November 8th 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

It has, as always, been a very busy Autumn Term so far, so I hope everyone managed to have a pleasant and restful half term break. It was certainly well deserved.

There has been plenty happening in school this week. Assemblies have focused on introducing our new online system - Class Charts - to everyone. We have also been preparing for Monday’s Remembrance services, with singing our Remembrance Day hymn in the drama studio.

We have been using a new system called ‘Class Charts’ to record attendance, homework, and information relating to behaviour and conduct. Teachers will be awarding points for excellent effort and conduct, and it will be a fantastic way for pupils and parents to receive up to date information about achievement, attendance and behaviour every day. All pupils and parents will receive login details this week, as it ‘goes live’ to the whole school community. There may well be some glitches as we start to use the system, but these will be worked on as they arise. Please be patient!

Also this week…..

**Madison Rees - Year 7**

Madison recently received the Ogwr Hawks Girls Rugby U11s Coaches Player of the Year Award (pictured with Natalia John - Welsh Women’s Player and Rowland Phillips - Ex-Neath & Welsh International). Well done Madison!
**Fireworks in Science Club**

Following on from the scary Halloween ‘Slime’ experiments, pupils have been having ‘safe’ fun with sparklers in Science Club this week. Looks like a lot of fun!

![Image of pupils with sparklers]

**It’s ‘Diwali’ at Bryntirion – the ‘Festival of Light’**

Here we have pupils in Year 7 creating some beautiful Rangoli patterns

![Image of pupils creating Rangoli patterns]
**Sports news**

Good luck to Megan Webb who makes her Welsh rugby debut this week after receiving her 1st test shirt yesterday. We are very proud of your achievement – congratulations!

![Welsh Rugby Team](image_url)

- Year 7 Rugby won 20-10 vs CCYD
- Year 8 Rugby lost 17-7 vs Dwr Y Felin
- Year 9 Rugby won 39-29 vs Dwr Y Felin
- Year 10 Rugby lost 20-10 vs CCYD
- Senior Football won 4 – 0 vs Brynteg in Welsh Cup
- Year 8 football won 7-3 vs Llangynwyd
- Year 7 Netball won 2 – 1 and 2-0 vs CCYD
- Senior Netball won 9 -2, lost 9-8 and lost 15-8 vs Brynteg
- Cross County – Ioan James 6th place finish in South East Wales Event
School Council news

The school council is meeting to discuss a range of matters relating to school life, and deciding on its priorities for the year. Every member of the council has been asked to identify ‘One Rule For School’ that they believe will lead to improvements in the school life and the experience of school for all our pupils:

Current areas for discussion are:

- The quality of the dining experience in the school canteens (queues, school dinners, healthy living)
- The environment – reducing the amount of litter and the use of plastic
- The school’s provision for wellbeing, including mental health awareness
- Improving the registration/tutorial period
- Road safety at the end of the school day – the School Council’s Health and Safety Team will be meeting with the traffic management team from the Local Authority

Thank you for reading/Diolch am ddarllen,

Mr Pawar, Headteacher