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Ebbw Fawr Learning Community

Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to another exciting edition of our newsletter. As usual we have had a very busy term with a remarkable range of achievements and activities in a relatively short period of time. One of the main events was our school Eisteddfod. This was an enjoyable day in both phases and we would like to thank all competitors and staff for their contributions and assistance.

We also had an excellent first parent forum meeting on Wednesday 2nd April, we hope to develop this and the PTFA over the next months.

We do not normally highlight the achievements of students in the introductions but we must add our congratulations to a couple of our sports teams. Firstly well done to our U15 girls trampolining team who finished in 3rd place in the finals of the British Schools

Championships and to our U16 rugby team who have progressed to the final of the Welsh Schools Cup against Whitchurch High School on Wednesday 9th April. What fantastic achievements.

Finally can we wish all students, staff and parents a Happy Easter. Have a good break.

*Mr G Harkness, Mr P Collins,
Mrs C Llewellyn and Mr S Graydon*

**FUNDRAISING FOR
SPORT RELIEF**

**SPORT
RELIEF
2014**

Congratulations to students in Ebbw Fawr Learning Community who raised a staggering £2, 321.84 for Sport Relief. Well Done!

Calendar Dates



EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 14th April 2014 -
Friday 25th April 2014

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 5th May 2014

GCSE SUMMER EXAMINATIONS BEGIN
Monday 12th May 2014

YEAR 7 PARENTS' CONSULTATION
Thursday 22nd May 2014

WHITSUN HOLIDAYS
Monday 26th May 2014 -
Friday 30th May 2014

YEAR 8 PARENTS' CONSULTATION
Thursday 19th June 2014

PRIMARY PHASE INSET DAY
Friday 20th June 2014

PRIMARY PHASE PARENTS' EVENING
Monday 30th June 2014

SUMMER SHOWCASE
Wednesday 3rd July 2014

INSET DAY
Monday 21st July 2014

SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 22nd July 2014 -
Friday 29th August 2014

Talented Ebbw Fawr Teachers thanked by Students...

Over 30 members of staff of Ebbw Fawr Learning Community this week received an unexpected surprise when they received a "Thank You" card as part of the UK wide Teaching Award scheme. All the staff had been nominated in an internet poll by individual students and had no knowledge that they had been nominated.

Ebbw Fawr's Director Graeme Harkness said "This a great accolade for all of our staff, for students to make the effort to nominate so many of the staff team really indicates the talent we have here and the difference our staff are making for every student."

All 30 plus nominations now go forward for the national Teacher of The Year Awards with the national results to be announced in May.

Chair of Governors Rod Davies said "This is a tremendous achievement for our staff – to have students taking the time to write and explain why our staff go the extra mile for each and every one of them is a great reflection on our team spirit."

Congratulations to the following students who achieved a distinction in the London College of Music and Drama examinations at Preliminary level: Millie Phipps, Ffion Murray, Elise Webber and Demi Rees.



Sky Sports Living Mentor



On Tuesday 25th March the PE department had the fortune of British Olympic triple jumper Vernon Samuels visit. The purpose of the visit was to congratulate a group of Year 11 girls who took part in an after school spinning club. The project was set up to encourage those girls who don't regularly attend a club to do some regular exercise. The project proved to be such a success, with the girls even asking if the club could be ran on two evenings. I sincerely hope the girls carry on with their new found love for spinning and their much improved physical fitness levels into the future and just want to say we are very proud of them. Vernon also presented a talk about his sporting career and how he overcame difficulties to reach his potential to our more able and talented students. There was something in the talk which would have benefited all students, from the way he overcame his academic struggles to the point of representing GB in the Olympics through hard work and determination. To finish the day off, Vernon lead a group of primary and secondary students through a triple jump coaching session which went down a treat. Even though all students tried their best, I must say it was the primary students who showed much talent in this discipline and as a department we look forward to working with them when they join us next year.

