in their school PE kit so a big thank you to both parents and students. Another thank you goes to Mrs Whitcombe for organising it for us and Miss Davies and Mrs Winton for coming along and supporting me!

Mrs Arthur

## Team BG Rugby Squad

Congratulations to the following Year 9 students selected for the Blaenau Gwent Squad:

### BG Squad

Jack Ewers  
Jack Cunningham  
Spencer O'Connell  
Darryl Moore  
George Stoddart  
Luke Lewis  
Callum Weaver

### Development Squad

Dylan Price  
Kian Layland  
Ryan Franklin  
Josh Jukes



# Year 7 Tag Rugby

Ebbw Fawr girls have experienced a successful summer of tag rugby in conjunction with Jesters girls' rugby team. They have competed in a number of festivals against a range of local comprehensive schools, including Newbridge, Brynmawr and Hoel Ddu. Our students demonstrated excellent skill development and team work throughout. Da iawn merched!



# English Department Trip to see Of Mice and Men

On Thursday 5 May the English department took a trip to see *Of Mice and Men* at the New Theatre in Cardiff. It was an excellent opportunity for our students to see one of the GCSE texts brought to life on stage. Here's what one of our students had to say:

"Recently a small group of year 10 and year 9 students, accompanied by Miss Webley, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Jones, went on a studios, but enjoyable trip to see *Of Mice and Men*.

We caught the 11:35am train down, an exciting and new experience for some, and had enough time to get some dinner and eat on the grass outside

Cardiff Castle.

When we got to the theatre we were all amazed with the incredibly structure and design of the theatre, and we were delighted with our seats, being situated in the front row of the upper circle, meaning we had a wonderful view of the show.

The performance itself was fantastic; the actors played their parts flawlessly, and the storyline had us all engrossed. We all deeply enjoyed the performance and think this experience has helped us understand what life was like during the Great Depression, and how certain characters are

portrayed in *Of Mice and Men*. Despite having read and studied John Steinbeck's book in class, we believe that witnessing the theatre performance has given us the foundations and knowledge to understand Steinbeck's writing from a completely different perspective, and recognise the concepts behind *Of Mice and Men*

This was an exciting, enjoyable and valuable experience for everyone, and we are all extremely grateful to Miss Webley for organising and taking us on a brilliant school trip. Thank you Miss Webley!"

*By Sophie Webb*

# Twitter - Primary Phase



Ebbw Fawr Learning Community Primary Phase has now launched Twitter. Twitter has been fantastic for sharing some of the amazing activities that our students take part in. We have also been able to Tweet about some of the amazing achievements of our students outside school. You can follow us @EFLC\_Primary for news, photos and updates. If any parents would like any help or support in setting up a Twitter account, please ask and I would be delighted to help.

*Mr Vaughan*

# Noah's Ark Zoo Farm

From the 14th to the 16th June, students from the Foundation Phase visited Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, near Bristol. The children (and staff) enjoyed looking at a huge range of animals in a delightful setting, from little chicks to tall giraffes. They held, stroked, watched and learned about all sorts of creatures and were able to let off steam in the play areas, after such a busy year, learning lots. Some intrepid folk even ventured into the magnificent maze too - yikes. The weather was kind to us and everyone had an amazing time.



## Magic Mondays

Following very successful open evenings and a disco in October for the Year 6 students across Ebbw Vale and the surrounding area, we welcomed them once again to the Magic Monday experiences. Year 7 students wrote letters welcoming the year 6 students to the school and informed them of the myths that they may have heard which were included in a pack for each pupil.

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and other year group ambassadors welcomed the children to the school as the buses arrived. Pupils experienced sessions in PE, Art, DT, Welsh, French and Science during the 3 Magic Mondays meeting a variety of staff members.

On the final magic Monday the students entered the school hall to be issued with different coloured certificates indicating the form group name for the forthcoming year. The Ambassadors then lead the students in their actual forms to their first lesson. After lunch the students met some of their actual Form Tutors, before moving quickly to their final lesson and the end of the Magic Monday Sessions.

We now look forward to the final transition day on 7<sup>th</sup> July and the open evening for parents. Thank you to all Ebbw Fawr students and staff at the Secondary Phase and to the students in year 6 for such a fantastic transition experience.

## My Brand New School

Ebbw Fawr Learning Community is AWESOME! We have had 3 transition days so far and they have all been great. The lessons I have had so far are French, D.T, Welsh, P.S.E, English and Art. In the French lesson I learnt how to spell my name Emmerennnah = Menna I also learnt how to say bonjour je m'appelle Menna = hello my name is Menna. In D.T we made dogs and it moved.

In our welsh lesson we learnt what colours were in welsh e.g Pink = pinc, Black = du, Red = coch, Blue = glas.

Eventually we did P.C.E I was so excited when we were having this lesson. We do P.S.E every time we go up the Secondary we did the super hero lesson where you had to write what your super hero you would be and what powers it has. The third time we had it we had to write about our self so Mr Keogh knew all about us. Then sadly we did Art with Mrs KeohanE and I dreaded that lesson because I don't like Art one bit. In the first Art lesson we had we made name tags out of shapes. The second lesson we had was with Miss Slater and we made monsters with all different objects on it.

