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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,



Welcome to May's edition of our Dolen Newsletter. It has been an extremely busy half term, albeit compressed into 19 school days! We have been busy preparing our students for their GCSE, AS and A' Level examinations and they are now halfway through these important assessments. During the term, we also heard of our students' successes in the Arts and Crafts, Literature and Homework competitions for this year's Urdd Eisteddfod and you can learn more about these successes in this edition.

We also look forward to following all the competitors who will be competing in the Urdd Eisteddfod, Dur a Môr, during this half term break. You can follow their successes through our school's facebook page. It is a pleasure to note that this is the highest number of competitors that have ever represented Ysgol Bro Teifi at the Eisteddfod. We wish them all the very best - they are all starts in their own right, and we are very proud of their achievements to date.

As we look ahead to the final half term of the year, it remains a very busy period. You can see some key dates for the half term at the end of this issue including our primary and secondary sports days and our transition and fun days for year 5 and 6 pupils.

During the next few weeks, I will be sharing a link to an important parental questionnaire with you. This is an opportunity for you to share your opinions on the school's work in a constructive manner, helping us to shape our priorities for the year ahead. I would be grateful if you could spend some time completing the questionnaire - your voice as parents is very important to us.

Thank you for your continued support and best wishes for the remainder of the academic year

G Evans
Headteacher





Eisteddfod Dur a Môr,
Parc Margam a'r Fro 2025

URDD EISTEDDFOD



Eisteddfod Dur a Môr,
Parc Margam a'r Fro 2025

During this half term, the Urdd's Ceredigion Regional Arts and Crafts Eisteddfod was held. A warm congratulations to our pupils who were successful in the following competitions:

3D Work Yr.5 and 6: 1st Katie Thomas

3D Work Yr2 and below: 1st Owain Thomas

Fasion Yr.7-9: 1st Magw Thomas

Textile creation Yr.7-9: 3rd Elis Evans

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Photography - Colour Image Yr.7-9: 2nd Bedwyr Thomas

Photography - Colour Image Yr.5 a 6: 1st Katie Thomas

Photography - B&W Image Yr.7-9: 3rd Magw Thomas

Adapted Photograph Yr.7-9: 1st Bedwyr Thomas

2D Creative Yr.5 and 6: 2nd Katie Thomas

T-Shirt Design Yr.7-9: 1st Efa Dixon, 2nd Lleucu Horwood

T-Shirt Design Yr.5-6: 3rd Katie Thomas



Also, on a national level...

Photography - A series of colour photos Yr.5 and 6: 1st Katie Thomas

Photography - A series of colour photos Yr.7-9: 2nd Magw Thomas

Upcycling Yr.7-9: 2nd Magw Thomas





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URDD EISTEDDFOD



Eisteddfod Dur a Môr,
Parc Margam a'r Fro 2025

The following pupils were successful in the Urdd Eisteddfod's literary competition this year.

Review of any film (Yr.7-9): 1st - Einir George, 2nd - Magi Williams

Poetry (Yr.7): 1st- Gwenlli Thomas

Poetry (Yr.9): 2nd - Magw Thomas

Prose (Yr.7): 2nd - Marged Dafis

Prose (Yr.10 +11): 1st - Sioned Elias-Davies

Composition of Original Script (Yr.7): 1st - Elliw Jones

**Best wishes to all who
will be competing in
the National
Eisteddfod over the
half-term break!**



OTHER LITERARY SUCCESSES!

A warm congratulations to Mali Evans from Year 12 for winning the Chair in the Capel y Groes Eisteddfod over the Easter holidays. In the same Eisteddfod there was success for Magw Thomas and Lola Griffiths in the story writing competition.,



Congratulations also to Aeron Dafydd from Year 13 who won the Young Literature Trophy in the Maenclochog Eisteddfod recently.





VE DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

To mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe, a short service was held in our memorial garden on the 8th of May with members of Senedd Bro Teifi and the School Prefects in attendance. It was a pleasure to invite Councillor Keith Evans to the service as well. A wreath was laid at the war memorial to remember those from the local area who sacrificed their lives in the war.



It was a great pleasure to present a cheque for £2000 to the Llandysul Cancer Research Branch recently. The funds were raised following a day out of school uniform and following a Civic Service held at the school under the care of Councillor Keith Evans. It was decided to merge the amounts for the two events and to present a joint cheque to the Llandysul branch of Cancer Research. Thank you all for their contributions.



URDD NATIONAL 7-A-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION



A number of teams competed at the Urdd 7-a-side football competition at Blaendolau Fields in Abersytwyth. Congratulations to the Year 10 boys' team for winning the plate competition. Congratulations also to the Yr 7 and 8 girls' team for coming second in the plate competition.



SOUTH CEREDIGION CRICKET COMPETITION



Congratulations to the year 4 cricket team on winning the Urdd South Ceredigion cricket competition! They will now go on to compete in Cardiff in the National round. Well done!

Other Successes

Congratulations to Eiri O'Connor and Cari Jones who recently represented Wales in Nottingham and Lee Valley in the UK Junior selection competition of kayaking, slalom and cross kayak. A feat and a half and a great experience for both to race alongside Olympic medalists.



Amelia Williams, Dewi Ifan, Maisie Owen and Kobi Witte have starred in the field of athletics over the past few weekends, including in the West Wales Regional Athletics. Kobi won the 100m race and the 200m race for boys under 15.