Eco Committee Raises Money for Water Aid



After learning that 4000 children die every day from diarrhoeal diseases the Eco Committee have raised almost £100 in just a few short weeks for Water Aid, a charity that helps communities trapped in poverty by encouraging students to place their loose change in a bucket in room 014. They have collected buckets of pennies for buckets of clean water. The idea was also inspired by Luke Shore, a Year 9 student who complained that he had too much loose change in his pocket. Luke was happy to donate his loose change to kick start this appeal.

Parents Forum Meeting

Wednesday 2nd April saw the first Parents Forum meetings taking place on both the secondary and primary phase. We were delighted that over 60 parents attended the meetings and very productive conversations took place over a number of issues including; uniform, school dinners, website, parents evening, reports and communication.

The partnership between parents and the school is a vital one to ensure all our students achieve the best and a further meeting is scheduled for June. Confirmation will be sent closer to the date. All parent are very welcome to attend.

Blaenau Gwent Music Centre - Friday 4.45pm - 6.45pm

The Blaenau Gwent Music Centre provides students with an opportunity to join with other performers from secondary and primary schools in Blaenau Gwent who wish to further their musical skills through ensemble performance. The following secondary pupils have attended the Blaenau Gwent Music Centre this term. Tommy Haynes, Lewys Phillips, Spencer Rooke, Ricky Ward, Lewys Bruten, Katherine Bruten, Cerys Evans, Jodie Edwards, Niamh Palmer, Jordan Mills, Jack Pritchard and Morgan Jones. Congratulations on all your efforts this term.

U14s South East Wales Netball Tournament



Once again, another superb performance at the South East Wales County tournament from our Year 9 squad! After narrowly missing out on top spot in last years tournament against local rivals Abertillery, they knew that they were strong contenders. With twenty four teams in attendance from across the county, seven minutes per match in the group stages to get through – they were ready to make their mark. The girls were excited as the minibuss arrived at Blackwood. Memories of our runner up place from last year were evident. The sun had even decided to make an appearance meaning tactics had to be used when deciding for first centre or choice of shooting post!

After borrowing bibs from our hosts (after Mrs Price accidentally packed the hockey bibs) and a quick warm – up, we were ready to take the court for the group stages against St Josephs, Caldicot and Caerleon. Each game saw excellent movement in the shooting circle, from Jade and Olivia, taking their time for first time passing decisions and upping the pace of their game to break away from their opponents as we controlled each and every game. Their shooting statistics were outstanding with 15 goals in total! Kelsie and Jennah were making dynamic dodges that enabled them to lose their players; the communication in defence allowed them to intercept passes and retain possession. Defenders Keeley, Nia and Caitlin had most definitely found their stride with patient plays in centre court and their strong defensive pressure, resulting in not one



On Tuesday 11th February the Art Department extended the educational learning environment for their Art students by teaching lessons outside of the classroom. Year 9 BTEC, along with Year 11 Art and Design students had a very productive and interesting educational visit to Cardiff Museum and Art Galleries. During the visit students were provided with excellent opportunities to further enhance their research and investigative coursework studies by experiencing Works of Art first hand. Staff at the Museum commented upon how smart the students looked in their uniform and how well behaved they were. All students were excellent ambassadors for our school. Well done!

single goal being scored by our opponents! Georgia fought through an injury and worked hard to gain turnover balls and the team worked together beautifully to make sure it was converted. A big thank you to Tayla is also in order for her support and motivation throughout the tournament.

Finishing top of the group – the girls were eager get back on court. In the final stages they put on blinding performances against Abertillery, Blackwood and Gwynlyw featuring great feeds from outside the circle as well as explosive turnovers in centre court. However, it wasn't enough to take the top spot. Although once again it was excellent to see Blaenau Gwent in the forefront as Abertillery were the deserved winners. Many of these girls are in the U14 Blaenau Gwent hub and regularly train together at the new sports centre in Ebbw Vale. It is fabulous to see the skills and tactics that the girls are acquiring as they develop into very talented individuals and team players. The Blaenau Gwent squad really are a force to be reckoned with!

