



## News from the Head Teacher



Mrs Bethan Cartwright - Pennaeth

We began the New Year by moving into the brand new extension built on the school grounds, marking the start of a new chapter in the history of the school.

The new extension will form the first part of the project worth £15.9m and is jointly funded by DCC and the Welsh Government. Work on the next phase, which will see the existing buildings renovated, will begin this month and is expected to be completed by September 2017.

This is a momentous occasion for us at Ysgol Glan Clwyd and also for Welsh medium education. We are very grateful to DCC and the Welsh Government for providing us the best facilities in order to meet the demand for Welsh medium education in the area that will benefit our current pupils and generations of children in our communities in the future.

The new extension has given the necessary educational space within modern surroundings. This amazing new facility will surely enrich our learners experiences, in order for them to thrive and reach their potential.

The response from pupils has been fantastic and we look forward to September 2017 when the whole school refurbishment will be completed.

*Mrs Bethan Cartwright*



The Technology Department



The 6th Form having their first meeting in the new school



The new logo on the building



Teachers and staff celebrate the opening of the new building





Although this is a very exciting time for us, it was sad to see the Technology block demolished. So many pupils and staff have fond memories of the building.



## John Bennett Parry Trust

If you have been a 6th form pupil in Ysgol Glan Clwyd and are moving on to study a degree or HND course at university in September, you could apply for a financial grant towards the costs – around £600 a year over a maximum of four years. Details available from the school:

[ymddiriedolaethJBP@ysgolglanclwyd.co.uk](mailto:ymddiriedolaethJBP@ysgolglanclwyd.co.uk)

## Exam Invigilators

The school is seeking to recruit a number of Examination Invigilators to oversee internal and external examinations under the direction of the Examinations Officer and Main Supervisor. As well as supervision of the exams, successful candidates will be expected to distribute exam papers as directed.

Examinations are held periodically throughout the year.

For further information regarding the post please contact Haf Evans on: 01745 582 611

## White Eskimo

We were visited by the group 'White Eskimo' in November who came to perform for us and share information about substance misuse. All the pupils had a great time!



## The R D Hughes Scholarship Foundation

The Trustees of the above Foundation have power to assist University students who:

- (a) Have been born in the area of Denbigh.
  - (b) Had a parent or parents resident in the Denbigh area at the time of his or her birth.
- OR
- (c) At the date of the award of a scholarship have a parent or parents resident in the Denbigh area for a period of not less than ten years.

University students who qualify under any of the headings should apply to the Foundation's Clerk Mr J G Jones, 18 Marcellas Court, Denbigh, LL16 4AR [jones\\_john@btinternet.com](mailto:jones_john@btinternet.com) for an application form which should be returned by 30 September 2017.



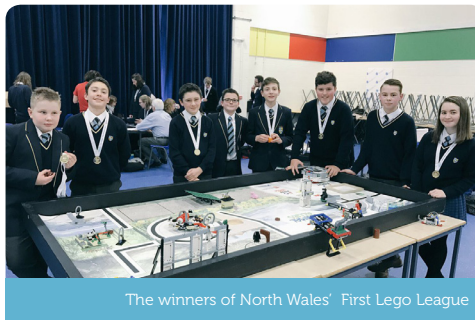
# Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Josie Smith who has been selected to represent the Wales under 15 girls squad against Brittany over the half term.



Josie Smith, representing Wales girls squad (Under 15)

Congratulations to Iona Mactownsend Yr.13 who has been chosen for the PROJECT TRUST Gap Year – this is a major achievement!



The winners of North Wales' First Lego League

Well done to the Glan Clwyd team for winning the North Wales Round of the First Lego League for the second year running. They were also successful in the second round in Bristol. Well done!

Congratulations to Naomi Lee (ex-pupil) who has been awarded an #iwill award, and a Points of Light award for her voluntary work.

Congratulations to Jessica King – she finished 3rd in the backstroke competition for Yr.7 & 8 girls at the Urdd National Swimming Gala in Cardiff.

Well done to the 6th Form Football team who beat Llanfyllin 5-1.



The 6th form Football Team

Congratulations to Holly Jones Yr.11 on winning the British Judo Championship.

Pc Brown came to give us a @schoolbeat presentation about the dangers of new psychoactive substances.



PC Catrin Brown's talk on the latest psychological substances

Our Carol Concert was held on Thursday 8th December at St Asaph Cathedral and it was a huge success. The standard of singing and instrumental performances were exceptionally high, and we collected over £ 400 to be shared between the cathedral and a charity chosen by the school council.

Many thanks to all the staff and pupils for their hard work and making the night a success.



YGC Carol Concert 2016

Congratulations to Samuel Bentley Yr.11 who has won an award from the Queen for the Royal Academy of Engineering. On February 1st Sam was awarded the Royal Academy of Engineering Award by Princess Anne in the first international competition to design the QEPrize trophy. Sam beat thousands of other candidates from 32 different countries.

Speaking about the inspiration behind his design, Samuel said: "I enjoy aspects of engineering design and seeing the finished product. I was inspired by Wales' highest peak, Snowdon. I think the finished product looks like the rock face and the achievement of climbing from the bottom to the top of the mountain, compares to the achievement of winning The Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering."

Later in the year, Sam will be invited to Buckingham Palace where he will meet the Queen.



Samuel Bentley's (Bl.11) design for the QE Prize



Samuel Bentley meeting Princess Anne

The Year 12 and 13 girls Choir and Mrs Ann Davies went along to the Cancer Unit at Glan Clwyd Hospital, Dolanog Home and Richmond House to sing carols to the patients and residents in the final week of term.



Yr.12 a 13 choir at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd's cancer ward