In Ebbw Fawr I made lots of funny and lovely friends I like the teachers there because they are up for a laugh and a joke. I can't wait to go up to the Secondary in September Ebbw Fawr here I come.

*Menna Owen - Year 6*

Thank you McCarthy's Hair Salon, Barnets and Love's all in Ebbw Vale for donating prizes for our fete raffle as part of our community links.

## Super Curriculum Lessons!

KS3 students in the Learning Resource Base (LRB) have been enjoying their latest super curriculum lessons! Students have recently been exploring the theme of Super Heroes.

They begun by exploring the different characteristics of their favourite Super Heroes (Batman, Superman, Ironman, Supergirl) and Super Villains (The Joker, Bane, Lex Luthor, Dr. Octopus) with a view to developing their knowledge and understanding of why people all over the world enjoy films and comics about Super Heroes so much!

The students followed this up by studying the work of some real life cartoonists and their comic book creations. They looked at famous works by Walt Disney (creator of Mickey Mouse) and Stan Lee (creator of SpiderMan) with a view to completing their very own comic books, based on Super Heroes of their own creation!

After completing their very own Super Hero comic books, the students then used their presenting skills they have been working hard on this year to present their finished products to the rest of their class. The KS3 students of the LRB have thoroughly enjoyed these curriculum lessons, which has been evident in the enthusiasm they have shown throughout, and can be seen in the fantastic work they have all produced.





# SWEET



KS4 students in the Learning Resource Base (LRB) have been hard at work in their efforts to achieve their BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Personal & Social Development (PSD).

This is part of their Sweet (Succeeding with Education Employment and Training) qualification, which sees the students working on topics such as, Personal Identity, Managing Relationships, Healthy Living, Moving Forward, Money Matters, Enterprise and Employability, Global Citizenship, and Community.

Most recently the students have been focusing on 'Preparation for Work' and 'Skills for Employment'. This has involved the students performing research on what is meant by the terms 'Qualities', 'Attitude', and 'Skills

employers want or need'. They have researched the local job market, finding a selection of jobs they feel would be best suited to them. They have then successfully composed their CVs. After researching possible interview questions and how best to answer them, the students then took part in a mock interview (for the role of a supermarket cashier). The KS4 students have been studying this Unit in an effort to recognise and develop the skills they will need to reach their full potential, by looking at the skills, qualities and attitudes they will need to achieve their career goals.



## Language & Cultural Awareness Trip - Paris

The Welsh and French Departments took a joint Language and Cultural awareness trip to Paris. In total, 68 students celebrated Saint David's Day at Euro Disney and the trip was enjoyed by all. A year 10 pupil has written of her experiences of the trip.

Trip to Paris:

On the day we were due to leave for the Paris trip there was a real buzz around the school - everyone was really excited. We caught the bus at midnight armed with a huge stash of junk food and got suitably hyper during the journey which was particularly pleasing to our tired teachers! We arrived at Dover and waited impatiently to board the ferry. The crossing was not for the faint-hearted! Our first stop on the other side of the Channel was at a chocolate factory. It was really interesting seeing the various tasty treats being made and we even got to sample some



of it! We then stopped off in Boulogne-Sur-Mer for sightseeing and some lunch before arriving at our hotel and enjoying a delicious dinner and a (relatively) early night. We were up early to start making our way over to Disneyland Paris. The excitement level by this point had reached fever pitch! Our first stop was to the Disney shop where a group of us bought some Minnie Mouse ears to get into the Disney spirit! We went on as

many rides as we could, my favourite being the formidable Space Mountain. We left the park for some dinner in central Paris before returning to the park for the mesmerising firework display which I will never forget! That night we slept well after what had been a jam packed day of fun. We were up early on the Sunday morning ready for our journey home which seemed to last a lifetime! A fantastic time was had by all and we felt very lucky to have had the opportunity - thank you EFLC!!



## Disability British Junior Championship

Year 8 student Amelia May Elliot, best known as Millie, on 10th April went with the Welsh Athletics Disability Academy for a seven day intensive training camp in Portugal for the second consecutive year. She had additional expert training in her main event the discus and also this year the shot-putt. All this on top of stamina training to prepare her for the upcoming competitions this spring / summer. She is looking forward to her first international competition of the year in Warwick. Well done Millie you continue to do us proud!

# Llangrannog



Mr McLean and Miss Roberts went to Llangrannog with Year 7 in February. Everybody enjoyed activities such as climbing wall, high ropes, skiing, archery and more. All the students were a credit to the school.

Chloe Bennett said:

I enjoyed Llangrannog because it was lots to do and fun to be with my friends. My favourite activity was horse riding as we got to care for and ride the horses. I also liked skiing, I was scared at first but I had a good time at the end. My friend Eleanor liked it to. We also went for a walk down to the beach. In my opinion, Llangrannog is a beautiful place to spend your weekend.