Maria Roszkowska - Potential Future Basketball Star!

Maria Roszkowska has the potential to be a basketball star of the future after getting talent spotted at a Street Games event. Maria was attending doorstep basketball training sessions, led by Street Games, in Blaenau Gwent.

Jade Clancy-Burgess, who has been appointed by Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisation (GAVO) as a Sport Participation Officer, funded by Sport Wales, has been working with Maria and others from a black and minority ethnic (BME) background in the area. Jade used her links to help Maria further her sporting passion of basketball and invited her along to the Community Games event organised by Street Games at the NIAC in Cardiff Met University. The event provided young people the opportunity to participate in a number of different sports and was supported by National Governing Bodies, Local



Authority Sports Development Units and local sports coaches. Jade said: "During the day, Maria was observed by a basketball coach from Cardiff University who was very impressed by her determination and ability. The coach has offered Maria a place to train with Cardiff Met Ladies and eventually be part of the team."

Two months on, Maria is enjoying her training, improving her skills and developing her confidence by travelling and socialising in the Welsh Capital. Paul Roberts from Street Games said: "We really just wanted to make sure loads of kids from communities all over Wales got a chance to try loads of sports. That Maria found her way into a high level club is a massive bonus, and shows what talent is often overlooked in some of our communities. Staff like Jade in Blaenau Gwent are great at getting children from different backgrounds playing sport together in a fun and informal way."

Blaenavon Table Tennis Club - Leamington Open



The boys had entered various age groups and standards, and although there were over eighty entries, we all hoped the boys from Wales would play well. Four of them are students at Ebbw Fawr Learning Community and all have been playing less than eighteen months but their dedication and hard work really showed up at the tournament as three came away with prizes. Callum Hunt (Year 7) who is the newest member of the squad, having been training only three months, played really well in only his third big tournament. Mathew Pearce (Year 8) was his usual self and fought hard to get to the final of the Under 18's, consolation class where, after being two games down, won a closely fought battle. His brother Ben Pearce (Year 8) was entered in the Under 13's, and he too had to fight all day to get to the final of the main class, where he finally won becoming the Under 13's Champion. Calum Meredith (Year 7) entered in the beginners section, which was for juniors and seniors, a very tough class. In his first match he was two games down and needed to win the next three to stay in the competition. In an impressive fightback, Calum managed to beat his opponent and with confidence growing, went on to win the

final becoming the Beginners Class Champion. Their coach Dave Allen said the boys played really well, their attitude was excellent on and off the table. He had had several comments from other coaches about their good technique and their very good manners. They are a credit to the club, parents, and their school.

STEM Day at Ebbw Fawr!

As part of National Science and Engineering Week, 70 Year 7 students took part in the school's first official STEM day on the new site. Students worked in groups and had to create a community garden for Ebbw Vale. Students developed important skills throughout the day such as team working, listening to each other's opinions and making decisions. Each member of the group was assigned a role for the day and

took responsibility for different tasks. At the end of the day, each group had to present their community garden to the other groups.



Students worked really well, were exceptionally well behaved and enjoyed the day. They also achieved a qualification called the Discovery CREST award for STEM. Students will receive certificates over the next few weeks and have a group photograph taken that will appear in the local press. Science is fun!

Fair Trade Week



Students and staff in the secondary phase have donated fair trade products for a hamper to be raffled by the Eco Committee during Fair Trade week at Ebbw Fawr Learning Community, week beginning 31st March, to raise awareness of fair trade products available and to raise money to support a local resident of Ebbw Vale, Joe Hendy a cancer sufferer who is trying to raise £20,000 for medication that is not currently available on the NHS.

Fair Trade week will begin with KS3 and KS4 assemblies on Fair Trade issues by Martha Musonza Holman from Zimbabwe on the secondary phase campus and later at the primary phase campus for their afternoon assembly.

Also planned for Fair Trade week in the secondary phase is a Fair Trade Banana Eating Competition for students and staff and a Fair Trade tuck shop in the Bistro.

