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*Headteacher's
Note*

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter, Dolen. The past half term has been exceptionally busy with many activities and successes to report. You can learn more about these in this issue as well as learning about our latest Estyn inspection report.

Mid January, we received our Estyn inspection report following the inspection of our school in November. I read the report with great pride with the inspectors recognising our school's familial feeling and capturing our pupils' attitudes and character well. The report notes the strengths of our school, specifically commenting that ...

...staff and pupils at Ysgol Bro Teifi work together closely to create a familial environment and maintain an inclusive and caring ethos;

...staff know their pupils very well and ensure that everything they need in terms of care and support is available freely;

...pupils behave well in their lessons and around the school. They treat each other and staff with respect and are warm and welcoming towards visitors;



...provision for supporting pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) is a strength.

We look forward to continuing to develop our school and to working with parents, carers and the wider school community to address the recommendations in the report in order to build on the school's reputation and to ensure that our pupils have access to the very best education, through the medium of Welsh.

G Evans

 Ysgol Bro Teifi – Estyn

Appointment Times

Tuesday Morning between 8.30 and 9.00 (3 slots of 10 minutes)

Thursday Afternoon between 15:30 and 16:00 (3 slots of 10 minutes)

To arrange an appointment go to:

 <https://www.ysgolbroteifi.cymru/info/v/93-gwnewch-apwyntiad-i-siarad-gyda-r-pennaeth/>



Languages, Literacy and Communication - English

An Inspector Calls



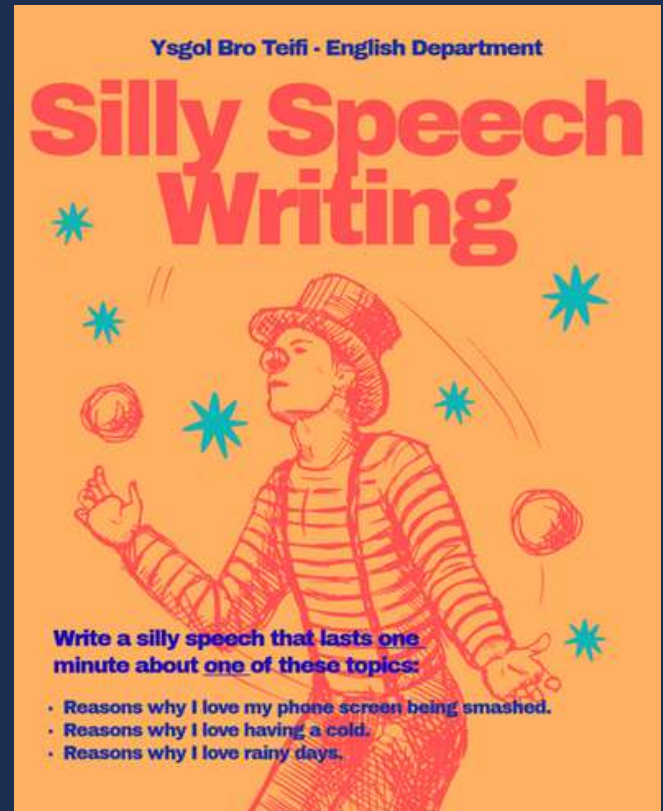
Year 10 and 11 pupils were enthused and enthralled by director Stephen Daldry's interpretation of the classic play 'An Inspector Calls' in the Wales Millennium Centre on Wednesday 19th of February 2025. This version of the play was first performed in the National Theatre, London, in 1992 and since then has been touring the country, allowing learners to see the play as a performance rather than merely words on a page. The play, written in 1945 but set in 1912, is a political commentary on social injustice with the Birling family and Gerald Croft all playing their part in the alleged suicide of Eva Smith. The animated conversations on the bus on the way home and in school in the days following the performance have been incredible; we have all learnt something from the Welsh speaking Inspector Goole! The English Faculty would like to thank the pupils for their impeccable behaviour during the visit.

Languages, Literacy and Communication - English

The English Department hold a creative writing competition every half term. These can be seen on the faculty's website but also on posters in the faculty.

Well done to Hollie and Lili for winning the prizes during the first half term of the year and to Holly for her success in the second half term. We will announce the winner for this half term in the next few weeks.

Who will be the next winner?



Languages, Literacy and Communication

Warm congratulations to our Year 9 public speaking teams for representing the school in the Mace debating competition arranged by SEREN. Good luck to the Welsh team who will now go on to compete at the finals in Oxford!



Congratulations to Aeron Dafydd and Erin Tomos on their creative writing successes. Aeron won the Youth Prize in Llanarth Eisteddfod and Erin has won the Youth Prize in three local Eisteddfods – Felinfach, Cenarth and Crymych. Their short stories were written as part of their Welsh A' Level coursework. Well done!