*Mwynheuais I Langrannog achos roedd llawer i wneud ac yn hwyl i fod gyda frindiau. Fy hoff weithgaredd oedd marchogaeth ceffylau wrth i ni gofalu a*

*reidio'r ceffylau. Hefyd, mwynheuais i sgio. Roeddwn i'n ofnus i ddechrau, ond ces i amser da yn y diwedd. Roedd fy ffrind Eleanor yn hoffi hefyd. Aethon ni am dro i lawr i'r traeth. Yn fy marn i, mae Llangrannog yn lle hardd i dreulio eich penwythnos.*

Eleanor James said:

I enjoyed Llangrannog because I was busy busy busy! My friend, Chloe agrees with me. Llangrannog was very pretty. I enjoyed all the activities.

Dw i wedi mwynhau Llangrannog achos roeddwn i'n brysur brysur brysur! Mae fy ffrind Chloe yn cytuno gyda fi. Roedd Llangrannog yn bert iawn. Mwynheuais i'r gweithgareddau i gyd.



**Congratulations!!**



Year 7 investigated the wonders of the universe & space travel during Science lessons—congratulations to Madison Lewis (7RJ) on a fantastic Project!

## KS2 Summer Production "Go for Gold"

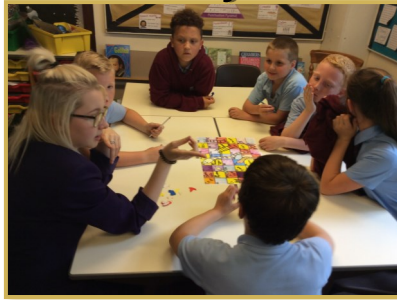
The students in KS2 have been working hard this term practicing for the summer production 'Go for Gold'. The chorus have learnt all of the very catchy songs whilst members of Year 5 and 6 have taken the lead roles. The play starts in the modern day and looks back to the start of the Olympic Games. It explores the idea that taking part is what counts, not necessarily winning. The students have attacked it with great enthusiasm and confidence. Ardderchog!

We hope everyone who watched it enjoyed it!



# Welsh Bacallaureate Community Challenge

## Ein Sialens Cymuned Bacallaureate Cymraeg ni



For our Welsh Bacallaureate Community Challenge we travelled to Beaufort Hill Primary School to teach the Welsh language to Years 4 and 5. As in “we”, I mean Abby Smith-Brown, Kianna Jones, Holly Lewis, Callie Rankine, Kaitlin Lewis, Mollie Price and Ben Pinch. We planned a two hour lesson for year 4 and 5 including games like “Monopoly” and “Snakes and Ladders”,

PowerPoint presentations, word searches, translations tasks and lots more. We got the children to repeat Welsh words after us, where they shouted, whispered, and said the words in funny voices! They believe they improved their knowledge of the Welsh language, and they also said they enjoyed it; we enjoyed it too!

## Anti-Smoking Ambassadors



Congratulations to the Year 8 students who became Anti-Smoking Ambassadors. These students will now to discourage other students from smoking.

## Visits to Central Valley

This term classes in the Primary Phase have enjoyed trips to central valley to explore the wildlife and environment. Working closely with Rebecca Ward from Gwent Wildlife Trust they have worked in groups to identify pond life, native flowers, bees and mini-beasts in the local environment. The children are looking forward to more visits to explore the wildlife and changes in the environment at different times of the year.



## Mini Beasts!

On Thursday 16 June, the Nursery provided the Foundation Phase and parents with an entertaining assembly about mini beasts. The children spoke well about the topic they had been studying this term and they accompanied information with a range of lively songs.

After the assembly, parents were invited to remain and help their children to complete craft tasks, making ladybirds and other insects. The morning was very successful, with both parents and children enjoying the opportunity to work together as a group.



## PSHE



On Tuesday 5th July Chris Smeed and his anti-drugs school tour performed to Year 7, 8 and 9. Chris mixed his music with messages about how bad cigarettes, alcohol and drugs are for you. The feedback from both students and staff was really positive.

## Goodbye & Good Luck

Every year sees a number of staff leave, often to go to promotions or perhaps take early retirement, and this year has been no exception. Amongst those leaving this year we are some long serving and valued colleagues, some of whom you may know well. Special wishes for their future go to Georgina Davidson, Mark Harris, Carl McLean, Sonia Powell, Catherine Hart, Catrin Roberts and Robert Edwards.

They have provided an excellent service to the school over the many years they have worked with us and I know you will join me in wishing them every success for their future.

# Year 11 Prom

Year 11 enjoyed a wonderful night at their Prom in the Maes Manor Hotel on Wednesday 29th June. The students looked fabulous, were excellent ambassadors to the school and a credit to their families and friends. On behalf of Ebbw Fawr Learning Community we wish you the very best of luck and success for your futures. (Professional photographs will soon be available to purchase from [www.philippsfotos.com](http://www.philippsfotos.com)).

Maes Manor said: I would also like to thank you and the students of the school for firstly choosing the Maes Manor and secondly for the children's behaviour on the evening, they represented Ebbw Fawr Learning Community very well.