Congratulations to students in Year 7 to 9 who sat their Literacy Tests on Thursday 20th March - excellent behaviour and attitude.

Year 11 GCSE Drama Exam



Tuesday 18th March proved to be a truly successful day for all of our Year 11 GCSE Drama students. They wowed AQA's external examiner Mr Ian Sarginson with their range of highly professional, wonderfully polished acting and technical performances. A number of students were awarded full marks for their work including: Daniel Woodward (Set Design), Owain Preece (Stage Management), Maia Callen-Davies (Costume Design), and Lowri Freegard, Niamh Lawless and Katherin Bruten (Acting). The focus and dedication given to their work has been reflected in the outstanding marks they have achieved. It's not over yet as the group are now preparing for their written paper. Keep up the good work Year 11 and you will be successful. Congratulations on your results to date.

Leap in Learners' Literacy



Over two hundred students across Years 7, 8 and 9 are receiving support with their literacy skills; this involves using the most up-to-date technology and web resources. We are very proud to say that recent testing has shown an increase in reading ages for many of our students in Key Stage 3. Our students have committed to attending weekly reading and synthetic phonics support sessions in order to improve their literacy skills. We are very proud of our students' maturity, dedication and commitment to the program and look forward to seeing further improvements in students' attainment in the National Reading Tests on May 9th, 2014.



Literacy Champions!

We would like to congratulate the successful students on their achievements and also to thank parents for their continued support. Regular reading at home ensures that students maintain their progress and without parental support we would not have seen these wonderful results. Finally, there are many students who have made exceptional progress, but special mention goes to Alex Field and Caitlin Callaghan – both in Year 9 - these students have been nominated as our 'Literacy Champions' because of the outstanding progress they have made this year. Alex made over four and a half years progress and Caitlin made over three years progress in reading in less than five months! Well done!

Foundation Phase have flown into space!



Students in the foundation phase have zoomed into their spring topic space. Classrooms have their own rockets and shuttles to take students on their own space adventures! Katie Penaluna Year 2 says 'I am enjoying the space project. I have learnt the first man on the moon was Neil Armstrong. I know all the planet names using a poem and I have read lots of space stories'

Swimming Gala 2014

Our first cross phase open swimming gala was held on 30th January 2014 and was a big success. Students from Year 3 to 8 took part and demonstrated some fine swimming skills. The competition was tough but the students showed good team spirit. The open competition was an opportunity for students to set our first official records which can be seen below. Congratulations to everyone who took part and we look forward to next years battle of the swimmers.

Front Crawl	
Primary	Secondary
Yr 6 Hannah Jenkins 21.55s	Yr 7 Mackenzie Morgan 35.56s
Yr 6 Jonathan Ewins 20.39s	Yr 8 Thomas Beynon 37.18s
Breast Stroke	
Yr 6 Hannah Jenkins 30.67s	Yr 7 MacKenzie Morgan 47.50s
Yr 6 Jonathan Ewins 32.55s	Yr 8 Thomas Beynon 45.02s
Back Stroke	
Yr 6 Hannah Jenkins 21.04s	Yr 7 MacKenzie Morgan 40.21s
Yr 6 James Williams 26.37s	Yr 8 Thomas Beynon 45.95s
Butterfly	
	Yr 7 Mackenzie Morgan 38.32s
	Yr 7 Kian O'Connell 38.71s
Medley	
	Yr 7 MacKenzie Morgan 1.02.27
	Yr 7 Callum Weaver 1.05.41

Festival of Music for Youth



Several musicians from the Secondary Phase took part in this year's Music for Youth in Newport Centre on Sunday 10th March 2014. Students from Ebbw Fawr Learning Community performed in the Greater Gwent Guitar Orchestra, Wind Band, Big Band and String Orchestra representing the school. The following students performed from Year 10 and 11 - Gethyn Williams and Spencer Rooke, Lewys Phillips, Niamh Palmer, Katherine Bruten, Laurie Morris and Ricky Ward. Students performing from Key Stage 3 included Tommy Haynes. Students will shortly hear if they have been chosen to perform in Symphony Hall, Birmingham on July 8th - July 12th 2014.