Leading Poet, Prifardd Mererid Hopwood recently came to speak to the Year 9 Spanish classes to discuss the wealth of opportunities that being multilingual can offer and how it can open our minds to see the world through a different lens.

Poburdd and Cogurdd Primary Regionals

Eisteddfod:
Ceredigion

Cystadleuaeth:
100 - PobUrdd Bl. 4, 5 a 6

Enw

Gangen

Canlyniad

Ellis Stanford

Ysgol Cenarth

1af

Elen Jones

Ysgol Bro Teifi

2il

Alfie Clarke

Ysgol Dyffryn Cledlyn

3ydd



Congratulations to Elen Jones for coming 2nd in the Poburdd competition for Years 4, 5 and 6.



Tasty Careers Challenge Yr 9

In December, our year 9 pupils were given the opportunity to take part in the 'Tasty Careers Challenge' Competition.

The challenge this year was to work in teams to design a new healthy food or drink product made from as much local Welsh produce as possible. The brief given to the pupils was that they had been approached by a well-known food and drink manufacturer asking them to come up with a new product that had clear health benefits, is sustainable and is also a great commercial proposition. The product needed to be original, with an original brand name, logo and slogan and ideally needed to be presented in a 500g/ml package. They also needed to present their idea to a panel of judges. We welcomed Rhian and Phoebe from Food Centre Wales to judge, and they have also worked with the winning group in preparation for the next round.



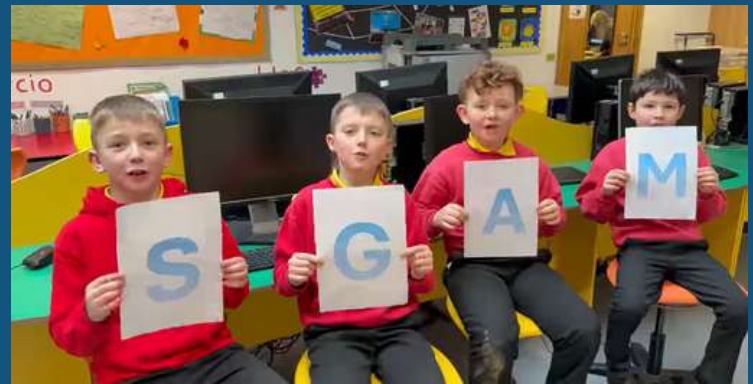
'Merched Mâl' won the school round and went on to represent the school in the next round. Many congratulations to the girls, as they will now be competing in the final next month in Parc y Scarlets. Well done girls, and good luck!

Other News!

Have you been watching 'Academi Gomedï' on S4C? Two of our Year 5 pupils recently had the opportunity to take part. Harri and Daniel took part in November as part of the "deuawd doniol" or funny duet.



Year 3 and 4 have been learning about internet safety as part of the national Safer Internet Day. The theme this year was "Scams". Here is a brief video they created to raise awareness.



[Diwrnod Defnyddio'r Rhyngrwyd yn fwy Diogel 2025](#)

Congratulations to these clever Year 6 pupils who were succesful in the recent Dim Clem Quiz. They will now go on to represent the school in the regional round in the next few weeks. Well done to all four students! Da iawn chi.



Up, up and Away!

During the term Cerdin, Collen, Gwyddil and Caradog classes have been studying the theme 'I Fyny Fry' and held a day of role play at Bro Teifi Airport. Prior to the big day the pupils had been busy preparing by creating the airport machines and making a passport and ticket. During the day there was the opportunity to travel to China, France, Spain and Greece all whilst learning more facts about the countries, tasting and cooking their food and practicing the languages. A number of skills were developed before and during the day such as weighing and measuring, working together, taking responsibility and developing independence.



An update from the school's Pupil Voice Forums



It was a delight to welcome Councillor Keith Evans to the school during this half term.



Councillor Evans is chair of the Llandysul branch of Cancer Research. Here are members of the Forum presenting a cheque for £314 to the charity following a recent fundraising campaign at the school.



The school supported Ceredigion Rotary's campaign to collect empty chocolate containers in order to recycle them. The campaign also supports the work of Macmillan Nurses. Thank you to all who contributed.



Welsh Language Music Day was celebrated in many varied ways this year. We heard Welsh music along the corridors during the day which corresponds to one of our Welsh Charter targets to raise awareness of Welsh music. Some pupils also took part in the Cardi Iaith quiz and members of the sixth form filmed a video to gather staff members' opinion on their favourite Welsh music tracks.



 [Fideo Dydd Miwsig Cymru YBT](#)



Careers.

