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Our Newsletter

Summer Term 2022

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This newsletter is a celebration of the very best of what pupils and staff can achieve together. I am delighted to be able to share with the wider school community an insight into the rich variety of activities which our children experience at Pontarddulais Comprehensive School.

Sports day, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, expressive arts concerts and school visits, amongst other enriching activities, have been enjoyed by pupils over the last few weeks, some of which are featured in this newsletter.

We are extremely fortunate to have so many committed and talented pupils who continue to achieve remarkable things that are showcased in this newsletter. Please check the school's website and Twitter accounts to keep abreast of up to the minute news regarding the ever-growing array of opportunities that will continue into the new academic year.

I hope you are all able to enjoy the summer holidays and that the fine weather continues. Looking ahead to next term, I wish to send a warm welcome to our new year 7 pupils. We look forward to welcoming back all pupils on Tuesday 6th September.

Best wishes,



Gareth Rees
Headteacher

Humanities

This year has seen the Humanities Department trialling a new approach to homework; Gwaith Cartref i Bawb. This approach is done entirely online and is independently completed by the pupils in 3 stages: research, planning and construction.

The topic this year was Humanities buildings and the work produced by pupils has been of an exceptional standard! The detail in their research and effort put into their models on buildings from Egypt's pyramids, to Medieval castles and everything in between is outstanding and we couldn't be more proud of what they have produced. Some impressive examples are shown below using everything from craft materials, to cake, to Minecraft software. We are looking forward to planning our next project and can't wait to see what they come up with next.



Hot Chocolate Award Winners—Summer Term

Evan Richards



Mali Thomas



Owen Lock



Tobias Bond



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Liam Badger



Madison Palmer



April Daley



Ben Richards



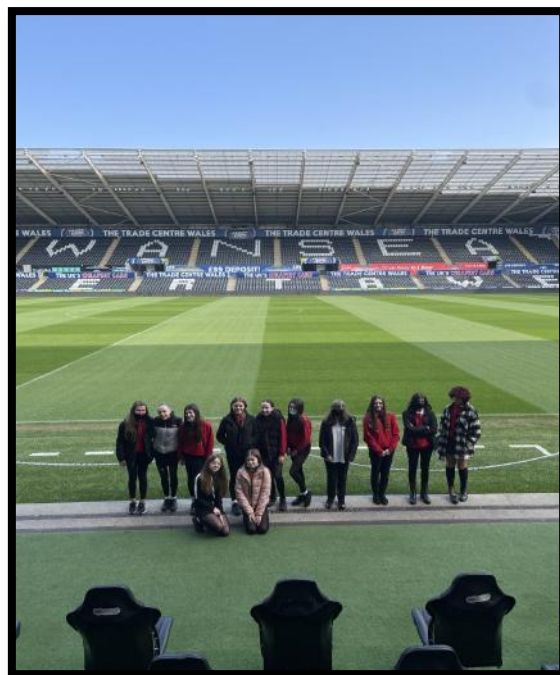
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Premier League Inspires

Year 9 pupils represented Swansea City FC at the Premier League Inspires day held at Vicarage Road. Pupils developed their social action project to help make the Swans a more sustainable club.

Phoebe Ible was recognised for her contribution throughout the wellbeing workshops with the Swans Foundation! Well done Phoebe and all other participants who visited the Swansea.com stadium!



Drama



Well done to the BTEC Performing Arts group who created and performed their own play 'Whose Fault Was It?'



It is the first time the group had performed in front of a live audience due to COVID 19.





The learners have been addressing the Devised Theatre Unit (Devising is a group collaboration in response to a stimulus leading to the creation of an original performance) and looking at the remarkable story of the Titanic. They have used a drama skill known as Documentary Theatre, and have utilised real life reports and newspaper articles as a primary source for exploring this true event and who could be held responsible for the tragedy. Well done for all their hard efforts, keep it up!



Duke of Edinburgh

Our year 11's have worked hard this year to complete their 3 sections to gain the Certificate of Achievement. They came back after their exams to train and prepare for the final expedition. On a hot Friday morning they set off from Kittle and made their way to Nicholaston Farm where they camped for the night. A lovely evening was spent on the beach chilling around a campfire toasting marshmallows and chatting. It was lovely to see them interacting and was one of their highlights of the weekend, when asked.



Day two, and they were up early, cooked breakfast, broke camp and were on their way by 9am. Despite the heat, spirits remained high and all completed the second day. I am pleased to say they all passed their expedition section and we look forward to presenting them with their Bronze Awards in the Autumn.