District & Regional Rotary Competition

On Saturday the 8th and 29th of March we hosted the prestigious Rotary District and Regional Music Competition. Vocalists and Instrumentalists from the South East regions of England and Wales performed a varied programme for a very appreciative audience. Daniel Woodward from Year 11 demonstrated his technical theatre skills, organising sound checks and stage blocking for each of the competitors. He operated sound and lighting for both competitions as a volunteer where his time and talents were very much appreciated. Ricky Ward and Laurie Morris both in Year 11 performed a selection of guitar music during the interim period, including Celtic folk tunes. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the repertoire.



Equality Act 2010

Under the above Act schools are required to have in place an Equality Policy that lists the equality objectives that we feel contribute to the welfare of the students and the schools community. Governors are considering adopting the following equality objectives and would welcome your views:

- **EQ1.** Reduce gaps in attainment between boys and girls and between other protected groups as identified in school performance data.
- **EQ2.** Reduce gaps in levels of attendance between different protected groups as identified in school attendance data.
- **EQ3.** Improve access to information and physical access to the school for students, parents and staff.
- **EQ4.** Raise awareness of equality and diversity issues amongst students, staff and governors.
- **EQ5.** Implement Welsh Government Bullying Guidance and reduce identity based bullying in schools

We would very much welcome your views on these objectives. Please let us know if you agree/disagree with the objectives chosen or would wish to see any other objective included in the Policy: Please email garkness@ebbwfawr.co.uk with any responses.

Exam Information

National Tests in Reading and Numeracy 2014

Students in Years 2-9 will be sitting the tests between 8th - 12th May 2014. No revision is needed for these tests.

GCSE Examinations

The Summer examinations will take place between Monday 12th May 2014 - Monday 20th June 2014 (inclusive) Students in Years 10 and 11 have received their provisional examination timetables. Individual timetables will follow shortly.

Oral/Moderation Examinations

GCSE Welsh Oral Examinations 4th April 2014
GCSE Yr 11 Music Exam - 8th April 2014
GCSE Yr 10 Devised Drama Exam - 8th May 2014

Basic Equipment for Examinations

It is a concern that there a many students come to their exams without **basic equipment**. Due to the large numbers of students

sitting examinations this year it would be difficult to carry spare equipment in all venues. Could I therefore request that parents/ carers ensure that students have the following equipment for this examination series:

- Black pens (more than 2)
- Pencils (more than 2)
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Compass
- Protractor
- Scientific calculator (essential for Science and Maths)
- Coloured pencils/felt tip pens (Design Technology)



Your child may not be able to complete their paper if they do not carry the necessary equipment with them and this could have a serious effect on their final grades. If you have any queries regarding examinations please contact: Mrs D Thomas, Examinations Officer.

British Schools Trampolining Competition



Four students qualified for the British Schools Trampolining Finals at Gateshead 22nd March 2014. The girls were up against some stiff competition but nothing they can't handle. Chloe Hayward did herself proud by coming 4th in the individual competition and the U15 team made it to the podium for a 3rd place finish (even with a few minor glitches)! Chloe Hayward, Shannon Walsh, Amelia Page and Rebecca Birch.

World Book Day...