'DY DDEWIS, DY DDYFODOL'



Before year 9 set about choosing their GCSE subjects, the school arranged a **'Your Choice, Your Future.'** event for them. During the event, pupils learnt about a variety of possible routes of employment available to them



CAREERS FAIR

A successful Careers Fair was held with universities, colleges and employers in attendance. It was a great opportunity for pupils and their parents to learn more about the options available to them, as well as the qualifications they will need for their next steps.

YEAR 11 MOCK INTERVIEWS



In preparation for their next steps, year 11 had a CV writing workshop and an interview skills workshop. Following that, employers were welcomed to the school in order to conduct mock interviews with the pupils.

ITALY SKIING COURSE



At the beginning of term a group of fifty pupils and staff went on a skiing adventure to the beautiful town of Sestriere in Italy. It was a wonderful week of skiing with both experienced and inexperienced skiers benefiting greatly from the opportunity. All pupils' skiing skills developed greatly as the week progressed. Social evenings were held in the hotel with the Sixth Form calling bingo, quiz night, crepes night and even a trip to the local cinema. Thank you to all the pupils for being on their best behaviour and to the staff for organizing an unforgettable trip.



YBT Sports

Ceredigion Schools Cross Country 2025 in Llangrannog: Well done to everyone who ran and congratulations to the five who managed to reach the next round, the Dyfed round: Noa Potter Jones 3rd, Jac Jones 5th, Deio Thomas 8th, Martha Silvestri-Jones 9th & Gwenlli Thomas 10th.



DYFED CHAMPIONS!



Congratulations to the Under 12 team for winning every game in the Ceredigion Hockey Tournament. Following this, there was an opportunity to represent Ceredigion in the Dyfed tournament. The team won their games against Ysgol Milford and Dyffryn Aman, scoring 30 goals and only letting one in in the process! A great effort and quality play from the girls.

Congratulations to Amelia Williams who came 5th in the Welsh Schools Cross-Country Competition.



Sport beyond the school

**A number of our pupils have gained special experiences in a number of different sports.
Here are the latest successes!**

Congratulations to Gwydion Dafis from Year 12 for being selected for the Welsh Schools under 18 football team.



A big congratulations to Eysyllt, Phoebe, Erin and to our former pupil Georgia on being selected as part of the 28 person squad to represent West PDC Under 18s.

Congratulations to Deio, Dafydd, Jac and Tomos who are members of the Scarlets West under 16 squad.



Eisteddfod: Ceredigion

Cystadleuaeth:

56 - Unawd Llinynnol (ac eithrio'r gitâr) Bl.7, 8 a 9

Enw	Cangen	Canlyniad
Mariia Loginova	Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi	1af
Owain Phillips	Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig	2ll
Eve Tiddeman	Ysgol Penglais	3ydd
Magw Thomas	Ysgol Bro Teifi	3ydd



Urdd Instrumental Eisteddfod

Congratulations to our pupils who competed in the Urdd Instrumental Eisteddfod.

Best wishes to Betsi and Alwena as they go on to represent the school and Ceredigion at the Dur a Môr Eisteddfod in Margam Park in May.

Eisteddfod: Ceredigion

Cystadleuaeth:

49 - Unawd Offer Taro Bl.6 ac iau

Enw	Cangen	Canlyniad
BETSI JONES	Ysgol Bro Teifi	1af



Eisteddfod: Ceredigion

Cystadleuaeth:

63 - Unawd Telyn Bl.10 a dan 19 oed

Enw	Cangen	Canlyniad
Alwena Owen	Ysgol Bro Teifi	1af
Maen Jenkins	Ysgol Henry Richard	2ll



Good luck to everyone who will be competing in the Local and Regional Eisteddfod after the half-term holidays

Eisteddfod: Ceredigion

Cystadleuaeth:

61 - Unawd Offer Taro Bl.7, 8 a 9

Enw	Cangen	Canlyniad
Harri Evans-Barnsley	Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi	1af
Anna Evans	Ysgol Bro Teifi	2ll



'FARADAY CHALLENGE'

Well done to the group of pupils from year 8 who took part in the Faraday Science Challenge held at Ysgol Glan-y-Môr recently.

The brief was to design and create an educational toy for a 2-5 year old child, which included an electric raft, with a limited budget for materials. They did really well on the day.



Arad Goch

We welcomed the theatre company Arad Goch to perform 'Colli Hi' to our year 8 and 9 pupils. Here is a summary of the play:

'Colli Hi' ('Meltdown') explores timely and emotional themes related to mental health, including fear, depression, anxiety, stress, and anger. Dwayne, a 15-year-old boy, tries to live within a 'normal' family that is steered by mental health problems. His older sister is paralysed by fear, his mother is under severe stress, his younger sister is addicted to social media, his little brother is constantly crying, and his volcanic father is on the verge of exploding. The production follows a period in Dwayne's life as he struggles through adolescence, with family challenges coming from all directions.