Dewi came third in the shot competition for boys under 15s, and second in the discus. Maisie also came second in the under-17 girls' discus competition. Amelia won the 3,000m women's under 17 race.



Other Successes



Celyn Davies from year 7 had a week to remember playing alongside pupils from Carmarthenshire, Swansea, NPT Music, Powys, Pembrokeshire and the National Orchestra of Wales. A very special experience.



Congratulations to Gwenlli who has been chosen to be one of the Flower Girls for next year's Garreg Las National Eisteddfod. She also had the opportunity to be part of the Eisteddfod's Announcement Ceremony which was held recently in Narberth

All the best to her at the 2026 Eisteddfod!



Community Links

We are extremely proud of the connections we have as a school with the community.

Recently, a Group of year 11 pupils visited the Cariad Glass glass workshop in Llandysul where they had the opportunity to learn about the glass industry. The local business focuses on traditional craft and continues to use tools and techniques used by stained glass artists hundreds of years ago.

Cariad Glass



Yr Ardd

Heno



A group of our pupils have been working hand in hand with members of the community to expand the community garden in the village, and the garden area in the school as well. The filming crew of the programme 'Heno' came over to Llandysul to celebrate the special work at the ARDD in Llandysul.

Residential Visits



Year 4 pupils had a great time at the Urdd Camp Llangrannog. Their activities included horse riding, archery, rope course, wall climbing, quilting, trampolining, and roasting marshmallows. Thank you to all the staff for organising and looking after the children.



Urdd

Similarly, year 6 pupils went on their residential trip to the Urdd Camp in Glan Llyn, and had an amazing time. Whilst there, they had the opportunity to build a raft, take part in archery, canoeing, orienteering, swimming, high ropes and the climbing wall and spent the evening roasting sweet marshmallows!



Summer term - Important Dates

Dyddiad Date	Digwyddiad	Event
16-20/06/2026	Wythnos Arholiadau Blwyddyn 7 ac 8	Year 7 and 8 Examinations Week
23/06/2025	DIWRNOD HMS - Ysgol ar Gau i ddisgyblion	INSET DAY - School Closed for Pupils
25-26/06/2025	Diwrnodau Pontio Bl 6	Year 6 Transition Days
25/06/2025	Cyfarfod Pontio i Rieni Darpar ddisgyblion Bl 7	Transition Meeting for Parents of Prospective Yr 7 pupils
27/06/2025	Bron yn Prom - Bl 11	Yr 11- "Bron yn Prom"
27/06/2025	Mabolgampau Meithrin - Bl 6	Meithrin - Yr 6 Sports Day
01/07/2025	Mabolgampau Oed Uwchradd	Secondary Age Sports Day
02/07/2025	Diwrnod Hwyl Blwyddyn 5	Year 5 Fun Day
10-11/07/2025	Eisteddfod Ysgol Oed Uwchradd	Secondary Age School Eisteddfod
18/07/2025	DIWEDD Y FLWYDDYN ACADEMAIDD	END OF SCHOOL ACADEMIC YEAR

CYNGERDD CONCERT

CÔR BELLA VOCE BELLA VOCE CHOIR

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CANCER
RESEARCH
UK

PWYLLGOR
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**CAPEL PENYBONT CHAPEL
PONTWELI, LLANDYSUL**

06.06.25

7YH / 7PM
TOCYNNAU/TICKETS: **£10**
(PLANT AM DDIM / CHILDREN FREE)

TOCYNNAU AR GAEL O / TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:
SPAR, PORTH, FFAB, CARIAD GLASS
NEU WRTH Y DRWS AR Y NOSON / OR AT THE DOOR ON THE EVENING



BAG² SCHOOL



Help us raise money for the school by bringing in unwanted clothes!



This is a great opportunity to clear your wardrobe and help Ysgol Bro Teifi raise money at the same time!

Collection date: 4/6/25



Put the items in a black bag or plastic bag if you don't have an official Bag2School bag.



More we collect = more money for the school!

☒ **What you CAN give:**

- Clothing in good condition (adults and children)
- Shoes (pairs)
- Handbags
- Belts
- Hats
- Scarves
- Household textiles (e.g. curtains, towels, tablecloths)

☒ **We are UNABLE to accept:**

- Damaged or dirty clothing
- School uniform
- Blankets
- Pillows or duvets



A word about Mobile Phones!

The school has a very clear policy on the use of mobile phones.

- Primary age pupils are not allowed to bring phones to school.
- We do allow Secondary Age pupils to bring phones onto the campus.
- Pupils are not allowed to use mobile phones on the site at all. They should be kept in pockets, in the bag or you may request a locker if needed.
- If a pupil is caught using a mobile phone...
 - 1st time - the phone is taken from the pupil and placed in reception to be collected by pupil at the end of the day.
 - 2nd time - the phone is taken from the pupil and placed in reception to be collected by a parent.
- If you need to contact your child during the day - contact reception and they will pass on the message.
- If your child needs to contact you during the day - they can do so from reception.

Appointment with the Headteacher

Remember that you can make an appointment to speak to the Headteacher in order to discuss any aspect of your child's school life that you have not been able to sort through usual means. Appointments will last a maximum of 10 minutes. During the appointment, the Headteacher will collect relevant information about what is concerning you and then arrange a follow up meeting if needed. See further details below:

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/>