On Friday 14th March, Ebbw Fawr Primary Phase was transformed. Students and staff dressed up as favourite characters from books, and lessons were filled with activities centred around the love and enjoyment of reading. 'Horrid Henry' and 'Where's Wally' joined forces with 'Little Princess' and 'Fireman Sam' to bring alive words, pictures and talking! Older children watched videos about 'Storycraft', which helped them to learn about editing their stories, making people laugh, and planting clues to create suspense in their story writing. While younger children acted out stories, made their own books, held character parades and were interviewed as visiting authors. The whole school dropped everything to stop for a read at 10.15 - what a fab half hour! Every class took part in a 'Design a Bookmark' competition, and we even chose the best dressed character - but this was such a difficult task - as everyone looked so fantastic! Each class winner received a book as a prize. The whole day was a fantastic and enjoyable event - demonstrating that reading for pleasure is still the best way to engage everyone's imagination - and have fun too! On the Secondary Phase students and staff took part in a "Book Swap Shop" in room 014 on March 6th to coincide with World Book Day, where in the spirit of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle both students and staff were able to swap their old books for ones they have not yet read

Educational Trip to Paris



During the weekend of 7th - 9th of March 2014, the Welsh and French Departments ran an educational trip to celebrate the life of Saint David during Disney's St David's Day Festival. The weekend was a huge success and the students from Years 9, 10 and 11 who are all studying a language at Ebbw Fawr thoroughly enjoyed the trip. It was MEGA!! The students particularly enjoyed the Disney experience especially Space Mountain, Thunder Mountain and much more. Mr Mclean took particular pride in beating all the staff's scores in the Buzz Lightyear Toy Story ride. MEGA!!

Tammy Jones, (Blwyddyn 11) said:

"It was an amazing experience and it was lovely to see the Welsh culture being celebrated in a different Country"

Eisteddfod 2014



Wednesday the 5th of March, every student from Years 6, 7, 8 and 9 watched a showcase of the amazing talent that Ebbw Fawr has to offer. With help from the Music, Drama, PE and Welsh Departments, students demonstrated amazing competencies in various skills including singing, acting, dancing and Welsh reciting. Also, it was a great opportunity to welcome Year 6 Ebbw Fawr students who joined in with the Year 7 performance. The day was a huge success and an excellent opportunity to focus on celebrating the life of our Patron Saint – Dewi Sant (Saint David). A huge Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations to all who took part on the day.

Daniel Rees (Blwyddyn 8) said:

"It was great to go to the Eisteddfod and I really enjoyed all the acts"



Llangrannog



Mr Mclean (Subject Leader for Welsh), Mrs Barrett (Leader of Care and Guidance for Year 7) and Miss Evans (Welsh Department) took approximately 40 Year 7 students to Llangrannog, West Wales for a Welsh awareness and activity residential weekend course. The students really enjoyed the weekend and many made new friends from inside and outside the Ebbw Fawr campus. The activities included horse-riding, high ropes course, skiing, wet tobogganing, go-carting, archery and many more. The students also participated in activities at night to enhance their Welsh language skills. The Year 7 students were accompanied by 8 SWOGS (Swyddogion – or officials) who helped make the weekend run as smooth as possible. A huge DIOLCH YN FAWR to them for all of their help. Sunday, we all strolled down to the beach before coming home. A great time was had by all! Cafwyd amser gwych gan bawb!!

Rhys Moylon (Blwyddyn 7)

"It was a good experience with loads of fun activities to do. I spoke some Welsh during the weekend when ordering my food"



Lauren Strout (Blwyddyn 7)

"It was fun and I would really like to go again. It was great to hear everyone speaking Welsh"

Catherine Lynch (Blwyddyn 11)

"The weekend was an amazing opportunity to hear the Welsh language being so prominent in people's lives and being a SWOG taught me some important life skills like being a more responsible adult"

Sport Relief



All students in the Primary Phase recently joined students from Pen -Y-Cwm Special School to take part in a range of activities on Sports Relief Day. Every class from Nursery to Year 6 followed a mile walk around the school grounds dressed either in Sports Kit or Fancy Dress. All students and

staff encouraged each other to complete the course despite some inclement weather, resulting in an extremely impressive £1779.49 being raised for charity.