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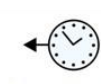
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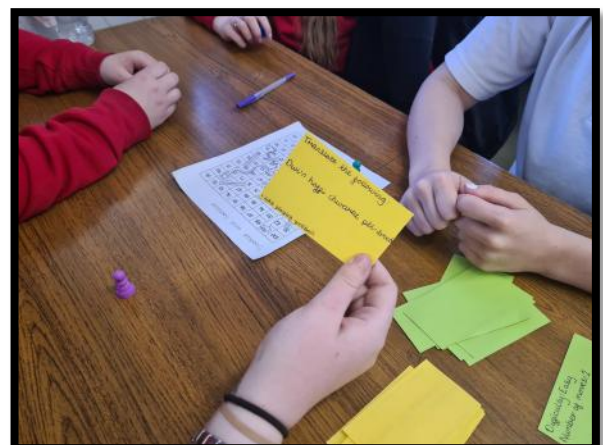
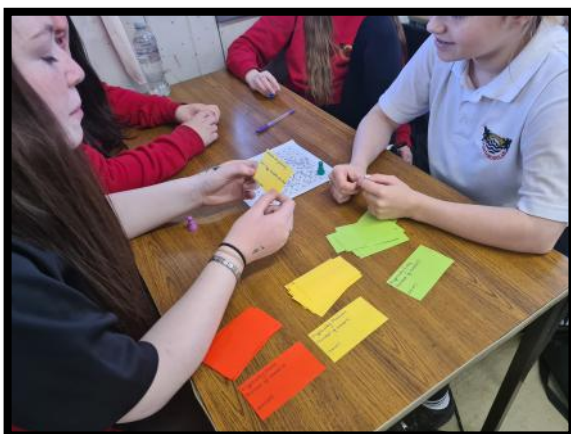
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MFL

Year 8 pupils designed and created language games for their Gwaith Cartref i Bawb homework project.

The games included multi-lingual Pictionary, bingo, snakes and ladders and face splatt!



PE

Well done to the pupils who took part in the year 7/ 8 girls rugby festival and Ospreys Six Nations rugby day. We are immensely proud of our year 8 girls at their first contact rugby festival. A brilliant day out for our pupils along with our STF at the Ospreys Six Nations rugby day! Pupils thoroughly enjoyed!



Congratulations to our year 7/8 boys who both won their Swansea Schools rugby Bowl finals! We are really proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing them develop further next year!



Well done to year 10 girls, Elin Thomas, Honey Watts and Bethan Morgan, who played for Swansea School Girls in the U15 Welsh School Finals against Cardiff and Vale. Unfortunately the girls had to settle for runners up, however they played brilliantly and we are incredibly proud of them!

Sports Day Results

Congratulations to the champions of sports day and well done to all those pupils who participated in a hugely successful day.

Year 7 Girls

100m 1st Naomi Brown 14.4
200m 1st Katelyn Finn 32.15
300m 1st Gracie Hicks 52.52
400m 1st Amelie Bennett 1.19.09
Discus 1st Amalie Bennett 14.92
Shot Put 1st Cassy Edwards 6.49
Javelin 1st Emily Lucas 12.3
High Jump 1st Naomi Brown 1.15
Long Jump 1st Erzabet Vigarío 3.8
Relay 1st 7P 1.04.87 seconds

Year 7 Boys

100m 1st Jaden Hill 14.85
200m 1st Charlie Bonham 30.03
300m 1st Elliott Green 50.46
400m 1st Bodie Madden 1.01.23
Discus 1st Mason Crowmwell 15.38
Shot Put 1st Harlow Chukwange 6.74
Javelin 1st Jaden Hill 18.2
High Jump 1st Matthew Appleby Jones 1.2
Long Jump 1st Charlie Bonham 3.9
Triple Jump 1st Cai Ryall-Lamb 7.4
Relay 1st 7O 1.03.68

Year 8 Girls

100m 1st Molly Thomas 14.82
200m 1st 1 Aiyanna Palmer 32.34
300m 1st 1 Marley King 53
400m 1st 1 Holly John 1.17.13
Discus 1st 1 Tilly Howells 14.56
Shot Put 1st 1 Marley King 8.41
Javelin 1st 1 Sophia Jermin 13.1
High Jump 1st 1 Aiyana Palmer O 1.2
Long Jump 1st 1 Alexia Pope 3.6
Relay 1st 1 8N 1.05.86

Year 8 Boys

100m 1st Matthew Hines 13.29
200m 1st Luke Morris 30.6
300m 1st Evan Richards 47.09
400m 1st Harry Davies 1.03.92
Discus 1st Ronan Hire 19.25
Shot Put 1st Matthew Hines 7.71
Javelin 1st Ethan Gourley 16.6
High Jump 1st Harrison Smith 1.3
Long Jump 1st Matthews Hines 4.58
Triple Jump 1st Louis Clarke 9.6
Relay 1st 8N 56.88