Year 7 South East Wales Netball Tournament

It was yet another outstanding performance from the Year 7 netball squad. The girls were a bit apprehensive but extremely excited for the major tournament. The team knew they had four good opposing teams they needed to try and beat; one of those, the home team, Croesyceiliog. We had never played any of the teams we were opposing, so we watched what we were up against as the teams warmed up. The tournament that we were attending was a South East Wales League netball tournament, so we wanted to make a good impression. The weather was on our side and we were ready! With around twenty one teams attending, we knew that this tournament was important. Each game was only seven minutes long so we made sure our tactics were ready to implement in our matches.

Our first game was against St. Alban's. Using our centre pass tactic, with a quick pace - our first goal was scored convincingly by both Robyn Jones and Ffion O'Callaghan. The girls remained composed and on St. Alban's centre pass with Ffion Witcomb and Sophie Hall in defence we soon turned over the ball and took the advantage in our stride to score another goal. Our defence made it difficult for the oppositions to score. Working together Robyn and Ffion got another goal in to finish the first game 3-0. This victory gave us confidence and we knew we could do the same in our next matches. Saffir Thomas (vice-captain) played extremely well



and was awarded player of the match. Whilst Abbey Wyatt did was tight in defence and made sure no goals went in. Our next opponents were Caldicot. After losing the toss, we chose to shoot out of the sun giving us the advantage when scoring. The girls were more confident than ever after achieving the win of our previous game. Allarna Preece caused trouble for the opposing team with accurate passes being released. The girls found space and used persuasive passes which got us 1-0 up. Rhianne Hillier released the ball with excellent ease and defended very well. We kept calm and used our tactics however Caldicot team slipped through our defence and achieved an excellent goal to make both teams tied. We all kept calm, reassured each other and soon put another goal in the hoop which made the final score 2-1 to Ebbw Fawr. Once again, Saffir played excellent and was awarded player of the match. Our next match was against the home team Croesyceiliog. The girls were not as confident as the two previous matches and struggled to get the ball into our scoring third. Abbey Wyatt remained strong at the backline. The final score ended at 2-0 to Croesyceiliog. The opposing team had chosen Rhian Wyatt (captain) player of the match as she played excellent.

Our final match saw us play against Lliswerry. As the girls took to the court, they took control of the game quickly commanding a lead with tremendous shooting from Beth Gratton and Ffion O'Callaghan. We were back on track after our defeat in the previous match. The girls did several memorable moments adopting patience to work the ball past Lliswerry's defence before seizing the opportunity to feed into the shooters, who shot easily. Beth and Ffion continued to work well together in the circle and slotted in another goal. The mid-court was also asserting their influence and pace. With an impressive aim the shooters shot in another goal. Our formidable defence kept preventing scoring opportunities for Lliswerry. The girls now took it up a notch, upping the tempo and pace and an exquisite fourth goal was produced. Lliswerry also upped it a notch and scored a goal, ending the game at 4-1 to us. Rhian had been awarded player of the match. The girls had delivered yet another victory for Ebbw Fawr. Ail Safle i'r merched! (Second place for the girls!)

Wythnos Gymreig - Welsh Week



During the week before Ebbw Fawr celebrated the life of Saint David by holding its annual Eisteddfod, all Key Stage 3 students (Years 7, 8 and 9) participated in a wide variety of Welsh Language activities in every area of the School's Curriculum. Students enjoyed these activities which were devised by dedicated members of each department in the school. Just look at some photos of the week which clearly shows every student enjoying their Welsh language tasks. A huge DIOLCH YN FAWR to every pupil who created fantastic WELSH work during the very first WYTHNOS GYMREIG - WELSH WEEK in our brand new Secondary Phase.

Celebrating St David's Day

On Friday 7th March the primary phase celebrated St David's Day following a well supported home school project. The students either designed or created images or models of an aspect of Wales. We also held a competition making Welsh cakes and biscuits. Within the each class the students wrote poems in Welsh and learnt Welsh songs. Take a look at the photographs.

The Year 6 students were given the opportunity to join Key Stage 3 students at their Eisteddfod in the secondary phase. Students from Key Stage 2 said that the Eisteddfod was enjoyable, exciting and showed the students enthusiasm for the Welsh language.