Year 9 Girls

100m 1st 1 Ffion Edgell 13.85
200m 1st 1 Chloe Hall 29.86
300m 1st 1 Ava Edwards 52.85
400m 1st 1 Naomi Finn 1.11.23
Discus 1st 1 Ffion Edgell 13.21
Shot Put 1st 1 Mali Thomas 5.96
Javelin 1st 1 Chloe Hall 15.9
High Jump 1st 1 Tina Adams 1.25
Long Jump 1st 1 Phoebe Ible 4.1
Relay 1st 1 9O 1.01.60

Year 9 Boys

100m 1st Jack Smith I 12.35
200m 1st Iwan Lloyd O 27.09
300m 1st Ellis Richards A 48.01
400m 1st Tyler Evans I 1.01.49
Discus 1st Jayden Woods T 18.95
Shot Put 1st Elliot Evans I 10.75
Javelin 1st Will Lewis N 17.7
High Jump 1st Jamal Williams I 1.45
Long Jump 1st Leo Bonham P 4.9
Triple Jump 1st Daniel Lake I 9.93
Relay 1st 9I 53.7

GCSE PE results

100m 1st Bethan Morgan
200m 1st Bethan Morgan
300m 1st Ruby Edwards
800m 1st Chloe Joe-Sparks
Discus 1st Lila Hemmingway
Shot Put 1st Chloe Joe-Sparks
Javelin 1st Chloe Joe-Sparks
High Jump 1st Ruby Edwards
Long Jump 1st Miriam Brown

GCSE PE results

100m 1st DJ Charlsworth
200m 1st Thomas Rees
300m 1st Nathan Rowe
800m 1st Evan Davies
Discus 1st Harri Evans
Shot Put 1st Callum Lloyd
Javelin 1st Jacob Williams
High Jump 1st Steffan Phillips
Long Jump 1st Josh Joda
Triple Jump 1st Steffan Phillips

PE

At Pontarddulais we organise and host all the county rounders tournaments for all of Neath and Port Talbot and Swansea comprehensive schools.



Year 10 rounders squad represented the school in the County tournament and came third.

The Year 7 and Year 9 cricket teams attended the West Glamorgan schools' cricket festival held at Gowerton cricket club. Both teams managed victories over Gowerton comprehensive school to progress to the knockout matches vs Gwyr, and with it a chance to progress to the regional finals day. Both teams competed admirably against very strong opposition but unfortunately came up just short.



Year 9 rounders squad represented the school in the County Tournament and came second. Year 8 also participated in the county rounders tournament and all year groups 7-10, were unbeaten in the matches played against the Swansea schools' this season.



Congratulations to Rebecca Pratt, who came third in the welsh schools athletics competition with a bronze medal, and also first place in the Swansea schools' athletics competition.



PE

A massive congratulations to Harry Newton who is number one in Wales for pole vaulting U17s and recently obtained his Welsh vest in Ireland. Harry also came first in the Swansea schools athletics competition.



Natalie Coughlan won the Swansea schools' athletics in steeplechase and went on to receive a bronze medal in the Welsh schools' athletics competition in Cardiff.

Miriam Brown also came first in the Swansea schools' athletics competition in the 200m and went on to compete in the Welsh schools' athletics competition.



Ben Richards has been selected for the FAW Wales regional development squad. The FAW scouts have watched several games this season at academy level football, so his performances have been at a consistently high level. Well done Ben!

Callum Lloyd competed in the International under 16s hockey game for Wales against Scotland.



Massive congratulations to Dewi Brown and Louie Daniel who have been selected in the Ospreys U16s West training squad.

Public Services

The Public Services classes went rock climbing at Dynamic Rock, they were all amazing! Well done. The pupils also went to Aberavon beach surfing. They loved the experience from start to finish.



Following a thoroughly enjoyable and valuable experience at Swansea Community Farm, two of our pupils are now regular volunteers outside school time.



Fundraising

Carys Williams (8P) who is a keen baker, held a Bake Sale fundraiser event at Tircoed Village Hall on Saturday 23rd April for Cancer Research UK. Over £800 was raised!

Lily Halliday, Ffion Evans and Freya Sears all helped sell the cakes on the day and made it such a success. All girls were amazing and worked really well together under pressure.



End of Year Summer Visits — Pupils having Fun!



Year 11 Prom—Good luck to all our Year 11 Pupils!





